



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: 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 are needed, and do what's expected of you (and more!).

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



Children's Top Dream Job Revealed (and it might surprise you)

One in five children have changed their mind about the job they want to do when they grow up and unsurprisingly, this year has played a big part in their new dream career.

Topping the list of jobs that kids aged five to 15-years-old now want to do when they are older is ... doctor. The poll of 1,000 parents and their children, carried out by Explore Learning, found other top picks included artist, YouTuber and teacher.

Focused on children's evolving career hopes, the survey also found a heart-warming 79% believe they can be anything they want to be.

When asked why they had reconsidered their future career, over one in ten said it was because they now want a job that will help them make the world a better place.

Others said they changed their minds after getting better at an existing skill or meeting someone who did their dream job in real life.



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Here's the top 10 list of dream careers among children who changed their mind about their future jobs during lockdown ...

1. Doctor
2. Artist
3. YouTuber
4. Dancer
5. Teacher
6. Archaeologist
7. Athlete
8. Dentist
9. Footballer
10. TV presenter

Research was conducted by Opinium in September 2020 on behalf of Explore Learning.

Nuffield Research Placements

Nuffield Research Placements are engaging, real-life research projects, where Year 12 or equivalent students have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution towards the work of a host organisation.

They are a fantastic opportunity for students to apply skills and knowledge learned at school and work alongside researchers and industry professionals to:

- Develop subject understanding alongside research and quantitative skills to expand career prospects
- Learn more about higher education and different career paths
- Enhance UCAS personal statements and applications to university
- Apply for a Gold CREST Award or the Big Bang Competition



Students can find out more and start the application process below. Please check your eligibility using the eligibility tool to begin your application.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements>



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Missed one of the Crawley College Virtual Open Events?

Don't worry if you missed the virtual open events, you can re-watch them here:

<https://www.crawley.ac.uk/study-courses/open>

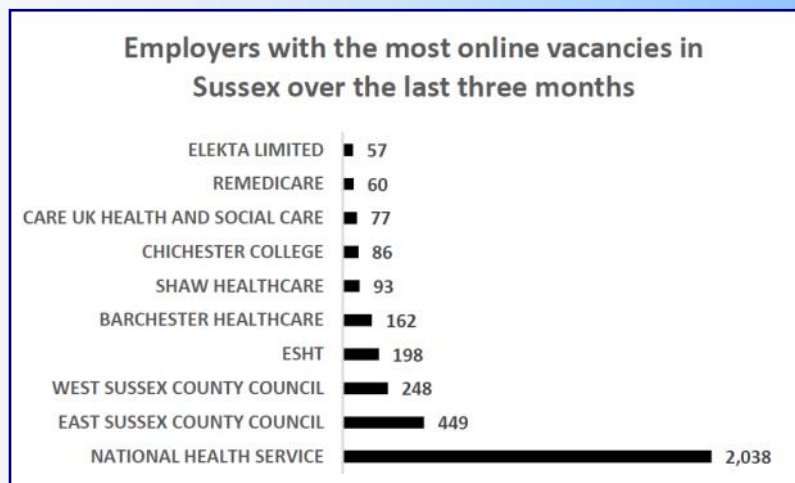
These include a Principal's welcome from Vicki Illingworth, a course Q&A from the Chief Executive Shelagh Legrave, sessions on supporting you through your studies, apprenticeships and T Levels. They also held subject specific courses with live Q&A's which you can re-watch.

Amazing Apprenticeships December Parents' & Carers' Pack

In the December issue we look at volunteering, Post-16 SEND options, T Level subjects coming soon, apprenticeship award winners, Traineeships FAQs, Job coach support and more!



Employers Recruiting Online in Sussex in the Last 3 Months



Highlight on the Agri-tech Sector

The UK Agri-tech sector contributes £14.3 billion to the UK economy and employs around 500,000 people, with companies and researchers continuously developing pioneering 'smart farming' technologies.

<https://cropscience.bayer.co.uk/blog/articles/2019/10/farming-facts/>

The job of a farmer has changed dramatically from a manual labouring job to that of an engineer as technology enables the production of harvest automation, autonomous tractors, seeding and weeding and drone, which includes robotics and 3D printing to name but a few innovations.



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The sector is also vital in decreasing the environmental carbon footprint and more frequently now provides renewable energy in the form of solar and wind power as well as biomass. Indirect jobs are also generated through other sectors of the UK economy such as manufacturing, transport, construction and professional services.

There are many opportunities for fascinating careers within the industry. See the National Careers 'explore careers' section of the website:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/search-results?searchTerm=farming> or visit: <https://www.fwi.co.uk/farm-life/a-z-of-careers-in-agriculture>

There are around 141,170 Crop and Animal Production companies in the UK of which 23,040 or over 16% are located in South East and South West.

Some useful websites are listed here

- Agricultural and farming jobs <https://www.agrifj.co.uk/>
- Farmers Weekly - <https://jobs.fwi.co.uk/>
- Jobs in Agriculture - <https://careers.jobsinagriculture.com/>
- NFU - <https://nfuonline.livevacancies.co.uk/#/>
- 4 XtraHands - <https://www.4xtrahands.com/>
- Lantra - <https://www.lantra.co.uk/>

