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Welcome to the latest edition of the Roundwood Park School careers newsletter. If you have any specific careers queries, please do not hesitate to contact the careers team directly:

careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk

Mr. Paul Cousin, Head of Careers carries out regular careers appointments with RPS students and parents. For further information or to book an appointment email: p.cousin@roundwoodpark.co.uk



Student Careers Apps

Access opportunities, training & development & discounts. [Youth Card App](#)



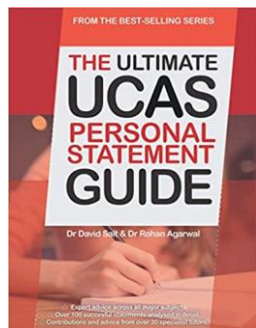
Search for your ideal job, employer and key location quickly and easily.

[Young Professionals App](#)

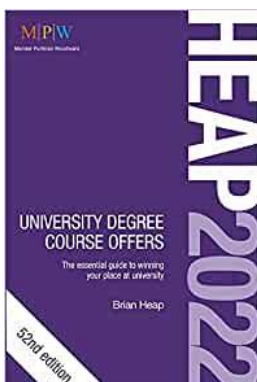
Book Recommendations



The Ultimate UCAS Personal Statement Guide gives you more than 100 examples of great personal statements, covering every major subject so that you know what you're aiming for. Every statement is analysed, helping you understand what makes a strong or weak statement, as well as a complete guide to writing your own.



Brian Heap has been dubbed 'the guru of university choice' and has been writing, broadcasting and advising on courses for nearly 50 years. HEAP is written in collaboration with university admissions tutors and UCAS. Includes full subject-by-subject degree course guide as well as admissions details for every UK university and college.



RPS Careers Insights Events



The RPS careers team would like to say a big thank you to all the speakers, parents and students who joined us recently at our first careers insight evenings. We heard about entry points into law, politics, medicine, dentistry and other careers open to you after studying biology or chemistry at university.

From September we have further insight evenings planned covering careers in business, accountancy, technology, computer science, engineering, media and creative industries. We have had requests for a careers event looking at jobs connected with sport and would very much like to hear from anyone who might be interested in giving an insight into this area.

We are lucky to have a rich diversity of industry experience amongst our RPS parents/carers & alumni. We are always keen to secure more guest speakers to talk about their careers and share their insights with our students. If you would be happy to support our careers programme in this way please contact us

careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk.

Please note that all the links in this newsletter are outside of the control of Roundwood Park School and as such are not endorsed by Roundwood Park School- this newsletter is to provide information and a starting point for your own research.



Careers under the Spotlight: Mr. Garbutt, Head of Expressive Arts

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

I think it would have been in the music industry as that has always been a passion of mine. If it wasn't that, then I'd have opened up a bike shop or custom motorcycle shop, as I have always been involved with building and renovating them.

What or who influenced your career choice?

Time and circumstance more than anything. I was always helping out at my local primary school when I was a teenager and knew I got on with the kids and adults well. I was living in Liverpool when I completed my drama training and my girlfriend at the time lived in Harpenden, so I came down here to start a teaching course, as acting jobs were going to be few and far between. Teaching gave me a chance to link the two things together that I was already good at and had a passion for.

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

I think that you can be far braver than people tell you. My advice to any young person now is that the days of choosing a career that would last for decades like previous generations did (including my own) are probably gone. The world is developing in so many different ways and so quickly. At this stage in sixth form, find what absolutely sparks you up. Throw everything you can at it and try to make it stick. There is a saying about aiming for the moon - if you miss you will still land among the stars. I believe in that. Give everything you can to what you love - if you find a way of making a bit of money from it, then that's a bonus but more importantly you will LOVE what you have chosen to do which will be far better for your health and happiness. Also, don't necessarily have a back-up plan - all too often people give up on your dreams and settle for what comes easier. Sometimes you owe it to yourself to give everything you've got to your ambition.



What is your greatest achievement?

Feeling happy and at ease with who I am, what I have and where I am in life. That, to me, is far more important than any exam I've passed, performance I've been in, job I've had or bike I've built!

What was your first job?

Chip boy at a fish and chip shop up north!

What was your worst job?

When I was 15, I set up an odd-job business. One of the jobs was cleaning out chicken hutches and dog kennels from the most disgusting house I have ever been to. I can still smell it now!

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?

Honestly, I don't think I would. University is great if you really have a passion to explore, research and develop a particular area or subject. I loved my time there, but I was ready to leave. If you don't have a huge drive or passion in one particular area of study, then university is 3 to 4 years of a sort of captivity where it's safe and easy and you don't really have to make that many brave decisions. If you don't really have that drive to learn at Uni then get out in the world, travel, meet people, do rubbish jobs for a bit if you need to, build your character and resilience - they are valuable commodities these days. Experience it all. You can always pick up the training, qualifications and development opportunities you need as you go, as there are literally millions out there if you look for them. Do the things that scare you. You learn the most about yourself from them!



Summer Careers Activities

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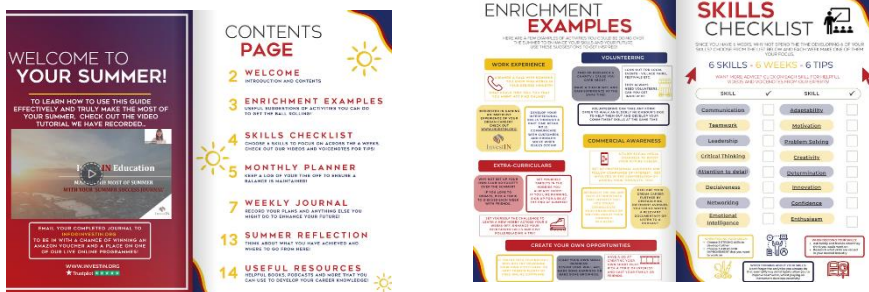
We are delighted to share with you our free-of-charge Summer Success Journal.

The journal will take students on a step-by-step journey to improve their employability skills over the holidays. It is packed full of expert tips, structured guidance, enrichment examples, exercises, key resources and much more.

Students can also email their completed journals to info@investin.org to be in with a chance of winning an Amazon voucher and a place on one of our 'Live Online' programmes in the autumn term.



[Download the Journal](#)



The Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership and [Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal](#) have recorded a series of virtual career conversations/webinars covering the following areas with more being added regularly:



- I.T
- Accountancy
- Finance & Investments
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Motor Trade
- Nursing
- Nursing associates
- Social care
- Local government & Civil Service
- Veterinary Science
- Architecture
- Policing
- Law

- Fashion
- Teaching
- Psychology
- Medicine
- Becoming an Author
- Business & Engineering
- Physiotherapy & Sports Science
- Life Sciences
- Construction
- Film & Media Production
- Engineering
- Recruitment
- Games Technology
- Sports Coaching & Development

The webinars are available to watch by clicking [here](#).





Services for Young People Summer Holiday Activity Programme 2021

Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People provides free youth work projects, information, advice, guidance, work related learning and wider support for young people
www.servicesforyoungpeople.org



Exciting free and local opportunities for young people aged 12-16 during the Summer school holidays

- Fun and informal workshops to help with a healthy physical and emotional lifestyle
 - Free lunch / food
- Physical activities such as: Sports, Dance and Games
 - Meet and socialise with other young people

Contact Us

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Call: 01442 454060 Text: 07860 065195

Please visit [Be HAPPY - practical resources - Herts Sports Partnership \(sportinherts.org.uk\)](http://BeHAPPY-practicalresources-HertsSportsPartnership.sportinherts.org.uk) for details of other organisations delivering activities in Summer



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Services for
Young People

Our HAPpy programme is back this Summer we are running for 4 weeks in the Summer Holidays at either The Pioneer Young People's Centre, AL3 5AY or at Links Academy, AL4 0TZ

Week 1- Monday 26th- Thursday 29th July

Week 2- Monday 2nd August- Thursday 5th August

Week 3- Monday 9th August- Thursday 12th August

Week 4- Monday 16th August- Thursday 19th August

This free programme is for 12 to 16 year olds on Free School Meals, and a young person can only be on the programme for 1 week.

Summer Virtual Work Experience

In the absence of on site work experience during the pandemic, most employers have set up virtual work experience programmes. This has created a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience & insights into top companies that students of a wide age range may previously not have accessed.

Below are details of some of the main providers who work with a wealth of employers to offer virtual work experience programmes, however many employers will also organise their own programmes, so be sure to check specific employer websites for these.



InvestIN run immersive career experience programmes for students aged 12 – 18 [Programmes](#) are available in 20 different industries and take place on weekends, led by leading professionals offering unique industry Insights.

Roundwood Park School students can claim a 10% discount [Sign up here](#) using the discount code ROUNDWOOD10

[Eligible students](#) can also access bursary places– for further details on bursaries please contact careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk.

Accessible experience
from top companies



Forage

Virtual work experience programs replicate work at top companies, and connect students to the companies themselves.

In only 5-6 hours, learn relevant tools and skills necessary to complete tasks that replicate an employee's work day. No applications or experience required.

Learn highly relevant skills in your own time, at your own pace.

[Explore the options here](#)



Springpod

Springpod is a free careers network for young people looking to discover their future career.

We give you the right tools to connect with leading UK organisations, explore different career paths and build your network even before you leave school.

Gain experience with the top employers in the UK. Free and live programmes in the most sought after industries.

[Springpod Virtual Work Experience Programmes](#)



Speakers for Schools mission is to give all young people access to the top.

By connecting our national network of schools with industry leading employers, we open young people's eyes to the possibilities ahead of them.

Our programme is run through a simple, safe-guarded portal, giving students easy access to opportunities.

**For a full list of placements -
[sign in here to search and apply.](#)**