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Careers newsletter for families - June 2021

Welcome to the June edition of our careers newsletter for parent carers and families. This month is jam-packed with exciting activities to help support young people during the rest of the term – just click on the buttons below to jump to the section you're interested in. There are loads of virtual work experience opportunities, apprenticeships, a spotlight on the Space sector and much more!

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ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

As years 11s and 13s prepare to leave school, pupils are strongly encouraged to maximise opportunities that develop their future goals and dreams. We've highlighted some of the many virtual activities happening during the rest of the term to help keep them energised and excited about their potential plans.

[That Interview Experience](#) is a series of podcasts created by Ash Taylor (a Buckinghamshire Enterprise Adviser) for school leavers, where he interviews business leaders about interview expectations, what's required from a CV and all things relating to overcoming that first interview experience.

[Your Internship Experience UK](#) for over 18s is starting on 28 June. It's an immersive, virtual experience which will help build connections with employers and introduce you to industry experts to understand what really makes you successful in a particular sector.

[STEM Clubs Week 2021](#) from STEM Learning will take place on 21 – 25 June, with a theme of Sport and Exercise. Designed for all year groups, it has an exciting timetable of virtual sessions created to inspire young people, including talks, fun challenges and webinars. The sessions will be streamed live on YouTube that week and the schedule will be announced soon on their website.

[Dom Digs In](#) follows employees at ten of the UK's most essential employers as they go about their daily tasks and work. The last few months have shown just how important jobs like roadside assistance, vets and frozen food manufacturers are to the smooth running of the country.



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[CyberFirst](#) introduces young people with a passion for computing and the digital world to the intricacies and opportunities of cyber security. Their programme of free online summer courses could be just the thing to develop essential skills and bring a fresh purpose to the long summer break.

[The Smallpeice Trust](#) have designed a number of challenges to complete at home, using materials that would normally be thrown out in the recycling. Challenge your friends and family, get creative and make it your own!

[icould.com](#) contains real stories to inspire, including videos, job information and ideas for the future. Take the buzz quiz to start thinking about your career and personality type.

Competitions and challenges are a great way of getting the creative juices flowing while developing skills in whatever your area of interest is. Here are a couple to start with:

[Cinemagic](#) is looking for imaginative and original films made by young people to be screened online as part of CINEMAGIC YOUNG FILMMAKER 2021. The films can be about anything at all! - Fact or fiction, comedy or drama, news programme or documentary.

[STEM Clubs Week Competition 2021](#) are challenging young people to design a piece of wearable technology for use in an Olympic event.

[Burberry Creative Online Challenge](#) gives students the chance to work on a creative project and engage with global issues such as sustainability, and they could be in with the chance of winning a trip to Burberry's headquarters to pitch their idea and receive a Burberry product!

[Preparing For Your Future](#) is a free online course to help 14-16 year olds build skills and careers confidence over the long summer break. The courses will boost skills and career confidence and students will get a certificate for their CV when you complete each course!

[Journey To Work](#) is a free online course to help young people aged 17+ build skills and careers confidence before they take their next steps. The 8 courses will help young people explore their strengths, needs, and what they want to do in the future.

Remember to keep checking out our website for loads more virtual events and read on for more exciting virtual work experience opportunities for all ages!



EVENTS

Book on a free virtual event

There are loads of careers events coming up this June that you won't want to miss. From exploring careers in fashion, nursing, and architecture, to celebrating World Oceans Day. Visit our website to see what's happening and when. We're continually adding to our event calendar, so make sure to check back regularly!

[Find all events here >](#)

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APPRENTICESHIPS

Looking for an apprenticeship? [Click here](#) to head over to the Bucks Skills Hub website where you will find 100s of local apprenticeship vacancies. Below, we've also highlighted just a few of the latest school/college leaver apprenticeships at local and national employers.

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| <p>BDO BDO's four-year Apprenticeship Programme allows young people to combine work experience with professional accountancy qualifications. They provide training in relevant skills and behaviours, as well as the professional knowledge required for success in your role.</p> <p>Find out more ></p> |  |
| <p>HSBC have Level 3 and 4 apprenticeship opportunities in business analysis, compliance analytics, data analysis and more open for application now.</p> <p>Find out more ></p> |  |
| <p>Virgin Media Apprenticeship vs University Online Tea and Talk Session – 16 June</p> <p>Interactive webinar that is jam-packed with info to give you the opportunity to learn more about Virgin Media apprenticeships while meeting like-minded people. Find out more ></p> |  |
| <p>Aon Apprenticeship VWEX Programme</p> <p>Students will develop deep insights into what is actually like to work at Aon. Earn a certificate, gain real WEX, learn at your own pace and reach your personal goals. Find out more ></p> |  |
| <p>Zenopa Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship – High Wycombe</p> <p>Zenopa are looking for ambitious and resourceful candidates with A levels to join their Buckinghamshire based team in the role of Apprentice Resourcer. This role is a key part to recruitment being able to source great quality candidates for client vacancies. Find out more ></p> |  |
| <p>Softcat Sales Apprentice – Marlow</p> <p>A leading technology company, Softcat recruit many apprentices every year and there are still spaces available for the September 2021 intake. They particularly welcome applications from underrepresented groups and applicants should hold at least one A-level or five GCSEs (including English & Maths) at grade 5 or above. Find out more ></p> |  |

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Ask About Apprenticeships: May Parents' Pack

Get the latest advice and guidance from the National Apprenticeship Service from the monthly Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' Pack. This issue looks at supporting your child's mental health, myth busting traineeships, T Levels in Health, apprentice perspective articles, an overview of apprenticeships in furniture and manufacturing and much more! [Read the May issue now >](#)



WORK EXPERIENCE

Getting work experience could be tricky for the foreseeable future, but there are some inspiring virtual work experience (VWEX) opportunities around which will let you explore career choices remotely.

Don't forget [the Parents' Guide to Work Experience](#) to see how it can make young people stand out in a competitive world and keep them focused on their studies.

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| <p>NHS Live VWEX Sunday 6 June (cost applies) This programme is available to support all aspiring healthcare students as an alternative to in-person NHS work experience during the pandemic. This work experience programme is specific for students interested in anything from midwifery and nursing to dieticians and osteopaths. Find out more ></p> | The NHS logo, consisting of the letters 'NHS' in white on a blue rectangular background. |
| <p>Pearson Business School Virtual WEX 7-8 July Take part in activities designed to challenge, inspire and expand your knowledge. You will be joined by industry experts from the likes of IBM, Bloomberg, L'Oréal, Pearson and the BBC. They will be letting you in on secrets that helped them secure their first job. Find out more ></p> | The Pearson Business School logo, featuring the words 'PEARSON BUSINESS SCHOOL' in white capital letters on a dark blue rectangular background. |
| <p>Bucks Disability Service If a student has a long-term condition or disability this is their chance to gain highly employable skills and make a significant contribution to the community. Find out more ></p> | The BuDS logo, which is a yellow circle containing the letters 'BuDS' in blue, with stylized blue leaves or petals around the text. |
| <p>Introduction to Cybersecurity Virtual Experience Program This self-paced program is intended to provide insight into the life of a cybersecurity professional and provide an understanding of what the work it encompasses. Find out more ></p> | The Genius Armoury logo, featuring the words 'GENIUS ARMOURY' in white on a red background, with 'CYBER SECURITY GUARDIANS' in smaller white text below it. |

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| <p>Medic Mentor A free online WEX programme to enhance your insight into a career in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine. Find out more ></p> |  |
| <p>GlaxoSmithKlein Virtual WEX Thursday 1 July This is the only event GSK will be running over the summer so if you like the sound of learning from some of the world's leading scientists as they talk all about the pharmaceuticals and healthcare industry then this is the opportunity you've been waiting for! The event is open to: Years 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. Find out more ></p> |  |
| <p>Science Oxford STEM Summer Experience 26 July to 6 August 2021 This free programme will give those interested in careers in STEM the opportunity to gain relevant skills, experience and expertise over a two-week period in the holidays. Students can sign up for workshops, talks and sessions led by local STEM companies and complete their own research project. Find out more ></p> |  |
| <p>National Grid VWEX 5 to 9 July For Y12/13 students interested in sustainability, the environment, renewable energy, STEM or project management. There will be 2 hours of live content each day, with the remaining time exploring learning content and working on the project with the support of digital mentors. Find out more ></p> |  |
| <p>Morgan Stanley – Early Careers WEX 'Step In, Step Up – Insight into Technology' programme on 30 July An introductory one-day programme designed for Year 12/13 female students. The day will give an oversight into the different technology programmes Morgan Stanley offers, as well as giving participants the opportunity to partake in interactive challenges, panel sessions and career workshops. Find out more > 'Step In, Step Up – Foundations in Finance' programme from 31 August to 3 September This four-day programme aims at identifying undiscovered talent and kick starting the careers of Year 13 students and supporting social mobility. Applicants must be year 13 students and be starting an undergraduate course at a UK university in Autumn of 2021 and have always attended a state-funded, non-fee-paying school/college. Find out more ></p> |  |

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UNDERSTANDING THE JOB MARKET

Industry Sector Spotlight: Space

Each area of the economy has a different story to tell. We take a look in each issue of Classroom to Career at a sector where job opportunities are growing: this month we feature careers in high performance engineering.

The opportunities are vast and endless with new technologies meaning that new roles are being created quicker than ever before. Space is one of the UK's fastest growing sectors, particularly within the 'Golden Triangle' (Oxfordshire, Cambridge, London), so here is our guide to creating a career in Space from right here in Buckinghamshire. [Visit our website to find out more >](#)



What's booming in Bucks

If you're not sure what kind of career might be best for you, the Sector Hub on the Bucks Skills Hub website is filled to the brim with information on all the key sectors in Buckinghamshire - from up-and-coming emerging technologies to the sectors booming with business growth. [Explore industry sectors here >](#)

UNIVERSITY

University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair – 16 June 2021

This event will allow you to explore all your post-18 options in one place, with a huge range of exhibitors coming along. Universities will include Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist institutions, as well as colleges and apprenticeship providers. You'll be able to explore exhibition stands, live chat with admissions officers, student ambassadors, academics and recruitment teams to ask any questions you have, view virtual campus tours, prospectuses and information, and take part in 10 live and interactive webinars in the auditorium. The event is completely free of charge for students, parents and teachers. [Find out more >](#)

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PERSONAL GUIDANCE

Free expert 1:1 careers guidance for young people in Bucks – until June

If your son or daughter is in Year 11, 12 or 13, you can arrange a free virtual advice session (funded by The Careers & Enterprise Company) until the end of June.

[Find out more here >](#)



BACK PAGE EXTRAS

Parents' guide to Workplace and Facilities Management as a future career

What is a workplace and what is facilities management? Take a look at the huge range of buildings and places where people work, stay and visit – from offices to stadiums, hospitals to schools, shopping centres to museums – and how FM creates and maintains these physical spaces for the benefit of all their users.

[Find out more >](#)



Medical Projects Summer School (cost applies)

This residential medical school preparation course is for aspiring medical students aged 15+. It provides all the WEX, insight and medical school preparation a student needs to gain a place at medical school. It combines hospital-based experience where students take part in A&E scenarios with state-of-the-art technology, with UCAT/BMAT, Interview, Personal Statement, Seminars, Lectures and Clinical Skills. [Find out dates and how to book >](#)



Bucks College Group Open Days

For the best chance to really grasp an understanding of life at Buckinghamshire College Group join them at one of their Open Events. You are invited to book an appointment to visit them, where you will meet tutors to talk about the subjects that interest you. There will also be the opportunity to take a guided tour of the campus buildings to see what life at college is all about.

[Find out more >](#)



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CMS Law Scholarships

This programme is aimed at Y12 students who have the potential to become great lawyers and specifically those that are from backgrounds which research shows are less likely to achieve a place at university and are less likely to make it into the legal profession. In 2021, they will be offering up to 10 Scholarships across their UK schemes, and students can apply for a Scholarship by entering an essay competition and writing a short piece about what winning a Scholarship would mean to them.

[Find out more >](#)



Berkshire College of Agriculture Production Arts Course

Production Arts is one of the newer courses on BCA's curriculum and it is perfect for those students with a creative flair who don't necessarily want to be in the limelight. BCA offer qualifications at Levels 2 and 3 covering topics such as set design, props, lighting, and costume.

[Find out more >](#)



Virtual Careers Jam 8 June

Join the Virtual Careers Jam on 8 June, 10:00-16:00 for a virtual day out to explore career options, engage with prospective employers and gain confidence in taking your next steps.

Students can take part in an interactive employability workshop with Google, be inspired by young innovators who have secured funding to bring their creations to life and join the live zone for discussions on careers in Sustainability, AI and Cyber Security. They can also sign up for valuable work placements and visit virtual employer booths hosted by Hitachi ABB Power Grids, BT.

[Find out more >](#)

