

Welcome!

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

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

Save the Date

Thursday 23rd March
Y12 Future Options Day

Wednesday 29th March
Year 10 Careers Investigator Day

Monday 15th – Friday 19th May
Year 12 Work Experience Week

Monday 13th June
Y10 Work Shadowing Day
(information to parents will follow the Careers Investigator Day)

What's new?

The spring term is always a busy one for careers with lots of exciting events and opportunities for our students.

In February, we celebrated National Apprenticeship Week and students were able to hear about the apprenticeship opportunities available in different subject areas. They also completed myth-busting quizzes during form time and watched videos of real-life apprenticeship stories to understand more about this post-16 and post-18 option.

This week is National Careers Week and we have been celebrating this through assemblies with external speakers sharing their career journeys, fun form time activities and careers-related learning in subjects.

Careers Advice

All Year 11 students have now received their 1-1 guidance appointment and we hope these have helped them to make informed decisions about their post-16 options.

Year 12 guidance appointments will commence on the 13th March and Mr Cousin will be in contact with students regarding appointments.

Notes from these meetings can be found in the student's Unifrog account.

There are some great resources here to support careers discussions at home: <https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/>

We are also offering additional guidance appointments to **all** students in **all** year groups on Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes. To make an appointment, please email careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk

Join our external speaker network

We are always looking for people to help with our careers events. If you are interested in speaking to our students, please do let us know via careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk

We recently held a careers insight evening on Animal Care. If you missed it and would like to watch the recording, please email

careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk

* Please note this is only viewable from a school account

6th -11th
March

National Careers Week

NCW

National Careers Week is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education.

As well as the events and activities happening in school, there are so many other national events happening throughout the week.

To find out more follow [@CareersWeek](https://twitter.com/CareersWeek) on Twitter

HOP INTO
YOUR FUTURE

A wide range of careers-related webinars are available here

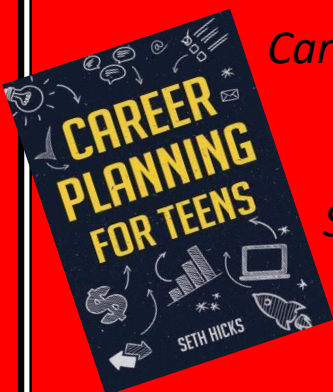
<https://www.hopinto.co.uk/explore-careers/virtual-employer-encounters/>

Hertfordshire Careers Hub Apprenticeship Survey

Our school is a member of the Hertfordshire Careers Hub and one of their key strategic objectives is to help promote Apprenticeships and Technical and Vocational routes. This is now the fifth year that this survey has been commissioned and we would be very grateful if you could complete this short digital survey to share your thoughts based on your eldest school-aged child.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/roundwood-23>

Recommended read....



*Career Planning
For teens*

Seth Hicks





Careers under the Spotlight: *Miss McMahon*

Head of English and Associate Assistant Head Teacher

How did you become a teacher?

When I left university, I started out in sales and account management. I worked for a wine company, and it was a great place to work, but sales of what was classed as a 'luxury good' became quite challenging when the recession hit. My housemate at the time was studying for her PGCE (a teacher training course) and it sounded really interesting. I did some observations in a school and decided to apply to train to be an English teacher. My family all told me that they always knew I was going to be a teacher, they were just waiting for me to come to that conclusion too.

Have you worked in any other industries?

3 to 4 years into teaching, I started to feel concerned that this was going to be my career forever. Unlike some of my friends I hadn't been travelling or taken a gap year. I'd always been interested in the airline industry and my Mum encouraged me to apply for a position as cabin crew and take the opportunity to see the world. I had my qualifications, and I had no responsibilities, so I started applying to airlines. I was lucky enough to get a job with BA. I worked there for 18 months, met the most amazing people and stayed in some interesting places. It taught me a lot about who I was, but I also realised how much I missed teaching.

What alternative career path might you have chosen?

If I hadn't come back to teaching, I would have stayed in the airline industry. I really enjoyed learning about SEP (Safety and emergency procedures) so I would have liked to have gone into the training team and delivered training courses for crew. I think there would always have to be some element of teaching in my life.

What or who influenced your career choice?

My dad was in sales and account management, so when I was younger, I loved hearing the ways he built relationships with clients, which inspired me to follow in his footsteps when I left uni. However, I wasn't him and it wasn't for me. In my last school, I had two line managers that were fantastic mentors and they recognised the potential for leadership in me. They encouraged me to complete CPD courses and have the confidence in myself to apply for promotion.

What is your greatest achievement?

Only 10% of people that apply to BA as cabin crew get through. So, I'm proud of that. However, my greatest achievement is becoming Head of English in an outstanding school. I have worked hard for my career and I'm proud to have got to this level.

What do you know now that you wished you'd known then?

That it is OK to change direction. It took me a while to find my feet and feel like I had found the right niche for me. I felt under a lot of pressure to choose a career and stick with it, but not everyone is in the position where they start in a role they love.

There are so many things you can take and not be afraid of getting there. It's fine to decide something isn't for you. I thought it was OK to change if you find yourself in a position where you don't want to be.





Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

What are the benefits of a virtual work placement?

It's free

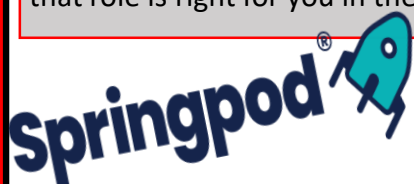
The majority of virtual work experience placements are free, although some employers charge for the opportunity; working from home will also mean you will not incur any travel related costs.

Transferable skills

It's not always easy working from home and taking part in virtual work experience placements will help you develop those soft skills that all employers are seeking, such as organisation, time-management and self-motivation.

Knowing what's right (or what isn't)

Understanding what a job or a career entails might help you make decisions about whether or not that role is right for you in the future.



Graphic Design

Graphic design is everywhere and you likely rely on it a lot without even realising it, from easy-to-read road signs to finding the nearest toilet in a hurry, we're going to explain some of the key concepts of graphic design. We're also going to take a look at some of the biggest industries that use graphic design, like gaming!

To apply, please visit <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/graphic-design-work-experience>

Journalism

Can you keep your finger on the pulse? Are you able to summarise concepts and events, and present your work to the masses? Look no further than this journalism virtual work experience programme. We'll explore the different types of journalism and media as well as reveal the code that all journalists should stick to.

To apply, please visit <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/journalism-work-experience>

Met Office Careers

All around the world, every single day, people make decisions based on the weather. The Met Office provides weather and climate forecasts based on world-leading science and enhanced by the close working relationships they have with partner organisations around the globe. Using data and cutting-edge technology, the Met Office aims to benefit our planet, and everyone on it. Springpod has partnered with the Met Office to provide you with more insight into the behind the scenes at the organisation!

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/met-office-careers>



Proofreader

Proofreaders check text before it's printed or published to make sure it's correct and complete.

Day to day tasks

You'll read documents to make sure they are ready to be published. You'll check the text to see that it follows the agreed style. You may find and correct:

- Spelling mistakes.
- Inconsistencies in spellings where more than one way to spell the same word is possible.
- Punctuation errors like full stops, commas, and capital letters.
- Bad word breaks to make sure the text reads easily.
- Text that is not in the right order (including page numbers).
- Errors in chapter titles or headers, for example, those that do not match the list of contents.
- Confusing words.

Routes into the industry

You can get into this job through:

University

You may find it useful to have a degree in:

- English
- Publishing
- Journalism
- Digital media includes a work placement.

You'll usually need:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English.
- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent.

Apprenticeship

You could do a Publishing Assistant advanced apprenticeship, which may help you to find your first job.

You'll usually need:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and Mathematics.

Subjects

5 GCSEs at grade 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English.

Salary*

£20,000 for a starter rising to £30,000 for an experienced Proofreader.

Jobs

There will be 3.2% fewer Proofreading jobs in 2027.

*In 2020 the average salary was £31,461, up 3.6% on 2019.

Annual pay estimates are largely unaffected by Covid-19.

In the careers section on our website, you will find a link to the career-o-meter where you can explore and compare key information about occupations and help you learn about different occupations and identify potential careers. It provides access to a selection of UK headline data relating to pay, weekly hours of work and future employment prospects for different occupations, as well as description of the occupation. Some examples are below:

Graphic designers		Solicitors		Sports coaches, instructors and officials	
Weekly Pay £600	Annual Pay £31,200	Weekly Pay £1,100	Annual Pay £57,200	Weekly Pay £460	Annual Pay £23,920
Hours/Week 38h	Hourly Pay £16	Hours/Week 30h	Hourly Pay £37	Hours/Week 36h	Hourly Pay £13
Workforce Change (projected)		Workforce Change (projected)		Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 0.7%	Replacement 57.8%	Growth 3.3%	Replacement 54.8%	Growth 0.7%	Replacement 57.8%
The workforce is projected to grow by 0.7% over the period to 2027, creating 800 jobs. In the same period, 57.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 59,100 job openings.		The workforce is projected to grow by 3.3% over the period to 2027, creating 4,800 jobs. In the same period, 54.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 79,600 job openings.		The workforce is projected to grow by 0.7% over the period to 2027, creating 900 jobs. In the same period, 57.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 66,900 job openings.	
You might find this job in Employment activities Libraries, etc Computer programming, etc Printing & recording Office admin.		You might find this job in Legal & accounting Public admin. & defence Membership organisations Auxiliary services Retail trade		You might find this job in Sport & recreation Education Gambling Employment activities Other personal service	
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