

NEXT STEPS @ Eckington School



November Careers News

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Next Steps @ Eckington School is a monthly newsletter for students and parents to provide useful information, advice and ideas for the future.

Spot Light on..... Apprenticeships

This month we are focusing on Apprenticeships.

Apprenticeship Futures

So you know that an Apprenticeship is a vocational style of qualification where you learn 'on the job'. Well have you ever heard of a **Degree or Higher level Apprenticeship?**

Degree apprenticeships give you the opportunity to attain a degree or professional qualification from some of the best universities and providers, whilst training in a top flight career. Your training is paid for by your employer and the government, so there is no cost to you. You will also be earning a salary from day one. Find out more at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships>

Find out more on Unifrog – 'Apprenticeships'



Charlotte Hughes, Associate Scientist, GlaxoSmithKline



What is an apprenticeship? An apprenticeship is when an individual works and learns at the same time. As an apprentice, you will be working in a real job where you will be employed by a company, have a contract of employment, get paid a salary and be entitled to all of the statutory benefits such as holiday and sick pay.

About 3 years ago I was in my interview for my apprenticeship presenting on something I'm passionate about; which was 'Gender Equality and Women's Rights.' Fast forward and I've been given the opportunity to speak at the National Gallery on International Women's Day. I really couldn't have imagined at that time that I would be where I am now.

Where did it all start?

I started my Level 5 apprenticeship in September 2015 at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) studying at the University of Kent for a foundation degree (FdSc) in Applied Bioscience Technology. I work in a research and development group; studying one day a week and on the other four days my work includes running experiments in the labs looking at the binding of a drug molecule to its target. I have had the opportunity to work with industry experts and equipment I wouldn't have had the opportunity to if I had chosen to go to university.

What are the biggest benefits to Apprenticeships?

Being able to earn while learning and gaining experience in a field that I'm so interested in was an opportunity that I couldn't turn down.

Find out more:

<https://www.gsk.com/en-gb/careers/apprentices-students-and-graduates/apprentice-programmes/>

Apprenticeships

There are approximately **1,208** live vacancies within a 40 mile radius of Sheffield, including...

- Fashion E-Commerce Digital Marketer
- Teaching Assistant
- Real Estate
- Legal Administration
- Sales & Retail
- Science Technician
- Finance and Insurance
- Childcare & Education
- Healthcare
- Animal Care



Plus many more! Find local opportunities on www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/

Useful research for parents:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2020/10/Parent-Pack-October-2020.pdf>

Virtual Careers Fair for students:

<https://www.the360expo.com/m-y-future>

Explore!

Employers can judge a CV in seconds.

Here's how you can bag interviews by making your CV stand out!

1. Tailor your CV to the course you are applying for
2. Include a personal statement paragraph (an elevator pitch about why you are suitable for the course)
3. Fill any gaps, don't leave out months or years or employers will wonder what happened in those periods.
4. Check your spelling and grammar.
5. Get creative, consider using colour and different layouts to grab the readers attention.
6. Give detail
7. Keep it up to date.
8. Be concise – 2 pages maximum

I want to know more about.....

Self-Employment



109,400 people in the region are self-employed

www.allaboutcareers.com/careers-advice/self-employment

Final CV Tip:

Focus on key words that grab a readers attention. More and more industries are adopting digital solutions to help them recruit and look for these words by computer!

Did you know?

Unifrog has a CV tool to help your write an excellent CV and keep it up to date easily. You can print a copy whenever you want and email to other people.

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Stay up-to-date with some of the education, training and work opportunities in your local area: **# Keep it local!**

Parent Career of the Month

We want to hear from you! (and there are positive points in it for you for engaging)

We would like all students to interview their parents about their career/job and tell us all about it. We will try to feature as many of these student interviews as we can in future Careers Newsletters. Keep the interview to a number of simple questions such as; What do you do each day? What training or qualifications do you need to do this job? What are the key skills and attributes that would make someone good at this job?

Please send all interviews to Mrs Moor in the Careers office or to your form tutor to pass on to laura.moor@eck.leaptrust.co.uk.

There are at least **20 house points on offer for engaging in this activity!**

Developing your 'soft skills'

BeReady has 17 employability short courses which will help you to build on and further develop your employability 'soft' skills.

This month which not try preparing for your upcoming interviews by taking the Interviews and Assessment centers short course.



No work experience? No Problem. Try Volunteering!

Volunteering is a great way to build your employability skills whilst helping improve your local environment. You could gain valuable experiences of work in many different environments. You may need to be 16+ or 18+ for some of these opportunities because you are giving your time for free. If you have some time to commit, get involved. It looks great on your CV too!

www.indeed.co.uk/Volunteer-jobs-in-South-Yorkshire

Find out more on Unifrog – 'Know How' – 'Useful stuff' – Volunteering.

What are T-Levels?

A mainly classroom based technical qualification (80% of the time) with industry placement experience included (20% of the time). Suitable for 16-18 year olds these courses can last for up to 2 years. Equivalent to a Level 3 qualification or 3 A Levels. Find out more: <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/>

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

[Digital Support Services](#)
[Health](#)
[Healthcare Science](#)
[Onsite Construction](#)
[Science](#)
[Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction](#)
[Digital Production, Design and Development](#)
[Education and Childcare](#)
[Building Services Engineering for construction](#)

Course and Pathways

There are many different qualifications and courses available at schools, colleges and university in our local area. From A levels. Vocational Qualifications, T Levels, BTECs, Degree level Apprenticeships too. Use the **Unifrog 'Know How' tool** to search for course information both close to home and further away. Find out more on Unifrog – 'Know How' - 'University'



Sheffield Hallam University

UCAS
Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

'The Edge' news.....

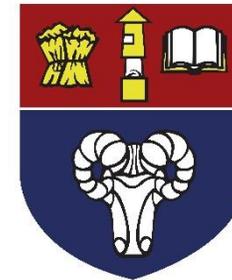
Our Y12 students are taking part in the 6th form's employer mentoring programme, and have been working hard this term perfecting their CV's and personal statements. In November many Y12 students will hold a virtual mentoring session with their volunteer mentors and discuss employability skills, application tips and networking skills in their chosen specialist industry. Well done Y12, we are really proud of you!



Y11 Futures Event

Our amazing Y11 students will currently be thinking hard about their next steps after their GCSE's. In December they will take part in the Y11 Futures day which will help them consider the different pathway options available to them after GCSE's and help them to prepare for upcoming interviews. We hope Y11's are looking forward to our 6th form **virtual open evening on Tuesday 24th November**, and hope it will help them choose their level 3 options.

#Y11 You are awesome!



Subject discovery: Hospitality

Hospitality courses typically involve the application of management concepts and practices in the areas of food, lodging and other hospitality-related businesses. They often combine hands-on skills in hospitality management with key business insight!

Find out more by joining the student webinar: Friday 27 November @ 16:00 UK time - [sign up \(on Unifrog\)](#)

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Where do people work right now?

Most jobs

- Wholesale & Retail - 119,000 (15.8%)
- Health & Social Care - 117,000 (15.6%)
- Manufacturing - 92,000 (12.2%)
- Education - 76,000 (10.1%)
- Administration - 57,000 (7.6%)

Fewest jobs

- Finance & Insurance - 17,000 (2.3%)
- Real Estate - 8,000 (1.1%)
- Water, Sewerage & Waste - 5,000 (0.7%)
- Electricity, Gas & Air - 2,250 (0.3%)
- Mining, Quarrying & Utilities - 500 (0.1%)

Growth Sectors

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Health and Social Care
- Wholesale and Retail
- Leisure and Tourism
- Transport

There are many other sectors that will grow in your region.