

Careers at Ashmole

Helping you and your child make informed decisions



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Ashmole Says...

Career education is a core part of our curriculum. We believe it's about more than just choosing a job – it's about helping students discover their passions, strengths, and how they can contribute to society. Our dedicated careers team offers personalised support, resources like career fairs, workshops, and work placements, and up-to-date information on education and job opportunities to ensure every student feels prepared for their future.

This booklet is a practical tool that students can refer to throughout their time at Ashmole Academy, helping them to plan their career paths with confidence and clarity.



The following pages show how you can support your child and help them make informed decisions about their future.



Parents & Carers

5 Ways to Help

Parents & carers play a crucial role in helping their child navigate the journey of choosing a path.

This process can be both exciting and challenging, but with your support, your child can make informed decisions that align with their passions and strengths. The following step-by-step guide is designed to assist you in guiding your child through this important stage, from exploring their interests to setting goals for their future. Together, you can help them discover a fulfilling career that suits their unique talents and aspirations.

1 | Ask about their interests

Start by having open conversations with your child about what they enjoy doing in their free time, their favourite subjects in school, and any hobbies or activities they are passionate about. Understanding their interests is the first step in guiding them toward a fulfilling career.

2 | Link interests to industries

Once you've identified your child's interests, help them explore how these can connect to different industries. For example, if they love technology, discuss careers in IT, software development, or engineering. If they enjoy helping others, consider healthcare, education, or social work.

3 | Research careers together

Collaborate with your child to research specific jobs within the industries that align with their interests. Look at job descriptions, required qualifications, typical work environments, and career progression. This helps them understand what each role entails and what might be a good fit.

4 | Encourage practical experience

Support your child in finding opportunities for hands-on experience, such as internships, volunteer work, or part-time jobs in fields they are considering. These experiences will provide valuable insights and help them make more informed decisions about their future career.

5 | Help set goals & make decisions

Help your child set short- and long-term goals based on their research and experiences. Discuss the steps they need to take, such as choosing relevant courses or applying for specific opportunities. Offer support and guidance, but allow them to make their own decisions, fostering independence and confidence in their career choices.

The following pages explain how to log in to Unifrog and use its tools to explore subjects and university courses.

Using Unifrog

How to log into Unifrog

1 | Visit

All students in Years 7-13 have access to Unifrog.

2 | Go onto the login page

3 | Enter your login details: school email & password you set

4 | Click 'Sign in'

If you do not know your password, click here: <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in>

5 | Scroll down to access the various sections of Unifrog

If you need support, please find Mr Louca

Key elements of Unifrog

Careers Library

Explore Careers

A vast library of career profiles covering a wide range of industries and professions. Each profile provides detailed information about the job role, required skills and qualifications, potential salary, and future prospects.

Career Matching

Tools that help students match their interests and skills to potential career paths, helping them discover options they might not have considered.

Subjects Library

Subject Guides

Detailed information about different subjects, including what they involve, how they relate to various careers, and what qualifications are needed. This helps students choose the right subjects at GCSE and A-Level based on their career aspirations.

University Course Finder

A database of university courses with detailed information on entry requirements, course content, and career prospects.

Apprenticeships & Training

Apprenticeship Finder

A tool to search for apprenticeship opportunities at various levels, from intermediate to higher and degree apprenticeships. This helps students explore alternative pathways to traditional university education.

Vocational Training Information

Resources on vocational courses and training programmes that provide practical skills and qualifications for specific careers.

Personalised Guidance & Tools

Personality and Interest Quizzes

Interactive quizzes that help students identify their strengths, interests, and potential career paths.

CV and Cover Letter Builder

Tools that guide students in creating professional CVs and cover letters tailored to their chosen career path.

Application Support

Step-by-step guides and resources for writing personal statements, preparing for interviews, and navigating the university application process.

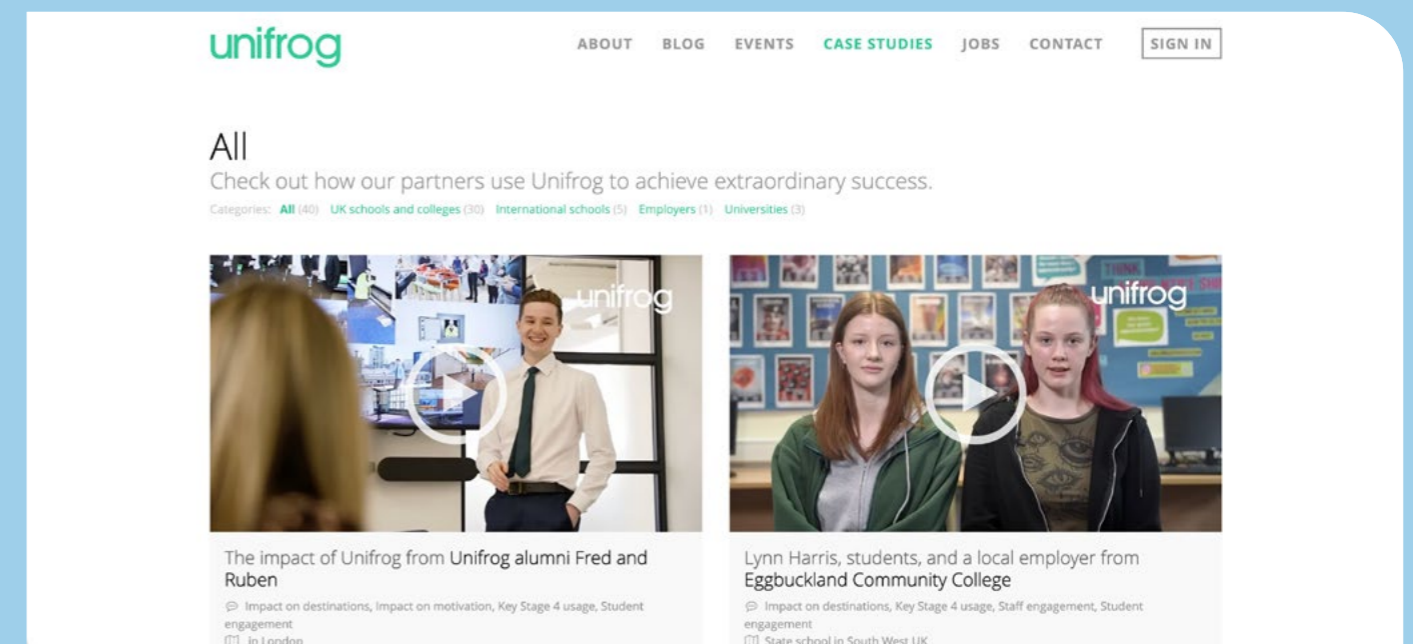
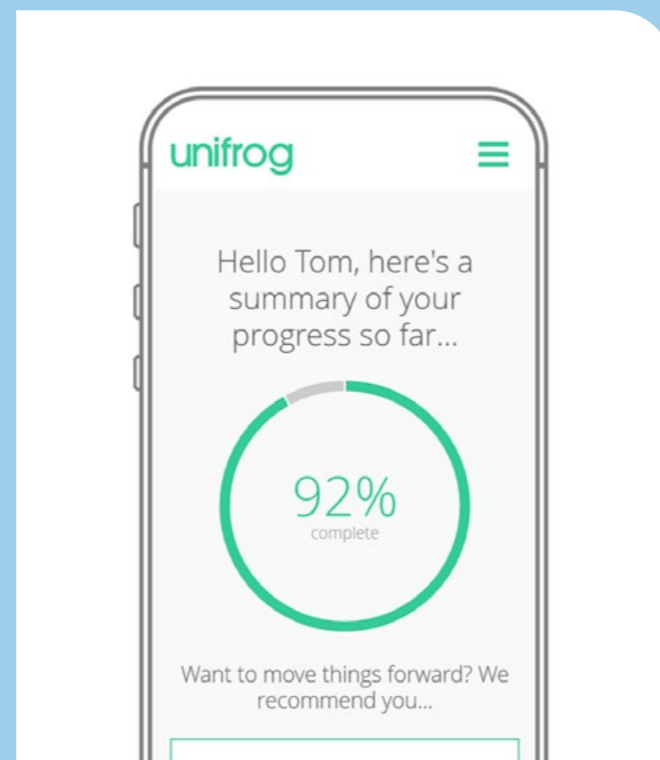
Work & Volunteering Opportunities

Work Experience Search

A database of work experience placements and volunteering opportunities that can help students gain practical experience in their chosen field.

Record and Reflect

A feature that allows students to log and reflect on their experiences, helping them build a strong portfolio for future applications.



How Unifrog Benefits Students

Years
7 – 9

Early Exploration

In the early years of secondary school, Unifrog helps students explore their interests and start thinking about potential career paths. They can use the platform to learn about different subjects and how they relate to various careers, which can inform their choices for GCSE subjects.

Years
10 – 11

Making Informed Choices

As students approach the end of Key Stage 4, Unifrog supports them in making important decisions about post-16 education. They can use the platform to research A-Level options, vocational courses, or apprenticeships that align with their career goals, and to begin building their CVs and gaining work experience.

Years
12 – 13

Preparing for the Future

In the final years of school, Unifrog becomes an invaluable tool for university and job applications. Students can explore university courses, find apprenticeships, and access resources to help with personal statements and interview preparation. The platform's career matching tools and guidance ensure that students make well-informed decisions as they transition to higher education or the workforce.

Learn about the four career pathways you can follow after your GCSEs, and how each one could shape your future.

Career Pathways

The 4 Types of Career Pathways

University



University is an institution of higher education where students pursue advanced learning in specific fields of study. It typically follows secondary education and offers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. Universities provide a combination of academic learning, research opportunities, and extracurricular activities, preparing students for specialised careers or further academic pursuits.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are structured programmes that combine practical work experience with academic study. They allow students to earn a wage while gaining hands-on experience in a specific job role, alongside studying for a related qualification. Apprenticeships are available in a wide range of industries and offer a pathway to a professional career without necessarily attending university. They are a great option for students who prefer learning by doing and want to enter the workforce directly.



Vocational Qualifications



Vocational qualifications in the UK are designed to provide practical skills and knowledge that are directly relevant to specific industries or job roles. Unlike traditional academic qualifications, which focus more on theoretical knowledge, vocational qualifications emphasise hands-on learning and real-world applications. These qualifications are intended to prepare students for employment by equipping them with the skills needed to perform particular tasks or roles effectively.

T-Levels

T Levels are a series of technical qualifications introduced in the UK to provide a clear and rigorous route into skilled employment, apprenticeships, or further study. They are designed to be equivalent to A-Levels and focus on vocational education. They are typically two-year programmes that include industry placement, while working towards a Level 3 qualification.



The Benefits of University



Gain Knowledge

University offers in-depth study in a specific subject area, allowing students to develop specialised knowledge and skills that are often required for professional careers, or the workforce.



Enhance Career Prospects

Many careers require a university degree as a minimum qualification. Graduating from university can open doors to a wide range of job opportunities and is often associated with higher earning potential.



Personal Growth

Attending university is also about personal development. It provides an opportunity to live independently, meet diverse people, and engage in new experiences. Students often grow in confidence, develop essential life skills, and gain a broader perspective on the world.

The Benefits of Apprenticeships



Earn While You Learn

Apprenticeships offer the opportunity to earn a salary while gaining practical experience and studying for a qualification. This allows apprentices to support themselves financially and avoid the debt typically associated with traditional higher education.



Practical Experience

Apprenticeships provide hands-on training in a real work environment, allowing apprentices to develop job-specific skills and gain valuable experience. This practical experience is highly valued by employers and can make apprentices more competitive in the job market.



Career Advancement

Completing an apprenticeship can lead to permanent employment with the same employer or open doors to further career opportunities. Apprentices often build strong professional networks and gain qualifications that can enhance their career prospects and lead to higher-level positions.

Types of Apprenticeships



Higher Apprenticeships

Higher apprenticeships offer training at Level 4 or above, equivalent to a foundation degree or higher national diploma (HND). These apprenticeships are for those aiming for higher-level technical or managerial roles. Students can continue to work while studying for higher qualifications, often with the possibility of progressing to a degree apprenticeship.



Degree Apprenticeship

A degree apprenticeship allows students to earn a full bachelor's or master's degree while working. This type of apprenticeship combines university-level study with on-the-job experience. Costs are usually covered by the employer and the government, meaning students can graduate without the typical university debt.



Intermediate Apprenticeships

An intermediate apprenticeship is the entry-level option, equivalent to five GCSE passes. It provides basic training in a specific role, combining on-the-job learning with study towards a Level 2 qualification. This type of apprenticeship is ideal for those just starting their careers, offering foundational skills and experience.



Advanced Apprenticeship

An advanced apprenticeship is equivalent to two A-Level passes and is designed for those who have already completed an intermediate apprenticeship or have some work experience. It leads to a Level 3 qualification, with more specialised training and responsibilities. This apprenticeship helps students progress further in their chosen field.

The Benefits of Vocational Courses



Practical Approach

If you know the industry you'd like to pursue, you'll participate in practical lessons tailored to that field, gaining valuable skills and experience. By the end of your course, you'll be fully prepared to transition straight into employment or further specialised training.



Transferable Skills

Many vocational qualifications are designed to help you develop transferable skills like people management, teamwork, and time management, which are valuable across a wide range of careers.



Employability

You'll gain the skills and knowledge that employers seek, boosting your chances of landing a job. Plus, you'll complete mandatory work experience, a valuable addition to your CV.

Facts About Vocational Qualifications



Range of Qualifications

Vocational qualifications come in various levels and formats, including BTECs, NVQs (National Vocational Qualifications), and City & Guilds awards. These qualifications range from entry-level awards to advanced diplomas and can be equivalent to GCSEs, A-Levels, or even higher education qualifications depending on the level.



Industry-specific Focus

Vocational qualifications are tailored to specific industries and job roles, such as engineering, healthcare, business, or creative arts. This targeted approach ensures that the skills learned are relevant and directly applicable to the chosen field of work. They often include work placements or practical projects, giving students real-world experience and building a professional portfolio.



Career Pathways

These qualifications are highly regarded by employers because they demonstrate practical skills and readiness for the workplace. They often lead directly to employment. They can also be a stepping stone to further education, such as higher education or degree apprenticeships, especially if students wish to continue their studies in a related field.

The Benefits of T Levels



Networking Opportunities

Many employers use T Levels to identify talent for entry-level roles.



Increased Balance

As a part of your T Levels, you'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on a 45-day placement with an employer to give you the skills and knowledge companies look for.



Affordability

Similar to A levels, there are no tuition fees to study a T Level if you start before you are 19.



The following pages go into more detail about different subjects and where they can lead you...

Subject Pathways

Art & Design

Overview

This subject delves into the creative world, exploring and developing practical knowledge of how to create art with multiple mediums by learning the methods and techniques that artists, craft-makers and designers use.

You will gain: research and analytical skills, technical skills, and the ability to plan for small and large projects.

Did you know?

Cosmetic dentistry involves a strong creative element. Dentists must have an aesthetic mind to find the right balance between comfort, beauty and function.

The Future of Art & Design

In digital design, user interface (UI) refers to the look and feel of a web page, and user experience (UX) covers a user's overall experience with the website. UI design makes apps accessible to a larger audience, thereby increasing usability and reach. In a world surrounded by screens, UI designers are becoming more in demand.



Example Jobs:

- Animator
- Architect
- Photographer
- Graphic designer

Example Apprenticeships:

- Participation Officer
- Cultural Learning Officer
- Community Arts Management
- Community Arts Administration

Biology

Overview

Biology is the scientific study of life and living organisms. It explores how living things function, grow, and interact with their environment. Biology covers a wide range of topics, from tiny microorganisms to massive ecosystems, and helps us understand how life works at all levels – molecular, cellular, organismal, and ecological.

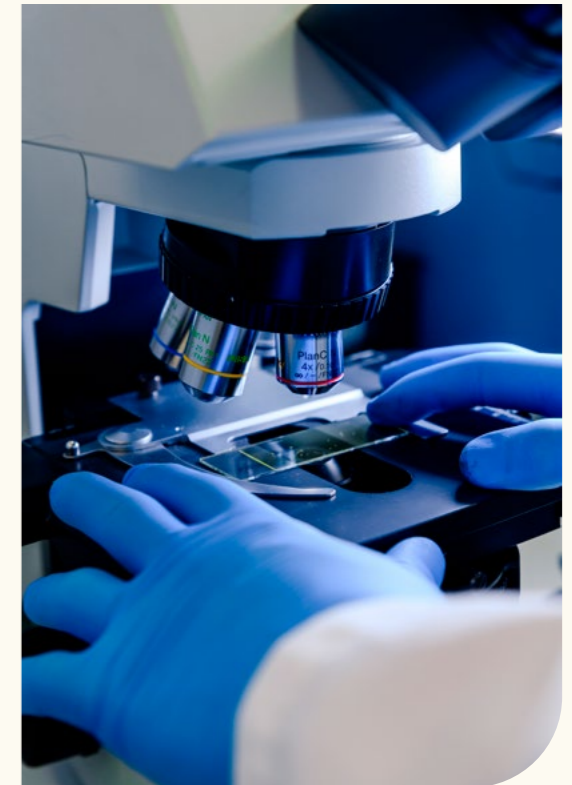
You will gain: problem solving, analytical and numeracy skills.

Did you know?

Biologists are sought after by a wide range of industries. This opens up the possibility to not only work in medicine, genetics and environmental science but also within nearly every department of the UK Government.

The Future of Biology

AI can be used to automate some biotechnology processes. AI designers and developers build machines for automated data collection to solve problems and increase efficiency. This is an emerging field, and it is likely that AI designers will work on projects that we can't even imagine yet.



Example Jobs:

- Pharmacologist
- Research scientist
- Nature conservation officer

Example Apprenticeships:

- Science manufacturing technician
- Laboratory technician

Business

Overview

Our business curriculum develops our students' knowledge, skills and qualities required to enhance their professional and personal wellbeing through career or through enterprise. We inspire our students to be entrepreneurial and take calculated risks in their decision making to reach their potential in both local and global contexts.

You will gain: financial management, leadership and communication skills.

Did you know?

Organisations value hiring business students because they bring essential skills and a wide range of knowledge about the nature of finance, marketing, management, and operations.

The Future of Business

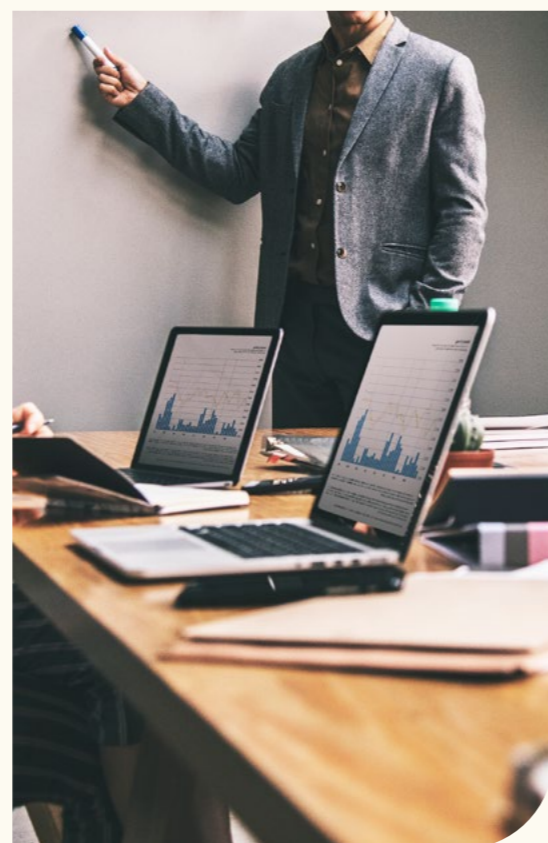
A Sustainability Manager is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to ensure an organisation operates in an environmentally responsible manner. They stay updated on relevant regulations and best practices to ensure compliance and promote continuous improvement.

Example Jobs:

- Product Manager
- Entrepreneur
- Finance Manager

Example Apprenticeships:

- IS Business Analyst
- Business Administrator



Chemistry

Overview

Chemistry is useful in preparing us for the real world by helping us understand the nature of chemicals and chemical processes. Chemistry is essential for meeting our basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, health, energy, and clean air, water, and soil.

You will gain: research and analytical skills, communication skills & numeracy skills.

Did you know?

A career in chemistry can lead to becoming a flavour chemist or a perfumer! These professionals use their knowledge of chemical compounds to create the perfect balance of flavours in food or design signature scents in perfumes and cosmetics.

The Future of Biology

It is likely the chemical sciences will be increasingly required to solve challenges in sustainable energy and climate change, food production and clean water. Chemistry might have an increased role in biochemistry and the pharmaceutical industry, as well as in the maintenance and development of infrastructure.



Example Jobs:

- Brew Master
- Chemical Engineer
- Agricultural Chemist

Example Apprenticeships:

- Laboratory technician
- Science manufacturing technician

Computer Science

Overview

Computer Science is the study of computers and computational systems. It examines how algorithms can be developed and combined to solve problems and how those algorithms are executed by computer hardware.

You will gain: problem solving, programming & computational thinking skills.

Did you know?

Companies often favour people that can code. It is important for businesses to have people that know how to talk to & understand technology. Coding could help you go into a career that is unrelated to computers!

The Future of Computer Science

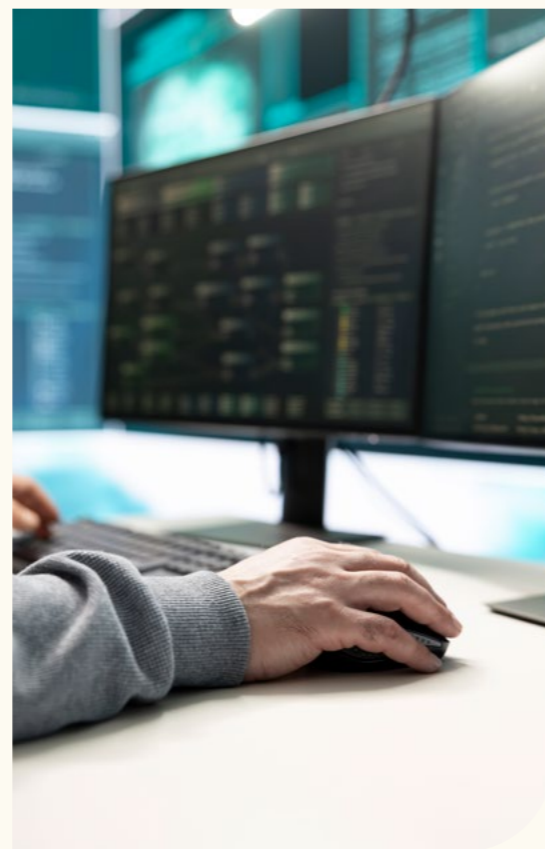
Artificial Intelligence & machine learning software engineers research and develop AI technology. They use programming and problem-solving skills to further advance techniques and systems used in this area. As AI continues to evolve and grow software engineers that understand the techniques and systems used become increasingly important in order to regulate and drive the industry forward.

Example Jobs:

- Network Manager
- Software Developer
- Cyber Security Analyst

Example Apprenticeships:

- Software developer
- Cyber intrusion analyst
- Cyber security technologist



Drama

Overview

Drama is the study of the theatre and its history, plays and performance. It offers an insight into the human experience across history. Drama teaches the skills we need to perform both theatrically and within our day to day lives. It gifts us with confidence, oracy and empathy.

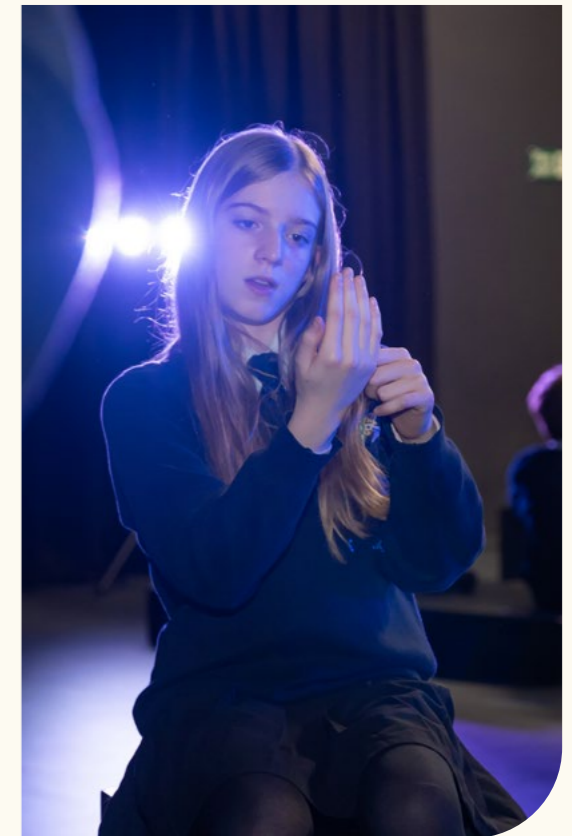
You will gain: performance skills & confidence.

Did you know?

People in leadership roles, such as politicians & CEOs often employ Drama specialists to train them on public speaking and human relations. Drama teaches us a great deal about confidence, empathy and cooperation.

The Future of Drama

The creative arts are competitive, particularly acting and directing. However, following a Drama pathway also opens up opportunities in the digital arts, post-production and technology within theatre. Film, TV and Radio are all continuing to grow rapidly. Drama can also support you with a future career in content creation. Many of those roles will enable you to work from home, be your own boss and travel for work.



Example Jobs:

- Brew Master
- Chemical Engineer
- Agricultural Chemist

Example Apprenticeships:

- Laboratory technician
- Science manufacturing technician

Economics

Overview

Economics is the study of how scarce resources are allocated amongst society. It focuses on the behaviour of key economics agents and how they are impacted by the policies set by the government. Economics covers two main topic areas: microeconomics and macroeconomics.

You will gain: critical thinking, problem solving & communication skills.

Did you know?

Many big data tech companies like Google, Amazon and Facebook hire economists to help optimise algorithms, improve business strategies and predict consumer behaviour.

The Future of Economics

Financial managers are expected to analyse market trends to reduce the costs of a firm and increase their profits. They should devise strategies to help companies use their profits effectively and expand. They also look at the probability of changes within the market and how they can be avoided

Example Jobs:

- Data analyst
- Financial risk analyst
- Accountant

Example Apprenticeships:

- Professional Economist
- Assistant Accountant



English

Overview

English Language involves the study of how language works & English Literature involves the study of poetry, prose & drama.

You will gain: critical thinking & analytical skills.

Did you know?

English degrees are increasingly sought after in the tech industry: many companies look for English students to become SEO Specialists.

The Future of English

Language and communication are changing at a rapid rate. In the future, careers including PR and social media management will require more people to edit, proofread and fact check information. With the rise of AI, there are likely to become more roles that check the accuracy of information, particularly for news outlets and businesses.



Example Jobs:

- Brew Master
- Chemical Engineer
- Agricultural Chemist

Example Apprenticeships:

- Laboratory technician
- Science manufacturing technician

Fashion & Textiles

Overview

This is the study of design principles with practical skills, exploring fashion concepts, garment construction, fabric manipulation, and pattern making. This subject encourages innovation and problem-solving, giving students the opportunity to bring their fashion textile ideas to life through hands-on projects.

You will gain: analytical, technical design & business skills.

Did you know?

That careers in fashion and textiles can involve working as a textile technologist, where chemistry and materials science play a key role.

The Future of Fashion & Textiles

Being a Sustainable Fashion Designer is on the rise. With growing awareness of environmental impact, there is increasing demand for sustainable practices in fashion. Brands are looking for designers skilled in eco-friendly materials and sustainable production processes.

Example Jobs:

- Interior Designer
- Fashion Textiles
- Designer
- Fashion Buyer
- Merchandiser

Example Apprenticeships:

- Fashion Studio Assistant
- Textiles Product Technologist
- Buying & Merchandising Assistant



Food & Nutrition

Overview

Food & Nutrition is a multidisciplinary subject that explores the science behind food, its nutritional components, and their impact on human health.

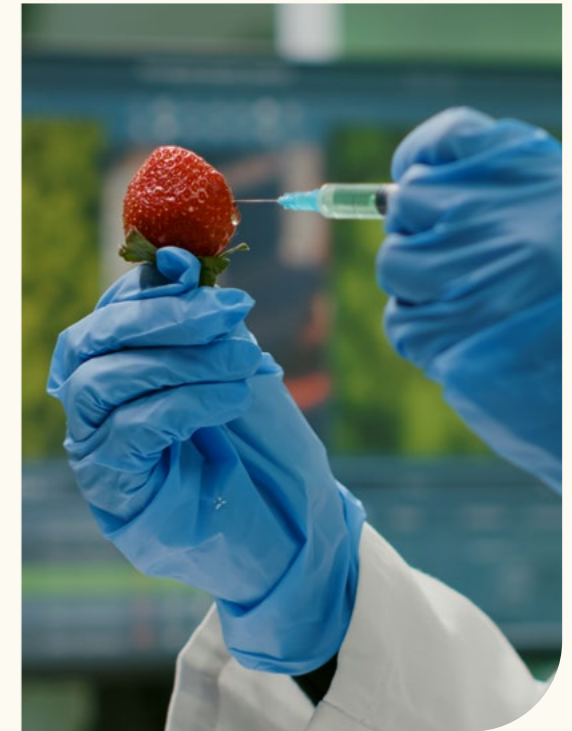
You will gain: an understanding of the food industry, communication skills research & analytical skills

Did you know?

A career in food and nutrition can lead to becoming a food scientist who helps design and improve the nutritional value of the food.

The Future of Food & Nutrition

As concerns about climate change and sustainability grow, the food industry is shifting towards more eco-friendly practices. A sustainable food specialist works on creating and promoting food systems that minimise environmental impact, like developing plant-based alternatives, reducing food waste, or supporting local agriculture.



Example Jobs:

- Food Scientist
- Dietician
- Chef

Example Apprenticeships:

- Food technologist
- Food and drink advanced engineer
- Food and drink maintenance engineer

French

Overview

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You will gain: critical thinking & interpersonal skills.

Did you know?

Studying French can lead to a career as a diplomatic translator or interpreter for international organisations like the United Nations or the European Union! French is one of the official languages of many global institutions.

The Future of French

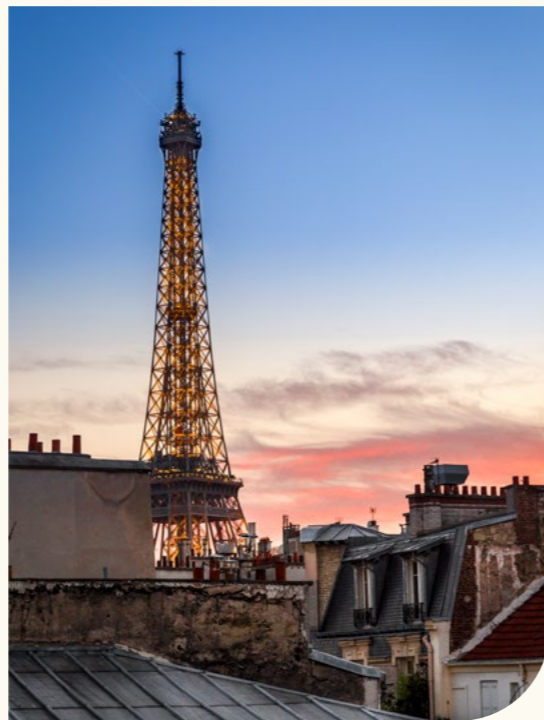
A Notary Public helps manage magistrates' courts and advises on legal matters in both the UK and France, which is crucial for dealing with EU issues after Brexit.

Example Jobs:

- Sales and marketing
- Diplomatic service
- Interpreter/translator

Example Apprenticeships:

- Policy Officer
- Marketing Executive
- Cyber Security



Geography

Overview

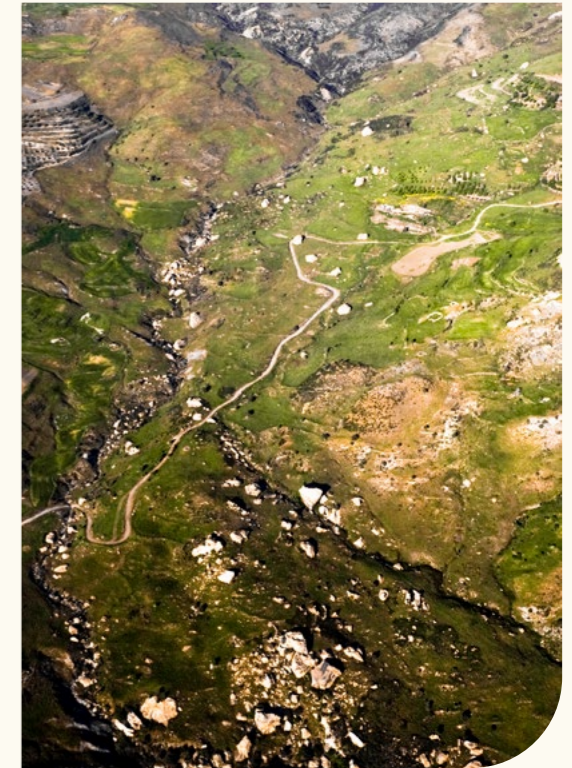
Geography inspires a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. You will gain: a knowledge of geography, analytical thinking, planning & verbal communication skills.

Did you know?

Both journalism and geography place a lot of importance on research. If you have a geography qualification and a flair for words, you could use this to your advantage and focus on a topic directly related to geography.

The Future of Geography

A Renewable Energy Engineer is a professional who designs, develops, and implements systems that generate energy from renewable sources, such as solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal, and biomass.



Example Jobs:

- Pharmacologist
- Research scientist
- Nature conservation officer

Example Apprenticeships:

- Surveying technician
- Crop technician

History

Overview

History is the study of us. The exploration of past events, cultures, politics, economics and societies. History helps us understand our ancestors, how past lives were lived & the problems encountered. History can help us learn the consequences of the past, understand how things have developed over time and understand how we got where we are today.

You will gain: critical thinking, research & analytical skills.

Did you know?

Studying history can lead to a career as a historical consultant for movies, TV shows, and video games! These professionals ensure that costumes, settings, dialogue, and events are accurate to the time period being portrayed.

The Future of History

With the digitisation of records and the rise of big data, historians with digital skills are in demand. Future archivists will work to preserve and organise digital records, and historians may use new technology to analyse large datasets for trends or patterns.

Example Jobs:

- Law
- Politics
- Media

Example Apprenticeships:

- Cultural Heritage Technician
- Cultural Learning Officer Journalist



Maths

Overview

Mathematics is the science and study of quality, structure, space, and change. There are many areas of mathematics that include number theory (the study of numbers), algebra (the study of formulas and related structures), geometry (the study of shapes and spaces that contain them), analysis (the study of continuous changes), and set theory.

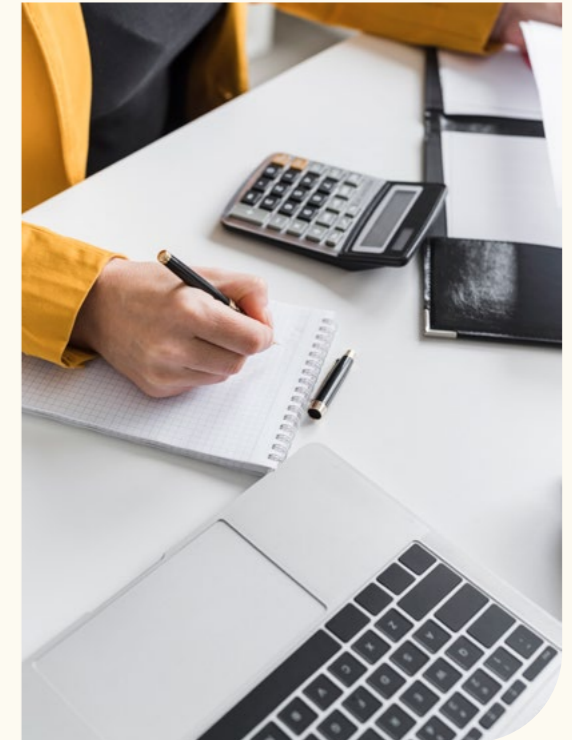
You will gain: numeracy, analytic & communication skills.

Did you know?

The study of knot theory in mathematics, which investigates how different knots can be categorised and untangled, is used in DNA research! Biologists use knot theory to understand how DNA strands twist, loop, and sometimes become knotted within cells.

The Future of Maths

AI researchers work with scientists and engineers to come up with new prototype systems. They collect customer insights to improve their systems and require a detailed knowledge of data analysis and statistics.



Example Jobs:

- Accountant
- Tax Inspector
- Finance Manager

Example Apprenticeships:

- Financial services professional
- Motor finance specialist
- Investment operations technician

Media

Overview

This course combines practical, research and theoretical techniques with the use of effective communication skills to evaluate various types of media sources like newspapers, television and radio.

You will gain: strong communication, team building & editorial skills.

Did you know?

A career in media can lead to becoming a digital content strategist, where you shape how brands and companies communicate online!

The Future of History

Streaming platforms are currently one of the fastest growing industries. This has resulted in new job opportunities for filmmakers, actors, and production crews. It has also allowed independent filmmakers to present their art and reach out to a wider audience.

Example Jobs:

- Journalism
- Sound technician
- Editorial writing

Example Apprenticeships:

- Broadcast production assistant
- Digital marketer (degree)
- Junior content producer



Music

Overview

Music as an academic subject offers broad course study which encourages learners to engage actively in the process of music study.

You will gain: performance, composing, analysis & interpersonal skills.

Did you know?

Studying music can lead to a career as a music therapist, where music is used as a tool to help people improve their mental, emotional, and physical health!

The Future of Music

Music continues to make a huge contribution to the UK economy. This contribution was £6.7 billion in 2022. The This is Music 2023 report showed that UK music exports generated £4 billion in 2022. A total of 210,000 people were employed in the music industry in 2022, and the income from performances continues to grow year-on-year.



Example Jobs:

- Composer
- Performer
- Publisher

Example Apprenticeships:

- Live event rigger
- Event assistant
- Live event technician

PE

Overview

PE is the development of students' physical competence and knowledge of movement and safety, and their ability to use these to perform in a wide range of activities associated with the development of an active and healthy lifestyle. It allows students to build confidence, creativity and critical thinking in a practical environment.

You will gain: team-working skills, the ability to set clear goals & devise a route to achieving them.

Did you know?

PE develops skills such as teamwork, leadership, and discipline, which are valuable in fields like sports management, physical therapy, personal training, and even fields like law enforcement or the military.

The Future of PE

Innovative technology, like wearable fitness trackers, mobile applications & interactive gaming systems has opened up new possibilities for PE. By integrating technology into physical education, we can monitor progress, set achievable goals, and provide immediate feedback on children's performance.



Example Jobs:

- Sports Scientist
- Sports Journalist
- Personal Trainer
- Nutritionist

Example Apprenticeships:

- Personal Trainer
- Physiotherapist
- Leisure Duty Manager

Physics

Overview

Physics is about exploring the fundamental laws that govern the universe. From understanding the tiniest particles to unravelling the mysteries of black holes and the cosmos. Physics offers a powerful lens to understand and shape the world around us.

You will gain: Critical thinking, research, analytical & problem-solving skills.

Did you know?

Tech giants & innovative start-ups actively recruit physics graduates to tackle complex engineering challenges and drive technological disruption.

The Future of Maths

Whilst designing a space settlement may sound like it is far removed from the current reality of space exploration, the advent of major commercial involvement in the space industry is allowing for rapid progress towards future off-Earth settlements.



Example Jobs:

- Physicist/Astrophysicist
- Naval architect
- Prosthetist

Example Apprenticeships:

- Engineering technician
- Aerospace engineer

Politics

Overview

Politics helps us understand the different political and economic perspectives behind how societies are run. The course provides a foundation of political knowledge on which to develop the building blocks for active citizenship and university study.

You will gain: critical thinking, research & analytical skills.

Did you know?

Studying Politics can be a surprising gateway into journalism or media production. The analytical and critical thinking skills developed in politics are highly sought after in investigative journalism, where understanding power dynamics and policy impacts help to uncover stories.

The Future of Politics

A Sustainability Manager is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to ensure an organisation operates in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner.

Example Jobs:

- Law
- Journalism
- Civil Service

Example Apprenticeships:

- Policy officer
- Public relations assistant
- Cybersecurity technologist

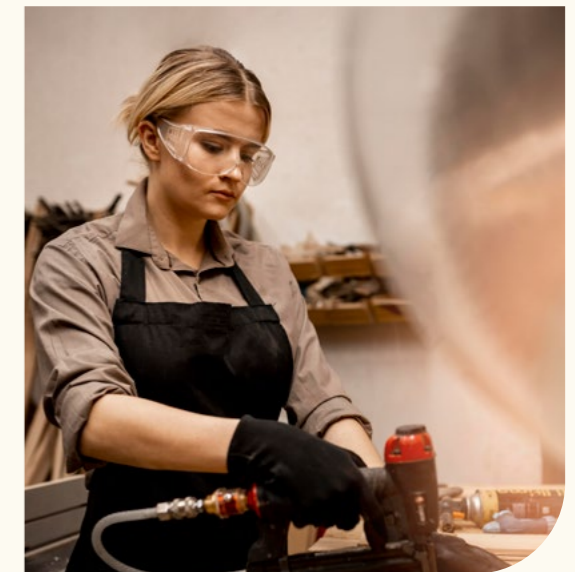


Product Design

Overview

Product design is the study of creating and developing new products through a process that involves ideation, research, prototyping, testing, and refining. It encompasses various disciplines and focuses on multiple aspects, including user needs, aesthetics, functionality, ergonomics, materials, manufacturing processes, sustainability, market trends, prototyping and collaboration.

You will gain: communication & innovation skills.



Did you know?

Architecture was once an Olympic sport! From 1912 to 1952, there were five creative arts categories that were awarded medals by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The Future of Product Design

Examples include: Architecture, Product Design, Surveying, Interior Design, Furniture Design, Vehicle Design.

Example Jobs:

- Surveyor
- Engineer
- Architect

Example Apprenticeships:

- Civil Engineering Technician
- Advanced Carpentry and Joinery
- Architect Assistant (degree)

Psychology

Overview

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour, it is a multifaceted discipline and includes many sub-fields of study such areas as human development, sports, health, clinical, social behaviour and cognitive processes. The field of psychology is considered a “Hub Science” with strong connections to the medical sciences, social sciences, and education.

You will gain: critical thinking, research & analytical skills.

Did you know?

Psychology provides valuable insights into human behaviour, cognition, and emotions, enabling AI systems to understand better, interact, and serve humans.

The Future of Psychology

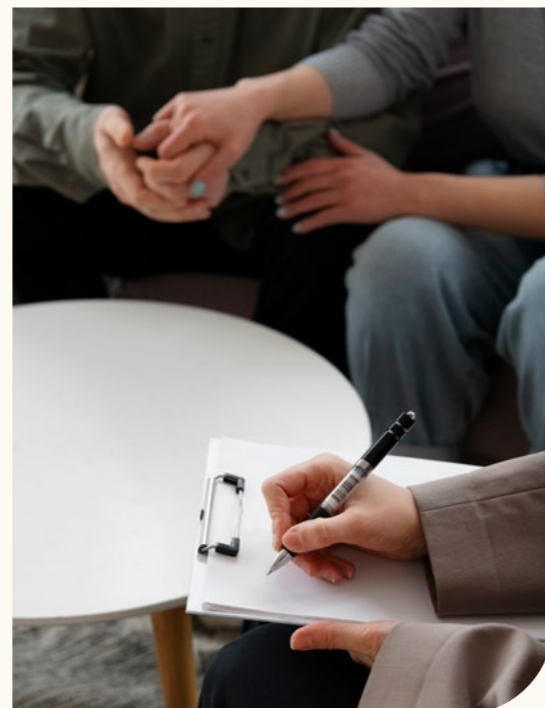
This is one of the most rewarding careers in the UK. They work with the aim of reducing the psychological stress of the people and diagnosis and treat the mental issues of the people. The field of clinical psychology employs the highest number of people than any other field of psychology.

Example Jobs:

- Life coach
- Neuroscientist
- Psychotherapist
- Market Researcher

Example Apprenticeships:

- Healthcare Support Worker
- Registered Nurse
- Social Worker



Religious Studies

Overview

Religious Studies challenges students to explore a range of religions and worldviews, considering how they respond to the big questions of life and reflecting on their own personal responses to this.

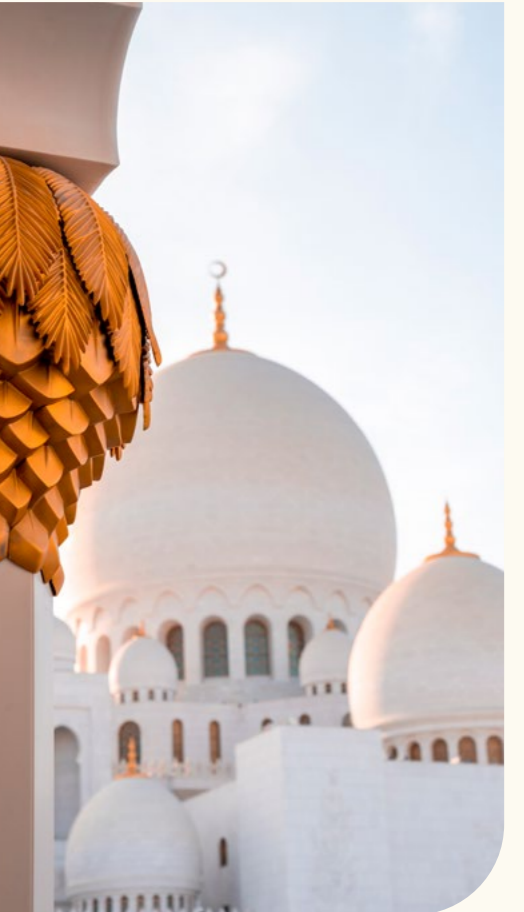
You will gain: critical analysis, communication & evaluation skills.

Did you know?

Religious Studies can lead to opportunities in business and corporate ethics. Many large corporations, especially those with global operations, need professionals who understand diverse cultural and religious backgrounds to shape ethical policies, manage diversity, and promote corporate social responsibility.

The Future of Religious Studies

A recent development called ‘Neurotheology’ explores how neuroscience impacts our understanding of religious experiences. It can also have an impact on how we understand our sense of self, consciousness, and any consequent implications for understanding concepts of life after death.



Example Jobs:

- Law
- Civil service
- Medicine

Example Apprenticeships:

- Teacher
- Journalism

Sociology

Overview

Sociology is the study of society, social behaviours, and the interactions and institutions that shape human experiences. It examines how individuals and groups influence and are influenced by social structures.

You will gain: an understanding of social dynamics & cultural awareness.

Did you know?

Technology companies often hire sociologists to help design user-friendly platforms by understanding social interactions online. With a deep knowledge of social dynamics, you could work in diversity & inclusion.

The Future of Sociology

Researchers study how users interact with products, services, or systems to improve usability, accessibility, and overall user satisfaction. They use sociological methods such as interviews, surveys, and ethnographic research to understand user behaviours, preferences, and needs.

Example Jobs:

- Policy analyst
- Social researcher
- Community Development Worker

Example Apprenticeships:

- Market Research Executive
- Human Resource Operator
- Marketing Executive



Spanish

Overview

Studying Spanish in secondary school opens doors to global opportunities, enhances cognitive skills, and enriches cultural understanding. As one of the most widely spoken languages worldwide, Spanish offers unique advantages, boosting both academic and career prospects.

You will gain: cognitive, communication and cultural skills.

Did you know?

Studying Spanish can lead to a career as an international aid worker in Latin America or Spain, where language skills are essential for coordinating humanitarian projects!

The Future of Spanish

Digital Marketing Specialist: With the growth of digital platforms in Spanish-speaking regions, digital marketers who understand cultural nuances and can create targeted campaigns in Spanish are in high demand.



Example Jobs:

- Translator
- Teacher

Example Apprenticeships:

- Policy Officer
- Marketing Executive
- Cyber Security Technologist

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