

# **WORK INSPIRATION**

To help your students explore a range of careers and use resources that will help them assess their skills and abilities. General links in relation to University

### **General Careers Information Resources**

- NI Direct has a range of career related information. This is their main <u>careers section</u> and they have a <u>selection</u> of interactive tools to match student career options based on skills, interests, values and includes a CV builder tool
- National Careers Service this website will allow students to explore careers by job category. They also have an opportunity to do a skills assessment, which may help with deciding on a career that would suit them or they would enjoy
- BBC Bitesize Careers site is full of videos, games and content to enable you to explore a range of <u>careers</u>. It also has hints and tips for CVs, application forms and interviews.
- BBC Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience students can watch comedian Rhod Gilbert try out different jobs across Wales
- BBC The Nine to Five with Stacey Dooley
   Part of BBC Careers Bitesize Stacey Dooley and
   five teenagers <u>share</u> their advice and stories

- from the ultimate work experience. Both series are available to <u>watch on the iPlayer</u> and the students do their work experience in industries that are crying out for young people
- Career Smart students can search the Occupations A to Z
- Success at School Read a selection of 60 second candid interviews on different careers
- Speakers for Schools have a <u>virtual talk</u> <u>careers</u> library. This is both on skills, careers and world of work issues
- Target Careers choosing your career

# **University Related**

- Keep an eye on the UCAS <u>Hub</u> for great opportunities for students. Any missed sessions can be watched <u>here</u>
- UCAS <u>List</u> of University virtual open days
- Follow the <u>UCAS</u> Twitter feed. Share videos, updates and frequently asked questions
- UCAS specific Coronavirus <u>update</u> page





- Explore the options with Queens' University with their online events
- Ulster University <u>explore</u> course options for 2022/2023

## **CV/Application Forms/Interview Skills**

- National Careers Service has a set of resources that can help students apply to College, University or to get a job.
  - How to write a CV
  - How to write a <u>covering letter</u>
  - How to fill in an application form
  - General <u>interview advice</u>
  - Explaining the <u>STAR</u> method
  - Common <u>interview questions</u> and how do you answer them
  - Understand your <u>'soft skills'</u>
- PWC Employability Hub this is a resource where students can find useful virtual tools to support them in developing key employability skills. There a number of e-learn modules.
- Pass My Interview A <u>video</u> on interview questions and answers and some key tips. (8 minutes) This is supported by providing sample questions and answers <u>here</u>.
- Career Experts Make your CV stand out <u>CV</u>
   <u>Lessons</u> Avengers Show Off Superpowers

# **Specific Careers or Organisations**

- What does a typical day looks like for someone working in the **Henderson Group**? A <u>Day in</u> the <u>Life</u> video series about roles
- Interested in Veterinary Pathology? An <u>interview</u> with Veterinary Pathologist. <u>How to</u> become a Veterinary Pathologist. What is an <u>average day</u>? Resources from Royal College of Pathology
- **BBC Bitesize** Careers explore finance careers
- BBC Bitesize Careers <u>explore</u> jobs working with animals

- BBC Bitesize Careers <u>explore</u> careers in teaching
- BBC Bitesize careers <u>explore</u> careers in sport

### **BBC Make It Into** (a Northern Ireland focus)

- Career in Agri-Food Agri-Food is a term that combines the words agriculture and food. Many people just think of farming, but the Agri-Food industry involves the whole journey from the farm to the plate, including manufacturing and retail. This sector is an important part of the Northern Ireland economy. Find out more about some of the jobs available
- Health and Beauty <u>find out</u> about some of the roles available industry
- Hospitality the Hospitality revolves around providing excellent customer service in a variety of positions. The hospitality industry is unique and varied, it's not your typical 9 to 5 job. There are many kinds of jobs, including many of the roles available at hotels, restaurants, activity centres, and event planning services. Find out more about some of the jobs
- Football careers, <u>explore</u> some options

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- National Careers Service The <u>Skills Toolkit</u>
  has free courses to help you learn new skills or
  change jobs. Including general skills that apply
  to all sectors and more specialised skills
- Open University through Open Learn you can <u>enrol</u> on a free on-line course

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