

CAREERS CORNER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Hello and welcome from the 2nd edition of the John Port careers newsletter, "Careers Corner".

In November's edition, I talked about the virtual evenings that are taking place at the moment due to Covid 19. Until it is safe to visit institutions that interest you, these virtual sessions are important in helping with your career choices. If you are going to be studying / working in an environment for 2 or plus years, I advise that you look around them through the lens of a screen for now. Factors to consider are the location – is it in a city / town or in a rural setting, how to commute and the length of time it takes to commute from your home or accommodation to your destination. The virtual sessions also give you the opportunity to talk to course tutors and often students who are currently studying courses or apprenticeships that interest you. In addition, by attending, you are expressing an interest in the venue and will contribute as a positive towards your application.

I have put together some useful websites and opportunities as a broad overview:

Sixth form Virtual Open Evening 2020: John Port Spencer Academy is pleased to invite you to our 'Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening' where you will find all you need to know about applying for post-16 study. Please click on the link for access. Virtual open evening:

<https://sites.google.com/johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk/virtualopenevenings5/home>

The prospectus and subject films will give you an overview of the courses available and you will get to meet the Sixth Form Team: <http://www.johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk/sixth-form/>

Please note the deadline for online applications is 11th December 2020. If you have any questions or would like any further information please contact the team via email: sixthform@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk.

If you have missed this date the application will still be open until the 7th January 2021.

Derby College: Virtual Open Days – please follow the link and pre-register to attend

<https://www.derby-college.ac.uk/news-events/events/tag/Virtual%20Open%20Day>

Burton College: Virtual Open Days – please follow the link and pre-register to attend

<https://www.bsdc.ac.uk/events/864-virtual-live-talks>

UCAS: THE nationally accredited government website for all UK universities. This website offers advice on all aspects of university life, before and afterwards. The link below will be a great starting point to explore the world of Higher Education

<https://www.ucas.com/what-are-my-options>

Rate My Apprenticeships (organisation which specialises in apprenticeships): They are inviting you to join 5,000 school and college students at RateMyApprenticeship's Virtual Event. It's an opportunity for you to meet these companies, find out more about apprenticeships and get key information about how to apply. Limited space is available so I would advise to register sooner rather than later.

<https://bit.ly/3o7qorg>

Apprenticeship Opportunities

TOYOTA DERBY: The Toyota Derby Motor Manufacturing Burnaston plant are currently recruiting for two apprenticeship opportunities that are open for 2021. Toyota will be hiring 36 students for their Production Apprenticeship and 12 students for their Maintenance Apprenticeship. The start date for the apprenticeships is scheduled for September 2021.

Please follow the link below for details of the open days and how to apply – the closing date is 20th December 2020.

<https://recruitment.toyotauk.com/apprenticeships/>

THE NAVY: Joining the Royal Navy doesn't just set you up with skills for life and a good wage from day one. You'll experience travel, adventure, friendships and challenges - no two days will be the same. A career with the Royal Navy offers you more than any job you'll find in civilian life, you'll go places you've never been, experience things you wouldn't anywhere else, and develop skills you don't even know you have yet.

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers/>

THE ARMY: Did you know that nearly all soldiers begin an apprenticeship when they join? There are 40+ apprenticeship schemes from animal care to vehicle maintenance.

<https://apply.army.mod.uk/what-we-offer/regular-soldier/skills>

ROLLS ROYCE: On Wednesday 9th December - for students/parents/teachers interested in finding out about **degree apprenticeships** starting next year. There will be degree apprentices who can talk through their programmes and can be asked anything about the programme. There will be an online session to talk through the application process and hints and tips: <https://forms.gle/3BE2bRbgcLhZbdK37> (4.30-5.30pm)

NETWORK RAIL: The Rail industry is currently going through one of the largest transformations ever. Network rail are investing over £45 billion in the next five years to support the expansion and the modernisation of the rail network. Do you have the hunger to implement change? Do you have an open-minded approach, and do you want to work for an organisation that will develop you to the best you can be? If so, then it's time to hop on board, because at the next stop, a career full of excitement, change and innovation awaits!

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/careers>

I have asked members of staff here at John Port to share their experiences of how they have arrived at their current destination. A big thank you to Mrs. Bailey and Mr. Roberts for their contribution.

Mrs. Bailey: Head of German:

I always wanted to be an MFL teacher ever since I was taught by Mrs Smith, my French teacher, at Middle school. She really brought the lessons to life and she was always so passionate about the French language. I was really upset when I had to move to the Upper school across the road and she was no longer my teacher! I was even more upset when I had to begin learning German as well! I had studied French for four years and all of a sudden, I was presented with another language that was so very different and I took an instant dislike... I begged my mum to write a letter and ask that I could be removed from my German lessons but she said that sometimes you have to work at things and I'm glad that she didn't let me simply give up as I am now the Head of German here at JPSA and I absolutely love the German language! Once I gave German a chance, I continued to really enjoy my MFL lessons, I opted for GCSE French and German and I also continued to learn both languages at A-level. To keep my options open, just in case I suddenly

decided that I didn't want to become a teacher, I studied for a language's degree at the University of Leicester and then did an additional year of a PGCE course for teacher training. During the 3rd year of my 4-year University course, I spent a year abroad – I went to University in France for 6 months and I then went to University in Germany for 6 months. It was great to be able to speak French and German with native speakers and I met lots of people from different cultural backgrounds. I'm still in contact with a few of them even now! The world is your oyster when you have the ability to speak a foreign language and there are so many careers that you could embark on; my late grandad was keen for me to get into interpreting and travel the world translating for diplomats etc. but my heart has always belonged to being a teacher and I love being in the classroom imparting my knowledge of the French and German languages!

Mr. Roberts: Head of P.E:

To enable me to become a qualified teacher, I completed a three-year undergraduate degree at Bishop Grosseteste University, located in Lincoln, with upper second-class honours. The Education and Sport course I studied involved learning about key issues in education as well as learning about sport and physical activity. I then completed a postgraduate degree at Loughborough University. This was a Secondary PGCE in Physical Education. This involved learning about teaching pedagogy and involved several teaching practices. Prior to becoming a teacher, I also worked as a sports coach, a Bikeability instructor, as well as working in a local butcher shop!

If you have any particular requests with regards to information on a subject area or topic to be included in next month's newsletter or have any queries or concerns whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me on sco@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Take care and stay safe!

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