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Futures

INTRODUCING "DESBOROUGH FUTURES"

Inspiring our future generations is a key part of the Desborough Way. We want our pupils to leave Desborough equipped with the knowledge and skills ready to embark on their next and exciting chapters. To do this we want to ensure that both our pupils and their parents have access to varied, relevant and practical information about further education, careers and alternative pathways so that all can understand the opportunities available and make the right future choice.

To do this, let us introduce **"Desborough Futures"** - a new and exciting initiative which joins together Desborough's values, its teaching and learning with practical advice and experiences for pupils and their parents about future pathways. Desborough Futures is about demonstrating the relevance of subjects and experiences at Desborough to the pupils' future careers and choices. It is about engaging with pupils at the right stage of their development to ensure that messages are delivered in the most effective way. It is also important that discussions around future pathways is individually focused on the pupil and their needs and aspirations as we understand that one size does not fit all.

Desborough Futures aims to reach out and link universities and colleges, learning and enterprise partnerships, parents and employers with the aim of developing a comprehensive programme of events, network of supporters and practical guidance. We will use this termly newsletter to keep our community up-to-date with the programme and provide students and parents with practical advice and advertise exciting opportunities.

Desborough Futures needs you!

To achieve our ambitious aims, we need the help and support from our parents, employers and organisations. Please get in touch if you, your company or someone in your network can support and enhance our careers programme. This could be a presentation, work experience, virtual opportunities, sponsorship or interview/CV masterclasses. Get in touch with our Careers Leader at: danielclawson@desborough-college.net

I hope you enjoy browsing our very first edition of Desborough Futures!

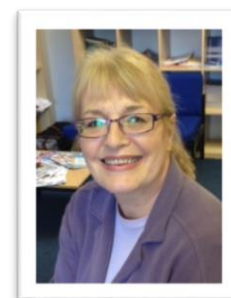
Emma O'Connor
Trustee (Careers)

Meet the Careers Team



Mr D Clawson
Careers Leader

As Assistant Principal, Mr Clawson has strategic oversight of the careers programme at Desborough College, helping ensure it meets the current and future needs of our students.



Mrs C Sansom
Careers Mentor

Mrs Sansom is on hand to provide impartial information, advice and guidance, to help all students make choices about their future. Mrs Sansom also co-ordinates many of the events and opportunities that feature in our careers programme.



What Desborough did for me . . .

In each edition we're going to catch up with a recent Desborough leaver to find out what they're up to now, and how Desborough helped to get them there. We're so fortunate to be able to keep in touch with many of our alumni, and we always enjoy catching up, and when we can, getting them back in to speak to our current students.

If any alumni reading this would like to contribute to a future edition, get in touch!

Name: Cameron Rai

Attended Desborough:
2013-2020

Currently: Level 6 Data
Analyst Apprentice at
Vodafone



My name is Cameron Rai and I studied at Desborough from 2013-2020. Having left this summer after 7 thoroughly enjoyable years, I am now doing a Level 6 degree apprenticeship at Vodafone. From when I joined as a Year 7 student to when I left at the end of Year 13, I was always provided with plenty of opportunities for personal development. During my 2 years in Desborough's Sixth Form, weekly assemblies consistently featured interesting guest speakers to give us an insight into the array of opportunities and pathways out there in the real world. Whilst going to university had been my goal, the stream of information we were given allowed me to investigate other options. Attending apprenticeship fairs gave me the chance to speak directly to representatives of a range of big companies to give me a better understanding of the choices that I had. Throughout this time, I was provided with lots of support to complete my UCAS application and I received offers back from all my top choices. Alongside this I applied to a couple of degree apprenticeships for the role of a Data Analyst. After progressing to an interview and assessment for Vodafone, I was offered the role shortly after. I was therefore in a fortunate position where I had choice between university and a degree apprenticeship. I have now begun working full time for a global company whilst studying for a degree with Lancaster University. The chance to gain valuable work experience, earn and have my studies paid for was an opportunity I could not turn down – an opportunity that was made possible by the outstanding work of the staff at Desborough.

If you would like more information on the opportunities available to work and study at Vodafone, take a look here:

<https://careers.vodafone.co.uk/apprentices>

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/degree-apprenticeships>

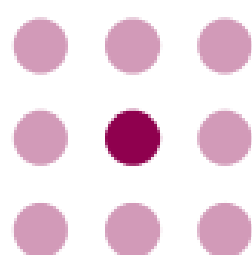


QUIZ!

Take the famous Buzz Quiz [here](#) to discover your strengths and what makes you tick!

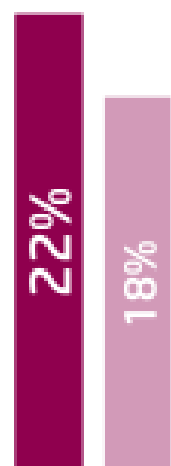
Talented people and bright ideas - opportunities in the Berkshire economy

/// Berkshire's knowledge-based economy, with its mix of global corporates and innovative SMEs, provides a wealth of career opportunities, particularly for graduates. ///



1 in 9 jobs

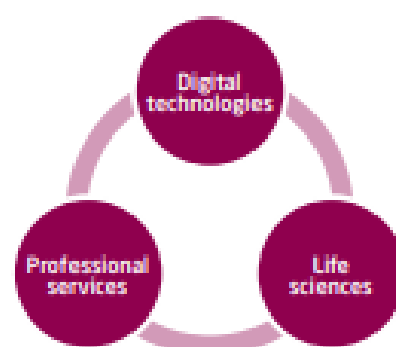
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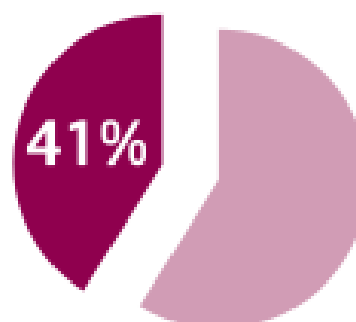
Berkshire has the **highest concentration** of
Foreign-Owned
Companies in the UK



3 key sectors
for graduate opportunities

Skills in **higher demand**
in Berkshire than nationally:

- **Sales** - General sales
- **IT** - Operating systems
- **IT** - General networking
- **IT** - Technical support
- **Business** - Project management
- **IT** - Enterprise Resource Planning



41% of graduates who leave
Berkshire to study, return
for employment, the highest
proportion in the country

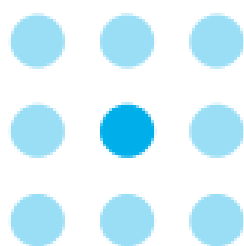
High demand for
talent in the following job roles:

- Software developer / engineer
- Account manager
- Project manager
- Sales manager
- Nursing



Skill needs of the Berkshire economy

// Berkshire's strong economy, with its mix of global corporates, SMEs and public service employers provides a wealth of career opportunities. //



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26%



Between 2012 and 2017 there was a **26% increase** in **Berkshire** in the number of computer support specialist jobs in Berkshire

High demand for non-graduate talent

in the following job roles:

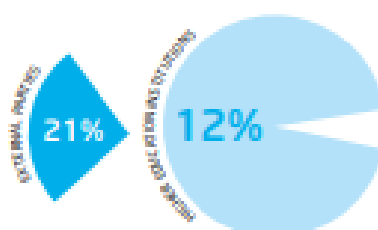
- Administration
- Customer service specialist
- Computer support specialist
- Recruitment consultants
- Chefs



Local employers find it hard to fill vacancies for:

- Computer support specialist
- Electricians and electrical fitters
- Elementary construction roles
- Quantity surveyors
- Telephone sales

Local employers are looking for staff with a **strong work ethic, communication and interpersonal skills**



21% of Berkshire employers who use external parties to develop staff use Further Education Colleges whilst **12%** use Higher Education Institutions

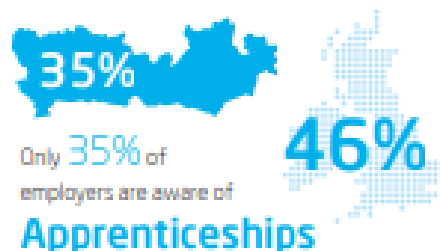
There is **local employer demand** for colleges to provide **practical courses** to help people become job ready (**telephone skills, Microsoft Office, customer service**)

Technician-level jobs

that are more prevalent in **Berkshire** than nationally include:

- IT engineers
- Field service engineers
- Telecommunications engineers
- Administrative positions
- Recruitment consultants

Around **500** Berkshire employers are subject to the Apprenticeship Levy, some of whom are offering, or planning to offer, Degree Apprenticeships



Only **35%** of employers are aware of

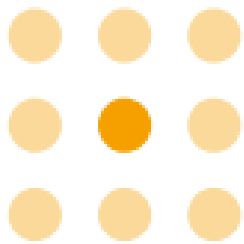
Apprenticeships

compared with **46%** nationally.

But, **18%** of Berkshire employers who haven't had apprentices in the past, plan to employ them in the future (higher than the national average)

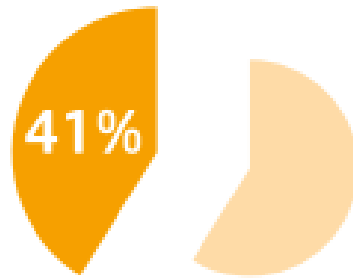
Job opportunities in the Berkshire economy

// With a mix of strong global brands and innovative small businesses Berkshire provides a wealth of job opportunities //



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41% of young people who leave Berkshire for university return to work, the highest proportion of all local areas in the country, reflecting the wealth of job opportunities

Essential skills

in highest demand across Berkshire are:

- Communication skills
- Planning skills
- Organisational skills
- Microsoft Excel
- Detail oriented

Essential skills

that employers believe are

lacking across Berkshire are:

- Communication
- Leadership
- Work ethic



Berkshire employers are more likely to offer **higher level Apprenticeships** than employers in the rest of the country



Over the last 12 months, there has been an **increase in demand** for:

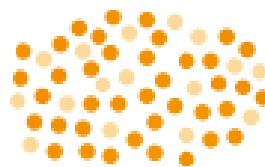
Software Programmers / Engineers; Registered General Nurses; Computer Support Specialists; Recruiters; Web Developers; Marketing Managers; Accountants; Accounting Clerks; Financial Managers; Retail Managers and Associates

Job specific skills

that employers are currently

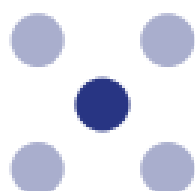
finding it **difficult** to find amongst job applicants are:

- Digital technology skills
- Engineering
- Customer service
- Analytics



There are around **120,000** Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) jobs in Berkshire, nearly twice the national average

Growing the pipeline of future talent



1 in 5 jobs

to be affected by automation by 2030



41% of graduates who leave Berkshire to study come back here to work



22% of Berkshire employers report skills deficiencies, compared to **18%** nationally



Berkshire



UK Average

48% of the Berkshire workforce have a degree or higher qualification (national average 38%)

39% of Berkshire employers offer work experience

9% of Berkshire employers offer other types of work inspiration

The two subject areas with the largest intake at the **University of Reading** are:

Business and Administrative Studies and **Biological Sciences**



Three quarters of young people entering the Berkshire labour market each year **went to school in Berkshire**

10,600 more people travel into Berkshire to work than travel out



107,100 in **VS** 117,700 out

Berkshire firms provide less training to staff than employers in the rest of the country



The top new and emerging jobs roles

Identified by the World Economic Forum are:

- **Data analysts**
- **Specialist sales representations**
- **HR and organisational development specialists**
- **Material, bio-chemical, nanotech and robotics engineers**

6% of Berkshire employers offer Apprenticeships, compared to the national average of 12%

Many large employers plan to use their Apprenticeship Levy on **management and leadership development**

Upcoming events in our careers programme

MEET THE EMPLOYERS

Upcoming Event with the Pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson – who will return to Desborough again this year in December to let all of our year 9s know about the vast array of career paths to be had from such an organisation – and the unexpected twists and turns that can present themselves during someone's life.

They will also engage our students with an insight into the complexities of being part of a Pharmaceutical company and the constant challenges that confront companies such as theirs as they develop modern treatments for the dizzying variety of medical and well-being issues that face us – and they will challenge our students to imagine they are in that world and set them tasks that will test their understanding of the issues involved when bringing a new product or medication on to the market.

A terrific learning opportunity - and a chance to hear it from the employees themselves!



UK UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH FAIR

If you made it to our Sixth Form Open Evening last year, you may recall my promise that our careers programme starts incredibly early in Year 12, and we believe the sooner students begin to visualise their goals, the better their chances are of achieving them.

We normally take Year 12 to the **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair** in the autumn term, and students spend the day exploring the range of post-18 options; this year the event will take place virtually and on **Wednesday 4th November** from **12.00-18.00**.

The event will feature universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers from across the UK, as well as allowing students to explore their regional and local post-18 options. This new Virtual Fair will feature a wide range of exhibiting universities including Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist institutions, as well as colleges and apprenticeship providers. This incredible event will enable students to visit exhibition stands and chat to representatives, view information and videos, download prospectuses and take part in **live webinars** in the virtual auditorium. The event is free of charge and you can find more details here: <https://ukunisearch-london.vfairs.com/>

To help ensure our students have the time and capacity to commit fully to the event, we will be allowing students to **finish their day early and leave school from 12.30**. If any student would prefer to stay on site and use the computer facilities here to access the event (they will need to bring their own headphones), they will be very welcome to. To take part, students do need to register here: <https://ukunisearch-london.vfairs.com/en/registration>



Have you visited our website?

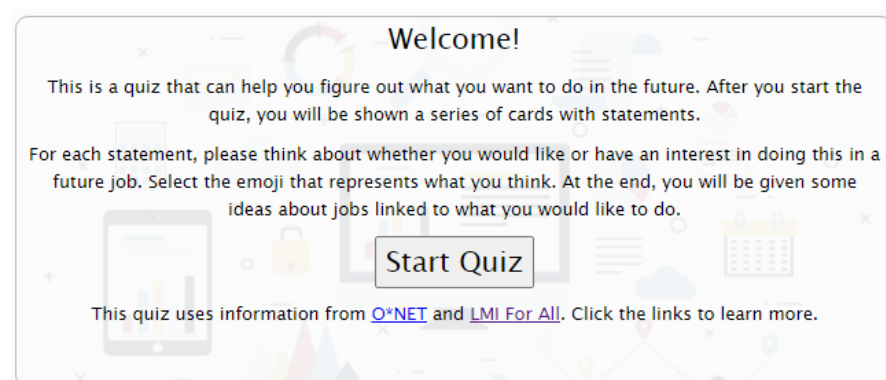
On our careers webpage you will find more information on our careers programme and how it looks at each key stage. You will also find copies of recent careers letters advertising opportunities and events.

Visit it here: <http://www.desborough.org.uk/school-life/careers/>

We've also made the following functions available for our students to explore and enjoy:

Explore jobs linked to your skills and interests using Skillsometer

Skillsometer can help you discover what jobs you might like to do in the future. You will be presented with a series of statements. Select the emoji that shows how you feel about each statement. You will be given suggestions of jobs linked to what you most enjoy doing

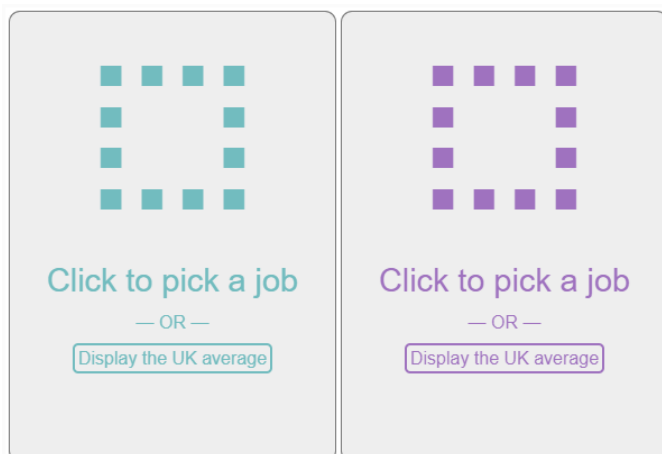


Explore different occupations using Careerometer

Careerometer can be used to explore and compare key information about occupations, help you learn about different occupations and identify potential careers

It provides access to a selection of UK headline data relating to pay, weekly hours of work and future employment prospects for different occupations, as well as description of the occupation.

Simply type in the title of the job you are interested in and the widget provides a series of options from which you can select the most relevant to you. You can then look up another two occupations and compare. You can also select 'display the UK average' and compare the information with the occupation you have selected.



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Don't forget: students can make an appointment to see our Careers Mentor by emailing: christinasansom@desborough-college.net

University corner

For students who have university in their sights, our top 3 recommended places to start your search are:

1. [Informed Choices](#): Use Informed Choices to help you understand which subjects open up different degrees, particularly at Russell Group universities.
2. [UniTasterDays.com](#): Established in 2012, UniTasterDays now list thousands of university events which are delivered by higher education institutions UK-wide
3. [UCAS](#): We're the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

2020 Desborough Leavers- University Destinations

University	
Institution	Course
Aston University, Birmingham	Biomedical Science
Coventry University	Automotive Engineering
De Montfort University	History
Keele University	Pharmacy
Keele University	Medicine
King's College London, University of London	General Engineering
Liverpool Hope University	Computer Science
Northumbria University, Newcastle	Physiotherapy
Oxford Brookes University	History/Politics
Oxford Brookes University	Engineering Foundation
Oxford Brookes University	Architecture
Royal Holloway, University of London	History
Royal Holloway, University of London	Business and Management
Swansea University	Aerospace Engineering
University of Bath	Business (with professional placements)
University of Bath	Deferred for one year: Integrated Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
University of Chichester	History
University of Chichester	Modern History
University of Exeter	Zoology
University of Hertfordshire	Business Economics
University of Leeds	Business Studies with Foundation year
University of Leicester	Mathematics
University of Reading	Biomedical Sciences with Professional Experience
University of Reading	Economics
University of Reading	Biomedical Sciences with Professional Experience
University of Reading	Biomedical Sciences with Foundation
University of Southampton	Physiotherapy

Not going to university?

For students who are interested in exploring alternative options to university, our top 3 recommended places to start your search are:

1. [NotGoingtoUni.co.uk](https://notgoingtouni.co.uk): The UK's leading website for school and college leavers!
2. [Amazing Apprenticeships](https://amazingapprenticeships.com): Amazing Apprenticeships is a leading organisation in the education sector, founded to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and promote the benefits
3. [UCAS – What are my options?](https://ucas.org.uk/what-are-my-options) Here's all you need to know about the routes available to you, to help you decide what to do next

2020 Desborough Leavers- Apprenticeship/Training

Apprenticeship / Training	
Institution	Course
Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE)	L6 Degree Apprenticeship - Manufacturing Engineering
Vodafone	L6 Degree Apprenticeship - Data Analyst
FLB Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors	Accountancy



Apprentice Nation offers free on-demand videos and weekly webinars featuring the UK's hottest artists and industry experts

By taking part, students can unlock amazing rewards such as 1:1 mentor sessions with industry experts from Google, BT, The Premier League, Havas and many more

Explore more here: <https://apprenticenation.co.uk/join/>

**CHOOSE
A JOB YOU LOVE
AND YOU WILL NEVER HAVE TO WORK
A DAY IN YOUR LIFE**

Guides for parents

Finding high-quality career advice and guidance can often be stressful, not only for pupils but also for parents, carers or guardians. Here is our round-up of the best guides available currently:

1. [Career Mag](#): Back to school 2020 – Helping you to help your child
2. [Parents Pack](#): The latest apprenticeship information & advice for parents, supported by the National Apprenticeship Service. In the October issue we look at the differences between T Levels, traineeships and apprenticeships, dyslexia support, the BAME Awards 2020, and apprenticeships in engineering, Top 100 Employers, Life as a mature apprentice with the NHS and much more. Please share widely.

Free parents and carers careers guide out now!

Parents & Carers: Helping your child begin their career journey, is ready to download now for free!

With the help of sponsor, JP Morgan, this guide includes case studies, brand new info on T-levels, plus guest articles on university, mental health, encouraging young women into engineering, and more.

This guide has also been made so parents/carers can use it as a tool to help young people prepare for their future. There's a step-by-step guide to help them focus on career paths connected to their skills and interests. Also included is a worksheet you design to be completed by the parent/carer and young person together so that they can make tangible progress as a result of working through this guide.

Available to view online for free [HERE](#) or ready printed at a cost of £9.99 per copy.

Please follow the link below for further information.

Find out more



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Online learning - FREE!

Don't study because you need to. Study because knowledge is power. Study because they can never take it away from you. Study because you want to know more. Study because it enhances you. Study because it grows you.

Online course	Description	Get started
Future Learn	Choose from hundreds of online courses from top universities and specialist organisations.	https://www.futurelearn.com/courses
Gresham College Lectures	Many of our lectures are useful for A-Levels, and also for career and study decisions, for personal statements, for 'stretch and challenge' and to those planning to do Extended Project Qualifications (EPQs).	https://www.gresham.ac.uk/schools
MOOC.ORG	Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are free online courses available for anyone to enrol. MOOCs provide an affordable and flexible way to learn new skills, advance your career and deliver quality educational experiences at scale.	https://www.mooc.org/
Open University Short Courses	Explore a subject without the time commitment with a short course from The Open University. Choose from courses in Business, Health, Languages, Science, or Technology. Choose from a range of subjects that can help you build a new skillset, delve into a new hobby, or offer continued professional development in your career.	http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/short-courses
The Skills Toolkit – National Careers Service	Free courses to help you learn new skills or change jobs. Including general skills that apply to all sectors and more specialised skills.	https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course/the-skills-toolkit
University of York - MOOCs	Designed by York academics, our massive open online courses (MOOCs) are free and open to everyone. Engage with university-level study, explore a new subject area or to prepare for higher education more generally.	https://www.york.ac.uk/study/moocs/
YourGamePlan	The courses available fall into the following categories: Career Planning, Application and Interview, Skills for the Workplace, Behaviours for the Workplace, Improving your Mental Health and Lifestyle and Introduction to Industries. YourGamePlan have also partnered with ACCA to provide an 'Introduction to Accounting' course	http://www.yourgameplan.co.uk/

DO SOMETHING
today
that your future self
WILL
thank
— YOU FOR. —

Life after Year 11

Joining our Sixth Form

November

- virtual open evening and our sixth form prospectus for 20/21 will be live on our website
- Sixth Form taster lessons 1

January

- Sixth Form taster lessons 2 (after the mocks)

February

- Application deadline

March

- Conditional offers received following review of applications

July





- Offer holders receive 'flying start' work

August

- Results day and virtual enrolment



Popular colleges locally

College	Next Open Evening	Link
BCA 	21 st November	https://www.bca.ac.uk/events/college-open-day-nov/
Windsor Forest Colleges Group (Langley; Strode's; Windsor) 	Langley: 5 th November	https://www.windsor-forest.ac.uk/opendays.html
Reading College 	14 th November	https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/reading
The Henley College 	On demand	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NIZXHnoL7k https://www.henleycol.ac.uk/

Just for fun . . .



In each edition of Desborough Futures you'll find a careers related quiz or activity for students to have a go at. **The winner(s) will receive 10 House Points and will be announced in the next issue.**

Before I was a teacher, I was . . .

Match the previous job to the correct teacher (possible answers are at the bottom – you can only use each teacher once). Why don't you research any job you're unfamiliar with and learn more about it?

E-mail your answers to: danielclawson@desborough-college.net

Correct answers and winners will appear in the next issue.

Job	Member of staff
A. Sub-editor for national newspapers & magazines	
B. Personal Trainer	
C. Criminal Defence Attorney	
D. International Marketing Manager	
E. Commercial Analyst	
F. Sales Assistant	
G. Double glazing fitter	
H. Trading Floor of a large bank in London	
I. Training to be an Accountant	
J. Paediatric Nurse	
K. Commercial Plumber	
L. Youth Worker	
M. Head of Supply Chain Planning – UK, Europe & Asia	
N. Home insulator	
O. Taught Saxophone and worked in a shoe shop	



Mrs Murphy Head of History & Politics	Mrs McFarlane Head of Music	Mr Alexander Pastoral Manager
Ms Lockwood English Teacher	Mr Collins History & Politics Teacher	Mr Lovegrove Head of Computing
Mr Crosse Science Teacher	Mr Wootton Technology Teacher	Ms Garcia Deputy Head of English
Miss Hutchison Head of English	Mr Wyles Vice Principal	Mrs Gerber Head of MFL & Psychology
Miss Spriggins Maths Teacher	Mr Andrews-Jones Head of Business Studies	Mr Clawson Assistant Principal



Skillsfor Energy 2020

VIRTUAL EVENT

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Discover Your Future

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