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Hello and welcome from the 3rd edition of the John Port careers newsletter, "Careers Corner". The current situation with regards to virtual events from a careers point of view continues and is again, vital for all individuals for careers information, education advice and guidance. In order to keep all options and outlooks as broad as possible until you are clear with regards to your destination, I would advise all to visit as many virtual careers' events as you can, aimed at subjects and topics that are of interest to you.

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

- **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>
- **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair - Wednesday 27 January** - The first of these events will be the UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair which will take place between 12 and 6pm on the 27th January. This free virtual event for students in years 11, 12 and 13, will feature a diverse range of exhibitors and vital webinars. Students, teachers and parents can find out more and [sign up here.](#)
- **Virtual Work Experience Opportunities** – Work and life experiences are I feel invaluable in order to ascertain how you react in different situations, with different people and in various industries and sectors.



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- **HSBC Work Experience:** - Opportunities across the whole of the UK, in financial services, investment banking, marketing, digital compliance and HR. The work experience opportunities will be available from June to August and will be 1 week long. This is open to all Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students – applications close on 21<sup>st</sup> February. The application link is: <https://bit.ly/3rjRjT2>

### **Apprenticeship Opportunities**

**McDONALDS DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP:** McDonald's is the largest restaurant chain in the world. We serve over 3.7 million customers a day in our 1,300 UK restaurants alone. Customer experience is at the heart of everything we do, and as our business continues to grow we continually look for new ways to lead from the front.

[Find out more](#)

The role will involve catering and hospitality, is available throughout the UK and the closing date for applications is 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**APPRENTICESHIPS AT FUJITSU:** Fujitsu offer a wide range of apprenticeships that your students can select from and we provide lots of support to help them adjust to the world of work once they join us. This support includes an incredible 24-month modular development programme, which allows your students to build and develop both their business and soft skills. If they prove themselves within our organisation, there are also fantastic opportunities available both in their role and in our apprentice community. Closing date for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

[View all roles](#)

### **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>

### **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 **Mr. Thomas – Business Studies Trainee Teacher**:

Having graduated from the University of Lincoln with a BA(Hons) Marketing, I embarked on a career in the Marketing industry that spanned a year and decided I wasn't suited to an office environment. After a bit of deliberation over my career path, I wanted to use my degree in pursuing a career in Education. Subsequently, I volunteered at Nottingham Forest Football Club, where I worked within their 'Playing for Success' initiative and helped young people enhance their Maths, English and IT skills. Following on from that, I was offered a paid role, years contract with Playing For Success for a year. Whilst working for Playing For Success, I also had a part-time job at a local Morrisons supermarket to earn more money.

After a year, I gained a job at Bladon House School where I worked with students with challenging behaviour and complex autism. I then decided to gain more experience within a secondary setting and secured a role as a Teaching Assistant at Allestree Woodlands School. I was there for four years and worked within the SEN department; teaching intervention groups, assisting in class and getting involved with Teaching English as a Foreign Language. In 2014, I attempted to get onto the Graduate Teacher Training Programme but didn't succeed, so I threw caution to the wind and got a job in Shanghai, China, Teaching English as a Foreign Language. This was a huge culture shock but I was glad I bit the bullet and did it. It was definitely an opportunity that I ticked off my bucket list.

After arriving back in England, I worked on supply as a Cover Supervisor throughout various schools in Derby, before being offered a job as Learning Support Mentor at JCB Academy. At JCB Academy, I had my own Year 11 mentor group and was responsible for sending reports home on a monthly basis to parents as to their son or daughters progress. I did this, as well as assisting in class in Engineering and English.

Whilst working at JCB Academy, I met a colleague who headhunted me for an Apprentice Intake Executive role at 3aaa Apprenticeships in Derby. Here, I was responsible for recruiting apprentices onto Level 3 and 4, Professional Services apprenticeships. It involved visiting local schools to recruit young people and attending network events to promote the work that we did. I worked there for a few years until 2018, when the company went into liquidation. In the next few years I stuck with working with training providers but I wanted to reconnect with my main aspiration of becoming a teacher.

I decided to go back to mainstream education and a second stint at Allestree Woodlands School as a Teaching Assistant and this is when I applied for the School Centred Initial Teacher Training at George Spencer Academy Trust in Business Studies. To conclude, that now brings me to John Port Spencer Academy where I'm now pursuing my qualification.

Mr Thomas

GSAT – SCITT – Business Studies Trainee Teacher

### **Opportunity to explore careers for Year 7 through to Year 11:**

Please follow the link, take the quiz and look at the results, research topics, jobs and subjects that interest you. A great way to make your careers research fun! [https://sacu-student.com/?page\\_id=8095](https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=8095)

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](mailto:sco@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Take care and stay safe! Mrs Coulson - Careers Advisor