



Year 9 Options

Our Year 9 students started their Key Stage 4 journey on Monday 9th June. New timetables have been issued and we hope they enjoy the start to their GCSE subjects. A letter has been sent to parents/carers with full details and confirmation of choices for their child. Good luck Year 9!

Year 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 End of Year exams are fast approaching! They will be taking place from Monday 23rd June - Friday 3rd July. These 2 weeks are a chance for this cohort to show just how much they know in their subjects and use the results and feedback to stand them in good stead for the real exams next year. A special mention to the Year 10 Child Development group who have already submitted their first part of their coursework for their actual GCSE. See the front page on the previous edition of Careerfile for some revision tips.

Year 11 Exams

Our Year 11 students are continuing to do us proud with their GCSE examinations. Make the most of your revision resources and use your time wisely to prepare for those exams still remaining. Answer every question on the exam paper, even if you think you don't know it - write something down as it could be the difference between a higher or lower grade!

Year 11 6th Form Induction

This will take place at Fearnhill on Wednesday 9th July. The purpose of this is to give students a taster of the sixth form. During these 2 days, the students will have the opportunity to take part in a post-16 lesson for each of the subjects they have provisionally chosen. They will also get a chance to learn about sixth form life including: the enrichment opportunities available, the PSHE and VESPA mindset programme, the many leadership opportunities and how private study works.

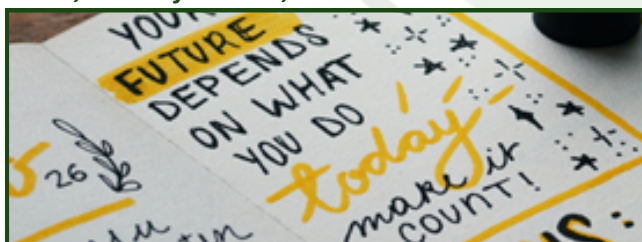
Year 12 Mock Exams

These started on Monday 2nd June and finished on Friday 13th June. Students hopefully used their bank of revision resources so they were fully prepared.

Year 13 A Level Exams

These finish on Friday 20th June, that final push to the end of their Fearnhill journey!

Ms Balchin, Head of Careers, WRL & PSHE



Look out every fortnight
for new features -
all things career related!



CAREEROMETER

Careers & Choices

Careerometer is a useful tool which enables you to compare working hours and average wages of job roles in the UK that you're interested in pursuing.

How to use the Careerometer

The Careerometer is a simple way for you to find out more about a specific industry and career.

All you need to do is type in the job you're interested in and then select it from the drop down menu.

You can then add more options to compare which route you would prefer to go down. You can find information on a variety of careers from engineering to public services, hair and beauty plus much more!



Gardeners and landscape gardeners

Weekly Pay £520	Annual Pay £27,040
Hours/Week 41h	Hourly Pay £13

Workforce Change (projected)
Growth
9.6%

The workforce is projected to grow by 9.6% over the period to 2035, creating 16,600 jobs.

You might find this job in
Agriculture, etc
Sport & recreation
Other personal service
Computer programming, etc
Libraries, etc

Gardeners and landscape gardeners cultivate flowers, trees, shrubs and other plants in public and private gardens, construct features to improve the appearance of existing terrain, and cut and lay turf.

Common tasks in this job:

- levels ground and installs drainage system as required
- prepares soil and plants and transplants, prunes, weeds and otherwise tends plant life
- protects plants from pests and diseases
- cuts and lays turf using hand and machine tools and repairs damaged turf

Hairdressers and barbers

Weekly Pay £400	Annual Pay £20,800
Hours/Week 37h	Hourly Pay £11

Workforce Change (projected)
Growth
3.6%

The workforce is projected to grow by 3.6% over the period to 2035, creating 6,100 jobs.

You might find this job in
Other personal service
Employment activities
Wholesale trade
Office admin.
Education

Hairdressers and barbers shampoo, cut, colour, style and treat hair.

Common tasks in this job:

- discusses customer requirements, analyses hair condition and other relevant features to define and advise on hair style
- washes, conditions, bleaches, tints or dyes hair and provides any necessary basic scalp treatments
- cuts and trims hair using scissors, clippers, razor and comb
- combs, brushes, blow-dries or sets wet hair in rollers to style or straighten



Any questions, please see me.

PREPARING FOR YOUR FUTURE

Playing catch-up after the recent challenging times that we found ourselves in, it is even more important that you are fully equipped for your future career. Whether that be in education, work or training, you need to start building your skills profile and be able to recognise your strengths and weaknesses giving examples of where you have demonstrated these. Knowing what personal skills and qualities an educational establishment or employer may want, and you being able to meet these, will stand you in good stead for your future. The National Careers Service is a great website for supporting you in all of the above and more. Check it out...

National Careers Service

We provide information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work.

Use our career tools to help you with your choices on careers, training and work. Whatever your situation, there's something to help.

Explore careers

Find the next step in your career

Skills assessment

Learn more about your skills

Find a course

Study for your future

Help to get a job

How to get the job you want

Our career tools

You can use the career tools to our website to:

- learn more about the careers that interest you
- discover your strengths and skills
- find the right courses and training

Our tools can help whether you're changing career, looking to learn something new or just starting out.

Skills assessment

Try one of our skills assessments to learn more about your career skills, strengths and motivations. There are 2 assessments to choose from:

- [Discover your skills and careers](#)
- [Skills health check](#)

After working through an assessment, you'll get a report summarising your results, including suggestions about the job categories and job roles that might suit you.

Explore careers

We've got over [800 job descriptions](#) that tell you about:

- the average pay for each role
- the type of courses you can do to get into a job
- the skills you'll need
- what you'll do each day
- where your job can lead

You can browse through different industries by job category, or search for individual job descriptions if you've got a career in mind..

Find a course

Use [Find a course](#) to look for learning and training opportunities offered by providers contracted with the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Opportunities include:

- college courses
- apprenticeships
- GCSEs and A Levels
- hobby and leisure courses
- training for 16 to 19 year olds

You can browse through different industries by job category, or search for individual job descriptions if you've got a career in mind.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A Level exams end - 20th June
Year 11 Leavers' Assembly - 26th June
Year 11 Prom - 27th June
Year 11 into 12 Induction - 9th July

APPRENTICESHIP FAQs

Construction apprenticeships help you plan for a future with a solid foundation

Apprenticeships have long been recognised as valued routes of entry into the world of construction.

Traditional and specialist construction apprenticeships cover a range of occupations and trades, which can earn you great money in the UK. Construction is a multi-billion pound industry that deals with developing the underlying structure of anything, from a new build to the HS2 crossrail project.

Any questions please [contact us](#).



[Construction](#)
[Apprenticeships](#)

SPECIAL MENTION - JUNE

Jenson Dougherty 10H. One question many students dread is, “what do you want to do in the future?” when they really have no idea. It’s not because they don’t care, more often than not it’s because they haven’t yet found their ‘thing’ or had those all important conversations that help them to recognise their strengths.

So what else is key in order to answer the question? It’s about having an open mind, being open to change, listening to advice and taking the opportunities that come your way to help find your future.

Jenson is a great example of this. Initially wanting to be an architect but not particularly liking the subjects he would need to pursue in his next steps, Jenson set off on the Generation Stevenage careers trip.

He made the absolute best of this opportunity talking to employers and finding out about potential future careers. Jenson is now contemplating coaching in the future - a career he may well have overlooked if he had not made the effort to engage with employers.

Super proud and what a role model for others to follow.



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YEAR 10 EXPERIENCE OF WORK

During PSHE lessons, Year 10 students are learning the importance of virtual work experience and preparing for the world of work.

Over the coming editions we will continue to cover details of 15 good work qualities to help impress employers!

Leadership

Having leadership qualities doesn't necessarily mean that you wish to become a manager or an executive. Some degree of leadership potential can be valuable to potential employers for any role, as it means you're able to be a helpful point of contact in the workplace. If you possess adequate leadership qualities, you may have a natural ability to motivate and support your coworkers. You may also take the lead during group projects or in crisis situations by guiding the work of those around you to a successful outcome. Strong leadership skills are crucial if you do wish to become a manager or leader of any kind. Some employers may look internally to recruit managers or leaders, particularly if their industry is bespoke and managers would benefit from having industry knowledge. In such instances, being an employee with leadership qualities can make you a desirable candidate for a promotion.

9 leadership skills

There are many different leadership skills, and a good leader will have a versatile mix of skills that can be put to excellent use in a variety of roles. These leadership qualities can be nurtured and developed through your career to help you, your colleagues and your company to progress and to achieve goals together. Developing these skills can give you a great foundation for moving into leadership roles and make you a more effective employee:

- Goal-setting and planning
- Communication
- Delegation
- Dependability
- Integrity
- Decisiveness
- Motivation
- Conflict Management
- Team building

We will go through these in more detail in the next edition



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KEY WORD/PHRASE OF THE FORTNIGHT

PART-TIME JOB



**WORKING OR INVOLVING FEWER
HOURS THAN IS CONSIDERED
NORMAL OR STANDARD.**

OBSCURE / OBSOLETE JOB TITLES



Umbrella Tipper

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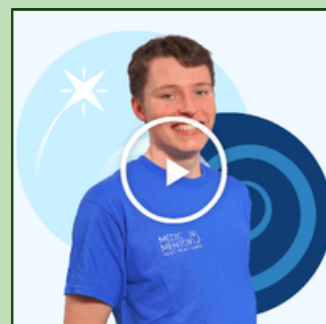
MEDIC MENTOR

Real Students. Real Journeys. Honest Reviews.

Pursuing your dream of becoming a doctor may feel overwhelming, but remember that countless successful doctors have faced similar challenges and doubts. Believe in yourself and your abilities, focusing on your strengths and passion for medicine. Medic Mentor and its community of supportive students and mentors are here to guide you. Embrace the journey, knowing that success comes from resilience and learning from setbacks. Trust in your intelligence, drive, and passion, taking it one step at a time and seeking support when needed. Never lose sight of your dreams, for you have what it takes to achieve them.

The Medic Mentor website has numerous videos of med students sharing their journey. Bruce is at Edinburgh University, in their 3rd Year. Click [here](#) for Bruce's story.

**MEDIC
MENTOR**
YOUR MEDIC FAMILY



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CAREER OF THE MONTH - JUNE

Introducing Unifrog's 'Career of the Month' and 'Subject of the Month'!
Students watch a video interview with a professional or university student and answer reflection questions.



CAREERS ZONE PODCAST

Welcome to the new Career Zone Podcast. In each episode, staff from the Career Zone discuss careers related topics that's on students' minds right now. Our goal is to help prepare you for life and work after University, offering quality assistance and advice throughout your course, and for as long as you need it after graduation. We'll help you with a wide range of enquiries, such as: CV and application form advice, booking 1:1 appointments, advice on finding work experience, graduate jobs, or postgraduate study, guidance for interviews and assessment centres, helping you decide which of our free workshops and events will be right for you.



Law Mini-Series: International Law

Our Law Employability and Careers Consultants talked to experienced professionals from both legal and non-legal sectors to hear their career experiences and advice. In this bonus episode, Sunny Lalli, Employability and Career Consultant, talks to Ben Ainsley Gill, an international law arbitration lawyer. Ben and Sunny seek to define arbitration in international business law, examining the skill sets required to work in international arbitration, discussing differentiation between practice in private international law and public international law. Together they recount tips on how to prepare for a career in arbitration.

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SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Jo Bains, our Services for Young People Advisor, is allocated a number of days across the academic year to meet with our students to ensure they are prepared for their next steps. She focuses on Year 11 students, but is available to see any student who wants advice, during the drop-in sessions offered. Now that Year 11 have finished, we will be giving appointments to Year 10 students to give them a head start!

Jo is currently unwell, we wish her a speedy recovery and can't wait to welcome her back. In the meantime Zella, who was one of our previous advisors, will be stepping in to cover.

**Services for
Young People**

CAREER MYTH BUSTING



THE MYTH:

Finance people all work for accountancy firms.

THE FACT:

Whilst working in an accountancy firm is the most common job for someone skilled in Finance, every business in the world needs someone – more likely a department – who is passionate about financial management.

CAREERS QUOTE

Inspirational quotes from the latest crop of NatWest Group graduates. Some wise words of advice that make great discussion starters.



ALTHOUGH A CLICHÉ, YOU REALLY ARE YOUR OWN LIMITATION. YOU CAN GO AS FAR AS YOU THINK YOU CAN GO.

SAAHIRAH AHMED, APPRENTICE

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EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

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Writing SHORT STORIES, being CREATIVE, working with HD CAMERA, GREEN SCREENS, LEARN ABOUT SPECIAL EFFECTS & THE ROLES OF DIRECTOR & CLAPPERBOARD OPERATOR, CREATIVE SCRIPT WRITING? then this is the CLUB for them.

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Be Prepared. Be Inspired. Be Long

Attention year 10s Scan here to book!
Year 11s welcome

These are our only 2025 Open Evenings, so be sure to attend!



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www.longroad.ac.uk



Free Webinar For Year 11 & 12

MAKE THIS SUMMER COUNT

How to Stand Out Before You Apply to Uni


SIGN UP

Tuesday 17th June, 6-7pm


While summer provides a well-earned break, it's also a great time for students to get ahead before the busy school year begins.

We're running a free webinar for students in Years 11-12 (and their parents) on how to use the summer to strengthen future university applications. The session will offer practical ways to explore school subjects beyond the classroom and how to showcase activities that really stand out to admissions tutors.

If you can't join live, you can still register to receive the recording and resources by email.



Every student who registers for the webinar will receive an interactive checklist designed to help them make the most of their summer.



SIGN UP

info@investin.org +44 (0) 203 488 5089 www.investin.org

Students are advised to check their school email accounts weekly, if not daily!

Careers information and opportunities are sent regularly and we wouldn't want them to miss the deadlines.

These are copied to parents/carers as well for reference.

A few of these opportunities are listed here.

STAY CLOSE GO FAR

OPEN EVENT

OPEN EVENT DATE WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE

If you are unable to make these dates but want to know more about what it's like to study at NHC, check out our virtual campus tours and get in touch via:
online form: www.nhc.ac.uk/openevents
email: enquiries@nhc.ac.uk
call: 01462 424242.

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED



MOVEMENT TO WORK

SET YOUR 'CAREER IN MOTION' WITH MBDA

Are you, or is someone you know, aged 16-25 and wants some help to kick start their career?

Movement to Work is a free, 2 week course hosted by MBDA that can help you gain valuable work experience and employability training whilst discovering Apprenticeship opportunities at MBDA.

Prepare for your future and explore a wide range of Apprenticeships from Level 3 to 6 in Engineering, Business, Manufacturing and IT!

Discovery Day Date: 8th July 2025
Course Dates: 14th-24th July 2025
Location: MBDA Stevenage

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 Trailblazer Chair
 Aston University

Rob Alder
 Head of Apprenticeships
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Sophie Lee
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 ICAEW

Frazer Ball
 Programme Leader
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STEM insights for Year 12 students

- Understand the 'Molecule to Market' journey
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- Exposure to Biology, Chemistry or Digital & Analytics
- Learn about STEM career opportunities and network with students
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<https://forms.office.com/r/mZCNVMv3D7?origin=lpLink>
 Application closing date: 23rd May 2025



Ahead Together




RYAN'S MOVEMENT TO WORK STORY

My Life

- Over the years I have had various jobs in catering and a hospital and volunteered for the local Scouts group and charity shops.
- At sixth form I studied a BTEC in Business, Sociology and Media which I enjoyed but after finishing my course, I didn't have a plan for my future and was unsure of my next steps.
- My biggest challenge was self-confidence; I was really unsure of myself and my capabilities.

My Movement to Work Experience

- I applied to MBDA's Movement to Work course to allow me to gain employability skills and improve my self-confidence.
- The course helped me to work on communication and presentation skills. I learnt to embrace feedback and use it to develop further.
- I was pushed outside of my comfort zone which helped me build my confidence.
- After completing the course, I applied for the 'Business Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship' at MBDA.

My Future

- I am now proudly in my first year of the Apprenticeship and enjoying studying alongside gaining real-life work experience.
- I use my communication skills on a daily basis at MBDA and I enjoy building strong networks with stakeholders.
- My highlights so far have been working on site re-designs and taking trips to Pompeii and France! I have enjoyed working in a relaxed environment with welcoming and supportive people.
- I now feel more confident about my future and looking forward to graduating off the Apprenticeship, into a full-time position within Commercial, Project Management or Procurement.

THE LAUNCH GROUP **MOVEMENT TO WORK**

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