

# FutureSmartCareers



HALF TERMLY SEND NEWSLETTER

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## SEND Support Resources from Inspiring the Future



Inspiring the Future have a dedicated section on their website for supporting SEND students. Special schools and SEND staff in mainstream schools can sign up for free to start organising a variety of engaging and interactive activities with relatable role models from the world of work, both face to face and virtually. Find out more [here](#)

## Ministry of Justice Social Mobility Programme



The Ministry of Justice (MOJ) has developed a national schools' outreach programme as part of its commitment to increase social mobility. The volunteers at MOJ are keen to visit your school virtually or face to face in the future to run a session with pupils to increase awareness, build confidence and start to raise awareness to the Civil Service. The Social Mobility Programme works with schools which have an FSM (Free School Meals) percentage of 20% or more, to deliver events that highlight what the Civil Service is and why it could be considered as a possible career path. Find out more by emailing: [socialmobility@justice.gov.uk](mailto:socialmobility@justice.gov.uk) or by clicking on this link: [Ministry of Justice - Social Mobility Programme](#)

## Employability Internships, Graduate Programmes and Events

### EmployAbility

EmployAbility is a non-for-profit organisation that works with disabled students and graduates, offering support with career planning, job applications and interviews. They run first year, internship and graduate programmes, as well as vacation schemes and training contract opportunities with their inclusive employer partners. They also offer employer insight days and skills workshops to maximise chances of employment. Find out more [here](#)

## My Plus Students Club - Careers advice for higher education students with disabilities



A careers advice service for higher education students with disabilities. They provide information and advice on a range of issues, including job hunting, applications, interviews and disability disclosure. Register for free to search for job vacancies, access to resources and guidance and to read disability advice and stories from the workplace. Read more [here](#)

## Cornwall Opportunities – Supported Internships, Careers Resources and free training



Explore supported internship opportunities across Cornwall, gain access to career advice and resources and a SEND hub, and online training courses. Just a handful of upcoming courses include:

- Welding and Fabrication Skills Bootcamp taster day – 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am
- Skills Bootcamp: Bricklaying – 7<sup>th</sup> January at 9am
- Skills Bootcamp: Creative Industries – Live Event Production – 12<sup>th</sup> January at 12pm
- Free Course – Intermediate Spatial Audio at Liskeard Library – 13<sup>th</sup> January at 10am

And many more! Find out more [here](#)

## Supported Internship Opportunities at the Cornwall College Group



The Cornwall College group provide supported internship opportunities available to learners age 16-24 with an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) who wish to gain employment. Further details on the supported internships can be found below:

Cornwall College Group: [Cornwall College Supported Internships](#)

Bicton College: [Bicton College Supported Internships](#)

## Supported Internship Opportunities and Career Resources at Somerset Council



Find out more about Somerset's supported internship vacancies, apprenticeships and gain access to Preparing for Adulthood tools and resources. Discover more [here](#)

## MyPath Careers Education



MyPath connect the dots between subjects and exciting careers, making learning more meaningful. Students can see how their lessons apply to real-world jobs through watching weekly LMI bite-sized videos and exploring various resources. There are also careers resources available to schools and careers leaders. Explore the MyPath unlimited primary platform for free [MyPath Careers Resources](#)

## Future Goals SEND Hub Careers Resources



If you're working with young people with SEND, then take a look at the SEND Careers Hub resource provided by Future Goals in conjunction with schools, employers and local partners. The hub has developed two toolkits, and some virtual work experience resources to address challenges in careers education for pupils with SEND. The toolkits and resources are not exclusive for SEND and can be used and adapted by all secondary schools and colleges. You can find out more [here](#)

## Wiltshire Council invites families and carers of young people with SEND to share views



Wiltshire Council recently invited families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) to share their views and help prioritise the changes being made as part of the newly launched SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy. You can view the strategy [here](#)

## Wiltshire Council SEND EHCP Funding Webinar



Wiltshire Council is inviting families of children and young people with SEND to participate in an [online session](#) regarding changes to the funding of Education, health and Care Plans (EHCP's). The session will provide an opportunity to learn about proposed changes to EHCP funding allocation and definition of needs, ensuring that children receive appropriate support. The consultation aims to make the funding process simpler, fairer, and more aligned with students needs. The online meeting will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm-7pm via Microsoft Teams. Questions can be sent in advance to [communications@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:communications@wiltshire.gov.uk). This webinar forms part of a wider consultation on EHCP funding including an online survey which can be found at <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/s/6usoum>.

## Small grants scheme supporting children and young people with SEND



Wiltshire Council is encouraging groups, organisations and individuals to apply for grants of up to £10,000 aimed at increasing opportunities and activities for children and young people with SEND in the community. The funding can be used to cover the cost of essential resources for clubs, activities, and other initiatives that support children and young people with SEND, helping to create more inclusive experiences in the local community. Deadlines for submissions is midnight on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Applications will be assessed in January 2025. Find out more [here](#)

## Purlos – The Number One Destinations Tracking Platform for Education and Employability Providers

# PURLOS

Purlos is an EdTech software company dedicated to empowering education providers to connect with students, enhance their learner journeys, and achieve positive outcomes. Their mission is to support 10 million students into a “positive outcome” by 2030, ensuring that they have the knowledge, skills and confidence to reach their full potential. Purlos offer a tracking service after students leave school or college, automating data collection, giving quality teams course-specific insights to improve education, outcomes and skills aligned with Ofsted standards. Book a demo [here](#)

## The Careers People – February Apprenticeship Academy free for Independent Schools



The Careers People are offering independent schools free access to their February Apprenticeship Academy. Students will learn how to find, apply for and interview for apprenticeships (with ATS systems and AI in mind!). You can refer as many students as you wish to take part. Please email [contact@thecareerspeople.co.uk](mailto:contact@thecareerspeople.co.uk) for information on how to get access to these free online sessions. More information can be found [here](#)

## Neurodiversity Recruitment and Employment Support



Exceptional Individuals provide neurodiversity consulting, recruitment and support to employers and young people with dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD and autism. Find out more [here](#)

## Step into the NHS competitions for Primary and Secondary Schools



The NHS Health Careers team has launched its 2024/25 [Step into the NHS competitions](#) for schools. Designed to raise awareness of the 350 NHS careers and inspire young people to choose an NHS career, the NHS are looking for your help in getting schools involved. The closing date for entries is 30 April 2025, you can find out more at: [Step into the NHS | KS3 careers resources and competition](#)

## Lloyds Bank Academy – free online skills training



Learn new skills for free with Lloyds Bank Academy. There are several lesson topics available, ranging from online essential skills to money management. Click [here](#) for more details.

## A new, revamped website for Amazing Apprenticeships!



Amazing Apprenticeships have been busy updating their website. There are now dedicated zones for Schools, Employers, Students and Parents/Carers and SEND. Check it out here: [Amazing Apprenticeships](#)  
**National Apprenticeship Week runs from 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025** and there are plenty of ideas and resources on the website!

## The Gatsby Report: Good Careers Guidance – The Next Ten Years



The new Gatsby report has been published and there are some changes as improvements have been made since the benchmarks were introduced ten years ago. Read the full report here:

[Updated Gatsby Benchmarks](#)

## Careers in Horseracing



There are many different routes to explore in Horseracing, from Apprenticeships, to Early Careers Programmes to hands on working with horses or working in an office environment. There are several Specialist Training Colleges to choose from which young people can attend either after GCSE's or A Levels. For those wanting to explore riding options, the British Racing School based in Suffolk and the National Horseracing College based in Yorkshire, offer a Foundation course in Racehorse Care which leads to a Level 2 Apprenticeship delivered in a racing yard. Find more information here: [Careers in Racing](#)

## Early Careers at National Grid



The National Grid are an energy company and the largest electricity transmission and distribution business in the UK. This booklet details a range of careers and apprenticeship pathways from commercial to engineering and IT. Read the brochure and find out more here: [National Grid Early Careers Brochure](#)

## Skills Connect – New Green Careers pages



Skills Connect has four new green careers pages on their website (nature, transport, climate resilience and energy). View them here: [Green Careers Pages - Skills Connect](#)

## Free Tax Fact Lessons by HMRC



Designed by a team of educational experts, Tax Facts is a curriculum-linked set of free resourced lessons available to teachers to support young people in building essential life skills. The lessons explore the basics about tax in a relevant and interactive way. Join National Schools Partnership to access employee visits and resources.

Find out more and register here: [Tax Facts Lessons by HMRC](#)

## Apprenticeship Recruitment Guidance for Tutors and Teachers



The Western Training Provider Network and The Careers & Enterprise Company have teamed up to offer free, funded, tailored sessions to schools and colleges to support them in supporting young people to discover apprenticeship opportunities and apply. Topics they can discuss and offer guidance on include: the levels, depth and breadth of apprenticeships, the local offer, employers and LMI, progressive pathways, processes, sites and timelines, writing cover letters and preparation for the next stage. Find out more here: [Western Training Provider Network - Apprenticeship Recruitment](#) or by emailing [alex.richards@wtpn.org.uk](mailto:alex.richards@wtpn.org.uk)

## My Pocket Skill – Paid weekend/seasonal work for young people



My Pocket Skill is a platform to help young people **Earn, Save and Learn** by completing tasks such as tutoring, music coaching, web design and social media management – fully moderated for safety. Full details can be found [My Pocket Skill - For Young People](#)

## FutureSmart Careers December Blog



The FutureSmart Careers December blog is now available to view on our website. This month we talk about how to use any spare time you may have during the Christmas break to get ahead and plan for your future. The blog can be viewed [here](#)

## Contact Us



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