



April 2021

Hello and welcome from the 6th edition of the John Port careers newsletter, “Careers Corner”. As we gradually, “open-up” again as a nation and economy as a whole – hip hip hooray! – our young people need our combined support now more than ever. The majority of young people now are entering the world of work / courses / apprenticeships and universities into a landscape that has with all probability changed and has its challenges, dependant on the industry or sector chosen, which of course can be extremely positive. In my mind’s eye, the pandemic has totally reiterated the concept that society as a whole need to embrace change and come to terms with the fact that we cannot always predict the future. We are living in a, “transition” era, which is one of the key fundamental concepts of strong and effective Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance. The Careers Curriculum here at John Port has and continues to, deliver impartially across all Year Groups in terms of enabling our young people to adapt to change with regards to their future choices and career aspirations, allowing them to make these choices armed with the well informed, realistic and current careers advice and guidance that is given.

A very big thank you to Mr. Hornsby, Teacher of Computing for sharing his experiences to date which has allowed him to arrive at his current destination:

Mr Hornsby – Teacher of Computing

I graduated university with a degree in Information Management in 2010 and joined a graduate scheme working as an Information Analyst for a Technology company outside of London for 1 year. While I appreciated the opportunities this job offered, I realised that office-based work wasn’t for me. Unsure what to do with my career I travelled for 18 months around East Asia. I taught English (ESL) at a high school in Thailand for 12 of those months which is where my interest in teaching was sparked.

Upon my return to the UK I worked as a Teaching Assistant for a year working with children with Special Educational Needs. I then completed my PGDE in Computer Science in 2014 and I’ve worked here at John Port since where I teach both Computer Science and Digital Media. I enjoy my job and enjoy working with young people. If you asked me in school what career path I would have chosen it would not have been teaching, but I’m glad how things have worked out. While you may be thinking of career paths that you want to explore, you are not setting these in stone and there is no telling where you may go in the future.

Please find below some beneficial and useful links:

AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS



ASK Summer Transitions programme

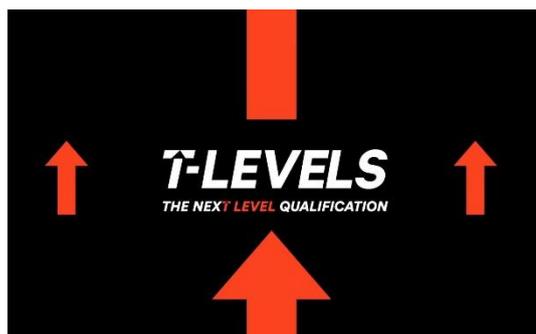
New for 2021, ASK is introducing a new of range presentations and resources to assist young people in years 11 & 13 to understand the options available to them locally.

For further details, [click here](#).

Student competition

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) has launched a new competition to win £250, asking students in years 10-13 to write about big economic challenges by 21 May 2021.

Find out how you can get involved [here](#).



T Levels: resources webinar

Join this [webinar](#) on 5th May at 3.30pm to hear about new resources and information about T Levels.

TRAINEESHIPS

Join the ESFA traineeships team on 11th May at 4pm for the latest traineeships' news and info.

The webinar is designed for teachers, careers professionals and anyone else wanting to support young people to access traineeships. **Register [here](#)**.

Get Ahead Newsletter issue 3

The latest [Get Ahead issue](#) from Disability Rights UK is now available to download.

It includes information on

- Post-16 options and T Levels
- Further and Higher Education
- Support available in college and university
- Funding for disabled students
- Plus, much more!

Disability Rights UK **Get Ahead** Magazine Issue 3

The Disability Rights UK magazine, resource, and toolkit co-edited with and for young people

Stay informed with news and information on your journey through education, training and work

Sixteen - what next?
This Get Ahead magazine edition covers information on Further and Higher Education and looks at post-16 pathways, support, qualifications and experiences from learners.

Accessing Further and Higher Education (FE and HE) as a disabled person
Further and Higher Education can be a great way to pick up new skills, open new career options or prepare for vocational training as well as the social and mental benefits too. This is no different for a disabled person and a college or university can and will help you break down barriers to access the education and qualifications you choose.

Are there limited options for me as a disabled student?
No not at all! Whether you are 16 or 50, there is a huge variety of courses available. Options range from courses covering the basics of reading, writing and numbers to GCSEs, A Levels, and degrees. There are also opportunities to get into work-based learning including apprenticeships. This is something your school or local Job Centre can also help you with.

Can I get the financial support I need?
If you have a disability, health condition (including mental health conditions) or a specific learning difficulty, you may be entitled to claim extra financial help as a student.

For further information on Further Education, tuition fee loans, bursary funds, transport issues or charitable trusts, go to our DR UK [Funding Further Education Factsheet](#) or contact our student helpline:

- Opening hours: 11am-1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Telephone: 0330 395 0414
- Email: students@disabilityrightsuk.org

T Levels: A new career-focused alternative to A levels

T Levels are a new qualification for students aged 16 to 19 who've finished GCSEs. They are the biggest reform to vocational training in a generation, giving young people the skills, knowledge, and attitude to excel in their careers. They will suit students who wish to start working towards a skilled occupation, prefer a practical approach to learning and want a predominantly classroom-based course.

With T Level being equivalent to 3 A Levels, T Level graduates will have opportunities to move straight into work, to further study or an apprenticeship.

What skills are available? Over the next few years, T Levels will scale to include 24 courses, covering 11 skill areas.

The [Amazing Apprenticeship](#) website has a great collection of resources and activities designed for teachers, careers staff, students and parents that will help you to understand all there is to know about the new courses.

Do the T-level quiz!
Suitable for students and teachers alike, take this short T Levels quiz to challenge yourself and see just how much you know about T Levels!

Find out more about T Levels at www.tlevels.gov.uk
<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students>, #TLevelsTechEd, @TLevelsGov

Throughout this magazine we hope to help you break down barriers and dispel beliefs that as a disabled person you do not have the option of Further or Higher Education or support to access it.

BDO



At BDO, you can make an impact from day one - with early client exposure and the kind of complex, challenging problems that will really make the most of your skills. If you're ready to start earning while you learn, somewhere that will bring out the best in you, our Apprenticeship

Programme lets you do all of this and more.

Who are BDO?

We're one of the UK's largest Accountancy and Business Advisory firms providing Audit, Advisory, Tax and Business Services & Outsourcing services to clients across a huge range of sectors in the UK and internationally.

What you'll do here?

A career in accountancy is about much more than numbers. You'll enjoy gaining invaluable experience in a commercial environment, working on real business projects and collaborating with leading industry professionals who respect and value your contribution.

What's our culture like?

It's easy to be inspired at BDO. We believe the sharing of unique perspectives is what makes our business stronger. For you, this means the chance to thrive in a collaborative, inclusive workplace. Here, you'll always feel free to be yourself. Your counselling manager or buddy will provide you with support and advice whenever you need it. As you'd expect, we offer a competitive salary and first-class benefits package, but trainees often tell us that our friendly and welcoming culture is what really drew them to BDO.

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BERKELEY ST EDWARD PROPERTY DEVELOPERS

On Wednesday 12th May we're hosting an Insight to Careers in Property Development with **FTSE 100 company Berkeley St Edward**. Throughout the evening they will be taking us through the main components of their business: Property Development, Construction, Architecture, Interior Design. Berkeley Group are a publicly-owned FTSE 100 company listed on the London Stock Exchange. They build beautiful, successful places, blending homes, parks and public realm with great facilities to create fantastic communities. They have built more than 19,200 homes in the last five years, across London, Birmingham and the South of England and have a very strong presence all across the UK.

Insight to Property Development:

- Wednesday 12th May, 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Application Link: <https://www.research.net/r/Berkeley-Group-Event>

MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS

You already know Mitchells & Butlers, even if you don't realise it! With over 1600 pubs, bars and restaurants across the UK with well-known brands, you can begin an apprenticeship with Harvester, Toby Carvery, All Bar One, or Miller and Carter.

Don't miss out – [Apply today!](#)

Why Mitchells & Butlers?



Award Winning Support

We're not the only ones who think it's a brilliant place to work, our apprenticeship schemes have won over 20 awards. With a mixture of face-to-face and digital meetings with your dedicated trainer, and a buddy at work, you'll be fully supported when you join the M&B family.



Pick a Perk

Bag yourself great deals and discounts from your favourite retailers, access our cycle to work scheme and enjoy cashback. It's all available with pick a perk.



Earn While You Learn

Don't fancy student debt? With 30 hours work each week (paid above National Minimum Apprentice Wage) and 28 days paid holiday, you can make the most of your time both in and out of work.



Love Eating Out?

You'll love it even more with a massive 33% discount across all our brands when you join us. Whether it's date night at Miller & Carter or family roast at Toby Carvery, we've got you covered.



Get 'Inn' on this!

Fancy a short city break or the countryside escape? We've got you covered, you can enjoy discounted rooms in one of 44 Innkeepers Lodges from London to Loch Lomond.

There's still time to apply to a place on one of our programmes. Start a career that will bring out the best in you.

REMIT TRAINING

Remit Training is a leading, national Apprenticeships provider.

We've worked with over 7000 employers – from big brands that everyone knows like Coca-Cola, The Body Shop, Nando's and Travelodge to name a few, through to local and regional companies, all across the country and we've helped over 40,000 apprentices find a career.



[Click here to apply](#)

HSBC BANK

Interested in a career in Banking & Finance? How does the idea of working for Europe's largest bank sound? On May 5th from 5pm - 6pm, we'll be hosting an online webinar event with HSBC as they will be letting us know all about their UK-wide Summer Work Experience and Apprenticeship opportunities.

With more than 200,000 employees and offices worldwide, HSBC is one of the world's leading international banks.

HSBC offer roles across all of their major business areas, including retail, private, commercial and investment banking, as well as jobs in operational and support functions such as audit, compliance, risk management, legal, finance, human resources and technology.

If banking and finance is something you think you might be interested in, this event is for you!

If you'd like to apply to this exclusive event, please click on the registration link below.

Registration Link: <https://www.research.net/r/HSBC-UK>



WORK EXPERIENCE

Due to the current climate, work experience placements are very difficult to secure, there are lots of virtual experiences available across a broad range of employment sectors. Please see the websites below for more details. Sessions are available for students age between 14 – 18 years.



Marketing Virtual
Work Experience

[Learn more](#)

Deadline: 24th May 2021



Psychology Virtual
Work Experience

[Learn more](#)

Deadline: 24th May 2021



Virgin Media Insight
Days

[Learn more](#)

*21st April and 6th May
2021*



Engineering Virtual
Work Experience

[Learn more](#)

Deadline: 24th May 2021



Dentistry Virtual Work
Experience

[Learn more](#)

Deadline: 24th May 2021

DERBY COLLEGE VIRTUAL OPEN EVENTS

DCG Get Hired: Virtual Jobs Fair

Are you looking for Part Time, Full Time & Apprenticeship vacancies?
Register for our Virtual Event today!

Thursday 20th May 2021 5pm - 7pm (pre-registration is required)

We are delighted to announce our Virtual Jobs Fair: Get Hired 2021. The event will showcase the opportunities available to people at local businesses and organisations and will provide CV Skills Masterclasses and more! See below the confirmed list of employers who will be hosting webinars, Q&A and/or supplying loads of great information, videos and advice! *(We will continue to update this list as more employers confirm so keep your eyes peeled for updates).*

[Read more...](#) TAGGED UNDER: [Virtual Open Day](#)

DCG A-Level Virtual Taster Evening:

All A-Level courses are based at the Joseph Wright Centre.

Wednesday 26th May 2021 4pm - 6pm (pre-registration is required)

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting an A-Levels Virtual Taster Evening to support students who are considering taking A-Levels at the Joseph Wright Centre in September 2021. You will be able to attend up to 4 Virtual Taster sessions during the event to make sure your chosen subjects are something you will enjoy. See below the breakdown of what Virtual Tasters you can join.

[Read more...](#) TAGGED UNDER: [Virtual Open Day](#)

DCG A-Level Virtual Taster Evening:

All A-Level courses are based at the Joseph Wright Centre.

Wednesday 30th June 2021 4pm - 6pm (pre-registration is required)

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting an A-Levels Virtual Taster Evening to support students who are considering taking A-Levels at the Joseph Wright Centre in September 2021. You will be able to attend up to 4 Virtual Taster sessions during the event to make sure your chosen subjects are something you will enjoy. See below the breakdown of what Virtual Tasters you can join.

[Read more...](#)

If you have any specific queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on sco@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Take care,
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