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The following pages are full of many upcoming careers events, information and services. If you have any more specific queries, please do not hesitate to contact the careers team directly: careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk

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National Careers Week

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NCW

Mon 1st- Sat 6th March 2021

marks the 10 year anniversary of National Careers Week which is a fantastic celebration of all things careers guidance, which aims to support young people leaving education and moving on to employment. There will be a virtual careers fair so find out more and sign up by visiting the dedicated website:

<https://nationalcareersweek.com/>

Careers Advice



Mr. Paul Cousin, Head of Careers at RPS has been carrying out virtual one-to-one careers advice appointments with RPS students and parents. For further information or to book an appointment please email:

p.cousin@roundwoodpark.co.uk



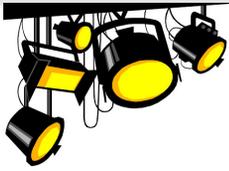
The [Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal](http://www.hopinto.co.uk) has been created to help students and their parents/carers to gain a better understanding of the jobs market in Hertfordshire. It is a fantastic tool for you and your child to explore the key employment industries within the county detailing some of the major employers. HOP also performs a live job vacancy search allowing you to find any current or future vacancies and apprenticeship opportunities in Hertfordshire. On HOP you will also be able to access national careers databases and information that will help you and your child to start to make more informed decisions about their future careers.

[Click here to start exploring.](http://www.hopinto.co.uk)



National Apprenticeships Week

Feb 8th-14th is National Apprenticeships Week, there are still events going on (please see the dedicated document on the RPS website) and if you missed any of the live events there are plenty of helpful resources that can be accessed [here](#). You can also access the National Apprenticeship Show by signing up [here](#) where a wealth of information is available along with national & international brand virtual exhibitors.



Careers under the Spotlight: Mr. Henshall, Headmaster

If you hadn't become a teacher what alternative career path might you have chosen?

I wanted to be a pilot but I didn't want to join the RAF. I had learned to fly gliders as a teenager and I was in the air cadets for a short time. I was obsessed with flying and I still am! I failed some mathematical aptitude tests when I was interviewing for British Airways pilot training and that set me back for a few years, by which time I had moved on in my thinking.

What or who influenced your career choice?

My mum was a primary school teacher. I rebelled somewhat as a teenager and didn't want to follow her, but as I grew up and I had spent a couple of years doing holiday jobs, I felt ready to go back to university and study. When I got there, I found that I loved teaching! I had always loved both English and history at school so I wanted to teach those subjects.

What do you know now that you wish you'd known then, (in relation to careers or education after 6th form)?

That the person you project to other people is much more important than anything else. Employers choose you more than you choose them. The pieces of paper which show your qualifications are really important, but at interview it's about you as a person and whether you are the right person for that workplace.

What is your greatest achievement?

I am really proud of being the first person in my family's history to go to university. My two younger sisters followed me and went to university too so that says a lot about my parents who supported and encouraged us all the way.



What was your first job?

My dad worked at a BT computer centre in the days when computers took up whole floors of buildings. I had a summer job taking the huge tape reels with data on them to and from the tape store on a trolley! I would imagine that the all of the data in that vast store could be stored on a relatively small server now!

What was your worst job?

When I was an undergraduate student, I had another summer job in a warehouse. A major department store chain had rejected an order of trousers which filled the whole warehouse. The temporary workers had to take a label off the trousers by unpicking it by hand and another person had to stick a new one back on. The boxes took up a space the size of our school hall and they were 10m high!

If you could go back in time and study any degree at any university in the world, where would it be and what would you study?

I would have liked to go to have gone to Harvard to study American politics and history. This is a major interest and, who knows, maybe I'll still do it one day!



Roundwood Park have become a partnership school with InvestIN education who are running immersive career experience programmes for students aged 12 – 18 throughout the Spring Term. [Programmes](#) are available in 20 different industries and take place on weekends, led by leading professionals offering unique industry insights through interactive simulations, case studies, seminars, career coaching and panel discussions. Students will network with, and ask questions to, a number of professionals and university students who can give you the advice you need to succeed. A full list of the Spring Term programme has been emailed to your RPS student directly and you can also request a copy by contacting us directly using careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk. Roundwood Park School students can claim a 10% discount [Sign up here](#) using the discount code ROUNDWOOD10 [Eligible students](#) can also access bursaries across InvestIN’s weekend programmes – for further details on bursaries please contact careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk.



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[Explore the options here](#)



HSBC 2021 Work Experience opportunities are live now, and students can apply via our [Work Experience page](#). HSBC Foundation opportunities will be going live during this week. These opportunities will be available to view and apply to via our [UK Apprenticeships page](#). HSBC Degree Apprenticeships applications can be made via our [UK Apprenticeships page](#). Financial Education team at HSBC UK has worked with schools for over 30 years, helping young people to learn about money and give them access to the skills they need for everyday life. For further information and resources please visit: <https://www.hsbc.co.uk/financial-education/>

JP Morgan Technology Summer School (National Opportunity)

Register here: <https://uptree.co/jp-morgan/e/3713219493/>

J.P.Morgan

Date: 16-20 August

Who should attend: Current Y12 students (going into Y13 in 2021/2022 academic year)

During the week: Develop professional skills with group projects, network with JP Morgan professionals, **be fast-tracked for JP Morgan's 2021 apprenticeship schemes.**

The applicant deadline for this opportunity is Sunday 7th March 2021.

Arm STEM & Tech Work Experience Day

Register here: <https://uptree.co/arm/e/2660922452/>

Date: Tuesday 23 February

Time: 10am - 12:30pm

Who should attend: Y12 and Y13 students, especially young women interested in STEM

Arm STEM Apprenticeship Masterclass (National Opportunity)

Register here: <https://uptree.co/arm/e/3228695541/>

Date: Thursday 25 February

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Who should attend: Y13, college and gap year students, and school leavers interested in applying to apprenticeships in 2021.



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All events have limited space so students should register early for their best chance at being selected as places may fill.

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[Anglian Water 'App in a Day' Insight Day](#)

7 April 2021 for Year 10 students interested in a career in creative design, IT and innovation.
Application Deadline: 8 March 2021

[Anglian Water 'App in a Day' Insight Day](#)

9 April 2021 for Year 12 students interested in a career in creative design, IT and innovation. Application Deadline: 10 March 2021

fusion

[Sustainability Challenge Insight Day - Fusion](#)

7 April 2021. for 14 -19 year olds in Herts will be prioritised. Application Deadline: 3 March 202

Sir Robert McALPINE

[Engineering Green Skills Insight Day - Sir Robert McAlpine](#)

9 April 2021 for 14 – 19 year olds interested in sustainability and the engineering sector.
Application Deadline: 12 March 202

CARMODY GROARKE

[Architecture + Design Work Placement – Carmody Groarke](#)

12 – 16 April 2021 for 16 -19 year olds who are keen to gain insight into architecture and design.
Application Deadline: 12 March 2021

MORGAN SINDALL

[Green Careers in the Build Environment – Morgan Sindall](#)

6 – 9 April 2021, 9.30am – 5pm for 16 – 19 year olds interested in a career in environmentally friendly engineering. Application Deadline: 15 March 2021

Wates

[Build Yourself with Wates – Sustainability Insight Day](#)

6 April 2021, 10am – 3pm for 16 – 19 year olds interested in a career in engineering and sustainability. Application Deadline: 6 March 2021

Santander

[Santander and sustainability](#)

8 April 2021, 10am – 3pm. For 14 – 19 year olds interested in financial inclusion and the environment. Application Deadline: 8 March 2021



[Being Green Insight Day – Thames Water](#)

7 April 2021, 10am – 1pm. For 14 – 19 year olds interested in financial inclusion and the environment. Deadline: 7 March 2021

SSE

[Sustainability and achieving Net-Zero by 2030 with SSE](#)

6 April 2021 for 14 – 19 year olds interested in sustainability and city planning.
Application Deadline: 6 March 2021

GTR

[Green Skills with GTR \(Govia Thameslink Railway\)](#)

7 April 2021, 10am – 1pm. For 14 – 19 year olds interested in climate change and the railway industry. Application Deadline: 6 March 2021