



# Home careers resource for students, parents & carers and teachers – support during the Coronavirus pandemic

During these different and uncertain times, we wanted to provide some careers resources to help support you. You may already have plans in place which you will be able to continue with. For some of you, your plans may now need to change or you may still be waiting to sort out what you are going to do next. Here are some resources to help.

# Sixth Form-Year 13 & Guernsey College of FE (Level 3, 2 and 1) students

Now you are getting close to finishing your qualifications you will be thinking of your next steps which will most likely include university, employment, a gap year or further study. Whilst you might still be waiting to hear what is going to happen from an employer, university or gap year provider, you can explore your career ideas further and for those of you still trying to figure out what might interest you, you can use the resources below to help:

# Career planning:

The following resources are useful for finding out more about careers that might match your skills and interests. These are UK based careers websites but will give you an insight into many jobs and careers you can do including many also available on Guernsey.

<u>Information about different job roles</u>
Explore careers linked to subjects you enjoy









Information about over 350 job roles within Healthcare
Guides on how subjects link to different careers
Careers in Science and Maths
Creative Careers
Careers in Sport
Computing, Technology and Digital careers

## **Employment:**

If you are looking for a job or apprenticeship, you may be unsure about what the job market is looking like now and how things might be changing. Employers may still be unsure about whether they can employ any new staff so it's important to keep up to date with what the opportunities are. The following resources can help with finding and applying for jobs:

# Job searching:

You can create a list of online job search websites that you regularly look at to see what is available in the local labour market. The resources below are some of the most popular to look at on Guernsey.

http://www.careers.gg/article/104874/A-levels-IB-Vocational-Equivalent

https://jobs.gg/

https://jobs.guernseypress.com/sector/181/trainee-junior

https://gov.gg/careers

https://gov.gg/jobcentrevacancies

https://www.indeed.co.uk/

Individual company website 'Careers' pages

Word of mouth and researching companies you are interested in working for is important for career planning. You may also want to use social media as a tool in your job search and the below resource can support you in doing this. Many opportunities are now advertised on a company's social media channels. Make sure you follow or like any companies on social media that you are interested in to keep up to date but also make sure your social media profile is set up professionally.

Using LinkedIn to job search
Using Social Media to job search
Using twitter to find your dream job







Using recruitment agencies can be an important tool in finding a job and you can register with a number of them at any one time. They can support with connections to different companies for junior level /trainee positions, interviews and job roles you may not be aware of. The link below gives contact details for most of them on Guernsey.

#### Recruitment agencies

It is important to make sure your CV is up to date, you are prepared for interviews and have researched the job role and company you are applying to. The following resources can help with this.

Writing a CV
Further CV writing guidance
Interview advice
How to answer common interview questions
Individual company website and 'Careers' pages

# **University and further study:**

For those students finishing A levels/IB/Level 3, you may already have applied to University and have an offer of a place or you are thinking of now making a late application. The following resources can help you find out about the latest advice for your application through UCAS, calculating the UCAS points for your qualifications and grades, how and when to apply, funding for university and choosing a course.

UCAS advice
UCAS Tariff Calculator
How and when to apply
Funding for Guernsey Students
University exploration and course search

Distance learning could also be an option and is something you can combine with employment. The Open University and The Open College of the Arts have a variety of courses at different levels including degree and post graduate. Other providers of distance learning can provide free learning online, such as FutureLearn although the courses might not always be accredited or award you a









recognised qualification so be aware of what you are committing to. It can be a useful way to develop knowledge and skills when you find yourself with more time on your hands.

The Open University
The Open College of the Arts
Future Learn
Funding for Guernsey Students

For those students who are finishing a Level 1 or 2 course at Guernsey College and are now thinking of further study, you can use the Guernsey College website to find out about full time, part time courses and apprenticeships that are available.

<u>Guernsey College course search</u> <u>Apprenticeships</u>

If you would like to chat with a Careers Adviser about your career plans, please contact us on:

E: careersguernsey@gov.gg

T: 07839 106403 or 07839 106401 Careers Guernsey Facebook page

We can also offer a virtual face to face careers chat with a Careers Adviser which you and your parents/carers might find helpful.









# **Year 11:**

For those Year 11 who have applied for Post-16 education, you should have received your offer of a place and sent back your confirmation by now (if you haven't, then check with your careers teacher at school or contact us if you are unsure).

For those Year 11 who are planning to enter employment or an apprenticeship, you may already have a job offer. If you are still waiting to sort out what to do next, the following resources can help:

#### **Career ideas:**

During this period you may be thinking of options related to employment and education. On the Careers Guernsey website you can find out more about your options after year 11.

# Options after Year 11

It can be difficult to find more information about careers you might like or be interested in. The *icould* resources below allows you to explore careers related to subjects you enjoy at school and has videos of people who work in different roles. You can also take a personality quiz to find jobs that are suited to you.

<u>Careers related to subjects you enjoy at school</u>

<u>Videos featuring real people talking about their careers</u>

Take this personality quiz- find jobs that are suited to you

Other careers resources can also help support you in finding out more about a future career. The varied resources below gives you access to a wide range of careers.

<u>Information about different job roles within Healthcare</u>
<u>Careers in Science and Maths</u>
<u>Creative Careers</u>

Careers in Sport

Computing, Technology and Digital careers









# **Further study:**

For those of you who haven't already applied to Post-16 education and you now want to look at applying. You can research courses that are available at the Sixth Form Centre and Guernsey College of FE.

<u>Sixth Form Centre qualifications guide</u> Guernsey College subject guide

If you have any questions about current post-16 applications or applying for a new course you can contact the Sixth Form Centre or Guernsey College of FE using the following contact details:

Sixth Form Centre: <a href="mailto:sixthform@grammar.sch.gg">sixthform@grammar.sch.gg</a>

College: enrolment@gcfe.net

## **Employment:**

If you are looking for employment after Year 11 some of the following resources can be useful for job searching:

# Job Searching:

There are a number of ways of job searching and one way is looking online on job search websites. Below are some of the popular ones that you can look at:

http://careers.gg/article/111036/All-other-jobs

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# Using social media to job search

# **Apprenticeships:**

If you are thinking of an apprenticeship you will need to find a job first with an employer and then enrol on the apprenticeship course at the Guernsey College in September. In the current climate it may be necessary to check with a number of companies to see what their plans are for apprenticeships for this year. You can find out about companies registered to offer apprenticeships in various industries by asking your careers teacher at school or contacting Careers Guernsey for the lists of employers for each trade. Below is more information on the Guernsey College Apprenticeship Programme and information on apprenticeships.

# <u>College Apprenticeship Programme</u> Information on apprenticeships

You will have looked at CVs at school and may want some help in tailoring your CV to different jobs. The following resources are useful in helping you find out more about developing a CV and also employability skills employers are looking for.

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Employability skills

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# Other resources for careers teachers and students:

# **Work Experience:**

GWEx (Guernsey Work Experience) are currently working with employers to look at how we can develop and offer a world of work experience to students, this will be an alternative offer to the previously scheduled year 10 work experience programme.

We plan to be able to offer an insight into different sectors with employer interaction and we shall be working with your school/Post-16 to help arrange this. We know that work experience provides a really valuable experience to students and often helps to inform choices for post 16 pathways, therefore we plan to provide a variety of information and experience, which allows you to develop your knowledge and understanding of the world of work.

# Lesson plans and resources for subject/careers teachers:

Lesson plans and articles
Labour market lesson plan and resources
Life skills lesson plans and resources
A range of skills-based activities and information
Skills and activities workbook

#### Have a debate

Debate career myths and stereotypes with someone else in your household:

- "Bricklaying is a man's job"
- "Caring jobs (nurse, teacher, vet etc.) are for females"
- "Only rich people go to university"
- "Apprenticeships aren't for academics"
- "You need all A's in your A Levels to go to University"
- "Creative Industries don't make any money"









Follow this up by researching online and writing down your thoughts.

Follow this up by writing about what you learnt.

#### Take a free online course or lesson

Build your digital skills online (free online courses)

Introductory, Intermediate and advanced online digital and numeracy skills courses

Strength and skills (Lesson)

Staying positive (Lesson)

Prepare for career success at Uni (Free online course)

Building your career in tomorrow's workplace (Free online course)

How to succeed in interviews (Free online course)

#### **Browse careers websites**

<u>Springpod</u> <u>National Careers Service</u> <u>BBC Bitesize</u> <u>My Career Springboard</u> <u>Careers box</u> <u>Success at School</u> <u>Career Connect</u> <u>Careers Advice for Parents</u>

Careers Guernsey and GWEx (Guernsey Work Experience) offices remain closed until further notice following Public Health advice during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are continuing to provide our all age free careers service by email careersguernsey@gov.gg telephone 07839 106403 or 07839 106401

#### **Careers Guernsey Facebook page**

Monday to Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm to young people, parents/carers, adults, employers, and schools/Post-16 so please do get in touch if you need some careers support at this uncertain time. To keep up to date with Guernsey's response to COVID-19 and the support available, please visit <a href="https://covid19.gov.gg/">https://covid19.gov.gg/</a>

Thank you to all the essential workers continuing to support the community.



