

Careers Bulletin

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This newsletter is a collation of opportunities from employers and education providers. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

Parents are encouraged to participate and support where possible.

Careers Team

If you or your child would like any further careers information or support, please contact a member of our Careers Team:

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Transition, Transition, Transition!

We have had several transition days recently. Year 10 were involved in a post-16 awareness day, where they had the option to attend either A-Level lessons in school for the day, to get a taste for sixth form at Lord Lawson, or they could attend a college/apprenticeship day, where they could find out about various college courses and apprenticeship opportunities.

We invited representatives from Gateshead College into school, and a number of our students visited New College Durham.

Thank you to all guests who came into school to support this day.





Over the summer, My Big Career have volunteers who will be available online to support students' with writing personal statements, CV's or cover letters. They also offer online 1:1 interview practice.

Any student interested can send an email to: hello@mybigcareer.org to request support.



Young Professionals are hosting a series of events and work experience opportunities this summer from organisations and employers, including PwC, The University of Law, KPMG, Mott MacDonald, and Direct Line.

They are both online and in-person. For more information and booking please follow the link below: <https://young-professionals.uk/events/>

The Uni Guide Podcast

As well as lots of advice and details of university events, UniTasterdays also has a whole set of podcasts on a range of topics from 'studying abroad as part of a degree' to 'bursaries, scholarships and free money'.

The most recent podcast is the first of a two-part series on student finance.

Have a look at: www.unitasterdays.com/listen-to-the-university-guide-podcast/

Opportunities



Speakers for Schools

Did you know that there are over 2.3 million jobs in the creative industries and the sector employs more people than the automotive sector, life sciences, oil and gas and aerospace combined? It's such a vast industry it's not surprising the different job roles and pathways are a mystery to many, but we want to change that.

Featuring professionals from a range of creative industries such as visual effects, film, craft, music and more, Speakers for Schools are offering a series of open evenings will introduce some of the exciting career pathways available in this thriving sector and showcase opportunities for young people and their schools/colleges to gain more direct experience with employers.

Speakers for Schools is a UK-wide charity that gives young people from state schools and colleges fully funded opportunities to meet leading and local employers and gain valuable insights. We offer a quick and easy way for your child to find and apply for virtual and in-person placements with leading employers such as Virgin, TikTok, Bentley Motors, Tesco, Boots, the NHS, Vodafone and Spotify.

[Explore Creative Careers!](#) Students can search through hundreds of careers in the Creative Industries [here](#), and explore what they involve, how to get started, even ideas about salary.

An incredibly useful resource for showing students the breadth of creative careers out there!



[Clearing: What you need to know | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

What is Clearing?

Clearing matches applicants to university places that are yet to be filled. It's available to anyone who has made a UCAS Undergraduate application and doesn't hold any offers. Running from 5 July to 18 October, it's for any year 13 student who would still like to apply to university.

Clearing is now open for applications. Year 13 students can use their UCAS account to apply

★ RATEMYAPPRENTICESHIP

Website of the week: The site www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk is a one-stop shop for apprenticeships. As well as “Tripadvisor” style ratings for apprenticeships, the site details a number of programs covering gap year, work experience, school leavers etc. It also has lots of advice and guides for various industries that offer apprenticeships.



The great thing about jobs in [Health and Safety](#) is that they could offer your students a pathway into virtually any industry – from TV and film to fashion and even the performing arts. Today, we explore the wide variety roles of roles in this area plus the different routes into the industry.

Success at School website below highlights the skills and qualifications you need for a career in Health & Safety.

Explore the link to this exciting career:

[Career Zone: Working in Health & Safety](#)  (mailchi.mp)

You can also find out about this career by logging into your Unifrog school account: unifrog.org.uk

CrossCountry Careers



Who are CrossCountry?

We are part of the Arriva Group, one of the leading providers of passenger transport in Europe, we cross more of the country than any other train company but we're not just about connecting people with their destination, we're about connecting with people.

Our customers come from all walks of life and so do our staff. We hire great people from a wide variety of backgrounds, not just because it's the right thing to do but because it makes our organisation stronger.

An Apprenticeship is a real job where you earn while you learn & gain experience

What can I do there?

You've probably used our service to get to where you want to be but have you ever thought about where CrossCountry could get you in your career?

We offer a range of opportunities for those looking for their first step in their career in a supportive and inclusive environment. Read on to find out more about the opportunities we offer.



School Leaver Employment

You can join us straight from school in a number of catering and customer service roles such as First Class Host or Retail Service Manager. Full training will be given.

[View vacancies](#)

Apprenticeships

We offer apprenticeships in many functions from those who join our business as a Train Manager or Driver, colleagues working in support functions, such as Marketing through to our senior leaders.

[Find out more](#)

Graduate Scheme

The Transport Management Graduate Scheme is for 18 months rotating through a range of placements, working with a variety of individuals allowing you to grow your network and be ready to kickstart your career.

[Find out more](#)

Why CrossCountry?

We want to bring out the best in our team members by creating a place where they can grow and ensure that everyone feels valued, heard and supported.

Day to day we focus on a give and take approach. We give our best, we give our egos a break and we give all of ourselves. We take accountability, we take bold steps, and we take difference to the very heart of what we do.

For your hard work, we will reward you with great benefits. Take a look below.

Free Rail Travel

Free rail travel for you and your family (rules and conditions apply). Discounted rail travel on all other train operating companies.

Cycle to Work Scheme

A healthier and cheaper way to commute with a tax efficient way to fund buying a bike.

Access to The Village

Discounts with major retailers through Arriva's online employee benefits portal, The Village. It allows employees to save at their favourite retailers and also offers benefits such as Smartfit gym membership.



Don't just take our word for it

Hear from one of our female Train Drivers

I have been accepted well and have been fully supported by everyone, all my colleagues are willing to help and I feel like part of the team. I have a great manager and he is always there when I need him.

What would you say to any females who are thinking about becoming a Train Driver?

Go for it!!! If it's something you want then apply for it, it's changed my life and it's a job I thoroughly enjoy.



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We invest in apprentices Gold



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CrossCountry careers



THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS
2020 CAREER PROVIDER





Realise your potential

No matter your background - there is a place for you at PGL. Grow a rewarding career, build skills, gain qualifications and challenge yourself in a supportive environment.



Meet #TEAMPGL

Unsure what to do after college? You're not alone! PGL offers rewarding careers in the outdoor industry, a fantastic alternative to higher education.

Meet **Aaron**, who joined #TEAMPGL as an **Activity Instructor/Group Leader**

Watch this short video to hear Aaron's story..



The sky's the limit

When Chris Bates joined PGL as a Kitchen Porter during his gap year, he had no idea that it would be the start of an incredible journey. Ten years later, Chris is **Regional Facilities Manager**, having worked his way through varied Catering, Chef, and Management roles.

"PGL are fantastic for giving opportunities, they really focus on your potential, rather than your previous experience" said Chris. "My advice to anyone joining PGL would be to keep on learning and growing, and welcome new opportunities and qualifications when they come knocking.. **I would never have predicted the path I ended up taking!**"

Chris

Just a few of the career paths available...



Joining is just the beginning... where will you go?

With over 200 different roles within PGL and beyond, your career pathway can be as **unique as you!** Here's an example pathway:



Are you a PGL person?

Whilst celebrating our differences... there is one thing that unites us - **our core values**



TEAMWORK



FUN



QUALITY



RESPECT



SAFETY



INCLUSIVITY

If you share our values then you'll fit right in at **#TEAMPGL**



Why choose PGL?

- ✓ Earn at least £12ph
- ✓ No experience required, training provided
- ✓ Wellbeing support
- ✓ Accommodation & meal packages
- ✓ Varied career pathways
- ✓ Fully-funded qualifications
- ✓ Paid time for volunteering
- ✓ Work in beautiful locations

[VIEW OUR JOBS](#)



A place to be yourself

Regardless of religion, ethnicity, age, sexuality, gender identity, SEND, neurodivergence or socio-economic background - PGL is a place to **celebrate what makes you brilliantly unique.**

We're on a journey to attract people that represent the rich diversity of our young guests ... to act as role models and prove that

adventure is for everyone