

CAREERS NEWSLETTER



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Merry Christmas!



GOODBYE 2020

So we are nearing the end of 2020, the highs the lows and the downright strange events of this year will be remembered in the history books because of Covid-19 but it wasn't all bad...

We learned lots of new skills in virtual environments, how to collaborate online and we even had access to not only local employers supporting our students but from as far away as New York!

The virtual world helped us to think outside the box about the opportunities not just the obstacles and we saw massive growth in our specialism sectors which is great news for our students who are looking at those careers.

We adapted our aspirational careers programme to the virtual world but it is still the most ambitious you'll find!

We have continued to deliver our promise to our students to give them an outstanding programme of careers and employer led activities from our Industry Mentoring to our Career Talk Series and our Employer Led Projects.

We would like to give special thanks to our Employer Partners who have continued to support our students in this new environment from providing virtual career talks to video demos for our projects.

We appreciate they are all navigating this new world too so more than ever their time and commitment to the UTC is valued.

Our students and staff have shown such resilience this term and deserve a much needed rest over the Christmas holiday.

Well done to everyone for your dedication and hard work this term. Have a wonderful holiday.

Take a look at the rest of the Newsletter to see all of the exciting things we've been up to as well as what is to come next term...

WHAT BEEN HAPPENING THIS TERM...

Career Talk Series...



Employers from Newcastle to New York have been involved in our Virtual Career Talk Series this term which has been fantastic.

In September we had an inspiring talk about aspirations and how your career pathway isn't always the straight line you might expect from Oliver Yonchev at Social Chain based in New York.

Since then we've had so many inspiring talks from Sarah Bartram a Clinical Scientist in Radiotherapy at the James Cook University Hospital, Luke Ryan a Business Analysis Consultant from Opencast Software and Robert Farley the Head of Medical Physics at South Tees Hospital Trust delivered a thought provoking talk on diversity in the NHS.

Our employers have even been kind enough to answer some of our students questions after the talks. We are looking forward to talks from the RAF and North East Ambulance Service next term.

Fujitsu's Operation Innovation Finalists



We all have our fingers crossed as 4 of our Year 13 students enter the finals of the Fujitsu Operation Innovation Competition. Tasked to create a Proof of Concept for how either AI, Robotics or both could be applied to solve an existing challenge in Healthcare or Education, they have now presented their concept around helping those with dementia and are awaiting the results. Best of luck!

UTC Cyber Day

All of our student year groups took part in #UTCcyberday. Organised in house thanks to @MrWillisICT and put together by @CyberUtc supported by Dark Trace a world leading cyber AI company, to learn about phishing emails and how companies protect themselves from cyber attacks.

Congratulations to winners James & Atif for their hard work during the project.



COMING UP NEXT TERM...

Online Open Days University of Sunderland...

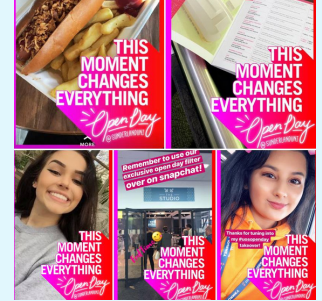
In the new year the University of Sunderland are running more Online Open Days for students to attend, where they can find out more about their courses and chat to current students and academics.



Online Nursing and Paramedic Open Day

Wednesday 3 February 2021

16:00 until 19:00



You can book onto their Online Open Days through their website.

National Apprenticeship Week 2021...



National Apprenticeship Week 2021 aims to shine a light on the amazing work being done by employers and apprentices across the country.

The annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships will shine a light on the amazing work being done by employers and apprentices across the country. The Week will also recognise how employers of all sizes have stepped up to the challenge during this unprecedented time.

We have lots of exciting plans for the week to help our students understand more about Apprenticeships and the opportunities available to them. If you would like to get a head start learning about Apprenticeships check out the top 100 employers who offer

Apprenticeships here -

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/top-employers>

STEMettes

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Join them for 2 days in December of FREE sessions exploring STEM careers, advice and opportunities. The theme will be SPACE AND SCIENCE. They'll be bringing together young women, nonbinary young people and folks from across the Space and Science fields, for networking, inspiration and learning. For more information and to register visit <https://stemettes.org/explore>

National Careers Week 2021...



National Careers Weeks 2021 is happening from 1st to 6th March 2021. Our theme this year is 'The future of work' which will look at the fourth industrial revolution and developments in technology and automation. There will be lots of exciting events across the week to help students to better navigate and understand the future of work.

Virtual Work Experience



S4S are offering lots of exciting opportunities to gain some valuable work experience with some fantastic employers nationwide from the NHS to Spotify. To sign up for one of these fantastic opportunities just go to their website - <https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/vwex/>

Apprenticeship Opportunities...

It's that time of year when employers begin to release all of their Apprenticeship opportunities. Our Year 13's are encouraged to explore these opportunities if that is the pathway they want to pursue. Opportunities are currently available with Ernst & Young Llp, Wates Group Ltd, RSM, Konacranes and more. Some of the closing dates are getting close so if you are interested you will need to look at submitting your applications soon.



Supporting Parents and Carers...

We understand how difficult it can be to understand all of the post 16 and post 18 options available and as parents and carers it can sometimes feel overwhelming when all you want to do is help your child find the best option for them. To help support you to continue these careers conversations at home we have introduced a termly email alongside our newly updated careers section on the website with lots of resources and links specifically aimed at parents and carers which we hope you find helpful. As always if you have any questions about these resources or if you want more information about the careers programme your child is following please contact us.

Useful Careers Resources

There are lots of great resources online for finding out about careers. Here are some links that might be useful to you:

Careers Research

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

<https://icould.com/>

Apprenticeships

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk>

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

Job Search

<https://www.gov.uk/find-a-job>

<https://www.indeed.co.uk/>

<https://www.fish4.co.uk/>

<https://www.jobsite.co.uk/>

Universities

<https://www.ucas.com/>

<https://www.whatuni.com/>

<http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/>

<https://www.studential.com/>

If you have any Careers questions, if there's anything you'd like to see included in this Newsletter or if you have any feedback then please do not hesitate to contact Sarah on the email addresses below:

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