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## Hello

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!

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## Dates for your diary

Key  
External events  
Events in school

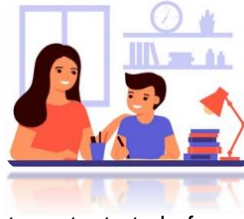
Date	Event
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Askham-Bryam open morning</li> <li>Careers at Sea open day at South Shields Marine School</li> </ul>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Cambridge and the Admission Process Webinar 5pm - <a href="https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_6VWJ7Pnl3Hw7Stw">https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_6VWJ7Pnl3Hw7Stw</a></li> </ul>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Careers lunch time drop in vibrancy area with Careers Advisor</li> </ul>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 &amp; 11 - CV and application workshop</li> <li>Careers lunch time drop in S5 with Miss Ward</li> </ul>

## Job of the week

### Teaching assistant

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/teaching-assistant>

Teaching assistants support teachers and help children with reading, writing and learning activities.



### Qualifications:

- ✓ You could take a college qualification to get started, for example: Level 2 or 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education or T Level in Education and Childcare. (You'll need: 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, 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths for a T level)
- ✓ You could do the Teaching Assistant Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship to become a teaching assistant (You'll need: 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship)

**Working hours:** 30 to 40 hours a week are typical in term time

**Salary:** The average salary is £14,000 for a starter, which can increase to £21,000 when experienced.



## Key Terminology

**Background check** = a legal investigation into a potential employee's history. Background screening often involves criminal background checks, identity verification, and education and credential checks.

## Labour market information

### Key stage 4 destinations:

- 92% of North East pupils who completed key stage 4 in 2018/19 went into sustained education, employment and apprenticeships. (England 94%)
- 83% were in sustained education (England 87%)
- 5.5% were in sustained apprenticeships (England 3.7%)
- 3.5% were in sustained employment (England 3.2%)

## Next steps knowledge

### Interviews

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/interview-advice/interview-advice>

An interview is a chance for an employer to see if you're the right person for the job.

To help make sure you're prepared:

- read the job description and person specification carefully.
- check the company website to find out more about them
- go over your CV or application form
- prepare some examples that show you have the right skills
- ask someone you trust to help you practise answering questions
- think of 2 or 3 questions of your own that you can ask at the end
- pick out something suitable and comfortable to wear
- check what time you need to arrive and the name of the person
- make sure that you know how to get to where the interview is
- make sure you know who to call in case you're late for any reason
- If you have a disability you may need adjustments to make the interview accessible. You can get advice from <https://www.scope.org.uk/>

## Spotlight

### Apprenticeship spotlight – Engineering Technician

<https://findapprenticeshiptraining.apprenticeships.education.gov.uk/courses/167>

Engineering technician (level 3) focuses on designing, building, servicing and repairing a range of engineering products and services.

**Qualification level:** 3 (Equivalent to A level)

**Typical duration:** 42 months

**Apprenticeship category:** Engineering and manufacturing

**Maximum funding:** £26,000 (Maximum amount government will fund for apprenticeship training)

### Also known as:

Aerospace Technician  
Aviation Engineer  
Engineering Technician  
Machinist  
Maritime Engineering  
Mechatronics Engineer and Toolmaker

## Careers resource

- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/interview-tips/interview-questions>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCm6JVtoRdo>

