# **FutureSmartCareers**



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## **News updates**

#### Charlie Waller Trust - Wellbeing Action Plans 8 Year Anniversary!



It has been 8 years since Charlie Waller introduced their wellbeing action plans providing vital resources to help children, young people and adults looking to improve their mental health and wellbeing. The newly updated action plan for young people is ideal for students attending sixth form or college, whether or not they have experienced mental health issues. It's a practical tool that helps students think about how to look after their mental health, when they may need support and where to seek help. It includes ideas from other students and areas to fill in so it can become a useful personal resource that can be returned to often. You can access all the Wellbeing Action Plans here

## Devon County Council – Autism Training and support for schools and education settings



The AET (Autism Education Trust) is a partnership of a wide range of individuals and organisations focused on improving the education of children and young people with autism from the voluntary, public and private sectors. It also actively engages with young people, parents and carers and practitioners to inform its work. For information on professional development programmes, training and resources, click here

# Supported Internships with Plymouth City Council – 15th September 2025 start



This one year supported internship programme will enable young people aged 16-25 with special educational needs to experience various work placements in partnership with Plymouth City Council. For more information click here

## Finding Futures and Project SEARCH offer supported internships in Bath and NE Somerset – Sept 2025



Finding Futures and Project SEARCH are offering one year supported internship opportunities providing a wide variety of work placements in Bath and North East Somerset. To request an application form or to find out more, email <a href="mailto:info@finding-futures.co.uk">info@finding-futures.co.uk</a>

## **Autism Central – for parents and carers**



Did you know that the Autism Education Trust work alongside NHS England and other autism partners on a FREE autism support programme for families and carers in England? It is called **Autism Central.** To find out more about the programme click here

#### **Autistic and OK programme for secondary schools**



Ambitious about Autism have created the Autistic and OK pogramme to empower autistic pupils to take care of their mental health and wellbeing, understand themselves and feel OK. You can download a FREE Autistic and OK toolkit here and watch a video to find out how Autistic and OK can be integrated into secondary schools to help support students.

## **British Dyslexia Foundation – Assessment Bursaries**



Thanks to the fantastic support of Theo Paphitis and the Ryman team, a new round of bursaries is now available. This round of bursaries are aimed at supporting young people, aged 12-21 years old, from **low-income households** across the United Kingdom. Please check eligibility and requirements on the website before making an application: British Dyslexia Foundation

#### Speakers for Schools - Talks and Webinars from UK's leading Social Mobility charity



Speakers for Schools are on a mission to help state-educated students to reach their full potential by offering work experience opportunities, inspirational talks and a National Teen Book club! Discover upcoming talks or watch past pre-recorded talks on the website: Speakers for Schools

# Virtual Work Experience Opportunities with John Lewis and Amazon



Both John Lewis and Amazon are offering free virtual work experience to help young people gain an in depth understanding of different roles and potential career pathways available. To find out more about virtual work experience at Amazon, click here and for more info about John Lewis partnership virtual experience click here

# InnovateHer Online: E-Learning space for students and teachers – Webinar on 6th May 2025

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InnovateHer inspires women+ and non-binary teens, showing them that they are capable of more. InnovateHer is an e-learning space where students can access free fun and interactive STEM content designed to help them discover their full potential. Teachers can register now for an 'Introduction to InnovateHer', an online webinar on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Check out more details: InnovateHer

# **McDonalds Taste for Work Programme**



McDonalds have developed a Taste for Work programme in partnership with We are Futures. The McDonalds careers advice hub, a digital platform packed with expert guidance on CV writing, interview tips, and essential career skills. It is designed to help young people, no matter what their background, take their next step with confidence. Read more about it here

#### SEN Magazine – Support, resources, links & online courses



SEN Magazine is a useful resource for parents/carers/staff who would like to find out more information and read interesting articles related to SEN. Take a look at the website here for informative articles, links, online courses and to subscribe to the free SEN newsletter.

# **Upcoming Events**

## Bath College open day for SEND Students - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025



For students in years 10 and 11 with SEND considering college, Bath College have an open day for SEND students on **Wednesday 7**<sup>th</sup> **May** from 4pm-7pm. For more information and to book a place click here

## TES SEND Show 2025 – 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October, Business Design Centre, London



The UK's leading SEND TES show is back to bring you more dedicated SEND content and specialist SEND suppliers. With over 100 exhibitors, CPD certified seminars from leaders in the SEND community and SEND leadership Summit, there is plenty to learn and opportunities to connect with the wider SEND community. To register your interest, click here

# Autism and ADHD Show - 20th -21st June 2025, London



20 - 21 June 2025 Business Design Centre London Brought to you by the organisers of the Autism Show, this is a national event for Autism and ADHD. Access information and advice to help support people with Autism and ADHD in the home, in education or the workplace. There are also shows being held in Birmingham and Manchester in June and July. To book your tickets click here

# Amazing Apprenticeships Webinar – Everything you need to know about T Levels! 29th April 2025



Amazing Apprenticeships bring you a new webinar explaining everything you need to know about T Levels! Hear from employers about their T Level programmes and what they offer. Great for Careers Leaders, teachers and Heads of Year, and anyone else interested in T Levels. Find out more and register here

# Discover your Future- Skills and Transitions Fair, Dorset – Wednesday 7th May 2025



Save the Date! The Skills and Transitions Fair, an inclusive and interactive skills and careers event aimed at students in years 9-14 across BCP and Dorset, who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. The event will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at The Allendale Community Centre, Wimbourne. For enquries regarding the event, email dorsetcareershub@bournemouth.ac.uk

#### **Recommended Websites & Resources**

## **IntoFilm New Careers guide for parents and carers**



IntoFilm have created a new careers guide for parents and carers offering practical advice on how to support and encourage young people's career journeys into the screen industries. Jobs in the screen industry are not just for creatives; whatever a person's passion or skillset, there is a role in the screen industry for them! You can download the guide here

# Career Quiz with BBC Bitesize - What is your perfect job?



Try this fun quiz from BBC Bitesize to find out more about the types of jobs you might enjoy and the different careers you might consider! Access the quiz here

#### **NHS Careers Quiz**



Did you know that the NHS are the UK's largest employer? There are more than 350 different careers to explore within the NHS. Why not take this NHS quiz to find out which career would be best suited to you? NHS Find your Career Quiz

#### **Not Just Lab Coats**



Not Just Lab Coats exists to provide young people with one place to explore career options in science, manufacturing and technology. You can explore job profiles, get advice, and discover real examples of what a career in these sectors looks like. Visit the website Not Just Lab Coats to take a career quiz or explore roles in the careers hub!

#### World Skills UK - New Careers advice toolkit



World Skills UK have produced a new Careers Advice Toolkit to help students explore career options and build employability skills. With guidance for a wide range of industries, it's the ultimate resource for students and schools. Register online here to access the toolkit!

#### **SEND Connect**



SEND Connect was launched 8 months ago and is a fantastic go-to platform for all things SEND, offering support, advice and connections. On the platform you can explore listed SEND services, blogs to inform and support you, podcasts and videos with inspiring stories, expert advice and lived experiences, events, products, SEND job listings and downloadable resources. Check out the platform here

#### **Discover Creative Careers – Free Information sessions**



Discover Creative Careers are offering free information sessions, and they are available to book now! Dates offered are: 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025. To register for the free sessions click here

## **FutureSmart Careers Blog: Careers in Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism**



This month's FutureSmart Careers blog focuses on "Careers in Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism". Explore careers in the industry and gain access to useful links, advice and guidance. Read the blog on our website: FutureSmart Careers

#### Get in touch



FutureSmart Careers offers a range of well-loved packages for schools but can also tailor a plan to fit schools' needs exactly. Our FutureSmart Essentials package includes:

- Suite of downloadable resources
- 9-5 careers advice helpline
- Monthly newsletters with news, events and opportunities

#### **Contact us**



For all other enquiries, please contact our team at enquiries@futuresmartcareers.co.uk or give us a call on Tel: 0330 311 9509 We'd love to hear from you!