

CAREERS CORNER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Hello and welcome from the first edition for the academic year of the John Port careers newsletter, "Careers Corner". The Academy is back in full swing with a diverse range of activities planned and new resources available to deliver impartial Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance through the Careers Curriculum, across all year groups. I have launched my, "Careers Café" which is an open door, drop in session held on Friday lunchtimes. This is for students to:

- Refresh their career ideas
- Seek a bit of tasty information
- Try out some sweet careers' websites

Unfortunately, there are no free cupcakes available..... but do please let your young people be aware. Despite the disruption caused by COVID-19, the career choices for our young people in terms of options related to courses, qualifications, apprenticeships and employment has grown, three cheers for this! 🍷

A big thank you to one of the Academy's Maths Teacher's Mr. Utere, for his amazing contribution to this month's edition:

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN BLOCKCHAIN

I am Samuel Utere with a background in Electronics Engineering, I currently teach maths at John Port Spencer Academy. I keep my love of engineering and technology alive by learning about new technologies, and by collaborating with like-minded techies on blockchain projects, such as the Hyperfund Blockchain. You may have heard of Bitcoin. It is just a tiny part of blockchain technology that is already revolutionising the way we interact with the internet. Think about blockchain as another layer of the internet that makes the way we interact with each other more efficient, democratic and beneficial.

The potential of this technology now and in the immediate future is simply outstanding. It is growing at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of about 67%.

The demand for people with Blockchain skills is high. Due to its many fields of application, it is looking to hire those who have the skills set to navigate this new technology. Of course, just like with any other fantastic job opportunities, not everyone is cut out for these opportunities. You must have or acquire the skills that set you apart and make an employer want to entrust you with their investment.

Career Opportunities in Blockchain

You are probably wondering what these jobs and careers are and if they are available. Here are some of those positions: Blockchain Developer, Blockchain Solution Architect, Blockchain Project Manager, Blockchain UX Designer, Blockchain Quality Engineer and Blockchain Legal Consultant. Besides these specific roles, other connected roles include; Crypto journalists, Crypto brokers, Crypto analysts and Initial Coin Offering (ICO) advisors.

CAREERS INFORMATION AND LINKS

RATE MY APPRENTICESHIP

98% of students who attended our virtual event last year said they would attend again....

So, we're back with a brand-new event featuring 15 of the best apprenticeship employers in the UK including ALDI, DELOTTE and VODAFONE. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about

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apprenticeships, discover the opportunities available in 2021 / 2022 and get exclusive application advice, all in one virtual space.

SIGN UP NOW

You are invited to our virtual event which can be found through:

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/> . This event is being held on the 20th and 21st October and features 15 of the best apprenticeship employers in the UK.

WORLD SKILLS UK

We are excited to bring you our next **Spotlight Talks: Inspiring careers excellence** event where leading employers, professionals and role models will discuss how digital skills are key to enabling success in your students' future careers. It's not to be missed. In our fast-evolving digital world, businesses across the UK are increasingly sounding the alarm about the growing digital skills gap. This event will be held on 13th – 14th November and can be found through: <https://www.worldskillsuk.org/careers-advice/spotlight-talks-inspiring-careers-excellence>

By joining this online event you and your students can expect to find out more about exciting career paths in areas such as software engineering, game design, computer science, construction, financial crime analysis and more.

SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS

Speakers for Schools have some opportunities available that we believe will bring value to your students. These opportunities range from Insight Days, Discovery Workshops, Work Experience and Access All Areas that have been selected to suit your student's interest. Further opportunities are included in the attachments and can be found [here](#) on the portal.

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

3C Building Control - Are you interested in learning more about a career in Building Control?

Throughout this VWEX students will discover how Building Control interacts with other service areas within local authorities and wider construction industry. Expect to hear stories about the types of things you can expect to see on site and there will be plenty of opportunities to ask lots of questions! An unmissable experience for anyone interested in a career that makes a real difference in your local community.

Opportunity link: <https://www.s4nextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1915>

To apply, please go to the [portal](#).

INSIGHT DAY OPPORTUNITY

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council - Physical Activity and Mental Health & Wellbeing Insight Day.

This insight day will help students gain knowledge of the physical activity and mental health awareness initiatives that the borough is implementing. Students will then discuss how they would put together or develop a physical activity programme in helping inactive people to be more active and raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing issues.

Opportunity link: <http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1915>

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DISCOVERY WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

The Adecco Group - How Employable can you be?

If you are interested in Personal Development and learning more about how to make yourself more employable in the future. This short Discovery session will support you to learn the key skills and provide you with tools to make yourself more employable in the future. An opportunity to hear from Professionals in the recruitment Industry as well as learn about the industry sector.

Opportunity link: <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2076>

To apply, please click [here](#).

LIVE ACCESS ALL AREAS OPPORTUNITY

We are also excited to now share some of our placements for our **Access All Areas Campaign**. Starting from October we are providing placements specifically designed for students with Additional Learning Needs/Special Educational Needs. For more information regarding our Access All Areas campaign please click [here](#).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Would you like to be a publisher for five weeks?

Cambridge University Press & Assessment invites you to join their schools publishing team and gain hands-on experience of creating a customer persona, designing a campaign and planning social media.

Opportunity link: <https://www.s4nextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2049>

To apply, please click [here](#).

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Students can also keep up to date with work experience and careers opportunities by clicking on the "Upcoming Opportunities tile" on the intranet or using the link below.

<https://sites.google.com/johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk/upcoming-opportunities-for-stu/home>

JOHN PORT 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING

Although disappointed that we cannot host this annual event in the academy, we are delighted to offer a remote 'Year 12 Online Information Evening'. Details about the post-16 subjects we offer, information about our Sixth Form and a prospectus booklet will be available on the website from Wednesday 6th October 2021.

John Port students interested in applying for the Sixth Form will receive a prospectus during form time. If you are an external application and you would like a copy of the prospectus posting to you, please email us. All Sixth Form applications must be made online using the application link.

If you have any questions or enquiries please contact the Sixth Form team at sixthform@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk

DERBY COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

<https://www.derby-college.ac.uk/news-events/events>

The Joseph Wright Centre Open Day

Thursday 21st October 2021

5pm - 7pm ([pre-registration required](#))

The Joseph Wright Centre, Cathedral Road, Derby DE1 3PA

Broomfield Hall Open Day

Wednesday 3rd November 2021

5pm - 7pm ([pre-registration required](#))

Broomfield Hall, Morley, Ilkeston, Derby, DE7 6DN

The Roundhouse Open Day

Thursday 11th November 2021

5pm - 7pm ([pre-registration required](#))

The Roundhouse, Derby DE24 8JE

The Community College, Ilkeston Open Day

Thursday 25th November 2021

5pm - 7pm ([pre-registration required](#))

Ilkeston College, 2 Pimlico, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 5JS

BURTON COLLEGE OPEN DAY

<https://www.bsdc.ac.uk/events/939-open-day-18th-october-2021>

Open Day - 18th October 2021

BURTON AND SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COLLEGE

TOWN CENTRE CAMPUS, DE14 3RL, MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 5PM-8PM

Come to our open day where you'll have the chance to speak to tutors, learn more about courses of interest and tour the College facilities!

BILBOROUGH COLLEGE OPEN DAY

<https://bilborough.ac.uk/about/open-days/>

We currently have the following face-to-face Open Days planned. In these pandemic times, we want to maintain control of maximum numbers and manage parking on site, so you will need to book a time slot and car parking space for these events. If you are able to arrive on foot, by bike or on public transport, we would welcome this but are aware that this is not possible for many people.

Follow this [link](#) to make a booking for the Autumn events.

Saturday 9th October 10am-2pm

Wednesday 20th October 4pm – 7pm

As always, if you have any specific careers queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on sco@johnport.derybshire.sch.uk.

Take care,

Mrs. S. Coulson

Careers Advisor