



Welcome to your weekly careers newsletter, the purpose of this newsletter is to give you access to relevant careers information, labour market information and useful resources.

I hope you find this issue helpful!

Miss B Ward Head of Careers

Hello

## **Dates for your diary**

Date	Event
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul> <li>The Northern School of Art open day</li> <li>University of Cumbria - Fusehill Street Campus open day</li> <li>Leeds Trinity University open day</li> </ul>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul> <li>Critical business thinking session 3 – All years</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Darlington College Open Evening</li> <li>Askham Bryan College Saltaire Centre - Open Evening</li> </ul>

### Job of the week

#### Electrician



As an electrical engineer, you'll design, develop and maintain electrical systems. Your work will focus on: economy, quality, reliability, safety and sustainability. The electrical equipment that you'll design and manufacture is used across many sectors: the building industry/services (lighting, heating and ventilation), transportation/transport networks, manufacturing/construction and production/distribution of power

Key

External events

Events in school

renewable energy.

#### Qualifications:

- 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A\* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course
- You can do an installation and maintenance electrician advanced apprenticeship or domestic electrician advanced apprenticeship.
- A college course can give you some of the technical knowledge and practical skills you'll need to become an electrician. You'll still need practical experience in the workplace to become fully qualified.

#### Working hours: 30 to 40 hours a week

Salary: Graduate starting salaries are around £20,000 to £25,000. With some experience, salaries can range from £28,000 to £40,000. Average salaries for experienced senior engineers, or those with chartered status, can exceed £60,000.

# Key Terminology



LinkedIn = LinkedIn is a social network for professionals to connect, share, and learn. It's like Facebook for your career. LinkedIn is also a resource for professionals to find jobs, research companies, and get news about their industry and business connections. LinkedIn gathers data across LinkedIn profiles to provide policymakers, employers, workers and educators with data-driven insight into patterns that help align workforce supply with demand worldwide.

### Labour market information

Future occupational requirements:



Over 400,000 extra workers required by 2027:

- 44,000 Managers, directors and senior officials 0
- 21,000 Skilled trades occupations 0
- 55,000 Associate professional and technical 0
- 47,000 Sales and customer service 0
- 101,000 Professional occupations 0
- 58,000 Caring, leisure and other services 0
- 24,000 Administrative and secretarial 0
- 13,000 Process, plant and machine operatives 0
- 44,000 Elementary occupations

# Next steps knowledge

### Personal Statements

The personal statement is a crucial part of university applications in the UK. It's your chance to show what makes you unique, besides your birth name and UCAS ID. In just 4,000 characters you have to convince your chosen university that you are the best applicant, and that they should make you an offer immediately. These 4,000 characters are your only chance, so your personal statement needs to be good. Really good. Here are some tips on how to write a truly outstanding piece.

- 1. Make a draft without a character counter.
- 2. Take your time.
- 3. Find the perfect words and expressions.
- 4. Concentrate on your strengths.
- 5. Find the perfect opening sentence.
- 6. Make it your own work, voice and ideas.
- 7. Be honest.
- 8. Get someone to proofread your statement.
- 9. Read it out loud many times.
- 10. Once you submit your university application, stop reading it!

To sum up, be yourself and write honestly about your experiences. Use your own voice, because that is who you are, and the universities are interested in you, not an ideal text based on a "how to write a personal statement" article...



### Employer spotlight – William Smith Group

Based in Barnard Castle and as part of William Smith Group 1832, William Smith is the leading trade supplier to the sign and graphics industry, offering one of the largest material supply services in the UK, meaning you have access to thousands of full, part or custom slit roll. As well as being a leading trade supplier, William Smith hosts a training academy which is dedicated to both training and inspiring people in the sign, graphics, and interiors industry, with whom it's been servicing for over 100 years. William Smith employ people in the role of: Shop Floor Operative, Finance Manager, Internal Account Manager, Artwork Technician, Warehouse Operative and Fabricator.

### Careers resources

- https://universitycompare.com/personal-statement-examples/ Hundreds of Personal Statement Examples to help your application
- https://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/ At All About School Leavers, our mission is clear: we help school leavers get jobs and understand the career paths available to them.