

CAREERS HUB NEWS



Welcome to our newsletter!

In this edition, we're looking at the open days and events available to support our students' transition into Further or Higher Education. We're also spotlighting jobs in the Gaming industry, Cyber Security and Creative Arts.

Year 11 students have now had the opportunity to meet with external training providers from the local area and the Department for Work and Pensions, to highlight the skills needed to succeed in the workplace and look into jobs of the future. Year 13 students have been busy completing their personal statements in preparation for university or work.

It is vital that students take the opportunity to visit as many institutions as possible, explore the facilities and chat to professionals and existing students to discover their potential new environment.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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Jobs of the Future

Gaming

According to new reports in 2023, over 75% of survey respondents admitted to playing some form of online video game. Employment in the UK's games development industry increased by 11.4% between December 2021 and April 2023. Therefore, it is no surprise that entertainment and gaming is a popular choice for those with a passion for gaming.



To get started, you will need to decide which industry you are interested in. If the idea of a career in gaming meets your future aspirations, check out the link below to get detailed information on each role within this industry.

- intogames.org/careers/roles/

Cyber Security

As we move into a digital world, employment in Cyber Security is growing. Cyber Security is how a company/organisation reduces the risk of cyber attack. Cyber Security analysts help protect a business by employing a range of specialists to detect and manage cyber attacks.



Research carried out by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport have highlighted a skills shortage in this area and a lack of staff with the appropriate technical skills. Investment is going into skilling up young people to ensure they have the knowledge needed to reduce this gap in future years.

There are a number of ways to become a Cyber Security Analyst. Businesses prefer candidates who have a degree in a related subject, or who have completed an apprenticeship in Cyber Security. However, you can still enter this career if you have the right aptitude, an unrelated degree, or even no degree and skills developed through opportunities you have encountered.

Please see links below for further information on Cyber Security and to see what skills and attributes potential employers are looking for:

- www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/cyber-security-analyst
- www.mi5.gov.uk/careers/school-leavers

Creative Careers

So, what actually is a Creative Career? The answer to that question is... anything!

A job in TV and Broadcasting isn't just someone standing in front of or behind a camera. There is a place for all kinds of people in the sector, whether you're super confident and outgoing, or more shy and reserved.

It all starts with the idea. Without new ideas, we'd have no new TV shows. Anyone can come up with an idea for a new TV show - you don't have to be a writer or a producer - you just need to have a story to tell.

The next part of the process is getting the 'Green Light'. You've got a great idea, but now you need somewhere to put it, and a way to pay for it. This area encompasses everything from securing a broadcaster, to lining up talent for the show, and most importantly - the financing.

You've got your idea, you've been given the 'Green Light', and you've secured your funding. But what now? It's time to get cracking and make your show! Here you'll find all kinds of people, from uber creatives, to clipboard carrying supremos. Jobs in this area not only cover TV sets themselves, but post-production too!

Everything's made and ready to go. But how does the finished product actually get onto our screens? Enter... broadcasting! Here is where you will find people who build, maintain and fix the operating systems which enable programmes to be shown on TV, as well as anybody working in live TV.

With all this creative magic happening, it can be easy to forget what broadcasters are at their core - businesses! So, we need people to run these businesses, as well as the people who make the shows. Here's where you'll find the roles you may have never associated with TV before, without these people nothing is possible. Roles such as Marketing, HR and Personnel, Data specialists and Accounts and Finance.

There is no direct route into a career in the TV and Broadcasting Industry, however with the creation of new schemes and training programmes people from all kinds of backgrounds can bring their own life experiences into the industry. The TV industry is an industry that needs new, varied faces, and students could be just the ticket!

Here are some top tips for anybody who might be considering a career in the Creative sector.

Hobbies and interests

Not only are hobbies and extracurricular activities a great place to develop a skill set, they're also a way of showcasing passion, and making someone stand out! From gaming, sports and playing an instrument, to making TikToks, doing makeup or riding a horse, having a hobby could actually be the one thing that kickstarts a career.

Be bold and take initiative

Putting yourself out there can be scary... but it's got to be done! But, the worst thing someone can say is 'no'. So if you are genuinely interested in pursuing a career in the Creative Industry, why not reach out to local production companies or organisations and ask if you can meet with them to pick their brains or shadow them? If they say no, then at the very least this has built confidence, and started a network of individuals to lean on in the future!

Fast forward to success

Just like with any other industry, there are an array of training schemes and opportunities which could help to 'fast track' a career in the Creative industry, whether this be in Production, Operations, Marketing and Brand or even Content Creation! Not only can you access training schemes, but local Colleges and Universities run specific film and media courses. Whilst you do not have to have a specific media degree in order to succeed in a Creative career, these courses could be a great place to build upon interest and skill set.

Work experience

Not all work experience has to be related to the Creative industry. In fact, in some cases it's better if it's not! The TV industry requires the use of lots of different skills, no matter where these are picked up. Often, the best candidates are people who have previously worked in Hospitality or Retail, and the best producers are the people who have worked in Project Management or Business, because of the transferable skills gained. However, industry specific work experience is really helpful. Due to health and safety laws, under 16's aren't allowed on TV sets most of the time, but are there any post-production houses in your local area? Is there an advertising or marketing agency nearby?

Check out the link below to hear from some current Channel 4 employees and how they succeeded in securing a role in the Creative industry:

- www.4schools.co.uk/Careers
- www.screenskills.com/

Events Calendar

Our Careers Hub Progression Events Calendar details some of the Further Education and college events in the new year.

This is particularly beneficial for Year 11 students who wish to plan their visits to colleges. Year 13 students who have now made their university choices on UCAS, but have perhaps not been to visit the institutions for a campus tour, can see the links below to browse the latest university open days.

- www.southcraven.org/careers-events/15595.html
- www.unitasterdays.com/
- www.whatuni.com/open-days/

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The Careers Hub at South Craven School would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!