



The New Year, particularly this locked down one, provides a good reason to set some goals and make a start on working towards them. In fact I think that a bit of daydreaming and planning towards longer term goals might be more rewarding in the current climate! We will all have expert skills in perseverance and resilience soon and lots of practice in problem solving and digital literacy to boot. Whilst some goals such as finding work experience may currently be hard to achieve, some will be easier to work on. There are many excellent new online schemes being launched for school pupils and I hope there will be something to interest everyone in the selection below.

Do join me on twitter @NottsHighCareer for more updates on current opportunities and careers stories.

I am also really excited to be starting 6 new Careers Clubs this term, covering:

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Computing)
- FAME (Finance, Accountancy, Management, Economics) and Business
- Creative, Arts and Culture
- Law, Government and Politics
- Sports and Leisure
- Charity, Society and the Environment

We are planning to meet online once a fortnight and to invite different speakers to some of our meetings too. We will share stories of work experience and resources we've found useful etc. Pupils in all year groups 7-13 are welcome to take part.

So, despite the lockdown, there are lots of great opportunities to help students plan ahead for a bright future. As always, you can reach me by email at auterson.r@nottinghamhigh.co.uk.

I hope you enjoy the latest news below!

Rebecca Auterson

Head of Careers

What do Graduates Do?



Each year Prospects (www.prospects.ac.uk) produces a comprehensive guide about the graduate labour market, which I thoroughly recommend to anyone with an interest in jobs for graduates. Whilst [What do graduates do? 2020/21](#) reveals a 'market in relatively good health at the time of survey', these last few words hide a wealth of uncertainty, particularly when we consider that employment for 16-24 year olds has been disproportionately hit due to the pandemic. The report goes into detail by subject area and there is a separate report detailing regional results as well. Key findings from the main report were:

- The majority of graduates were in employment 15 months after graduating.
- Only 5.5% were unemployed and looking for work.
- 71.8% of employed graduates were in a professional-level job.
- 66% went to work in their home region of the UK.
- 12% of graduates were in further study.
- The average salary for graduates who went straight into full-time employment in the UK was £24,217.

.An addition, the regional report highlights:

- 29.7% of new graduates in the East Midlands work for small and medium-sized enterprises.

[Click to read the full report.](#)

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities



[Young Professionals](#) will be running a FREE 3-day virtual work experience program for 6th form students during the **February Half Term**. Organisations taking part include**IBM, HSBC, PwC, Marks & Spencer's, Vodafone, EY, CGI, Capgemini, bp, GSK and CIMA**.....so the work experience will be of interest for anyone considering a commercial career.

- February Half Term 15th - 18th
- 9am - 4pm each day (times may vary)
- Open to all Y12 and Y13 (and year 11s who are 16+)
- Online webinars and workshops with group exercises + prizes to stand out students

- All sessions will be taking place on Zoom (so a laptop, tablet or phone will be needed)
- Everyone that completes the 3 days will receive a certificate and reference for their CV's

To book on, students will need to register their interest following the below link. <https://www.research.net/r/Virtual-Work-Experience>



Take your first steps into the world of **HEALTHCARE CAREERS**. Follow patients over a 6-month period as they go from diagnosis, to treatment and follow up, that is provided by real healthcare professionals and a multidisciplinary team. Sign up for the sessions that suit you and earn a certificate of participation once you complete the programme. Costs £10 per session.

Sign up here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/> for Nursing – Midwifery – Paramedics – Physiotherapists – Occupational Therapists – Radiographers – Art, Drama and Music therapists – Dietitians – Operating Department Practitioners – Radiographers – Podiatrists – Osteopaths – Orthoptists – Prosthetists and orthotics – Speech and language therapists

For similar programmes in Medicine visit: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/>.



Springpod offer a wide range of virtual work experience opportunities all year, including many over the February half term. For further details about opportunities in Business, Law, Journalism, Marketing, Technology, Engineering, Healthcare, Finance as well as general employability skills sessions [click here](#).



FEB
4
2021

Law in Action

For year 10 - year 13 students

Join us for a special programme designed to show students the many varied areas those in the legal profession can make an impact. Discover the personal and professional journeys of our speakers and delve into some incredible case studies in an inspirational programme for those considering a legal career. We actively encourage questions and will have interactive elements throughout, culminating in a special "I'm a lawyer ask me anything" panel session. There will be plenty of careers guidance along the way in this unmissable day for potential law students!

Input caption text here. Use the block's Settings tab to change the caption position and set other styles.

LAW IN ACTION...For students in years 10 - 13

One day online course organised by The Training Partnership, covering Civil Law, Commercial Law and Human Rights Law on 4 Feb; £10 to join. [Click here to book.](#)



Technology is changing every field, so learning tech and data analysis skills will give you a huge advantage in your future career. Skills Gap is a careers accelerator that arranges short online technology courses for young people aged 16 - 19 in areas such as coding, data analytics and data science.

We are running a 4.5 day Data Analytics course during the February half term holidays where you'll be taught how to use data analysis tools such as Excel and Tableau and receive tuition from a leading industry expert.

In the buildup to these courses we're running a series of free 1 hour online Data Analytics and Data Science workshops from 6 – 7pm on the dates below. The workshops will provide an insight into the course and the career enhancing benefits of acquiring data analysis skills.

Workshop Dates:

- Thursday 21 January (Data Analytics)
- Friday 29 January (Data Science)
- Thursday 4 February (Data Analytics)

If you would like to attend one of the free workshops, please can you email ian.dodd@skillsgap.tech.

Further information can be found on our website: www.skillsgap.tech

Apprenticeships

Sign up for the National Apprenticeship Week virtual exhibition on 10 February, 11am - 6pm, here: <https://nas.vfairs.com/>. This is your chance to talk to over 50 providers, including those shown below, and find out more about what they offer.



Summer Opportunities

ALL YEARS

[Investin](#) have a wide range of courses from one day to 2 weeks; remember to use NOTTSHIGH10 for a 10% discount if making a booking. Their latest flyer can be viewed [here](#), or visit their website for more information.

YEAR 11

The National Citizen Service Scheme plans to run 3 week courses this summer <https://wearencs.com/summer>. Booking will open in February.

YEAR 9

The Smallpeice Trust are taking bookings for the RAF Humanitarian Engineering course, which runs online in April. Find out more here <https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/events>

16+ PAID WORK

If you are looking for paid work, these sites might give you ideas:

<https://www.e4s.co.uk/>

<https://www.studentjob.co.uk/>

On the E4S site, YouGov is currently recruiting 16-24 year olds, paying for your opinions. Click this link for more

info: <https://www.e4s.co.uk/search/jobdescription?id=3550561&css=&act=>

Volunteer Opportunities

For those interested in volunteering, the [Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service](#) is a good place to look for opportunities.

The NHS is currently advertising for volunteers as follows:

[St John Ambulance \(SJA\)](#) is currently working through the charity's existing networks to sign up vaccination volunteers – this route is now open to members of the public who have not previously volunteered with SJA.

[NHS Volunteer Responder](#) is signing up its existing network and the public for steward volunteer roles. These roles will largely be supporting the vaccination centres which are rolling out over the coming weeks as supplies allow.

In the meantime, members of the public who are able to support their neighbours and the NHS through a number of roles – including food or medication deliveries, lifts to medical appointments or ‘check-in and chat’ phone calls – can do so by signing up to the [NHS Volunteer Responder programme](#).

Useful Web Resources

CREATIVE CAREERS: <https://creativejourneyuk.com/> Is a great site for finding out more about jobs across a wide range of industries, all of which require creativity. You can listen to talks from designers, engineers, artists, writers, craftspeople, photographers etc.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS: Really good advice on application processes, skills employers look for etc on this page from the Civil Service Fast Stream website. I think the information and suggestions will be helpful for applications to many different organisations, not just government.

<https://www.faststream.gov.uk/how-to-apply/index.html>

ADVICE & TALKS: [Pathway CTM](#) are growing their online resource directory with information about many different careers. Sign up for alerts and click this link to view their [youtube channel](#).

ONLINE LECTURES: I also want to recommend the Gresham College Lectures - not all directly 'Careers' related, but full of inspirational talks in a huge range of subject areas. Visit www.gresham.ac.uk for more information.





Civil Service Fast Stream

