



Careers Café...

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

Half-term Virtual Work Experience Opportunity

Our partner, Coast to Capital Careers Hub, are delighted to be able to offer **Year 10 to Year 12** students an exciting opportunity to participate in a virtual Work Experience programme entitled “Building Green Foundations.”

Climate change is having a significant impact on our society and also on us as individuals. It is increasingly understood that a shift towards a low-carbon economy is needed, and it is the building and construction sector that plays a central role in this shift. By 2025 the industry will need to recruit an additional 217,000 new workers just to meet demand. There has never been a more exciting time to work in sustainable construction!

Shining a spotlight on sustainable construction is a priority for the Skills 360 Board at Coast to Capital. Together with industry professionals from Arcadis, Morgan Sindall and Thakeham Homes, Coast to Capital Careers Hub have partnered with Springpod to create an interactive work experience programme with the objective of raising awareness of the exciting roles and career pathways in the construction sector.

The programme consists of approximately 10 hours of flexible learning time. All employer webinars will be live during October half-term.

At the end of the programme students will recognise the value of sustainable construction as part of the solution to help reduce climate change. Students will develop transferable problem-solving skills; they'll be asked to complete short reflective pieces of work at the end of each module to demonstrate their learning. Upon the completion of the course, students will be issued a digital certificate that can be shared with future employers and universities.

The deadline for students to apply is **before 18th October**. Students will need to register and apply individually and as there are a limited number of funded places available, we recommend that students register for the programme now using [this link](#). Registration takes 6 minutes.

Remember to keep an eye on the Satchel:one noticeboard for other future opportunities.

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: Reliability

Employers need people they can trust and rely on to run a great business. As well as being great at your job, your employers will want you to turn up on time, be there when you're needed, and do what's expected of you (and more!).

You could talk about your school/college attendance record, your commitment to any clubs or societies you're part of or how your homework is always completed on time and to the highest standard.



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Local Information

Jobs creation with building of a new Centreparcs. 1,500 jobs once complete and 1,000 jobs during construction are expected to be available with the development of a new Centreparcs near to Crawley. Details [here](#).



New construction courses added to University of Brighton's portfolio. The University of Brighton is to offer Chartered Surveyor, Construction Site Manager and Environmental Practitioner to their degree apprenticeships portfolio. To find out more contact the University of Brighton's apprenticeship team.

Focus on working in Tech

Some interesting facts that may persuade you to consider a career in tech:

- Fastest growing industry in the UK - UK tech employment grew by 40% in the last 2 years
- Demand exceeds supply - there is 10 times more demand for Software Developers than the number of job hunters
- Abundant career progression opportunities - 259% more tech jobs are advertised in the UK than in Europe
- Get paid more than your peers - median salary for UK digital tech jobs is £9k higher than that of all other roles
- Large sector with myriad opportunities - there are nearly 3 million jobs in tech
- Join the workforce of the future - 42% of the tech workforce is under 35
- Pandemic and recession proof - despite the pandemic, the number of advertised tech jobs grew by 36% in summer 2020
- Tech is transforming traditional industries - think fintech (finance), agritech (agriculture and climate), edtech



For more information, visit DigitalGrads. Their website offers free training, internships and exclusive job opportunities to help kick-start careers in the tech industry.

<https://www.digitalgrads.com/>

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