

CAREERS

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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 & have a lovely half term!

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Key
External events
Events in school

Date	Event
Friday 26 th May	• HALF TERM
Monday 5 th June	• Pride Month
Thursday 8 th June	• Careers lunch time drop in vibrancy area/careers room
Saturday 10 th June	• Year 12/13 - Medicine and Dentistry Admissions UCAS Webinar - 6-7:30pm - Sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxmZ6wFb1_984e6-K0Fs7AtNbKXZ5iCCPJspAMf5voqN3Gw/viewform?usp=share_link

Job of the week

Countryside Officer

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/countryside-officer>

Countryside officers manage, protect and improve the rural environment.



Qualifications:

- ✓ University - You could do a foundation degree, higher national diploma or degree in a subject like: countryside or environmental management/ecology and geography/environmental science/biology. You'll usually need: 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma/2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.
- ✓ College - You could do a college course to learn some of the skills and knowledge you'll need in this job. Relevant subjects include: Level 2 Diploma in Countryside and Environment/Level 3 Certificate in Countryside Management/T Level in Agriculture, Land Management and Production. You'll usually 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
- ✓ Apprenticeship - You could start by doing a countryside worker intermediate apprenticeship or a countryside ranger higher apprenticeship. You'll usually need: some GCSEs, usually including English and maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship/4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship
- ✓ Volunteering - You might find it useful to get some work experience before you apply for a job. You could look for volunteering opportunities with: The Conversation Volunteers/National Trust/The Wildlife Trusts/Countryside Jobs Service

Working hours: The Typical hours (a week) are 39 to 41 hours. You could work evenings / weekends / bank holidays.

Salary: The Average salary (a year) ranges from £19,000 as a starter to £34,000

Spotlight

Employer Spotlight – Durham County Council

<https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/durhamcountycouncil/aboutus>

Durham County Council is the largest council in the North East covering 862 sq. miles, they have a budget of around 1.3 billion which helps them provide services for more than 513,000 people. They have a vision and three strategic ambitions to develop County Durham over the next 15 years. Their vision for 2035 is that County Durham is a place where there are more and better jobs, people live long and independent lives and Durham's communities are well connected and supported. Their ambitions can only be realised with great people who bring their individual skills, knowledge and expertise, but above all, they bring the commitment needed to help Durham County Council make a real difference. They currently employ over 18,000 staff across a broad range of service areas, this includes street lighting, libraries, leisure facilities, education, and housing - they have every sort of role you could imagine so whatever you may be looking for, there is every possibility they will have that covered. They offer a fantastic range of rewards and benefits including generous annual leave entitlement, flexible working, access to wellbeing services, learning and development opportunities and many more – if you think Durham County Council could be the employer for you, look at our vacancies: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/apprenticeships>



Next Step Knowledge

Virtual Work Experience

<https://www.theparentsquideto.co.uk/post/virtual-work-experience>

Virtual work experience gives young people a chance to gain experience in the workplace, develop their skills, boost their employability and explore new industries and job roles. It's a broad term covering anything which provides young people with an insight into what it's like to work in an industry or job role while at home. Most virtual work experiences range from half a day to one week, but some may last longer depending on the nature of the work experience and the age of your child. Not all virtual work experience is the same. Some are open to everyone and provide a platform for students to discover more about the job, view pre-recorded videos on what it's like to work with the organisation, go on virtual tours and possibly take part in some live Q&A sessions. Others may require your child to go through an application process and offer regular online meetings with a supervisor, individual project work, networking sessions, training opportunities and video tutorials.

The benefits of a virtual work placement?

Think global! - Virtual work placements are open to everyone and location does not need to be a limiting factor. This opens many possibilities for your child to explore new jobs and industries in areas that may not have been possible under face to face arrangements.

It's free - The majority of virtual work experience placements are free, although some employers charge for the opportunity; working from home will also mean your child will not incur any travel related costs.

Future proof - Remote working is likely to be important to many businesses in the future and learning how to conduct business and work online will develop extremely valuable skills for the modern workplace.

Transferable skills - It's not always easy working from home and taking part in virtual work experience placements will help your child develop those soft skills that all employers are seeking, such as organisation, time-management and self-motivation.

Knowing what's right (or what isn't) - Understanding what a job or a career entails might help your child make decisions about whether or not that role is right for them in the future.

Key Terminology

Sector - an economic term used to classify a broad group of occupations and industries that are related by what they do e.g. engineering and manufacturing, healthcare and environment and agriculture
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors>

