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New This Week

New College Experience Days

Over the last 4 weeks students considering a Vocational route for their Post 16 education, have been attending a 2-hour taster session in a subject area chosen by them. This follows on from the New College tour they had at the end of Year 10. In total we had over 40 students accessing the Experience Days ranging from Brickwork to Plumbing and from Beauty to E-Gaming and I-Media. Thank you for the School Liaison Team at New College for organising the days.



Solicitor Degree Apprenticeships – Yr13

[Causeway Education](#) are working with law firm [Wedlake Bell](#) to host an application masterclass for Y13 students interested in applying to solicitor degree apprenticeships. This information will be useful for students considering applying to any firms, although there will be colleagues from Wedlake Bell able to answer questions specific to their application process.

The webinar will show students the steps in an apprenticeship application, the reason why certain methods are used e.g. assessment centres and tips and tricks to prepare for this process. We will look at key themes such as showing an understanding of a firm, the apprenticeship route, and developing commercial awareness.

The webinar will take place on **Tuesday 30th January 4.30-6pm**. Students can sign up for the webinar here: <https://forms.office.com/e/GxQGpPZ8eE>. Please share this with any Y13 students who would be interested.



SpringPod Free Work Experience and Subject Spotlights – Yr10-13

1. Free Work Experience Programmes

Students can apply for our upcoming February programmes and many of our On-Demand programmes.

We have many great programmes with industry-leading employers such as:

- [JLR: Drive Your Future](#)
- [Vodafone Innovators](#)
- [Siemens Energy](#)
- [The World of The British Library](#)
- [Routes into Rail](#)

- [- Hospitality Virtual Work Experience with Pret](#)
- [- Aerospace Work Experience](#)
- [Early Careers with Wagamama](#)
- [- Business & Professional Careers](#)
- [- Construction with Inspiring Worcestershire](#)

You can view all of our programmes [here](#).

As always, **each programme is free**, involves around 10 hours of commitment, and rewards students with a certificate for CV's and Personal Statements upon completion.

2. University Experience (Subject Spotlights)

If you're not aware of our Subject Spotlights - they're mini lecture series delivered by top academic professors on a certain topic designed to give your students a chance to experience realistic university-style learning before they apply for courses.

It forms another stage of their exploratory journey with Springpod in an engaging, episodic Netflix-style format. This makes them ideal for exploring during school holidays!

We have some great Spotlight's available for students to explore, in a complete range of subject areas:

- [- Law with the University of Sunderland](#)
- [- Computer Science with Anglia Ruskin University](#)
- [- Psychology with the University of Bradford](#)
- [- Medicine with the University of Sunderland](#)
- [- Sports Science with Anglia Ruskin University](#)
- [- Criminology with Canterbury Christ Church University](#)

[You can access all our Spotlights here.](#)



North East Solicitor Apprenticeship Live Launch | NESA

Great news! The 2024 North East Solicitor Apprenticeship (NESA) recruitment process will be opening soon. It means you can qualify to be a solicitor and earn while you learn, without the burden of any university fees. Northumbria University will provide all the academic support, again this year, from its Newcastle campus, giving you all you need to qualify right here, in the North East.

Watch this video to find out more about the solicitor apprenticeship and the firms involved this year. Click [here](#) to watch.

North East Solicitor Apprenticeship Open Evening

Meet NESA at the North East Solicitor Apprenticeship Open Evening next month to learn more about this life changing opportunity...

Date: 4.30pm - 7.30pm 16th January 2024

Location: Business and Law Building, City Campus East, Northumbria University

Click [here](#) to register



Seta Apprenticeships 2024

We are delighted to announce that our application forms for our 2024 intake are now open.

Here is the link below which takes you to the application page.

<https://seta.co.uk/apprentice/ApprenticeApplicationForm/>



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[Technical Engineering Apprentice](#)

[Production Chef Apprentice](#)

[Business Administration Apprentice](#)

[Accounts Assistant](#)

[Level 3 Apprentice in Civil Engineering](#)



Rolls Royce Degree Apprenticeships

Please click on the link below to find out what Degree Apprenticeships are now available [Careers \(myworkdayjobs.com\)](#)



KPMG Apprenticeships

Our 2024 Apprenticeship programmes are now open for applications!

Whether you're in your final year of school or college, or looking for a new career opportunity, join us in **Audit, Consulting, KPMG Business Services, Technology or Tax** and uncover a world of career opportunities at KPMG.

With apprenticeships available nationwide, you'll be empowered to make a positive difference to people, businesses and communities.

You'll receive training, qualifications – including degrees - and work experience that will give you the opportunity to grow and develop all while earning a salary. Our inclusive KPMG community will support you to be at your best, as you experience a rewarding career - with a competitive salary and a broad range of employee benefits too.

Bring your curiosity and unique perspectives to our KPMG community and we'll give you the support to grow, thrive and make your mark.

Roles will fill quickly, so apply early to secure your 2024 position.

Coming soon: 2024 Technology apprenticeship programmes.

[Apply Here!](#)



Green Careers

November 2023 was Green Careers Week, providing students with an insight into careers that specifically protect the environment and will help the UK achieve its pledge of reaching Net Zero by 2050. Young people want to be involved in finding solutions to our environmental challenges, so it's vital that we provide opportunities to show them how they can play an active role within the world of work.

Knowing how they can find careers that play a significant part in improving our environmental credentials should contribute towards restoring their confidence in a positive and sustainable future.

[We've got a fantastic free guide for parents giving plenty of talking points about routes to green careers after GCSE or sixth form - click here to download.](#)



That's all for this week but come back next week for more opportunities to enrich your CV or personal statement.

Events that are still active are here.



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[Dental Nurse Apprenticeship](#)

[Business Admin Apprentice](#)

[Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship](#)

For all the other apprenticeships information go here [Apprenticeships \(newcollegedurham.ac.uk\)](#)

PREMED PROJECTS

Premed Projects – for potential medical students – Note. There is a cost for most courses

We're lucky to announce that on Saturday the 16th December we've been given permission again for students to enter the dissection room at a hospital in London (students must be aged 14-18) where they will be tutored in brain anatomy and biology using medically donated cadavers. A unique and very special work experience day for all students applying to medicine, students can see [all the details available here](#). Students are already attending from all over the UK and Europe so we'd encourage interested students to confirm places on this one as soon as they can.

Our final upcoming course, completely free of charge is Medical Ethics Live, on Saturday the 13th January 2024 at 2.00pm. We've 500 free places on this course which will probably go pretty quickly, to attend the course, [students just need to register here](#).

All courses have been created by NHS doctors and provide outstanding work experience for you to use in your applications to medicine. If you can, we'd love to see you there.



PlanBEE Higher Level Apprenticeship In Design, Construction and Management

For any students who are interested in engineering, architecture, design or other construction careers?

Then the PlanBEE Higher Level Apprenticeship in Design, Construction and Management could be just for you.

It offers you a paid alternative to university, studying for an industry recognised qualification, underpinned by a HNC/D and provides a pathway to future career development. Plus, you will also be working for some of the region's leading companies including Ryder, Cundall, Bowmer and Kirkland and Sir Robert McAlpine.

With a starting salary of circa £21k+ per year, you will also benefit from a pension plan and a generous holiday entitlement.

Throughout the apprenticeship, you will be taught multiple disciplines within the sector including architecture, building engineering and construction/site management all with a strong emphasis on digital skills

You will need to have already completed GCSE (Level 2) and A Level (or equivalent Level 3) study and be eligible to apply for university level study in the UK. They'll also need:

- 3 A Levels at grade C and above
- A BTEC Extended Diploma (averaging merits / distinctions)
- The equivalent of 96 UCAS points plus GCSE Maths, Science and English at grade 4 (C) or above.

Alternatively they can find out more by visiting our PlanBEE website [here](#).

Teesside Trainee Scientist Apprenticeship

As we begin our recruitment process for the **September 2024** intake at Johnson Matthey (JM).

This year we will be offering 2+ places on this **Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship** with fully funded study at university and a competitive salary. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 13 students studying A-Level Chemistry or equivalent.

In this apprenticeship trainees would be employed by Johnson Matthey, a global leader in sustainable technologies and experts in Science and Technology for over 200 years – see our website for more information about what we do. Trainees will work with industry experts gaining valuable experience in addition to studying towards a BSc in Chemical Science at Manchester Metropolitan University. The degree incorporates a significant proportion of core chemistry modules as well as featuring modules focussed on topics such as chemistry in industry and green chemistry. I can speak from experience when I say that the JM Teesside Trainee Scientist Scheme is a great opportunity. I joined JM on a previous version of this scheme and now have the privilege of supporting it today.

The **application portal for places on the apprenticeship has also just been made live**, linked [here](#) or find via the JM careers page. This will remain open until **26th January 2024**. We welcome all questions on the scheme and can take requests to facilitate talks with individual Colleges/6th Forms, just get in touch with us at traineescientists@matthey.com.



University of Sunderland – online seminars

We are pleased to provide you with the last event scheduled for the upcoming months.

These encompass a wide range of subject areas and cater to every student, whether they are provided at the University of Sunderland, online, or within your institution.

If you have any questions regarding this event please get in touch with our outreach team at; student.recruitment@sunderland.ac.uk

Faculty of Arts and Creative Industries Showcase
Wednesday 17 January, 3pm - 7pm, at the University of Sunderland.
> [Find out more](#)



Northern Rail – Engineering Apprenticeships – Yr11

For more information and to apply click on the link [Engineering Apprentice | Early Careers | Northern \(northernrailway.co.uk\)](#)



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The Parent Perspective Podcasts

“The Parent Perspective” is an exciting podcast series for parents and carers, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance. Series 3 is bigger and better than ever, led by our brilliant new host, Rachel Burden!

Together, with Not Going to Uni, we want to make sure that we are supporting parents to feel informed and confident in providing careers support and guidance to their child, so that they ultimately make the best decisions for them.

Through the podcast Rachel and guests offer a fun and informative space for listeners to:

- Explore which careers are available today
- Showcase the experiences of interesting and diverse role models

- Provide real-time insights into how the world of work is changing

Each episode Rachel speaks to a diverse mix of parents, bringing their burning questions to expert speakers from the careers world. Together they uncover practical solutions and informative answers, to help you and your child make informed decisions on those all-important next steps.

Listen via your preferred platform now or listen [here](#)



Higher & Degree Apprenticeships Vacancy Listing

The October 2023 edition of the Higher & Degree vacancy listing has now launched!

Explore 250+ Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies from 50+ employers, including Amazon, British Airways, Rolls Royce, HSBC, Morrisons and many more!

[Higher & Degree Listing - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)



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[Early Years Apprentice](#)

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A special TV programme for Year 13 sixth-form students on the graduate job market & degree apprenticeships that was broadcast live at 2pm on Thursday 5th October 2023.

Broadcast live from a TV-studio in central London, **Graduate Careers Live!** provides the latest information, advice and guidance for Year 13 students and their parents on how to make the most of university – or one of the increasing number of degree apprenticeships – in order to prepare for a successful graduate career in the future.

Highlights from the 90-minute programme include:

- a [guide to the universities and degree courses](#) that are most-likely to lead to a well-paid job after graduation
- an [interview with Zoe Thomas](#), author of *The Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide*

- an assessment of the outlook for today's university-leavers and the [latest graduate job market](#)
- an in-depth [introduction to degree apprenticeships](#)
- specially-commissioned films about [graduate careers in law](#) and [engineering degree apprenticeships](#)
- a [countdown of The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers](#) and an [interview with the number 1 employer](#)
- a [guide to student finance](#) and how to pay for university
- an [interview with Sian Griffiths](#), education editor at *The Sunday Times*
- expert advice on [how to decide what to do after sixth form](#)
- [useful tips and guidance](#) from current university students

The programme was presented by **Martin Birchall** editor of *The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers* and **Levi Jouavel**, journalist & presenter on BBC Three and a former BBC apprentice.



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Careermag – for parents, carers and guardians

The next few years of your child's education are such important ones, not just because of their academic achievements and the knowledge they will learn but also because of who they will become. In this time, they are going to be forming into adults, working out what they want and don't want and what their future may look like.

In a changing world, the possibilities also change. The options available to them include vocational pathways as well as A levels and GCSEs, they include graduate schemes, apprenticeships, internships as well as degrees.

The possibilities are endless which is why this magazine is such an important publication to guide you through. If you want to find a map to plan the route ahead, this is the place to be!

To read the latest edition click here - [Careermag - Parents - Careermap](#)



Careersdays – Virtual Career sessions - £69 per session

The days are designed to give students an insight into possible future careers with advice on how to apply to university followed by an afternoon session of work experience to help them see what the career may be like. Students will receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

careersdays.co.uk

If you are aged 13-18, you can register to join the online days through the website.

The schedule is as follows:

Law Career Day - Saturday 2nd December 2023

Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 9th December 2023

Students can visit www.careersdays.co.uk to join a session in their field of interest and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.



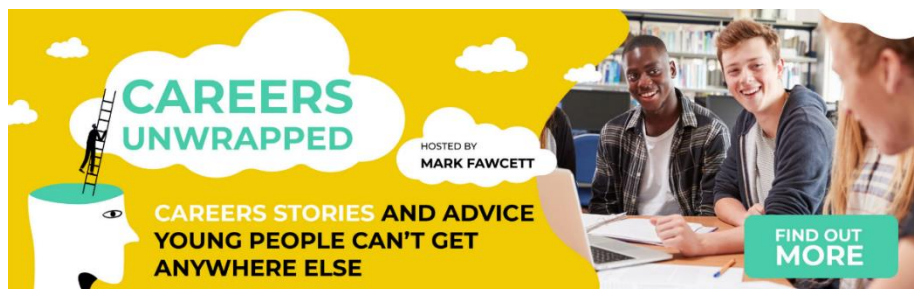
The Parent Perspective Podcast episode 4 is now LIVE.

This week, Rachel is joined by Anna Morrison, Founder and Director of Amazing Apprenticeships and Kasim Choudhry, Director of Thinkfest & Multicultural Apprenticeship Ambassador at the Skills Provider Pathway Group.

Set against the backdrop of National Inclusion Week, our speakers explore just some of the ways employers are doing

vital work to support diversity in the workplace.

Tune in to the latest episode to hear more - available **now** on all the usual channels, or by clicking [here](#)



Careers Unwrapped podcasts

Bring careers to life through honest and reflective stories showing what jobs look like in the real world!

[Careers Unwrapped](#) is a podcast series where accomplished industry

leaders share their career stories, advice and reflections to inform and inspire young people.

This includes Camilla Holden-Ayala on how she forged her own path into PR, Topie Chiedozie, who has years of experience running workshops in schools, prisons, community hubs, and many more!

Go to the website [here](#) and register for free to access the podcasts. Previous podcasts are in the menu on the right-hand side. Just click on them to listen.



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