

# FutureSmartCareers



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AAC supports or replaces speech or writing for communication. They are a team of AAC and IT professionals and offer support with the use of high-tech voice output AAC devices within the school and home.

Parents and carers, please contact the AAC team directly. Professionals, book your session on [Services for Schools](#). Each person needs to book with their own account as this information will be used on certificates and when sending out resources. Queries: Please email [aacsupport@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:aacsupport@cornwall.gov.uk) or visit [Augmentative and Alternative Communication - Cornwall Council](#)

To view a full training programme, please click [here](#).

## 2024 Micro Tyco Challenge - Wild Hearts Group



Micro-Tyco is a leading global entrepreneurship competition which challenges young people to work together and develop innovative solutions to address [The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#). Join others across the UK to participate in a global entrepreneurship competition which challenges young people to work together and develop innovative solutions to address the United Nations sustainable development goals. For further information on the competition, please click [here](#).

## Apprenticeship Information Evening for Parents & Carers - Bristol



Western Training Provider Network are providing an apprenticeship information evening for parents and carers. The event will also include a panel of experts who will share their real-life experiences of apprenticeships.

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 (17:30 – 19:00)

**Location:** Bristol Cathedral Choir School, College Square, Bristol BS1 5TS, UK

Click [here](#) to find out more.

## Non EHCP Supported Internship Opportunities in the Southwest



[Sixteen Co-operative Ltd](#) offers evidence based Supported Employment Services to help people with a disability get a job by matching their skills, interests and aspirations with the needs of local employers or by supporting them to become self-employed. They are currently offering Supported Internship Programmes which includes 9 months formal education + 3x supported work placements, 3 months job development and 3 - 6 months in work support. Participants should be:

- ✓ 16 - 25 and not have an EHCP
- ✓ have SEND or support requirements
- ✓ not participated in a previous internship
- ✓ live in Bristol
- ✓ a willingness to take part

If you work with a young person who might be suitable, please contact Rob Parry [robin@sixteencoop.co.uk](mailto:robin@sixteencoop.co.uk)

## Law Insight Days – Burgess Salmon (Bristol)



Burgess Salmon (Bristol) are offering a student information day for year groups 10 and 11, and another for year groups 12 and 13. The aim of the insight days is for students to find out about what it could be like to work within a law firm both on the legal and business sides. For more information, please click the links below:

[Year 10/11 student sign up](#)

[Year 12/13 student sign up](#)

## Digdata FREE Careers Resources



Digdata are providing a library of resources which, linked to employers, are available to teachers and students (years 7-13) to aid the development of key employability skills – such as problem solving, data literacy, storytelling, and presentation.

Users need to create an account to download. To access the resources, please click [here](#).

## 13 March – Online – Unlock Cyber Challenge, powered by Immersive Labs: Year 8



The Unlock Cyber Challenge is back! All you will need is a website browser to take part. Unlock Cyber have teamed up with Bristol-based Immersive Labs, the world's first fully interactive, gamified cyber skills platform, which is used by employers to train their cyber workforces.

It's a FREE live 2-hour challenge and is taking place on **Wednesday 13 March** starting at **10am until Midday** and is for students in **Year 8**. They compete as a team of 4 student and each team should include at least one male or female student where possible.

Registration is now open – email: [elaine3.brown@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:elaine3.brown@uwe.ac.uk)

## Live MS Teams Session on Careers in Cyber – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Unlock Cyber has teamed up with [Next Tech Girls](#) to produce a live one-hour online Teams session on Tuesday 5 March at 9am – 10am. This session will be recorded so that you can also use at a later date and time to suit you. The session will feature a live Q&A panel discussion with young females who have recently started their career journey into cyber, plus a team paper-based problem-solving activity on how to keep your data private on social media sites.

To register, please email [elaine3.brown@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:elaine3.brown@uwe.ac.uk)

## Cyber Explorers Competition



Cyber Explorers is thrilled to introduce an upcoming competition, now open for registrations until 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The competition is accessible to all 11-14-year-olds, whether they are in mainstream education or homeschooled. The competition is scheduled to occur from March 4<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.

More information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

## Free Virtual Experiences of the Workplace for Year 7 and Above



Available to rural and coastal schools for a limited time only. This virtual programme is brought to you by The Careers and Enterprise Company and delivered by Speakers for Schools and Springpod.

For more information contact: [experiences@careersandenterprise.co.uk](mailto:experiences@careersandenterprise.co.uk)

## Library of Interactive Learning Modules



Library of Interactive Learning Modules (ILMs) which have a set of four lessons, led and themed by an employer. The aim is to raise aspirations, teach transferable skills and introduce the world of work to KS2 students. Providing guidance to teachers and schools using big-brand employers to deliver the message and challenge for the students.

For further information, please contact Alison at: [alison.mercer-cifola@ductu.co.uk](mailto:alison.mercer-cifola@ductu.co.uk)

## Disabled Facilities Grant



Have you applied for a Disabled Facilities Grant for your disabled child? The housing department of your local authority usually pays Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs). To be eligible you must be an owner-occupier, a tenant (private, local authority or housing association) or a landlord with a disabled tenant.

More information can be found [here](#).

## Skill Up Somerset



Skill Up Somerset are an apprenticeships and skills service supporting residents of Somerset - offering free, impartial advice and guidance on apprenticeships and upskilling opportunities in Somerset.

Click [here](#) to find out more!

## Free Industry Insights Available on YouTube – EBP Somerset



The Somerset EBP Insights are now available on YouTube! The insight videos provide young people with an inside look into local industries, exposure to employers and information on roles, future career options and a day in the life of a SEND student.

To access the videos, please click [here](#).

## Support with Mental Health and Hidden Disabilities - Devon



Step One is a Devon-based charity that provides comprehensive support to a diverse range of individuals who may have a mental health issue and/or a hidden disability. They also offer online courses, support groups and learning opportunities.

Further information can be found [here](#).

## Support for 8-18 year olds across Devon, Torquay, Paignton and Brixham



CheckPoint provide help to young people aged 8–18 across Devon, Torquay, Paignton and Brixham. They can speak to you on the phone, online or face to face. They can help you overcome the challenges that hold you back. Achieve the things that matter to you. Give you skills and strategies to help you move forward.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

## Free Online Mentoring for Year 10-13s



Brightside aim to connect young people facing barriers with inspiring mentors. Further details can be found [here](#) or email [nicole.meek@brightside.org.uk](mailto:nicole.meek@brightside.org.uk)

## TUI – MPL Pilot Cadet Programme 2024



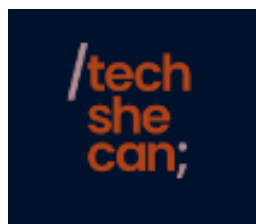
Tui are now accepting applications for their TUI Multi-Crew Pilot License Cadet Programme in the United Kingdom. Click on the link [here](#) to find out more and apply.

## Speakers for Schools – Work Experience Opportunities!



Welcome to the Speakers for Schools [work experience opportunities page](#). Explore the latest placements on offer from hundreds of employers across a wide range of industries. You can also search for a specific employer or use the search filters to help you find online placements based on your age or the industry you're interested in. Then simply click on the 'Read more' button to go through to our portal to apply.

## Upcoming Live Tech Lessons for FREE!



Click [here](#) to access free virtual lessons and assemblies!

Tech She Can is a team of qualified teachers who design and deliver virtual assemblies and live lessons that aim to spark curiosity and inspiration. Each one focuses on a different topic and explores exciting new technology, while also highlighting a range of career opportunities. By attending these live events, children discover different areas of tech and how it's used in our world.

## SEN Toolkit – Oxford County Council



Access Oxford County Council's website [here](#) to find information on resources and strategies to support children with SEN.

Activities in the Oxford area for disabled children and young people with special educational needs and disability can be found [here](#).

## SEN Information and Support Services – Wales



Access information on a number of free support services across Wales [here](#).

## STAND North Wales



STAND North Wales is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company in response to the closure of organisations representing families of children and young adults with Speech, Language and Communication Needs, Additional Needs and Disabilities in North Wales and is a parent led organization. Click [here](#) to find out more information.

## Neurodiverse Recruitment and Employee Service



Exceptional Individuals provide neurodiversity consulting, recruitment and employment support to employers and individuals with dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD and autism. Click [here](#) to find out more!

## Contact Us



For all enquiries, please contact our team at [enquiries@futuresmartcareers.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@futuresmartcareers.co.uk) or give us a call on Tel: **0330 311 9509**

We'd love to hear from you!

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