

FutureSmartCareers



HALF TERMLY SEND NEWSLETTER

ISSUE No 6 November 2023

In the newsletter



Free Widgit resources



Transition to work programme



Free digital and technical bootcamps



Gyrfa Cymru
Careers Wales

Free employability events through Careers Wales

DFE Post 16 Options Video



Department
for Education

An animated 2-minute video from the Department for Education which shares information on Post 16 options. It is designed for school leavers but can also be helpful for year 10-11s and parents too. Click [here](#) to access the video.

Free Widgit Resources



Widgit produce a number of free resource packs throughout the school year. Have a look at their '**Back to School**' package, aimed at helping to enhance your communication-friendly learning spaces [here](#).

Free Sensory and Physical Team Posters



Devon Education Services have created four posters that share information on how to be sensory and physical difficulties aware. The posters are free to access and can be downloaded and printed to display around your setting. Click [here](#) to access the posters!

Careers information and webinars through the National Schools Partnership



The National Schools Partnership is a unique network of teachers, education experts and leaders, who help create all initiatives with youth engagement agency. Create a free account [here](#) to access a wide range of programmes, resources and webinars including Career Sense workshops:
'Exploration' workshop for years 13-18
'Find Your Potential' workshop for 13+
'Dream Bigger' workshop for years 16-18

National Citizenship Service



Free residential, employability focused offer from the National Citizenship Service. There are two different opportunities for 16-17 year old students to gain valuable skills for their future. More information can be found [here](#).

Samsung – Solve for Tomorrow Competition



The Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition 2023/24 returns for a fourth year, inviting young people aged 16-25 from all backgrounds to create a tech-for-good solution to real world issues! Deadline is 18th December.

By applying, they have the opportunity to:
Receive once-in-a-lifetime mentoring
Win cash prizes of up to £10,000
Develop their ideas for both 16-18 and 18-25 age categories
Meet and learn from industry experts

Click [here](#) to find out more!

Success at School bp Webinars – Nov, Dec and Jan (18:30-19:00)



Join Success at School's FREE online webinars with bp where you'll hear from inspiring people at bp about careers and the skills for success. The webinars are open to students in Years 10-13 who are interested in exploring opportunities to start their career through apprenticeships with bp within Digital, Business, Engineering and Science. Parents, teachers, and careers leaders are also encouraged to join. These opportunities are available for students interested in bp's Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hull, London and Sunbury offices. Access the links below to find out more.

28th Nov 2023 (18:30-19:00) [Apprenticeships at bp!](#)

12th Dec 2023 (18:30-19:00) [Discover bp: Online Apprenticeship Assessments](#)

9th Jan 2024 (18:30-19:00) [Discover bp: All About Assessment Days](#)

My Environment My future - Competition

MY ENVIRONMENT • MY FUTURE

The Chartered Surveyors Training Trust and My Environment My Future invites all young people across the UK to think innovatively and practically about how they can improve their local urban area, by redesigning a local building or space. A free competition, it aims to support students to connect the geography curriculums to a real-world scenario whilst gaining, and practicing valuable skills such as teamwork, problem-solving and presentation skills.

Key dates:

Competition Launch: 8th January 2024

Submission Deadline: 3rd of May 2024

Winners announced: 14th of June 2024

For more information, click [here](#)!

CPD Opportunity – Apprenticeship and Technical Education

Apprenticeships & Technical Education -
Teachers/Careers adviser/Leaders CPD Sessions

A 45-minute CPD session for teachers/careers leads/careers advisers covering apprenticeship and technical education pathways. You can access the registration document [here](#) for further details, or email: donna.kenny@wtpn.org.uk

Be the next, great entrepreneur – The Children’s Business Fair



The Children’s Business Fair UK gives young entrepreneurs aged 7-17 the opportunity to launch their very own business, sell to real customers and make their own money. For further information click [here](#).

Work Experience Opportunities - SASP



Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership (SASP) are keen to support work experience placements to students in Secondary, Further, and Higher Education. The application window is open from September to mid-December for placements March to July. For further information, please click [here](#).

Somerset Council Supported Employment Opportunities



Somerset Council is proud to be able to offer supported employment opportunities through apprenticeships and work experience placements for young people with SEND and Care Leavers. The apprenticeship is usually 18 months long, and work experiences placements up to two weeks. There are lots of areas to work in, including human resources (known as HR), business administration, ICT, and Leaving Care Team. Click [here](#) to find out more!

Imagine the Possibilities – A Family Guide



South Somerset 14-19 Partnership have developed a number of resources to support families of SEND students in understanding what is effective transition and avenues of support. To access these resources, please click [here](#).

Medical Doctor Degree Apprenticeship



Health Education England

It was confirmed in January 2023 that funding would be made available for the first 200 medical doctor degree apprentices. Apprentices are expected to undertake their learning at one of a few selected universities from September 2024. To find out more information, please access the links below:

[Medical Doctor Degree Apprenticeship](#)

[Medical Doctor Degree Apprentice Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Free CPD Webinars



Discover the latest upcoming CPD webinars and live online discussions delivered by Whole School SEND. They offer CPD on a wide range of topics, hosted by their regional lead teams and a range of guest speakers from the world of education. All of their CPD is fully funded by the Department for Education and free to attend. Click [here](#) for more information.

Transition to Work Programme – DFN Project SEARCH



The DFN Project SEARCH programme provides real work experience combined with training in employability and independent living skills delivered in a business setting to help young people make successful transitions to productive adult life. Further information can be explored [here](#).

International Day of Persons with Disability 2023



In conjunction with Tower Hamlet council, there is opportunity to celebrate UN's International Day of Persons with disabilities (IDPD) on 7th December 2023 at The Atrium centre, 124-126 Cheshire Street, London E2 6EJ from 10.30am – 3:30pm. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Coffee Morning with SEND and YOU – South Bristol



Coffee mornings are available every month in South Bristol for parent and carers of children and young adults that have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). SEND and You can offer advice on all areas of SEND including school-based support, Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) Support plans, suspensions, part-time timetables, EHCP appeals and judicial review. Click [here](#) to find out more!

Train 4 Tomorrow – Free Digital and Technical Bootcamps



[Skills Bootcamps](#) are free flexible courses of up to 16 weeks, giving people the opportunity to build up sector-specific skills and fast-track to an interview with an employer. [Skills Bootcamps](#) are available to those who are unemployed, employed (looking to change career), and self-employed. Skills Bootcamps can be co-funded by [employers](#) to enable upskilling of employees. Further details can be found [here](#).

Digital Course Finder – Devon and the Wider South West



Find free and part-funded digital courses across the Devon and the wider South West via the following link: <https://digitalcoursefinder.org.uk/>

Lloyds Bank Academy – Free Online Learning



Launched by Lloyds Bank, the Academy is focused on helping people improve their skills. Whether that's getting to grips with using a computer, starting a new career – or taking a business to a whole new level. Free online learning For Life, for business, for charities can include:

- Understanding the digital world
- Improving your CV
- Working with spreadsheets
- Creating engaging social media content
- Designing your business

Further details can be found [here](#).

Free events – Careers Wales



**Gyrfa Cymru
Careers Wales**

Access information on a number of free employability-related events offered through Careers Wales, including an event for Year 10-13 pupils with additional learning needs. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Devon Advocacy Consortium – for people in Devon and Torbay

**Devon Advocacy
Consortium**

The Devon Advocacy Consortium provides an independent, professional advocacy service for people in Devon and Torbay.

Their aim is to help people say what they want, secure their rights, represent their interests and to get the services they need. Advocates can visit you at home or a place of your choice and if an advocate can't help they can find someone who will. Click [here](#) to find out more information.

Helpline



Our Helpline team welcomes enquiries from schools, parents, and students. The helpline is staffed between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday at helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk

Contact Us



FutureSmartCareers

For all 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!

Disclaimer: No responsibility can be taken for the content of external websites mentioned in this newsletter

Registered FutureSmart Careers Limited Reg. No 11968993 (Registered in England & Wales). Registered office 14 Apex Court, Woodlands, Bristol, BS32 4JT