



Your Future Career

National Careers Week
1st – 6th March 2021

“All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them”- Walt Disney

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Introduction

National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education.

What is a career?

“An occupation undertaken for a significant period of a person's life and with opportunities for progress”

A job is “a paid position of regular employment”

The difference between the two is often seen as a job being a means to an end – the purpose is to go to work and get money. A career is seen as being more of a choice, usually a profession or sector you have chosen to go into.

Choosing the career for you - Sectors

A sector, also known as an industry, is a group of companies that are grouped together due to their similar primary business activities.

Some key industries are:

- Manufacturing
- Travel & Tourism
- Logistics
- Retail
- Rail
- Business & Finance
- Public Services
- Hospitality
- Construction
- Healthcare

Choosing the career for you – Identifying your skills

When beginning your search into what career you might want to go into, it's important to look at your skills. Everyone has their individual skills and identifying them can be the first step to finding your career path.

There are several resources online that can help including the 'Launch Yourself' booklet attached which can be downloaded [here](#).

The National Careers Website offers a free Skills Assessment which can be completed online [here](#).

In order to identify your skills it may be useful to look at technical and general skills, your hobbies and interests and what you are good at. If you're struggling to think of skills talk to your family, teacher and friends and ask them what your skills are and what they think you're good at.



Once you have a list of skills you can look at what careers could fit those skills. The 'useful links' can help with this.

Some examples of skills include:

- Communication (Verbal/written)
- Leadership
- Organisational
- Collaboration (team work)
- Advising
- Problem solving
- Patience
- Multi-tasking
- Meeting deadlines
- Time management
- Data analysis
- Negotiation
- Ability to work under pressure

Useful links

- National Careers Week resources for pupils, teachers and parents can be found [here](#)
- [The National Careers Service](#) have great resources and the option to speak to a careers advisor
- Warwickshire County Council have produced a number of films to showcase different career choices which can be found [here](#)
- If you're not interested into going to university, [this website](#) allows you to search for other career opportunities for school and college leavers
- [UCAS](#) show different further education and apprenticeships options
- [BBC](#) created a number of short films to showcase different jobs and careers
- [World Skills UK](#) have a number of great resources, including a careers advice toolkit

For Parents

The Parent's Guide to National Careers Week available to download [here](#)

For Teachers

Pre-made assemblies for NCW 2021 available to download [here](#)

World Skills UK have a number of great resources including their [Careers Advice Toolkit](#)



Routes into employment

After finishing school you will have several different routes into employment, please see the table below:

<u>ROUTES TO EMPLOYMENT</u>									
LEVEL 8	HIGHER EDUCATION	<u>Doctorate</u>							
LEVEL 7		<u>Masters</u>						<u>Degree Apprenticeship</u>	<u>Higher Apprenticeship</u>
LEVEL 6		<u>Undergraduate Degree BA, BSX</u>	<u>Foundation Degree</u>	<u>Higher Diploma</u>	<u>Professional Technical</u>				
LEVEL 5				<u>Higher Certificate</u>					
LEVEL 4									
LEVEL 3	FURTHER EDUCATION	<u>A Levels</u>	<u>BTEC National Diplomas</u>	<u>T Levels</u>					<u>Advanced Apprenticeship</u>
LEVEL 2		<u>GCSE Grade 9-4</u>	<u>BTEC Level 2</u>						<u>Intermediate Apprenticeship</u>
LEVEL 1		<u>GCSE Grade 3-1</u>							

Apprenticeships

What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a real job where you learn, gain experience and get paid. You're an employee with a contract of employment and holiday leave. By the end of an apprenticeship, you'll have the right skills and knowledge needed for your chosen career.

It can take between one to six years to complete an apprenticeship depending on which one you choose, what level it is and your previous experience. It's funded from contributions made by the Government and your employer.

Levels of an apprenticeship

Each apprenticeship has a level and an equivalent education level. You can start an apprenticeship at any level.

Depending on the level, some apprenticeships may:

- require previous qualifications such as an English or maths GCSE
- give extra training in the English or maths skills needed so you're at the right level

At the end of your apprenticeship, you'll achieve the equivalent education level. For example, if you complete a level 3 apprenticeship, you'll achieve the equivalent of an A level.

	Level	Equivalent education level
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A level
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

What you'll earn

What you earn will depend on the industry, location and type of apprenticeship you choose.

If you're aged 16 to 18 or in the first year of your apprenticeship, you're entitled to the [apprentice rate](#).

If you're 19 or over and have completed the first year of your apprenticeship, you're entitled to the [National Minimum Wage](#).

This is the minimum you'll earn - many employers pay a lot more and offer their apprentices a competitive salary.

How do I find an apprenticeship?

The government website shows all apprenticeships available:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Other useful websites:

<http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors

www.nationalcareersevice

www.RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk

www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/apprenticeships

Training Providers offering Apprenticeships in Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council have created short films showcasing a selection of training providers offering apprenticeships across Warwickshire, please find links to those we have filmed with below.

To find a full list of local apprenticeships currently being advertised visit:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/browse-apprenticeships>

Please see the Apprenticeship Directory provided by your teacher which shows the areas offered by each provider.

- Absolute Works
- Ashornehill
- Aurelia Training
- Coventry Adult Education Services
- Coventry College
- Coventry University
- CWCT - Chamber Training
- Heart of England Training
- Hit Training
- Intec Business College
- JBC Skills Training
- [MTC](#) (Manufacturing Technology Centre)
- [Midlands Group Training Services](#)
- North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College
- Primary Goal
- SCCU Ltd
- Stratford Upon-Avon & Solihull College
- The University of Warwick
- [WCG](#) (Warwickshire College Group)
- Warwickshire Garage & Transport GTA

Your Future Career in Apprenticeships Films

Warwickshire County Council have created short films showcasing a selection of training providers and businesses offering apprenticeships across Warwickshire, please find links to those we have filmed so far below (more will follow!).

Training Providers in Warwickshire

Please see the Apprenticeship Directory provided by your teacher which shows the areas offered by each provider.

- [MTC](#) (Manufacturing Technology Centre)
- [Midlands Group Training Services](#)
- [WCG](#) (Warwickshire College Group)

Businesses

Engineering

[Ceracon](#)

[Fanuc](#)

Hospitality

[Virgin & Castle](#)

ICT/Communications

[Site1](#)

[Telent](#)

Transport

[Vivarail](#)

Real Estate

[Letting a property.com](#)

Universities in Warwickshire

There are a number of universities across the West Midlands with a wide range of courses, to find out more about the universities and courses they offer visit the [UCAS website](#).

Warwickshire offers two universities – [Coventry University](#) and the [University of Warwick](#). They offer a range of courses as well as degree apprenticeships.

There are particular jobs (usually specialised roles) that will require a degree, to find out about how to access these visit the [UCAS](#) website.

National Careers Week Activities

	Monday 1 st March	Tuesday 2 nd March	Wednesday 3 rd March	Thursday 4 th March	Friday 5 th March
1pm – 2pm	The STEM Hub: My Skills. My Future			The STEM Hub: Being the best version of you	
1pm – 7pm			Coventry & Warwickshire Careers Hub: Virtual Careers Show		
1.15pm – 1.45pm		The STEM Hub: Going it Alone and Launching Your Own Business	The STEM Hub: A Career in the Royal Engineers		
2pm – 3pm	UCAS: Student Stories Uni or Apprenticeship	UCAS: CV Writing Workshop with Reed	UCAS: Jack Parsons: Becoming an award-winning CEO in his early 20s	UCAS: How to secure a school-leaver opportunity	UCAS: How to ace interviews

Monday 1st March

1pm – 2pm

[The STEM Hub: My Skills. My Future](#)

The world of work is fast-changing. There are many new employment opportunities open to you. How do you market yourself to future employers? *My Skills. My Future* is an interactive workshop, facilitated by Munya from The Education People and Nicola from Holiday Extras, working with you in developing your essential skills as you explore job opportunities open to you in the future. Find out more [here](#).



2pm – 3pm

UCAS: Student Stories: Uni or Apprenticeship?

Hear from students and apprentices on what it's actually like, either studying at uni or in the workplace. Find out how they decided on their path, how it's different to school or college, and most importantly... ask questions! Sign up [here](#).

Tuesday 2nd March

1.15pm – 1.45pm

The STEM Hub: Going it Alone and Launching Your Own Business

Going it alone and launching your own business, becoming self-employed. David will be sharing his journey after leaving school and starting his first business at 17 years old. David is a highly accomplished, multi award-winning company director, entrepreneur, executive business advisor, technology expert & keynote speaker. Find out more [here](#).

2pm – 3pm

UCAS: CV writing workshop with Reed

Knowing what to include, the language to use, and how to structure your CV is something you'll use for your entire working life. In this workshop, recruitment experts from Reed take you through all this and more. Ask questions, make notes and get involved. Sign up [here](#).

Wednesday 3rd March

1pm – 7pm

CW Careers Hub virtual career show (Live day: Wednesday 3rd March - 1pm - 7pm)

The day runs from 1pm to 7pm. The first half of the day (1pm-4pm) is geared for young people to use within school/college time. The second half (4pm - 7pm) is for parents/adults to access it with their young people.

There will be Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 activity guides that will be available for the students to use to support their career show experience. There will also have a guide to introduce the participants and a more detailed support for parents/adults.

To see what's on offer please go on <https://cwcareershubs.vfairs.com/>

1.15pm – 1.45pm

The STEM Hub: A Career in the Royal Engineers

In the Army, your engineering career could take you anywhere, from chartered engineering and logistics to bricklaying and bomb disposal, The Royal Engineers has 19 different apprenticeship and careers paths to choose from. Find out more about the day-to-day life of a Royal Engineer and the career prospects available to you. Find out more [here](#).



2pm – 3pm

UCAS: Jack Parsons: Becoming an award-winning CEO in his early 20s

Jack became CEO of The Youth Group in 2018. His career kicked off by taking a photo of two coffee cups. He's now known as the UK's Chief Youth Officer and has been named as the Most Connected Young Entrepreneur. Sign up [here](#).

Thursday 4th March

1pm – 1.45pm

The STEM Hub: Being the best version of you - A guide to putting your best foot forward

Meet Joe, who will talk about how to stand out and get the career that you desire!

Topics:

1. My career path in Tech and Education
2. How to make yourself stand out (e.g. Upskilling yourself, volunteering etc)
3. "Visualise it, See it" mentality - How to choose your A levels for your career and how to research this - there will also be the opportunity to create a vision board!

Find out more [here](#).

2pm – 3pm

UCAS: How to secure a school-leaver opportunity

Discover some of the very best school-leaver opportunities available to apply for right now at some of the biggest companies in the UK and beyond. We'll hear from young people working in the companies, how they successfully got the job, what they do now and what their future holds. Sign up [here](#).

Friday 5th March

2pm – 3pm

UCAS: How to ace interviews

Interviews are as much of a science as they are an art. In this workshop, recruitment expert, Hayley shares the secrets to acing your interview. Sign up [here](#).

