



CAREERS NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

We made it!! As the end of term fast approaches, we can look back on everything we have achieved this year with pride. Our Summer term has been packed full of wonderful achievements and exciting employer led experiences that have helped our young people build their employability skills and prepare for their future.

We now say goodbye and good luck to our Year 11 & 13 students and look forward to welcoming our new young future scientists and games designers to be inspired and excited by the UTC Curriculum. We wish all of our leavers the best of luck with their exam results and can't wait to see what they go on to achieve.

We welcome your feedback on our careers programme through our annual parent survey – [link here](#).

Many thanks as always for your support and I hope you have a wonderful Summer. With very best wishes.

Sarah Hughes
Careers Lead

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HELLO
SUMMER!



DESTINATION UNI

During Activities Week this year our Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit both Northumbria University and University of Sunderland. They learned about what University is like, how to navigate the campus' and why University could be the right choice for them.

With workshops ranging from learning about DNA in Biomedicine to experiencing a wind tunnel in Engineering the students had a great time finding out what the different courses had to offer and getting a taste of University life.



AVIATION ACADEMY

In May Year 10 and 11 students got the chance to visit the Aviation Academy at Newcastle Airport. Winner of the Queen's Anniversary Prize, this 12,000m² aircraft hangar is the only facility of its kind in the region. Home to both aeronautical engineering and aviation operations and cabin crew, this is as close as it gets to the real thing!

UTC students had the chance to tour the facility and find out about the different career options they could train for at the academy. They also got some hands on experience of the digital and mechanical skills different roles needed.

GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK

Our budding historians got the chance to visit the The Great North Museum: Hancock in June which is a museum of natural history and ancient civilisations in the centre of Newcastle.

Students got to explore different world cultures, ancient civilisations and historic events in the natural world and its inhabitants. The students had a great time learning about the history of the north and even got to try on their very own ancient headpieces.



SKY NEWS REPORTERS PROJECT

This term the Year 10 students had the chance to take part in the Sky News Reporters project with Jemimah in the English department.

Students got to see what it was like to be a roving reporter or journalist for the day completing research and working as part of a team to create and present their own news reports.

Each team was allowed to choose a topic they were interested in to be the focus of their report. Once they had created it they were ready to begin filming so each team chose a news anchor to present. They then submitted their finished film to Jemimah at the end of the project to be judged.

Congratulations to the winning team who included James M, Charlotte L, Charlotte S and Holly L-E. Also special mentions to Ben H, Riley J, Atty B, Mathew E and Bella G for their outstanding effort.



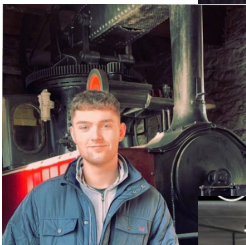
CAREER TALK SERIES



Jayne Parsley-Walsh from Mediaworks visited in March to give students a talk about her career and the different roles available within the company. Mediaworks are a rapidly growing Digital Media & Marketing company in the North East and are working with some top local and national brands.



In April **Natasha Geehan** joined us to provide an insight into **Enigma Interactive** who are an award winning specialist digital development agency based just around the corner from the UTC. Natasha talked about her own career journey and how important it was to push yourself out of your comfort zone as she was doing by delivering the talk.



Next **David Olive** from the **Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE)** provided a look into his education and early career as a Civil Engineering Apprentice. He explained how the Apprenticeship Programme was the best option for him and why he chose that pathway and career. He also provided some tips on how to apply for apprenticeships.



Finally this term we welcomed **Mads Howard** from **Sage** who spoke about her career journey to secure a key role in the Cyber Security Team. Mads was very honest that this wasn't her original plan but she had found something she loved to do and was passionate about. She even spoke about her dyslexia diagnosis and how it made her different in a good way. This really resonated with some of the students and showed them that even with additional challenges they can be successful in a role they love.



WORK EXPERIENCE

In July 2023 we saw a record number of UTC students secure placements with some fantastic employers across the North East.

Students were given the opportunity to apply for work experience with employers they would like to work for in the future.

Applying to the employers directly helped them to understand what it would be like to apply for a real job and it allowed them build skills in communication, resilience and confidence.

The feedback from employers has been overwhelmingly positive and the UTC students have represented the school as young professionals showing these employers that they understand their expectations and want to impress.

Well done to all of the students who completed their work experience and thank you for representing the UTC so professionally.

You can now use this experience to update your CV on Unifrog with the new skills you have learned.



OPPORTUNITIES

MEDIC MENTOR – PREPARING FOR UCAT EXAMS

Medic Mentor are a team of healthcare professionals supporting students who want to pursue a career in medicine, dentistry and veterinary fields. They host regular online and in person conferences, mentoring, work experience and workshops to support young people with their applications and understanding of these professions.

They are offering support workshops over the Summer for students who will be preparing for UCAT exams ready to submit their UCAS applications for Medicine next term.

These events can help you to understand the requirements and give you an insight into how to prepare for the exam so you should [Register here](#).



FREE UCAT GUIDE
CLICK HERE



NHS SURVEY

NHS England are conducting research to explore and improve ways in which young learners can access guidance content about healthcare apprenticeships.

They have put together a list of user needs that are relevant to people who may use guidance content about healthcare apprenticeships and need your feedback on whether these needs are important to you.

Take the short survey today! [Click here](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

HAVE YOUR SAY

The CEC's Youth Advisory Group, supported by The British Youth Council, brings together a diverse group of young people from across England, aged 15-25, with unique lived experiences of the education system and transitioning through to the world of work.

They're currently recruiting for their 2023 cohort. To make a difference to the careers education system and have your voice heard [apply here](#).

Youth Advisory Group Member Application Pack



Image description: woman and young person smile at each other in a classroom setting

Closing date: 09:00am 24th July 2023

SIDE HUSTLE



Not Going To Uni and Gen Z Talks have started a new programme called Side Hustle Network.

It aims to empower, educate, and connect young people with an entrepreneurial mindset by bringing together young founders, ambitious entrepreneurs, and employers to cultivate a supportive network for individuals engaged in side hustles.

[Find out more and read about their first online events here.](#)

Y12 WORK EXPERIENCE WITH NAO

Join the NAO for a one-week work experience placement!

- Gain an understanding of what it takes to be a Chartered Accountant,
- Practice an assessment centre to support your future apprenticeship/graduate application,
- Earn a competitive salary!



[Click here to apply](#)

RESULTS DAY 101 - YEAR 13

So. It's here. The day you've been trying to forget about all summer. We've got some tips to get you through it.

Results Day for Year 13 is on **Thursday 17th August 2023** and you can come into school to collect your results from 8am.

The Night Before:

Have Your UCAS Login Details at the Ready.

Because there's nothing worse than receiving your results and not quite knowing if you've made it onto your uni course.

Have Your University Contact Details at the Ready.

You might not get the results you were hoping for but this doesn't necessarily mean you won't be accepted onto your course. Contacting your university directly is the easiest way of getting all the info you need before things get too manic.

On the Day:

Check UCAS Track Early.

Not everyone knows this but you can actually view your university confirmation here from 8am. You'll still need to pick up your results from school but seeing an early university place confirmation beforehand can really take the pressure off!

Don't Make Hasty Decisions

It's easy to make a snap decision on something that will significantly impact your future because you feel pressure from friends, family, universities and even yourself.

If you **don't get the results you need** for your firm or insurance choices, there are still options. Talk to your universities first and then find out your eligibility for Clearing – you might be able to find a place on an alternative course.

If you're lucky enough to **surpass the results you need** for your firm choice, there are also options. Consider Adjustment. – here, you can swap your firm choice for a place on a course with higher entry requirements.

Take some time to think through your options. University is YOUR experience so don't feel the need to grab a place at whichever university is available just because you're stressed. If you don't get the results you were hoping for don't panic! There are lots of people on hand on results day to help you with the clearing process and we will be there to support you to find the perfect backup plan.



RESULTS DAY 101 - YEAR 11

You will have been anticipating this day all Summer! Here's some useful info. to get you through it.

Results Day for Year 11 is on **Thursday 24th August 2023** and you can come into school to collect your results from 9am.

The Night Before:

Who have you applied to for September?

The provider you are applying to will have probably sent you an email to let you know what you need to do when you receive your results. They may want you to go to an enrolment day or just to confirm your place but you will need to know what you should do after you open that envelope.

Have contact details ready.

For each provider you have applied to make sure you have contact information and you know what their expectations are.

For instance – If you have applied to the UTC you will confirm your place and your subject choices with the Admissions Team on results day.

On the Day:

Didn't get the results you were hoping for?

This doesn't necessarily mean you won't be accepted onto your course. Contacting your course provider directly is the easiest way of getting all the info you need before you start to panic.

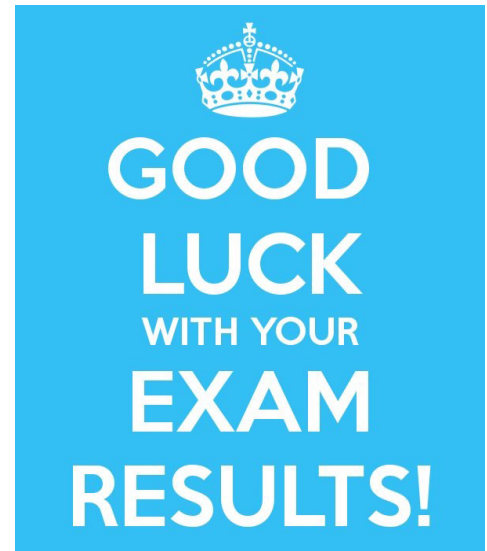
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If you **don't get the results you need** for your courses, there are still options. Talk to the colleges first and then find out if they are able to offer you a place on the course you have applied for or a similar alternative.

If you're lucky enough to **surpass the results** you need for your course, there are also options. You may be able to swap the course you have applied for a place on a course with higher entry requirements.

Take some time to think through your options. This is your future and you should consider what is right for you, try not to make a rash decision just because you're stressed. There are lots of people on hand on results day to help you to figure out your destination decision if you need some support.





DENTAL TECHNICIAN

Dental technicians design, make & repair the dental appliances used to improve a patient's appearance, speech or ability to chew.



Salary*

£22,000
to £58,000



Skills

- ability to work well with your hands
- attention to detail
- ability to analyse quality
- thinking & reasoning skills



Subjects

A great job if you love biology.



Jobs

6% more jobs nationally by 2023

* In 2018 the national average salary was £29,000. Remember, this figure will go up or down, depending on where you live.



- ➔ View information on 800+ jobs.
- ➔ Assess your skills using the Skills Map.
- ➔ Use the Course Search or Start with a Subject.

CAREERPILOT.ORG.UK

CAREERPILOT IS A ONE-STOP, IMPARTIAL CAREERS WEBSITE FOR 11-19 YEAR OLDS IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. THE SITE IS FREE TO USE AND IS CO-FUNDED BY 20 UNIVERSITY AND NCOP PARTNERS.



USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS

Career Mag for Parents - A useful online magazine which includes sector highlights, Labour Market Information and Post-16 options explained.



The Parent Perspective Podcast - an exiting podcast series for parents and carers helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance.

Find an Apprenticeship - all levels of apprenticeship vacancies which can be searched for by location. A good tool to use with your child to explore apprenticeships.



A Parents Guide to University - UniTasterDays have created a definitive guide to help parents and carers support your child with their higher education decisions.



A Parents Toolkit for Career Conversations - created to help you have informed and constructive conversations with your child about the different pathways available to them.



Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK. We would encourage parents to use the platform with their child to support them through the process of deciding their next step. Video of how Unifrog works. Setup a Parent login with form code 'NEAFparents' here

Medic Mentor - If your child is considering a career in Medicine, Veterinary or Dental we urge you to encourage them to sign up to Medic Mentor. They offer conferences, mentoring and work experience with industry professionals to help them get a head start in their applications. Sign up here



Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Listings - If your child is in Year 13 and they are hoping to secure an apprenticeship ready for September, Amazing Apprenticeships have now updated their comprehensive list of current vacancies. Click here

Amazing Apprenticeships produce a monthly Parents' and Carers' Pack to provide up to date information about all things apprenticeships. From the latest vacancies to growing industries this information can inspire you and your child to consider the Apprenticeship pathway. Click here.





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AIMS Guide are a group of medical students committed to making medicine more accessible to everyone, regardless of their background. The AIMS.Guide vision is for all medicine applicants to have a fair chance at securing a place on a medical degree, regardless of their circumstances. To apply to their mentorship programme [click here](#).



Nuffield Research Placements offer some fantastic supported research placements in different sectors. Students have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution towards the work of a host organisation through a well-supervised but independent research collaboration relating to an area of science, quantitative social science, computing, technology, engineering or maths (or a combination!). For more information [click here](#)



Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK. We encourage all students to regularly update their Unifrog profile adding experiences and skills as they progress through their UTC journey. By creating a great careers profile you will be gradually preparing the information you need to make applications to University, Apprenticeships or work. [Click here to login.](#)