

Choices Magazine

This is a critical time for Year 11 students as you make decisions about your next steps. We hope that many of you choose to stay at the UTC Sixth Form but we want you to understand all of the options available. Choices Magazine can be found [here](#) and it will give you lots of useful information and advice on what you should be doing to secure your destination in September. You can also complete the action plan created in your careers meeting to keep you on track.



Staying in Education

Did you know that it is a legal requirement to stay in education or training until 18? School leavers must decide which of the following pathways to take:

- stay in full-time education, for example at a college
- start an [apprenticeship](#) or [traineeship](#)
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training



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Considering your options

We have had a few of our local Colleges and Sixthforms in to talk to you about their offer this term. If you are interested in applying for any courses or you would just like some further information they have open days coming up for you to find out more –

[North East Futures UTC](#) – 29th March 5:30-7pm

[Newcastle College](#) – 22nd March 4:30-7pm

[Gateshead College](#) – 7th March 4:30-7pm

[Newcastle Sixth Form](#) – 2nd March 5-7pm





EY – Smart Futures 2022

EY are now recruiting eligible Year 12 students to join Smart Futures 2022. This is a 10 month programme which includes paid work experience, interactive employability skills training and mentoring.

Applications are open with limited places (I urge you to apply now to avoid disappointment). For more information and to apply [click here](#)



PwC's Pathway to Flying Start Programme

This is an access initiative to support young people to learn more about the apprenticeship opportunities available with PwC. Participants will also be invited to join PwC's summer work experience programme. If you are in Year 12 and would like to be involved contact Laura Hadwin.



Virtual Work Experience

Speakers for Schools are offering lots of exciting opportunities to gain valuable work experience over the February half term with some fantastic employers nationwide. Apply [here](#). Springpod is also offering some fantastic virtual work experience over the holiday you can [sign up here](#).



Women in Tech

This website provides helpful articles and guides that can advise you on getting started in a career in technology or how to make it in the world of tech as a woman. As a traditionally male dominated sector the landscape is changing and there are more opportunities for women in tech than ever before. <https://www.womenintech.co.uk/>

Considering a Healthcare career?

Medic Mentor are offering students who are thinking about a career in medicine the chance to attend some fantastic and insightful virtual conferences. Hosted by medical professionals from intensive care doctors to plastic surgeons these conferences can lead to opportunities for work experience and they look great on your CV. Sign up now for conferences happening in February and March – [click here](#)



Apprenticeship Vacancies

The Government has just released an updated version of their [Higher and Degree Apprenticeships vacancies](#) for companies from different sectors all over the UK. You can also take a look at the Apprenticeship finder tool for vacancies at all levels [here](#). Deadlines are fast approaching including for Accenture's apprenticeship programme closing to applications on 28 February so please get your applications in now!



Youth Card

Youth Card is a fantastic app for students to get access to exciting new opportunities in work experience, live broadcasts and discounts in some of your favourite stores. Download now to take advantage of some of the amazing opportunities available.

We hope you enjoyed the careers update this half term. If you have any questions or feedback please get in touch.

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