

## CAREERS CORNER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



**JULY 2021**

Hello and welcome from the final edition for the academic year of the John Port careers newsletter, "Careers Corner". The Academy is in a fantastic position to deliver impartial, effective and current Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance as we continue to enhance our careers curriculum across all school years, from Year 11 through to Year 13. The Academy has also gained a robust national resource in terms of recording, analysing and comparing data and current and predicted trends throughout the country. This "Compass Plus" toolkit will look at all courses, labour market trends, employer engagement, local funding and all opportunities related to the rebuilding of the economy which in turn will reflect on our students. We all play our part in supporting our young people to achieve their aspirations and helping them to consider and grow their skills for their future. With this in mind, I look forward to the challenges that lay ahead for next year and thoroughly embrace the transition and change to help our young people move forward - to be self-aware, confident and above all happy - in society and the career paths that each individual will follow. Have a great summer! 😊

**A big thank you to the Academy's Attendance Welfare Officer, Mrs. A Allen for her amazing contribution to this month's edition:**

I left school at 16 in the 1970's having no idea what I wanted to do as a career and I went to college to do further qualifications and help me decide. There were lots of jobs around but I didn't know much about what they entailed. I only had knowledge of my family's jobs and I didn't really want to do similar. I think it was and still is hard to make decisions about careers at a young age. There were no career's advisors around to help me mainly because we lived at a fairly remote Royal Naval establishment in Scotland beside the sea, a US naval base and a nuclear power station. Most of my friends were naval children and many joined the Royal Navy or Merchant Navy.

My favourite subjects at school were English, French, History, Art and PE. As some family were teachers or nurses I was starting to think along those lines. I applied to the Royal Navy with thoughts of becoming an Education Officer or nurse (QARNNS) and incorporating travel to different countries. I also knew that being an officer meant responsibility which I liked.

In the meantime, I applied for a job as a trainee hairdresser and also a traineeship at UKAEA (United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority) Dounreay Nuclear Power Station. I was offered both and decided to join the UKAEA. I really took to the varied training, cancelled the navy ideas and stayed with the UKAEA for 5 years. I had to be security cleared at the highest level in order to work on documents and systems. I trained in various departments and most enjoyed training others. I got to work alongside the US navy for a short joint project which was really interesting. They had an onsite ten pin bowling alley too which no one else had for hundreds of miles around. I eventually joined their bowling league. There were a lot of opportunities to do civil service qualifications within the UKAEA and if you got A grades your weekly wage was boosted. At 17 years old I started on £33 a week which was a lot back then and boosted that with the additional qualifications.

As the work was very serious and intense I also incorporated a fun role as a tour guide taking visitors round the Reactor. As I was training others I was offered a job lecturing in Business Studies at a local college but had to undertake a Certificate of Education. Several years later when I had children I left and ran my own business in secretarial/clerical services to both industry and the public giving me freedom to be a mum and earn a living choosing my own hours.

When I moved to England I worked as the manager of a Hair and Education Training Centre. I was responsible for all staff and my main role involved writing policies and procedures and putting training standards into place. I also became involved in writing modules for nvq's in hair and key skills. I also did a variety of Health and Safety qualifications as my role involved helping salons and other training companies develop their H&S and also avoid claims against them. When the training centre closed due to a personal situation with the owner I had to find a new job and became a full time Health and Safety officer visiting every type of business to monitor safety standards, advise on improving safety, training staff and accident investigation. It was extremely interesting and I went down mines, quarries, to hospitals, offices, shops, heavy vehicle premises, woodworking manufacturers, schools, hairdressers, food factories, vets, breweries and building sites. I worked alongside several fire brigades on fire safety regulations and visited sites with them. My job gave me a great insight into other people's careers and what a varied choice there was out there.

I came to John Port when I decided to work part time in my husband's business at home and part time for another employer. I was a cover supervisor and attendance officer. I eventually developed the attendance role and stopped doing cover.

I did Scottish qualifications 'O' Grades, Highers, Scottish HNC, Cert Ed, then civil service and H&S qualifications including an NVQ4 in H&S and NVQ4 in School Business Admin. I enjoyed the NVQs because they were different to how I had previously studied and incorporated work with study.

I think I have been lucky to get such opportunities but importance was always placed on working hard to achieve goals.

Mrs Allen

**Please find below some beneficial and useful links:**

## **GCSE RESULTS DAY – THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

### **DERBY COLLEGE – ENROLMENT 2021**

#### **ONLINE ENROLMENT STEPS**

1. All students must apply to start their application. If they've already applied before results day, then they don't need to apply again. If students haven't applied yet, they can visit the DCG website at [www.derby-college.ac.uk](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk), find the course they're interested in and submit an application.

2. After student's receive their actual results, they should submit these onto the enrolment system accessed by the link sent to the email they applied with. These will be reviewed by the curriculum area who will confirm if the student has the necessary grades for the level of study they have applied for. If a student receives lower or higher

grades than expected, this will be discussed with the curriculum area and the student will be supported on to the right course.

3. Once students have agreed their final offer with the subject area, they will be sent a learner agreement which they can sign electronically.

4. Once the learner agreement has been signed, students will need to provide two forms of ID – one must be photographic ID and one must show evidence of their address. Students can scan these documents or take a photo on their phone and then upload them to our system. Examples of ID include: • Passport • Full UK Birth Certificate • Bank/Debit Card • Bank Statements • National Insurance Letter • Provisional Driving Licence • Proof of parent(s)/guardian(s) address e.g. utility bill dated in the last six months, bank statement, etc.

5. Once students have completed all the necessary steps, they will be sent an electronic 'Welcome to Derby College Group' pack via email. This will include information on your induction, timetable, bursary form, work experience, etc.

## BURTON COLLEGE - ENROLMENT 2021

Use our website to help you choose the right course. Our course pages and [industry area pages](#) are packed with information to help you choose. If you're not sure of your next steps, then why not try Career Coach? [Career Coach](#) is designed to help you explore career options and pathways!

If you would like to talk to someone about making your decision, please contact us on 07436 860238 (Mon-Fri 9.00am-4.00pm) or email us: [lsenquiries@bsdc.ac.uk](mailto:lsenquiries@bsdc.ac.uk) where you can request an information advice and guidance call.

### Step 2 – Apply online

Click 'Apply now!' on your chosen course. If you haven't done so already, you'll need to create an account and then continue through the application until it is successfully submitted. Remember, you only need to apply to one level of your chosen course - we'll make sure you start on the right level when you have received your results.

### Step 3 - Secure your place at BSDC

Once our Admissions team have assessed your application, to ensure you are (1) applying for an appropriate level of course; (2) you are entitled to study in the UK; (3) that we can meet your support needs where applicable; (4) that you have received any necessary funding information relating to your course, then you will be sent a conditional offer via email. On the email, we will detail the necessary entry requirements or conditions for your chosen course. All you need to do is then follow the instructions on our [online learner portal](#) to accept your place. (Once

again, don't worry about which level you have applied for - we'll make sure you start on the right course level once you've received your results. Simply confirm your place at BSDC and we'll do the rest.)

#### Step 4 – Sign up to our 'Discover More' virtual events

Our Virtual Discover More events will be held monthly starting in February 2021. This will be your chance to meet your tutors, find out more about starting college and to ask any questions you may have.

#### Step 5 – Getting ready for college

In May 2021, our Getting Ready for College section will open on the online learner portal. Here, you will be able to upload your ID, photo and check that your personal information is still correct. We will also send you information relating to your course such as uniform and kit requirements.

#### Step 6 – Meet your team

In June, we will invite you to meet your classmates, trial some class activities and talk to your tutors. Full details will be sent nearer the time.

#### Step 7 – Enrol online

In August, once you have received your exam results, you will be asked to upload your results and complete the enrolment process.

#### Step 8 – Start College

Welcome to Team BSDC! Most of our courses will start in September where your tutor will provide a full induction and you'll receive your college timetable. Starting college can be daunting but don't worry, we'll be there to support you every step of the way!

If you have any issues registering or logging into the Learner Portal, our Learner Services Team will be on hand to help via the following email address [LSenquiries@bsdc.ac.uk](mailto:LSenquiries@bsdc.ac.uk)

## **VIRGIN MEDIA FIELD TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIPS**

Our apprenticeships give you the opportunity to earn while you learn, picking up qualifications to kick off the career you want. This year, we are looking for hundreds of talented people to start their apprenticeships with us, in areas including analytics, engineering, finance and beyond. Take a look and join our Virgin Media family

<https://careers.virginmedia.com/future-careers/apprenticeships/>

## **ASDA APPRENTICESHIPS**

Want to gain a qualification and work experience at the same time? An Asda apprenticeship really can change your life. It can open doors to all kinds of careers. It can help you gain professional qualifications. And you can experience the best of both worlds – continuing to learn and starting to earn at the same time. As an apprentice, you will help us bring fresh ideas to the way we do things. You will help us challenge our thinking whilst learning at pace and getting stuck in to a variety of projects:

<https://www.asda.jobs/apprentices/>

## **REMIT TRAINING APPRENTICESHIPS**

**You may not have heard of us directly but you will have heard of who we provide apprenticeships for.**

Heard of Coca – Cola, Nandos, Starbucks, EON, Waitrose and Volvo? Well, that's just a small sample of some of the amazing brands you could become an apprentice with and of course there's more.

<https://remit.co.uk/automotive/our-apprenticeships/>

## **AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS**

Amazing Apprenticeships is a leading organisation in the education sector, founded to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and promote the benefits.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/about-us/>

## **SPRINGPOD VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMMES**

Introducing our brand-new summer Work Experience programmes, with opportunities in the most exciting industries, including Finance and Accountancy, Social Media Marketing, Law, Psychology and more! In addition to these, our first wave of Degree Taster programmes have just gone live, so students can secure places on our course for English, Law and Journalism, as well as join the waiting list for our July programmes, covering more subjects.

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes>

As always, if you have any specific careers queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on [sco@johnport.derybshire.sch.uk](mailto:sco@johnport.derybshire.sch.uk).

Take care,

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