North East Learning Trust

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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For students, parents and educators across our trust schools

Thanks to our dedicated staff, the school year is off to a strong and inspiring start. Classrooms are full of energy, learning goals are in motion, and student engagement is high. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for their continuous support.

Your future starts now!

Project Manager

Responsible for planning, organising and overseeing projects to ensure they are completed on time, within budget, and to the required standard. They coordinate people, resources and deadlines, acting as a link between clients, stakeholders and project teams.

Believe Housing

One of the largest housing associations in the Northeast, managing over 18,000 homes across County Durham and supporting local communities through housing, employment, wellbeing and regeneration projects. They employ hundreds of people in a wide range of roles, demonstrating that housing is much more than simply building and maintaining homes.

Did you know?

Housing associations need professionals from dozens of different specialisms. Whether you are interested in construction, business, finance, technology, customer service or community work, there could be a career for you within the housing sector.

What's the salary?

Could you earn more as a Plumber, a Midwife or a Wind Turbine Technician?

Check out the answers here: https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers

SEND

You can find information on job support if you have special educational needs or a disability here!

Extra resources for job searching sites can be found here.

Unifrog

As a school, we use Unifrog, the platform designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures. Unifrog is suitable for all age groups from Year 7 - Year 13. Each student has their own account, where they can explore careers and next steps options available to them. They can complete quizzes, write CVs, and explore a wide range of job roles.

Please encourage your child to log onto Unifrog. It's a fantastic platform designed to support students in making decisions about their future.

Feature Article

Why employers value skills as much as qualifications

Qualifications are important, but employers also look for the skills that help people succeed at work. While qualifications show what you have learned, skills show how you apply that knowledge in real-life situations.

Many employers say they can teach job-specific knowledge, but they value qualities such as reliability and a positive attitude just as highly. That's why activities such as work experience, volunteering, sports teams, clubs and leadership roles are so important. They help young people develop the skills employers look for in every industry.

Top skills employers look for:

Communication ***Digital skills*** ***Teamwork*** ***Resilience***

Adaptability ***Problem solving*** ***Organisation***

Always remember that qualifications may help you get an interview, but your skills often help you secure the job and succeed in your career.

Online Resources

National Careers Service

Explore hundreds of careers profiles, discover salary information and learn about current labour market trends to help you make informed decisions about your future.

Success at School

A careers website designed for young people, featuring employer insights, career pathway information and interactive resources.

ASK Programme

Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge Programme provides free information and resources to help students, parents and teachers undertsand apprenticeships and technical education.

Year Group Focus

Year 7	Learn about different jobs and industries, take part in careers activities and start making connections between school subjects and future careers.
Year 8	Focus on teamwork, communication, problem solving and organisation through clubs, sports, volunteering and encrichment activities.
Year 9	Research careers linked to your interests and consider how GCSE options may support future pathways.
Year 10	Prepare for work experience, engage with employers, update your Unifrog profile and begin researching post-16 options.
Year 11	Apply for sixth form, college, apprenticeships or training. Attend open events and make sure you have a clear progression plan.
Year 12	Research university, degree apprenticeships and employment routes. Gain work experience, volunteer, attend careers events, and start
Year 13	Finalise applications for university, apprenticeships or employ-ment. Prepare for interviews, assessment centres and student finance applications. Make sure you have a clear plan for life after sixth form.

Parents' Reminder

Encourage your child to:

- Attend open days and careers events.
- Explore careers regularly on Unifrog.
- Talk to employers and professionals.
- Build experiences through volunteering, clubs and part-time work.
- Keep an open mind about different pathways, including apprenticeships, college, university and employment.

The earlier students start exploring their options, the more confident and informed they will be when making important decisions about their future.

Top Tips

The world of work is constantly changing. Stay curious, ask questions, attend careers events and take every opportunity to learn about different jobs, industries and pathways. The more you explore, the more informed your future decisions will be!

Labour Market

Top Sectors to watch:

- Green Energy and Offshore Wind
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Health and Social Care
- Digital and Technology
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Logisitics and Supply Chain

Young people who develop strong employability skills, achieve good qualifications and remain open to different pathways, including apprenticeships, college and university, will be well placed to take advantage of the opportunities available across the North East.