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# CAREERS NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME

All students at North East Futures UTC receive targeted careers education not only as part of the personal development programme but threaded through everything we do; from Employer Led Project Days to Industry Mentoring to Careers in the Classroom linking curriculum learning to careers and much more.

We provide students with a range of opportunities to access up-to-date careers information and education through our online careers platform Unifrog, at workshops, career fairs, and from visitors in school. Year 11, 12 and 13 students also receive 1:1 careers advice sessions with Emily Walker our independent school careers advisor.

We hope you feel fully supported in your careers education and in finding a positive destination when you leave the UTC but if you need any further support don't hesitate to visit our careers drop in sessions every breaktime in room 209.

Sarah Hughes  
Careers Lead

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# PROJECTS UPDATE

## CREATIVE ASSEMBLY PROJECT DAY

Creative Assembly, the multi-award winning BAFTA UK games studio joined us in January to deliver an exciting project with our sixth form students looking at games development.

Students had the opportunity to work with professionals in the gaming industry to gain an insight into how games are created and begin to develop different elements of a game themselves.

Feedback from students was very positive on this experience and Creative Assembly were so impressed they want to come back to support more students in the future.



## AHSN TRANSFORMING CANCER AWARENESS

The Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) with partners from the NHS and Yohlar delivered an insightful and impactful project in March. Students learned how they can help raise awareness of cervical cancer and the HPV vaccine to improve cancer survival rates in the North East.

Teams worked together using design thinking methods and stakeholder mapping to develop their ideas. Six teams were shortlisted and presented to the AHSN Dragons. All of the final 6 ideas were innovative and the dragons found it difficult to pick a winner.

Team Cancer Run by Chingslay & Co took away 1st prize with a game designed to inform and raise awareness of symptoms, treatments and prevention.



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## CELEBRATING CAREERS

We have celebrated National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) and National Careers Week (NCW) this term with lots of careers related activities on offer for our students.

In February for NAW we welcomed a different employer each day for a Careers Talks who spoke about the range of apprenticeships on offer and why apprenticeships are a fantastic option for some students.

In March we hosted our annual UTC Careers & Apprenticeship Fair with 30 different employers and education providers on site for students to talk to and gain an insight into some specialist careers.



## CAREER TALK SERIES

**Catherine Cassley** from Gateshead NHS Hospitals visited in January to give students an insight into all of the different roles available within the hospital but also wanted to showcase the values the NHS look for in their employees.

In February **Suzanne Helm** joined us to provide an insight into NECS one of the many companies partnered with the NHS to provide support services. Suzanne covered the many different roles available from digital tech to project management.

Next **Kian McGorrell**, a former UTC student now completing a Degree Apprenticeship with Accenture, shared his own UTC experience. He explained how the UTC helped him achieve his dream apprenticeship and his journey so far with Accenture. He also provided some tips on how to apply for apprenticeships.

Finally this term we welcomed **Ashley and Melissa** from Bede Gaming who gave a fantastic insight into the gaming industry in the north east and how they had developed their experience through different pathways.



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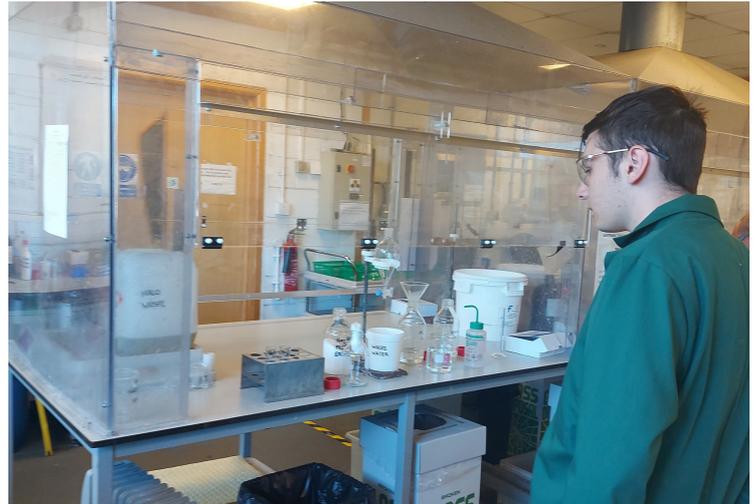


# WORK EXPERIENCE

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Learning in the work place is a vital aspect of your development as a student and young person. It provides an introduction to work place skills, a working environment and allows you to develop not only an academic understanding of a job role but supports you to develop personally.

The work place skills, values and ethos that we have developed in collaboration with our employer partners reflects our determination to enable you to be successful, inspired and work ready.



## WORK EXPERIENCE AIMS TO –

- Make your experience of the world of work inspiring, interesting, insightful and meaningful.
- Help you relate your skills and knowledge to the career opportunities that are available.
- Show you a career choice that you may have never considered before.

You will have the opportunity to develop employability skills such as

- Managing Yourself
- Relating to Others
- Professional Approach

## SECURING YOUR PLACEMENT

All Year 10 and 12 students will go out on work experience from 10th July 2023. If you have not yet secured your placement the holidays is a perfect opportunity for you to visit some local employers to ask if they may be able to offer you a placement. We always tell students to play the numbers game and send out as many application emails as possible to improve your chances of success. You can use job sites like Indeed.com to search for employers in your area in the sector you are interested in or even just use Google (e.g. search – digital companies in Newcastle) If you need any support with this don't hesitate to come and see Sarah in room 209 after the holidays.

If you have already secured your placement well done! You should now complete the online student placement form on Unifrog to ensure we have everything we need for your placement to go ahead.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### MEDIC MENTOR

Medic Mentor are a team of healthcare professionals in medicine, dentistry and veterinary fields who are supporting young people to follow pathways into these careers. They host regular online and in person conferences, mentoring, work experience and workshops to support young people with their applications and understanding of these professions.

If you are interested in any of these fields you should consider signing up now as the more experience and insight you can gain from this programme the better chance you will have of success in your applications.

[Register here.](#)



### STEMETTES FESTIVAL NEWCASTLE

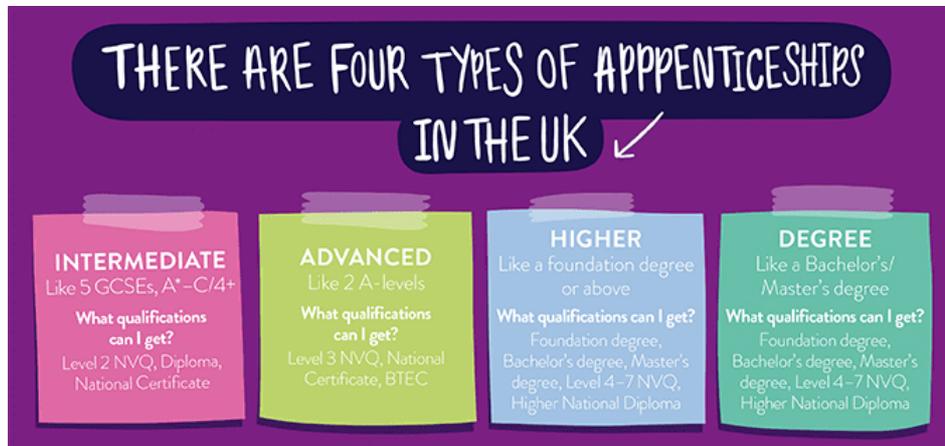


Stemettes is an award-winning social enterprise working across the UK & Ireland and beyond to inspire and support girls, young women and non-binary young people into Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths careers (known collectively as STEAM).

Stemettes are hosting an interactive and fully immersive festival to celebrate 10 years of Stemettes in Newcastle called Create, Choose, Celebrate. The event will be held on 4th April 10:00-16:00. There will be STEAM activities for all ages, a chance to meet and hear from role models, challenges and chances to win exclusive prizes.

If you are interested in attending you can [register here.](#)

# APPRENTICESHIPS



If you are considering an apprenticeship as your first choice or as a backup you should be searching for vacancies and applying now. For those in Year 11 you should be looking for a level 2 (intermediate) or 3 (advanced) apprenticeship and for those in Year 13 you should be looking for a level 4 (higher) or 5/6 (degree) apprenticeship. There has been lots of vacancies released in the past few weeks but deadlines are approaching fast so get your applications in now. We have linked some current vacancies below and on the next page you might be interested in.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>  
<https://apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/>

## DIGITAL VACANCIES (L3)

## OTHER VACANCIES (L2/3)

<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Location</i>
<u>Digital Marketer &amp; Content</u>	L3	NE1	<u>Apprentice Laboratory Tech</u>	L3	NE1
<u>IT Support</u>	L3	NE1	<u>Travel Consultant</u>	L3	NE1
<u>Billing Data Analyst</u>	L3	NE1	<u>Dental Nursing</u>	L3	NE1
<u>Cyberspace Coms Specialist</u>	L3	NE8	<u>Front Office - Hilton</u>	L2	NE8
<u>Digital Marketer</u>	L3	NE8	<u>RAF Weapon Technician</u>	L3	NE8
<u>Digital Marketing</u>	L3	NE6	<u>RAF Chef</u>	L2	NE8
<u>IT Apprentice</u>	L3	NE12	<u>Finance Apprentice</u>	L2	NE1
<u>Data Analyst</u>	L3	NE13	<u>Legal Support</u>	L3	NE33
<u>Service Desk Agent</u>	L3	NE31	<u>Commis Chef</u>	L2	NE2
<u>IT Support</u>	L3	NE29	<u>GWS Technical Engineering</u>	L3	NE4
<u>IT Support</u>	L3	NE30	<u>Laboratory Technician</u>	L3	NE8
<u>Information Communications</u>	L3	NE26	<u>Nursery Nurse</u>	L3	NE4

# APPRENTICESHIPS

Amazing Apprenticeships have NOW UPDATED their annual listing of higher and degree level apprenticeship vacancies across the country. Be sure to take a look at these now so you know when the deadlines are to apply, click on the picture to the right to access the full list. We have also listed some other higher/degree level vacancies below, just click the links below to those you are interested in .



## ADVANCED, HIGHER & DEGREE LEVEL VACANCIES

<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Location</i>
<u>Project Manager</u>	6	NE4	<u>Packaging Management</u>	6	NE10
<u>Project Management</u>	6	NE4	<u>Automation Engineering</u>	6	NE10
<u>Civil Engineering</u>	6	NE4	<u>Laboratory Scientist</u>	6	DH6
<u>Advanced Engineering</u>	3	NE6	<u>Automation Engineering</u>	6	DH6
<u>Government Communication</u>	4	NE98	<u>IT Engineer Apprentice</u>	6	DH6
<u>Maintenance Engineering</u>	3	NE11	<u>Electrical Design Engineer</u>	6	NE1
<u>Risk Data Analyst</u>	4	NE11	<u>Trainee Assistant Site Manager</u>	4-6	NE1
<u>Data Analyst</u>	4	NE23	<u>Radiotherapy Engineer</u>	6	NE7
<u>Network Engineer</u>	4	NE30	<u>Medical Engineer</u>	4	NE63
<u>Marketing Executive</u>	4	NE3	<u>Medical Electronics</u>	3	NE7
<u>Public Relations &amp; Coms</u>	4	NE3	<u>Pharmacy Technician</u>	3	SR4
<u>Apprentice Brewer</u>	4	NE15	<u>Elec / Mech Engineering</u>	3	NE61
<u>Business Growth</u>	4	NE13	<u>Project Engineer</u>	4	NE6

# MAKING THE MOST OF UNIFROG

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In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we are using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. All students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 have access to this excellent website.

Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK. This makes it easy for students to compare and choose the best university courses, apprenticeships or further education courses for them.

Additionally, the platform helps students successfully apply for these opportunities when writing their personal statement, applications and CVs and guiding them through the process, allowing teachers to give live feedback.

All students now have a username and password so can access Unifrog from any computer, tablet or smartphone. You can use your UTC email as your username and if you can't remember your password just click the 'forgot password' link to reset.

We would encourage parents to use the platform with their child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step. [This link](#) provides an overview of how Unifrog works.

We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to support your child throughout the process. The form code you need is: 'NEAFParent' and you can sign up [here](#).

If you have any questions about the platform or your child needs their login details then please contact Sarah Hughes – [sarah.hughes@nefuturesutc.co.uk](mailto:sarah.hughes@nefuturesutc.co.uk)

PERSONALITY QUIZ

INTERESTS QUIZ

WE QUIZ

SKILLS QUIZ

SKILLS TOOL

QUIZ PROFILE

CAREERS

SUBJECTS

KNOW-HOW

MOOCS

#### Opportunities

APPRENTICESHIPS

COLLEGE & 6TH FORM

OXBRIDGE

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL UNIS

UK UNIVERSITIES

#### Applications

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

REFERENCES

CV / RESUME

COVERING LETTERS

LOCKER

# CAREER SPOTLIGHT



## Cyber Intelligence Officer

Cyber intelligence officers gather information about where threats to information technology (IT) systems come from and how they work.



### Routes to get there:

- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- graduate training scheme



### Relevant Subjects:

- Computing
- Maths
- Business Studies



### Essential Skills:



### Salary:

£25,000-£50,000



3%↑

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