



Careers Update May 2021

Free Virtual Work Experience Opportunity

Virtual Work experience gives students the chance to explore new industries and discover roles they never knew existed and work out what sort of career they would like in the future.

Springpod's June virtual work experience programmes are now accepting applications for their next cohort. Students can choose from a large range of programmes from law and psychology, to fashion and marketing. It is important to apply early to secure a place.

The programmes are all completely free, they are open to applications from students in Year 10-13 and will run from June 1st to June 11th. The choice also includes the following:

Fashion, Engineering, Finance, Teaching, Veterinary Science, Journalism, Marketing, Law, Politics, Graphic Design, Technology, Dentistry, TV and Film, Business Management, Health and Social Care Careers

You can view all of the June programmes via this [link](#)

On the Springpod website there is a very useful section on 'explore' showing the virtual work experience and explaining degree apprenticeships, higher apprenticeships and advanced apprenticeships. For more information click this [link](#)

Students need to register and make their own account. On completion of the virtual work experience they will receive a certificate showing the programme and the industry partners that they have collaborated with on their chosen programme. The work experience is highly regarded and helps to enhance students' CVs and UCAS personal statements and apprenticeship applications.

The Waterline Student Challenge

This is an opportunity for students aged 11-18 to use their creativity to make a positive impact on their school/college or community by delivering an eco-project of their choice, with the opportunity to WIN some fantastic prizes. Students can take part as individuals or in teams of maximum 10 people. Projects can be completed as part of the curriculum or in their own time.

The Waterline Student Challenge provides students with an opportunity to learn more about sustainability and what is on offer here in the Humber region in relation to careers and skills development.

WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?



Champion sustainability & make a difference



Gain key employability skills & knowledge



Be creative



Win some fantastic prizes

Benefits for Students:

1. Stand out from the crowd and make a difference to your school/college/ community, championing sustainability
2. Gain key employability skills such as teamworking, communications and project management
3. Learn more about the industries, businesses and organisations we have here in the Humber and the various careers paths on offer
4. Be as creative and innovative as you can, surrounding a topic you are passionate about
5. Be in with the chance of winning a VIP experience with a local business, £500 cash AND £2,000 to support your school or college on its eco journey

Benefits for Schools and Colleges:

1. Provide an engaging and immersive learning opportunity for students in sustainability
2. Provide career pathway opportunities
3. Help your students gain critical skills for employability
4. Connect you with regional businesses keen to engage with students and share their stories and sustainability messages
5. Contribute to Gatsby Benchmark targets 4 and 5 – offering invaluable careers & employability insights
6. Be in with the chance of winning £2,000 to help support your STEM or Eco club

Representatives from six of the region's stand out businesses and organisations will judge entries and each choose six finalists to win a VIP experience day with their business. Six finalists will also win £500 per team/individual and one overall winning entry an additional £2,000 to support their school/college STEM or Eco Club.

The resources and link to apply can be accessed online [here](#)

Application form: <https://forms.office.com/r/KFuNSRarEt>

Online applications must be received by **Friday 28 May**, with projects completed and submitted [online](#) via the above web address between **Friday 16 July and Friday 17 September**.

How can you make our area and community more sustainable? How can you present your project in an interesting, eye catching format?

THE WATERLINE STUDENT CHALLENGE 2021



Year 10 Taster Visit to East Riding College

On the 14 July there will be a Year 10 Taster Visit to East Riding College. This is for students that are interested in a vocational education.

There will be a choice of the following vocational subjects:

Business, Public Services, Sport, Travel and Tourism, Bricklaying, Plumbing, Engineering, Interactive Media, Performing Music, Information Technology, Early Years and Health and Social Care, Hairdressing and Beauty and Professional Catering.

The visit will be combined with South Hunsley School. More information will be given to interested students closer to the date.

For information on vocational courses offered at East Riding College then please visit <https://www.eastridingcollege.ac.uk>



Apprenticeship Opportunities

Driffield School and Sixth Form are working closely with Reds10. Reds10 is one of the UK's leading modular construction companies. Their business is growing rapidly and they are keen to offer employment opportunities locally. They have opportunities for joinery apprentices, in collaboration with East Riding College. Their apprentices enjoy a mix of academic and on-the-job training, under the supervision of an experienced mentor. They are looking for candidates who are enthusiastic, reliable, hardworking and keen to learn a trade. They will offer full support throughout and after the apprenticeship is successfully completed. After successful completion there are many opportunities for permanent employment at Reds10.

For more information access: <https://www.reds10.com>



Amazing Apprenticeships Parent Pack April 2021

Please follow this link:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2021/04/Parent-Pack-April-2021-2.pdf>

The pack shows useful interview questions, the new T Levels, degree apprenticeships and construction apprenticeships.

Students/parents/carers need to be aware of the new opportunities in apprenticeships and the different levels available.

To find available apprenticeships then visit:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

On the 11 May 2021 there were 210 apprenticeship vacancies in a twenty-mile radius from Driffield School and Sixth Form.

Locally there are excellent degree apprenticeships opportunities for example at Siemens, Yara, ABP, Ernst and Young, RB, BAE Systems, Nestle, Engie Fabricom. Students require very good qualifications – three A Levels or equivalent vocational qualifications at level 3. The table below shows the different levels.

Type of apprenticeship	Level	Level Equivalent
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes (grade A*-C or 9 - 4)
Advanced	3	2 A Level passes/ Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate
Higher	4/5/ 6/7	Foundation, Bachelor's or Master's degree
Degree	6/7	Bachelor's or Master's degree



National Citizen Service

All Year 11 and 12 students can complete the fantastic National Citizen Service. A place on the NCS is worth around £1500. However, thanks to government funding for the programme, the NCS will only ask for a contribution of £50 to cover some basic costs. We want to ensure that everyone can complete the NCS so there are bursaries available if you need some help to cover the cost.



The NCS programme offers young people, aged 16-17, a once in a lifetime opportunity to do something meaningful with their summer break, as well as a chance to develop their employability skills and take on new challenges that will set them up for adult life. They will make a difference in their local community and carry out a project to support a cause they care about. More information on the NCS summer programme can be found on the website: www.wearencs.com

Over a period of 2 or 3 weeks, students who take part in the NCS will:

- Meet new people

- Try new things
- Give back to their local community through voluntary action
- Take on new challenges
- Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps
- Generate experience for their university application, job/apprenticeship interview or CV and more!

This summer, the start dates that you can choose are:

- 12 July- (3 week programme including 1 week away residential- Monday to Friday)
- 26 July (3 week programme including 1 week away residential Monday to Friday)
- 9 August (2 week programme- Non Residential) - Based at the KCOM Stadium.
- 16 August (2 week programme- Non Residential- Based at the KCOM Stadium.

Go to wearencs.com to sign up or for more information.

Alternatively, if you have any questions give the NCS a call and they will do their best to help out:
07719 968135

Year 11s

It is really important that all our Year 11s have applied for a definite destination for post 16 studies. This can be A levels or vocational courses at Drifffield Sixth Form or another Sixth Form, vocational courses at Further Education College or an apprenticeship. If students are still undecided then it is essential that they have additional careers interviews to help them in their decision-making.

Please email Mrs Julie Barker on julie.barker@driffieldschool.org.uk for a careers appointment.