



# Careers Café...

In this section of the newsletter, we bring students, parents and carers information on careers and the world of work.

## Monthly Key Skills Focus

Each month this year, we will focus on a different employability skill. These are the skills that you need for the world of work – and they are pretty important for life as well! By developing employability skills, you will improve your chances of getting a job and thriving in your career. There are lots of different ways to develop them – including in lessons or extracurricular activities at school, in a Saturday or holiday job, doing projects in your own time or work experience.

### This month's Skill: Problem Solving

Problem solving is part of everyday life, and we face problems from the moment we wake up to the moment we go to bed.

Employers rate problem-solving skills highly, so you need to demonstrate that you have them, but if you've never had a job, how can you possibly know how to solve problems at work?



Problems come in all shapes and sizes, from how to cross the road to how to overcome an obstacle. At school, you're probably most familiar with problems from maths:  $1+x=3$ , so what is  $x$ ?

This is an easy one (clue: the answer's 2), but even so, you have to think about the information you have, what it tells you, and how you can use it to get to the answer. And this is the essence of all problem solving: travelling from A to B using logic to get there.

At work, you might face all sorts of problems, and here are just a few:

- Making the best of your time

So you've got your algebra homework due for maths, your composition for music and an essay deadline coming up for English. What do you do?

You prioritise, of course. You look at what's due in first, how long each piece of work is going to take you, and make a plan to make sure everything gets done on time. Balancing all the projects and tasks you have on the go is something you'll have to do every day in many jobs.

- Learning and adapting

Remember when you were trying to learn the periodic table and it just wouldn't sink in? You couldn't for the life of you remember whether it started with the helium or hydrogen. You realised that you weren't getting anywhere and that you needed a technique to help you – so you learn the Elements Song!

Well, working out where you're going wrong and coming up with a strategy to get around it is a great problem-solving skill. If you can demonstrate this ability to an employer, they'll know that they won't have to sit with you for hours on end explaining the same thing over and over again.

- Working things out

This is hardcore problem solving – often called critical or analytical thinking – and it's this kind of thing that employers really love. This is especially true if you're going into a career where you'll have to solve problems as part of your day-to-day work, such as a games development, engineering, or medicine.



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If you're a doctor and a patient comes to you with an ongoing headache, they want you to do more than just give some painkillers and send them on their way. You'll need to find out where the pain is, what kind of pain it is, what other symptoms the patient has, as well as a whole host of other things which will help you work out what is causing the headaches, how urgent it is, and how to treat it.

For more information and discussion on how school can teach you about problem solving, go [here](#).

## Crawley College Apprenticeship Information Event

As part of Apprenticeship Week (7th - 13th February 2022), Crawley College is hosting an annual "Get to Know Apprenticeships" Event on Tuesday 8th February 2022 from 5:30pm - 7pm. Join to find out everything you need to know about apprenticeships!

Book your place here:

["Get to Know Apprenticeships" Tickets, Tue 8 Feb 2022 at 17:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Students can book one ticket for themselves, which allows two additional guests to join.

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## Focus on Careers in Sociology

At the end of each topic in GCSE Sociology, students have a lesson linking to careers. This helps students to broaden their ideas about related jobs and the relevance of the subject in the real world.

For more information you might like to explore [Sociologist Careers \(britsoc.co.uk\)](http://britsoc.co.uk)

Thank you to Mrs Banbury for highlighting careers related learning within the curriculum.

### Jobs working with families

- Social workers
- Foster carers
- Marriage/relationship counsellor
- Family support worker
- Family lawyer
- Midwife
- Health visitor
- Nanny
- Play therapist
- Elderly care assistant
- Children and Young People's Domestic Abuse Practitioner

1. Select three of the job roles
2. Research the following and make notes in your book
  - What does the job involve?
  - What qualifications does it require?
  - How much does the job pay?
  - What qualities/skills are required?
3. Create an advert to promote a position for one of the jobs you have researched. Include all the information above



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## Thales Early Careers Newsletter

**WELCOME TO 2022!**

Here at Thales, we would love to wish you all a **Happy New Year!**

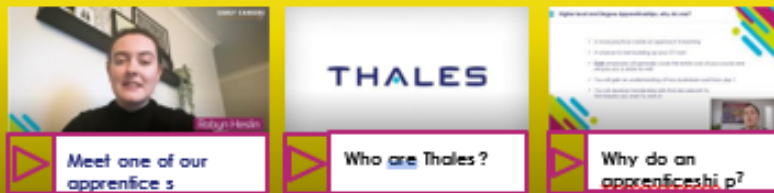
**GREAT NEWS!**

We are keeping some of our roles open for applications until **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022!** In Crawley we have a variety of different apprenticeship roles available. Each role below can take you straight to the job description so you can get a in-depth look at what each role entails:

- [2022 Data Analyst Apprenticeship- Level 4 Data Analyst Apprenticeship](#)
- [2022 Hardware Engineering Apprenticeship- Level 6 Embedded Electronics Systems Design and Development Engineer](#)
- [2022 Project Planning and Controls Apprenticeship- Level 4 Project Management Associate](#)
- [2022 Service Engineering Apprenticeship- Level 6 Embedded Electronics Systems and Design Development Engineer Apprenticeship](#)
- [2022 Systems Engineering Apprenticeship- Level 6 Embedded Electronics Systems and Design Development Engineer Apprenticeship](#)

**Thales Early Careers YouTube Channel**

On our Early Careers YouTube channel we have a wealth of videos with information about Thales and insights from our current apprentices:



**We would love to hear from you!**

Whether it be a group or one to one discussion, we would love to have the opportunity to talk with anyone who might be interested in any of our roles! Or for anyone who would like help in completing an application!

Slots are limited, please contact us at [SuppEarlyCar@uk.thalesgroup.com](mailto:SuppEarlyCar@uk.thalesgroup.com) to arrange a time.



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## National Careers Service on Instagram

The National Careers Service has arrived on Instagram!

Whether you're thinking about your next steps or have no idea what you want to do, head on over for a fresh perspective on careers and education choices, and maybe have a little bit of fun along the way.

[National Careers Service \(@national\\_careers\\_service\)](#) • Instagram photos and videos



## Dv8 Virtual Q&A Event

Dv8 are holding a Virtual Q&A Event on Thursday 24th February 2022 from 5:30pm - 8:00pm. This session will be a chance for young people and their parents/carers to ask any questions about Dv8.

The event will be held on Zoom. Simply head to [www.dv8sussex.com/qa-events](http://www.dv8sussex.com/qa-events) for more information.



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