



Bradfield School Careers Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Bradfield Careers Newsletter. This will be produced regularly and will include lots of exciting information relating to local and National opportunities as well as general careers information for all year groups, parents, carers and staff which we hope you will enjoy!

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In the news... The British Army celebrates 100 years of apprenticeships



The British Army celebrates 100 years of Apprenticeships (October 2023):

The first temporary Apprentice College opened in Aldershot in 1923 and was replaced by the Boys' Technical School in Chepstow in 1924. Over the following 65 years **50,000 apprentices** graduated from 16 colleges, learning various trades including Vehicle Mechanic, Radar Technician, Aircraft Technician, Instrument Technician, Fitter, and Gun Fitter amongst others.

In 2004, the last Technical Foundation College in Arborfield closed when the Army offered modern Apprenticeships which are now delivered in the Initial Trade Training Schools and in the workplace. **Since 2004, there have been 106,945 achievements. We now have 6,000 apprentices starts every year.**

We asked Col Craig Terblanche – Branch Colonel of the Education and Training Services:

How has the apprenticeship offer changed /developed over the last 100 years?

“Following WWI, the Army needed skilled tradesmen to help modernise its forces to meet the demands of mechanisation. The original apprenticeships were only for boys and focused on mechanical skills which were delivered in college settings. Today, our apprentices (both male and female) are leading us into the Digital Age, learning in the workplace, gaining nationally recognised qualifications in one of 39 standards, whilst getting paid, and learning valuable life skills.”



To find out more about apprenticeship opportunities within the army, please visit:

For young people interested in apprenticeships with the British Army, (and those supporting them!) join us on the **7th November at 4pm** for a webinar about the Army Foundation College Harrogate (AFC Harrogate) and how the college helps 16 – 17 year olds prepare for a career in The British Army.

You'll gain invaluable insight into the extensive range of apprenticeships, the application process and hear from current and former apprentices!

[Apprenticeships with the British Army - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)



Spotlight on Careers.....



For all things a little spooky and explosive...



Spotlight on Careers—As October is the month for all things spooky, weird and wonderful, we thought we would find some slightly ‘more unusual’ career ideas for you to investigate....have fun and don’t be scared, remember these are real careers that everyday people do!



- Crematorium Technician [Crematorium technician](#) | [Explore careers](#) | [National Careers Service](#)
- Forensic Entomologist [Blog-5-A-Career-in-Forensic-Entomology.pdf \(csitrainingandevents.com\)](#)
- Police Diver [Underwater Search Unit Police Diver - College of Policing](#)
- Grave Digger [Planit : Job Profiles : Cemetery Worker General Services \(planitplus.net\)](#)
- Taxidermist [Taxidermist](#) | [Explore careers](#) | [National Careers Service](#)
- Undertakers/Funeral Directors [Funeral director](#) | [Explore careers](#) | [National Careers Service](#)
- Crime Scene Cleaner [How do you become a crime scene cleaner in the UK?](#) | [Ultima Environmental Store](#)
- Sewer Flusher [Water and sewerage plant operatives](#) | [Pay, employment, hours & equality data \(careersmart.org.uk\)](#)
- High Rise Steeplejack [Careerpilot : Job sectors : On-site : Job profiles : Steeplejack](#)
- Anatomical Pathology Technician [Anatomical pathology technician](#) | [Explore careers](#) | [National Careers Service](#)
- Hazardous Waste Technicians [Waste management officer job profile](#) | [Prospects.ac.uk](#)
- Phlebotomist [Phlebotomist](#) | [Health Careers](#)
- Coffin Maker [Grant F - icould](#)
- Paranormal Investigator [How To Become A Paranormal Investigator](#) | [Paranormal Academy](#)
- Forensic Scientist [Forensic scientist](#) | [Explore careers](#) | [National Careers Service](#)
- Prosthetics & Special Effects Make Up Artist [How to Become an SFX Makeup Artist](#) | [Backstage](#)



November is the month for Bonfire night. Here are a few roles involved in bringing us our colourful sky displays and bonfire events for you to explore:

- Special Effects Technician [Special effects technician job profile](#) | [Prospects.ac.uk](#)
- Pyrotechnician & Pyro Engineers [How To Get Hired as a Fireworks Technician \(Plus Tips\)](#) | [Indeed.com](#) [How do I get to work in the Fireworks Industry? - Titanium Fireworks](#)
- Firefighter [Firefighter job profile](#) | [Prospects.ac.uk](#)
- Events Manager [Event manager job profile](#) | [Prospects.ac.uk](#)
- Photographer [How to become a professional photographer](#) | [Prospects.ac.uk](#)
- Event Steward [Event Steward](#) | [G4S Jobs & Careers](#)





Diary Date

Green Careers Week 6th–11th November 2023



Defining a green career

A green career is a job, or series of jobs, across an occupational life that contribute to improving the natural environment and addressing climate change.

- We have already seen the creation of new roles, in areas that didn't previously exist
- In the UK, up to 480,000 green jobs will be created and supported by 2030
- We will see new roles develop, with the emergence of the green economy and clean technologies
- Many roles will require enhanced green skills

Find the career path that suits your skill set—Everyone can play their part in a green future, both personally and professionally. We believe that individuals and organisations alike must implement change to make all jobs greener. Take a look through some of these green job roles to find out more: [Job Profiles archive - Green Careers Hub](#) Source: [Home - Green Careers Hub](#)

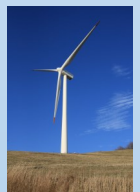


Green Careers Week—Empowering positive change through sustainable careers

Around 60% of young people are 'worried' or 'extremely worried' about climate change, (according to a global survey conducted by Bath University in 2021) so we want to highlight the amazing career pathways they can follow to improve the future climate.

Young people want (and need) to be involved in finding solutions to our environmental challenges, so it's vital that we provide opportunities to show them how they can play an active role within the world of work. Knowing how they can find careers that play a significant part in improving our environmental credentials should contribute towards restoring their confidence in a positive and sustainable future.

Download the latest Green Careers Week guide for parents: [The Parent's Guide To Green Careers Week 2023 - National Careers Week](#)



Source: [Green Careers Week 6th - 11th November 2023 - National Careers Week](#)

TOGETHER FOR A GREENER FUTURE

Name: _____

I Support GCW2023 Because...

My Top Sustainability Tip:





Volunteering, Work Experience and Online Learning Opportunities.....

We know that work experience, voluntary work and additional study courses can all help to increase your skills and knowledge but did you know that they also give you incredible experience that you can add to your CV or personal statements which will really help you to stand out from the crowd when applying for employment or learning opportunities. We have put together some free opportunities to get you started which you can do in school or from home. Have fun and learn something new!



Apply for free virtual work experience programmes and online courses —Featured this edition are:

[CyberFirst Defenders](#) | [Smallpeice Trust](#) Places are closed at the moment but new dates will appear. Why not check out some weekly STEM challenges at home together that you can make out of simple things you will have around the house [Engineering At Home](#) | [Smallpeice Trust](#)

[Free Virtual Work Experience](#) | [Springpod](#)—Register for an account to access a wide range of work experience from major employers.

[Explore Work Experience - Youth Employment UK](#) A selection of great videos to help you understand work experience with a digital workbook

[Services and Products - Future First](#) Virtual work experience activities in the Commercial, Third and Health Sectors.

[Virtual Work Experience tool](#) | [Barclays LifeSkills](#) Get to see the inner workings of a digital transformation agency and work with different departments—Estimated time 20-40 mins.

[Halliday Fraser Munro - Work Experience Zone \(hfm.co.uk\)](#) For learners interested in Architecture and Design—Chose from a selection of tasks.



Free online courses:

[FutureLearn](#) | [Online learning](#) | [The University of Sheffield](#)—Free taster/sample sessions with completion certificates for all.

[Free courses - OpenLearn - Open University](#) Wide range of free to study courses. Create a free account to record your achievements.

[Free Online Courses \(alison.com\)](#) Access thousands of free online courses from Art to Zoology! Create an account to record your progress and save your work.

[Mind's free online course to help you support others - Mind](#) Free course to support the wellbeing of others



Volunteer Centre
Sheffield

Volunteering is a great way to gain skills and experience, help others, meet new people and have fun!

Volunteer Centre Sheffield is part of Voluntary Action Sheffield and is a charity that supports the voluntary and community sector in Sheffield to be vibrant, effective and influential. Volunteer Centre Sheffield produces a regular bulletin of local volunteering opportunities for young people aged 13 and over in the Sheffield area. There is an incredible range to choose from and you can add yourself to their mailing list to receive regular updates if you are interested.

You can find out more by visiting [I'm a young person - Volunteer Centre Sheffield \(sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk\)](#)

You can access the most recent vacancy bulletin for young people here : [October 2023 13-17 Bulletin.pdf \(sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk\)](#) For Parents/ Carers visit: [October 2023 Bulletin v2.pdf \(sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk\)](#) Have a look, you might find something inspiring and incredible.





This month....the spotlight is on Sheffield Progress

What is Sheffield Progress?



Online prospectus and application system used by all Y11's in the Sheffield area to **apply** for sixth forms, colleges and training providers.



Can be used to **research** post 16 providers and courses without the need to be logged into your account

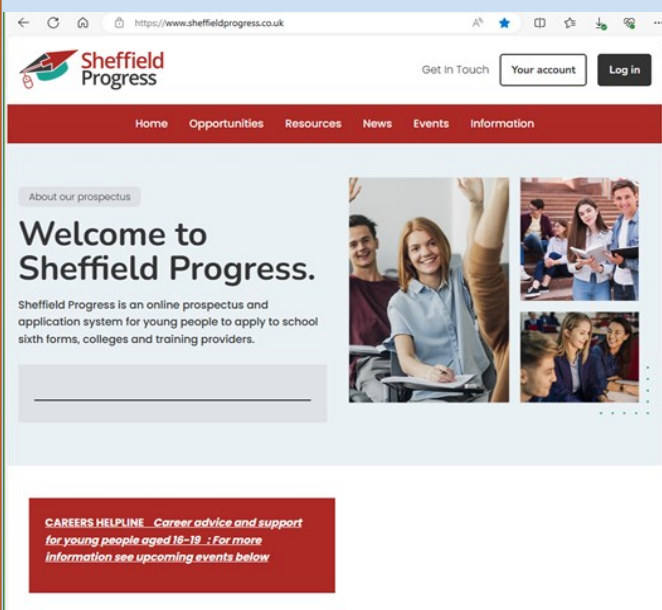


Once logged into your account you can **research, favourite, make and edit** applications to your choice of providers and courses.

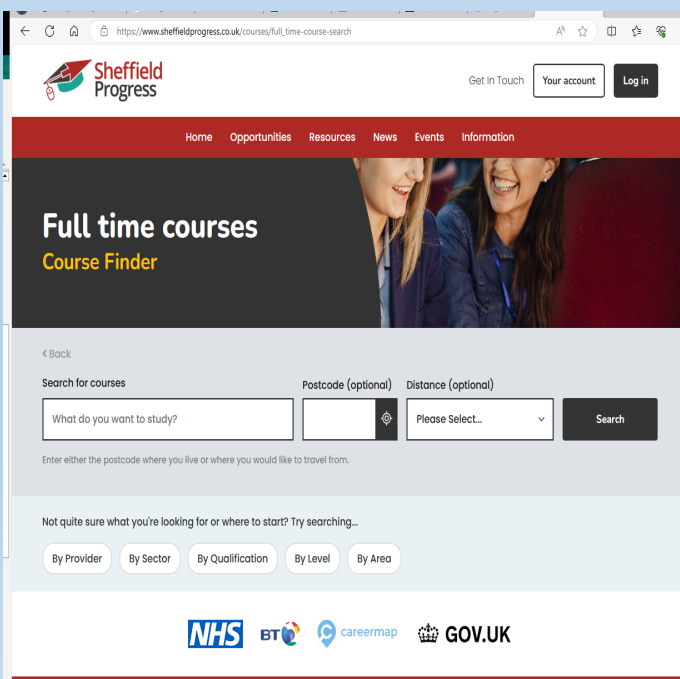


When you have completed your applications, you can use Sheffield Progress to **track** your applications and **manage** course offers.

? Did you know that Sheffield Progress is not just for Y11's? The site can be used by anyone wanting to research the types of courses available after Year 11 as part of your career planning in any year. You do not require a 'login' to search for courses. Only Y11's will receive a personal 'login' for the site. Visit: www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk to enter.



By clicking on the tabs at the top of the home page you can find out information about courses, providers in our area, qualifications, (including types and levels) and much more. You can use the search facility to look up course interest areas or search the list of providers to see what types of courses and qualifications they offer.



Head to www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk to have a look around. You may find some new ideas to look into! There are so many courses to study after Y11, but it is important to start early so that you can work towards the grades needed and research your ideas in more detail to help you make important decisions when you finally reach Y11. Students in Y11 are currently using this platform to research, make and manage their post 16 applications which have to be completed by the end of January!



Info for our Year 11's relating to open events, Sheffield Progress and application processes.

Year 11's are in the midst of visiting sixth form schools, colleges and training providers throughout the next few months to help them find out more about the huge range of post 16 courses and learning options on offer across the region. Here are a few reminders for Year 11's to help you stay on track with your post 16 application processes:

- Double check that you have completed and submitted your personal statement to your tutor or via the email provided by Mr Miskell. Once these have been checked they can be copied into Sheffield Progress. Make sure you run a final check to make sure you haven't missed anything and that you have spell checked your work.
- Y11 careers meetings are in full swing and every student will be seen by Sarah Dempsey for a 1-1 meeting between now and mid January. If you have an urgent need to be seen, please pop and see Sarah ASAP in the LRC Careers Office.
- Ensure you have the latest open event listing which is available on the school website and in the careers folder on SharePoint. Some places require you to book your place when visiting, so double check before you go by visiting the providers website or giving them a call.
- Your new Sheffield Progress grades are available on Bromcom and will be updated automatically onto Sheffield Progress in the next few weeks. It is essential that you check the entry requirements of courses against your predicted grades as these must match or your application will be returned to you.



Useful information and opportunities for ALL year groups:



[Mental Health Support For Young People | YoungMinds](#)



[Children and Young People's Empowerment Project - Chilypep](#)



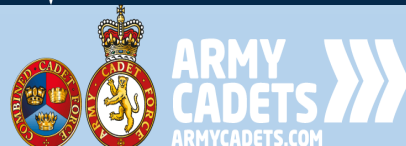
[Sheffield Youth Cabinet and UK Youth Parliament | Sheffield City Council](#)



[South Yorkshire Fire Cadets scheme - South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue](#)
(syfire.gov.uk)



[Volunteer Cadet - Join SYP - SYP \(\[southyorks.police.uk\]\(http://southyorks.police.uk\)\)](#) Current application window closed



[Humberside And South Yorkshire Army Cadets | Army Cadets UK](#) [Army Cadet Magazine - April 2023 by Salt Media - Issuu](#)



[Find your local squadron | Royal Air Force Air Cadets \(\[mod.uk\]\(http://mod.uk\)\)](#)



[Home - Sea Cadets Sheffield \(\[sea-cadets.org\]\(http://sea-cadets.org\)\)](#)



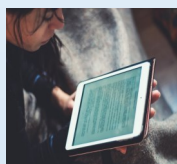
General Information for Parents & Carers



Welcome to series 3 of the popular 'The Parent Perspective' podcasts. Join BBC Radio 5Live's Rachel Burden who is the new host for this incredible and informative series aimed at parents and carers who want to be informed and confident in supporting their child to navigate and make decisions about their future and career plans. [The Parent Perspective Podcast - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)



[Careers Advice for Parents - Youth Employment UK](#) Helpful information to help parents navigate options and choices with their children.



Online Parent/Carer Guides

For parents/carers of Years 10 & 11 [Careerpilot : Parent zone : All questions : What are the choices for my child at 16? Post-16 Options | UCAS](#)

For parents/carers of Years 8 & 9 [Careerpilot : Get information : Your choices at 14 : Choosing GCSEs: compulsory and optional GCSE choices: Practical ways to guide students | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

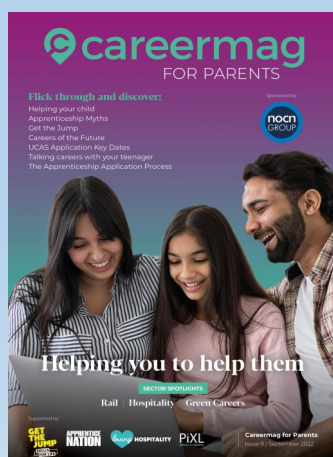
FREE Parents Careers Guides available from the 'success at school' team

We are delighted to announce that the brand new 2023 **Parents guides to university and apprenticeships** are available for parents and carers to access for **FREE** and will be sent directly to your inbox along with a **free bonus STEM** careers guide.



For more details and to sign up, click here: [New 2022/23 FREE parents careers guides - register today \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

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at school**



All Years [Articles](#) | [The Parents' Guide to \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](#) **SEND** [LocalOffer](#) | [Sheffield \(sheffielddirectory.org.uk\)](#) [Young Carers](#) [Young carers](#) | [Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#) [Young carers](#) | [Childline](#)

[Careermap - Parents - Careermap](#) - Don't forget to sign up for your free subscription of this fantastic guide. Visit [Live Careermaps - Careermap](#)

Many parents get in touch with us asking for advice on how to respond to their child when they ask this question. What may seem like a daunting question to many parents, doesn't actually have to be. Careermap for Parents connects parents, guardians and carers with up to date labour market information. We explain the various qualification routes available and bust myths and misconceptions along the way. Grab a cuppa and sit down with

Careers Research

Careers research is a great way to generate ideas about what you might like to do when you have completed your studies. It will also help you to investigate different kinds of career areas and jobs and help to inspire you for the future. It can help you to think about the things you enjoy and the skills and qualities that you have. Why not start a research project of your own and be as creative as you can? These sites are a great starting point and can be used for all ages.



[Start – Careers Information for South Yorkshire \(startprofile.com\)](http://startprofile.com)

Careerpilot

[Careerpilot : Plan your future work & study](#)

TARGET
careers

[Career sectors and professions for school leavers | TARGETcareers](#)

National
Careers
Service

[Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

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Sheffield
Progress

Sheffield Progress is an online prospectus and application system for young people in Y11 to apply to school sixth forms, colleges and training providers as part of their Post 16 Options process.

Students in all year groups can access Sheffield Progress without needing an account to research the range of learning opportunities associated with their own interest areas. For example, you could research courses such as A Level subjects at Tapton School Sixth Form, Art & Design at Sheffield College, Engineering at UTC, Construction at Nacro, Sport at Sheffield Wednesday, Beauty at White Rose, etc There are so many providers and courses to look at which should give you helpful information and inspiration for the future.

Please visit: [Home \(sheffieldprogress.co.uk\)](http://sheffieldprogress.co.uk) to start your research.

UCAS

If you are considering the possibility of Higher Education in the future as a potential Post 18 choice, you may find it helpful to explore UCAS which is the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service website. You can find out all about Higher Education opportunities which includes apprenticeships and colleges as well as universities.

Visit: UCAS | [At the heart of connecting people to higher education](#) to find out more or try the UCAS Careers Quiz at: [Careers Quiz | UCAS](#)

COMPLETE
CAREERS

Would you like to find out more about your personality and discover possible career pathways for you?

Try the Complete-Careers Quiz by visiting: www.careersquiz.complete-careers.com

Extraverted
Intuitive
Feeling
Perceptive

Naturally confident, warm, and imaginative, you enjoy making others in problem solving. You appreciate praise (though not orders!) and enjoy praising others in return. Your energy can get where you are needed, but on new projects you can work too hard.

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We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. If you have any careers related news you would like us to include or have a topic you would like us to cover, we would love to hear from you.

Please email careers@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk or pop and see Sarah Dempsey our Careers Adviser who can be found in the careers office at the back of the library or contact Mrs Carter—Careers Lead

Whatever you are doing this October & November, have fun and stay safe!

Emergency services make bonfire and firework safety plea...



South Yorkshire's police and fire services are urging people to be fire safe and 999 wise around Halloween and Bonfire Night this autumn.

Many call outs involved bonfires that had grown out of control, and trees that had been set on fire by stray fireworks. Others involved cars and wheelie bins being set alight.

Every year we attend countless incidents involving bonfires that have got out of control, or fireworks that have gone astray. In more serious cases, people have found themselves seriously hurt.

Our main advice around these times of year, especially Bonfire Night, is to attend organised displays. These are safer and far more spectacular!

Did You know?

- It is against the law to carry fireworks in public if you are under 18.
- Fireworks must NOT be sold to anyone under the age of 18
- It is an offence to throw or set-off a firework in the street or public place. This could result in prosecution and a fine of up to £5000!
- It is an offence to let fireworks off during night hours (11pm to 7am) except on Bonfire night when it is extended to midnight.
- On average, 130 fires on homes and buildings in the UK are started by fireworks every year.



[Bonfire Night Health & Safety Guide \(bonfire-night-safety.co.uk\)](http://bonfire-night-safety.co.uk)

[Emergency services make bonfire and firework safety plea - South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue \(syfire.gov.uk\)](http://syfire.gov.uk)

