

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY EASTER

As we reach the end of Term 2 we can look back at how much we have achieved already this year.

Despite the challenges we have successfully managed students back onto site, setup a Covid-19 Testing Site to safeguard the wellbeing of our students and staff and continued with our careers programme with the support of our employer partners to change to virtual delivery.

Ensuring all of our students could continue to access their learning and our ambitious career programme was always our priority and we can see from feedback from parents and carers how important this has been and the impact this has had on our young people. Students have continued to build their employability skills by using the technology available to communicate and collaborate in a virtual environment.

We are so pleased we have been able to welcome students back into school for some face to face learning over the last few weeks and they have been able to continue to access our outstanding programme of careers and employer led activities from our Industry Mentoring to our Career Talk Series and our Employer Led Projects.

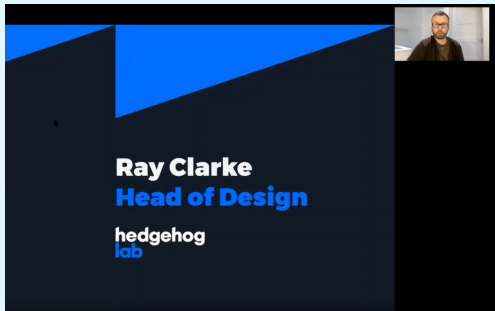
Our students and staff continue to show strength and resilience in and support each other in the UTC community. Well done to everyone for your dedication and hard work this term.

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'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS TERM...

Career Talk Series...



We have had another term of fantastic career talks from employers across the UK as part of our Virtual Career Talk Series. These have included the Head of Design at Hedgehog Lab who are a digital design solutions company based in Newcastle. Jim Tait from the RAF showcased the many different roles and apprenticeships available through their programme. We also had a presentation from some inspirational Trainee Healthcare Scientists about their various roles in the NHS from Medical Physics to Immunogenetics. Our employers have been kind enough to answer some of our students questions after the talks so they really understand their roles.

We are looking forward to talks from the Newcastle Hospitals Trust and Sage next term.

Impartial Careers Guidance



We work with the Education Development Trust to deliver impartial careers guidance for all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students as standard plus additional support for all students when they need it. Since September our Careers Advisor, Pamela Foster, has met with students to explore their interests and skills and discuss their aspirations allowing them to take away advice on how to research their post 16/18 pathways and feel fully informed about their options so they can make the best choices for their future.

Medic Mentor

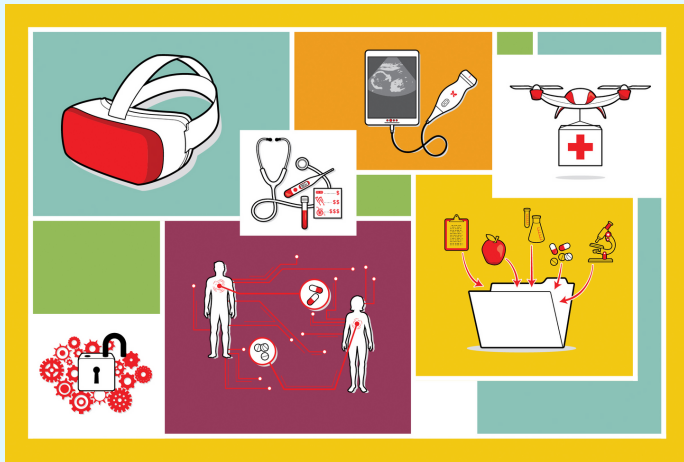
Medic Mentor has awarded North East Futures UTC 50 fully funded tickets for their conferences for students who would like to work in Medicine, Veterinarian or Dental careers!

Medic Mentor has an outstanding track record for supporting students to achieve their ambitions by offering work experience, access to employers, support with University applications and interviews and in some cases have funded University Scholarships for students who have been a part of these programmes. If you haven't signed up already email sarah.hughes@nefuturesutc.co.uk



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS TERM CONT...

Virtual Healthcare science project: A medical invention



Students took part in a Virtual Healthcare Science Project this term which asked them to invent a medical solution to a problem faced by the NHS when dealing with particular medical conditions. They used research skills to understand the science behind the conditions to come up with some truly innovative and inspirational ideas to combat these issues which were presented to staff. The winning team were awarded with house points and Amazon vouchers.

Fake News Careers Day

Students took part in a virtual digital project day in February which explored the issues around fake news. Students discussed examples of disinformation spread online, defined the term 'fake news' and discussed the quantity of fake news available online. They were able to identify why fake news exists and who creates it and discussed how they can identify fake news and other forms of disinformation. Students produced websites which used what they had learned to teach others about fake news.



Employer Mentoring



We were able to continue our Sixth Form programme of mentoring right through lockdown and our students were really proactive in organising these sessions with their mentors as they recognise how valuable this support can be.

The programme was paused during the lockdown for Years 10 and 11 as these students are mentored in groups so it was great to get these back online once we returned to school.

Topics presented by our fantastic employer mentors this term have included Employer Expectations, The journey to your career, Social Media and Networking and Interview Success.

THINGS TO DO IN THE HOLIDAYS

Online Open Days...

Have you decided where you will go after Year 11? Lots of the local colleges and sixth forms are offering Online Open Days for students to attend, where you can find out more about their courses and chat to current students and academics.

[Newcastle College](#) - Open Event - 1st April 2021

[Gateshead College](#) - Say Hello events - 1st April 2021

[NE Futures UTC](#) - Tours for new students - 12th April 2021

You can book onto their Online Open Days through their websites linked above.

The 9-5 with Stacey Dooley...



The Ultimate Work Experience: Stacey takes five 16 to 18 years olds into industries crying out for young workers. Watch to find out how they got on.

Each episode lasts 30 minutes.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p06zhh9j/the-nine-to-five-with-stacey-dooley>

Apply for Work Experience...

Speakers for Schools have added more exclusive virtual work experience opportunities on the Experience portal. From creative roles to careers in sustainability we think there will be something for everyone. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible to have the best chance of success. [Sign in here](#) and go the Opportunities page to search and apply.



COMING UP NEXT TERM...

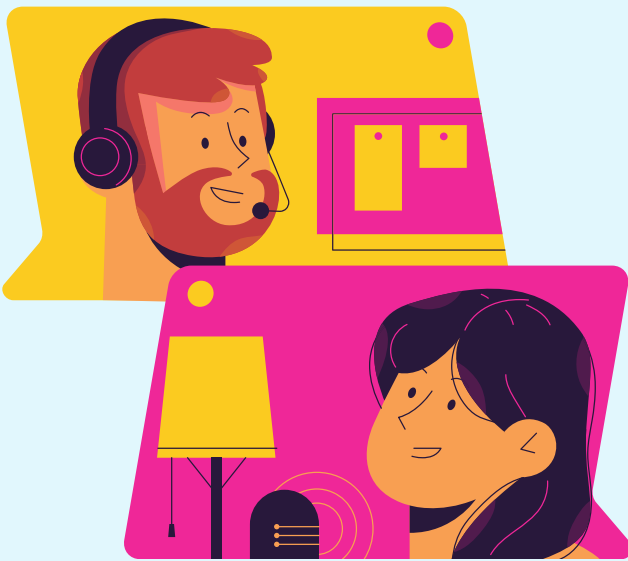
Destinations decisions for Year 11 and Year 13



The clock is ticking for you to make your decision about where you want to go in September 2021. This is a big step and you may have already decided what you want to do but if not we are offering one-to-one guidance sessions with the Careers Team to ensure you understand all of your options. If you would like to do some research during the holidays please take a look at the useful careers resources page at the back of the newsletter.

To arrange a session with the team please email Sarah Hughes - sarah.hughes@nefuturestc.co.uk

Work Experience Week



It looks like physical work experience won't be possible this year as many employers are still working from home or are facing their own challenges due to the pandemic.

Don't be disappointed, you didn't think the UTC would give up that easily did you?

We understand how important these experiences are so we are working with our employer partners to try and put together an experience week for our students that will happen on site but delivered by employers virtually.

Watch this space for more info...

NE1 Can - Summer Term Events

NE1 Can are offering lots of different opportunities for students to engage with employers across the UK. These events will give you an insight into their industries so you can find out more about how you could achieve a career in those sectors. Workshops include 'Writing for a Living', 'Careers under the microscope' and 'Careers in the Creative Industries'. You will see emails asking if you want to sign up for these opportunities in your inbox.





Apprenticeships



If you are interested in Apprenticeships but don't know where to start looking we have provided some useful links on the left. Apprenticeships can be extremely competitive so if you are serious about this pathway we would encourage you to apply for these opportunities now and apply for as many as possible so you have the best chance of success.

Supporting Parents and Carers...

It can be difficult as a parent to support your child to understand the options available to them once they leave secondary school or sixth form. We do a lot of work with students at the UTC to help them feel fully informed and comfortable to make these decisions.



As their closest role models children often find it easier to talk to parents about these decisions so we try to provide some clear and concise information to help you understand the various pathways and how you can support your child to achieve their aspirations. To continue these careers conversations at home we have introduced termly Careers updates for parents and students which are sent out in an 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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