

*CAREERS*

# NEWSLETTER

September 2021

## Welcome to our September Careers newsletter!



### **A big big thank you!**

Our Careers Department has been very busy celebrating the success of the World of Work Challenge that our Year 10s took part in over the summer holidays. Thank you to all parents and employers who supported the students and the amazing students themselves for their hard work.

This newsletter will be monthly and we will update you on everything that is happening with careers at Shevington High School!

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# World of Work Challenge Year 11

Over the summer, we challenged our Year 10 to complete work experience and write about what they had learnt. We were blown away by the number who participated and as well as earning a certificate for their Record of Achievement, they were entered for a prize draw. This went to

Here is a note from an employer about Ruben B!

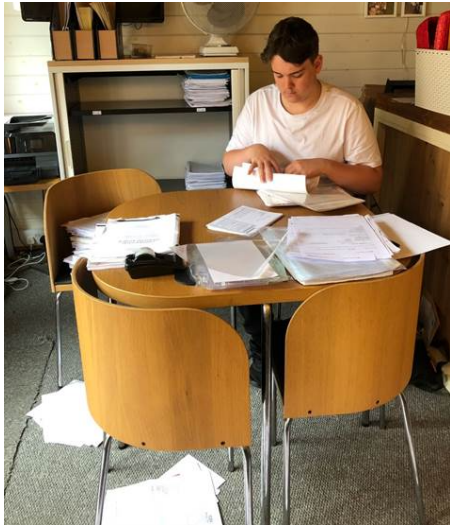
We have had the pleasure of having Ruben with us for two days (06.09.21 & 07.09.21) to complete his World of Work Challenge.

During his time with us Ruben has completed the following tasks;

- Organising and preparing client files
- Setting up the new shredder and completing shredding
- Data input onto our excel spreadsheets
- Helping to set up our new office space and general office tasks

During his two days Ruben has been punctual, polite, and has been able to complete the tasks given independently with minimal supervision. He has a great attention to detail and has happily completed all tasks given to him.

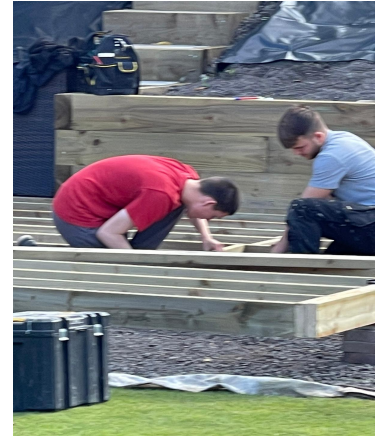
Thank you for your help and support Ruben, here's a few photos from your time with us at Birkett Financial Planning.





Jamie O (left) worked with his uncle who is a driveway specialist, the picture shows a few of the projects Jamie helped to complete.

Patrick M (Right) completed work experience at T J Joinery, a building firm based in Goose Green in Wigan



This is Declan S working for the WTKA/Sandee Junior Muay Thai European Open Championship. Declan was organising the fighters schedule, liaising with the events promoter - Mr Peter Spensley and the judging teams for each ring (x4 rings)! Well done Declan!



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# College Open Evenings 2021/2022

*All Year 11 students need to apply ASAP! Apply to a minimum of 3!*

## **Runshaw College 3.30pm - 7.30pm**

Thursday 14th October 2021

Tuesday 23rd November 2021

Wednesday 2nd March 2022

## **Wigan and Leigh 4.30pm – 7.30pm**

Parsons Walk Centre WN1 1RR / School for the Arts WN1 1RR / Centre of Excellence in Engineering Pagefield Centre WN1 2JH

Monday 11 October 2021 Monday 8 November 2021 Monday 31 January 2022 Monday 25 April 2022

Leigh Sports Village WN7 4JY

Monday 18 October 2021 Monday 15 November 2021 Monday 7 February 2022

## **Winstanley College from 3.30pm**

Thursday 30th September

Wednesday 13th October

Tuesday 2nd November

## **St John Rigby**

Thursday 30th September from 4.30pm

Saturday 9th October from 10am

Wednesday 20th October from 4.30pm

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## *CAREER OF THE MONTH!*

# User Experience Designer

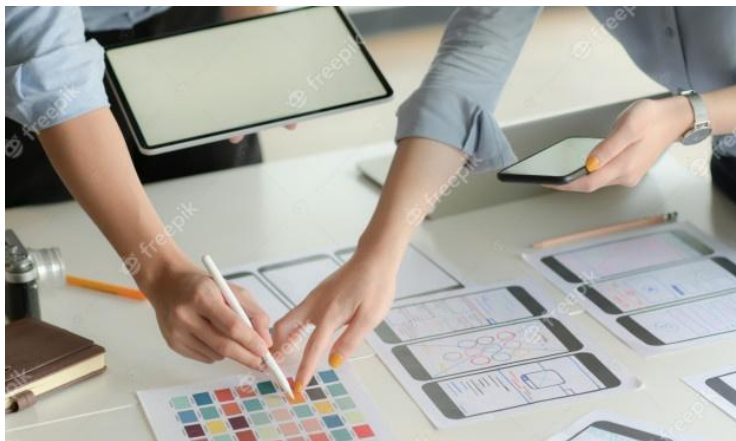
**Salary: £25,000 - £50,000**

Have you ever felt frustrated when using a website or app because it just doesn't seem to work how you want it to? Chances are it's in need of a good UX Designer!

UX Designers focus on the interaction between human users and the app, website or other product, to provide a seamless user experience, whilst also ensuring that the product meets the needs of the business.

As well as your computing skills, you need to be good at paying attention to detail, and be persistent and thorough. You'll need good research and analytical thinking skills and maths knowledge, and be able to work in a team.

A college course such as A-level Computer Science or a T-level in Digital Production, Design and Development could help you get a trainee position in a company when you leave college, or you could go on to do a higher or degree apprenticeship. Or perhaps you would prefer to study full-time for a relevant degree at university.



## *LINKING CAREERS WITH SUBJECTS*

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# Languages

This month we are looking at how Language skills link with careers!

Everyone knows that Interpreters, Translators and Language Teachers need to be fluent in a second language. However, learning a language gives you skills appreciated by any number of employers. Companies who trade or offer services internationally, or who deal with customers and suppliers who do not speak English, value employees with language skills.

Charities, museums, libraries, tourism and transport, as well as the engineering, finance, media and security sectors, are amongst the huge range of potential employers of people with language skills.

Even just a little knowledge of another language and culture goes a long way. Meeting and greeting clients in their own language, for example, will help make them feel welcome, helping the business relationship along.

Learning a foreign language develops your oral and written communication skills, in your native language as well as your second one. It will also enhance your creative thinking and problem-solving skills and improve your memory! Not only that, but several studies have shown that being able to speak a foreign language can increase your income by between 10% and 20% compared to that of someone in a similar role who only speaks their mother tongue!

## *OTHER NEWS*

# CAREERS FAIR

Thank you to all our parents, employers and colleges who have accepted our invitation on this day. We are expecting it to be a valuable event for all our students. We are expecting representatives from a wide range of professions including, NHS, Legal, teaching, police, finance, hospitality, engineering and many more!

**OUR CAREERS FAIR IS 18th NOVEMBER  
2021**

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Y7-9 1-3pm

Y10 and 11 4pm-6pm

## Update from our careers advisor

Allow me to introduce myself: I am Ms. Williams, the Careers Adviser at Shevington High. Your child will have at least two career guidance interviews with me during their time here. Currently it is the turn of Year 11, as these students have some important decisions to make regarding their next steps after leaving high school.

The post-16 landscape can seem overwhelmingly complex! Should I go to college? If so, what subjects and qualifications should I take? Would an apprenticeship suit me better? What do I need to do to have the career I want? These are the sorts of questions Year 11s are probably asking themselves, and you too as parents and carers! Their guidance interview aims to assist the young person in developing self-awareness and in supporting them to assess realistic options when making decisions about their future education, training and careers.

If your child is in a different year group and feels in need of careers information, advice or guidance, they are welcome to ask their teacher to arrange an appointment with me, or to email me at [williamsc@shevingtonhigh.net](mailto:williamsc@shevingtonhigh.net) and I will be happy to arrange an appointment.

