

Careers
Information,
Advice and
Guidance at
Redcar and
Cleveland
College

**Information
for Parents**



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CAREERS SUPPORT AT REDCAR

Careers appointments

Career appointments are available throughout a student's time at college and can be booked by students by messaging **Miccha Urwin on Teams**.

As a parent or carer, you can contact **Redcar and Cleveland Reception on 01642 473132** to book a careers appointment on behalf of a student.

Careers appointments can help with the following...

- Career management, and Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)
- Application support
- CV writing
- Job search skills
- Interview preparation (including mock interviews)
- University student finance options
- University choices and applications
- Employer engagement



Careers Events

We provide students with range of opportunities to attend careers focused events. Our Progression Day is a dedicated day of talks and workshops delivered at college by university, employers and apprenticeship representatives. The aim is to ensure students have access to enough information to allow them to make an informed decision about their next steps.

There are also opportunities for students to attend workplace visits, university open days/ taster events and the annual UCAS Exhibition and North East Skills Event.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Careers information events for parents

Throughout the course of a student's time with us, there are several opportunities for parents and carers to attend careers events targeted specifically at you. This includes; opportunities to learn more about apprenticeships, higher education and student finance. You will also have the opportunity to meet with university and apprenticeship representatives.

Join our Careers Parents Network

We are keen to engage with local employers to help our students learn more about the workplace and the opportunities that are available to them. We work with employers in a range of ways including; employer talks, mock interviews and workplace visits. If you or your employer would like to learn more about the ways in which we can work together please let us know using the link below!



LABOUR MARKET INFO

What is Labour Market Information (LMI)?

Labour Market Information (LMI) refers to facts and figures about jobs and employment. The information is used to give an overall picture of the past, present and future of work. The labour market is the term used to describe the amount of people working and looking for work, and the amount of jobs. We use LMI to design our careers programme and teach students how to use LMI to inform their career decisions.

Why LMI is important when looking for a job...



LMI can help students discover if a job would suit them! For example, LMI may tell you that a certain job involves 100% office work. Would this suit you?



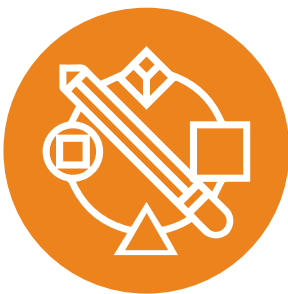
LMI can tell students what job areas are growing or declining. Would you train for a job that may not exist in 5 years' time? LMI can help you avoid this!



Have a career in mind? LMI can help students find what qualifications they need to get there!



LMI can help students find how much you may earn in a certain job. This could include the average annual or weekly salary.



LMI can help students recognise what skills are required for certain jobs and how these skills link to the skills they already have!



LMI can help students identify which jobs are available in the region they live. If they have a career in mind they can also find where vacancies are in the UK.

Where to find LMI...

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the logos!
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PROSPECTS

Job profiles which include:

- Day to day account of what a job involves
- Average salaries
- What qualifications you need for specific jobs
- Skills the job requires
- Future job prospects



'How to become...' guides which include:

- Day to day account of what a job involves
- Average salaries
- What qualifications you need for specific jobs
- Skills the job requires
- Future job prospects

**National
Careers
Service**

Helping you take
the next step

Job profiles which include:

- Day to day account of what a job involves
- Average salaries
- What qualifications you need for specific jobs
- Skills the job requires
- Future job prospects

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Local job information which includes:

- Growing industries in the area
- Skills that jobs in the local area require
- Qualifications that jobs in the local area require
- Average salaries in the local area



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POPULATION OF

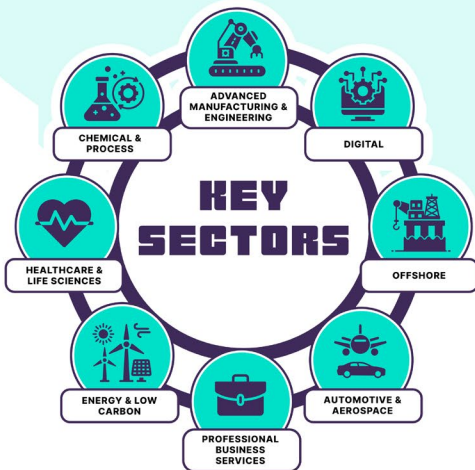
136,600

NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED

61,200

TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSINESSES

3,095



COMPANIES ACROSS THE REGION



WHERE ARE THE MOST JOBS?

WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE 6,000	HUMAN HEALTH & SOCIAL WORK 5,000
EDUCATION 4,000	MANUFACTURING 4,000
TRANSPORT & STORAGE 3,500	ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES 3,000
ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT SERVICES 2,600	PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL 2,250
CONSTRUCTION 1,750	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENCES 1,750

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TEES VALLEY



To find out more about opportunities and pathways in Tees Valley

REDCAR & CLEVELAND

	Boots - trading as Boots, is a health and beauty retailer and pharmacy chain that operates in the United Kingdom.	www.boots.jobs	
	RWE leading supplier of renewables worldwide. With wind farms, solar power and battery storage facilities in many countries	www.rwe.com	
	First Operates more than 4,500 buses. Serves two-third of the UK's 15 largest conurbations and employ roughly 12,800 employees across 51 depots across the UK	www.firstbus.co.uk	
	Beyond Housing Operating across the Redcar and Cleveland and North Yorkshire areas, we provide affordable housing to over 30,000 customers, offering support, advice and training to help you live more comfortably.	www.beyondhousing.co.uk	
	NHS South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides a number of services from Redcar Hospital including an urgent treatment centre and Zetland Ward.	www.southtees.nhs.uk	
	TESCO As a leading multinational retailer, with more than 330,000 colleagues, they aim to serve customers every day with affordable, healthy and sustainable food – to help them enjoy a better quality of life and an easier way of living.	www.tesco.com	
	Wilton Engineering is a multi-disciplined Engineering Services provider based on a 50 acre site by the River Tees in Middlesbrough, North-East England. We specialise in Engineering Design, Fabrication & Construction, Coatings and Site Services for the onshore and offshore energy industry and possess a strong and diverse portfolio of successfully completed projects.	www.wiltonengineering.co.uk	
	Redcar & Cleveland is a local government district with borough status in the ceremonial county of North Yorkshire, England. Its council has been a unitary authority since 1996, being a district council which also performs the functions of a county council.	www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk	
	Teesworks are a chain supermarket specialising in frozen food products, often offered at discounted prices. They have over 300 shops throughout Great Britain	www.teesworks.co.uk/	
	St Martins Care is passionate about caring for people with Dementia. Specially designed environments have been created that are safe, engaging and stimulating.	www.smcgroup.co.uk	
	Sembcorp works in strategic collaboration with biopharmaceutical and biotech companies to develop and manufacture the latest in biologics, advanced therapies and vaccines.	www.sembcorp.com	
	Pizza Hut came to the UK in 1923. What started out as a single Hut in Islington, London is now over 700 Restaurants and Delivery outlets up and down the UK, and guess what, the pizza is still the best in town.	https://www.pizzahut.co.uk	
	Creative Support is a not-for-profit organisation promoting the independence, inclusion and wellbeing of people with care and support	www.creativesupport.co.uk	

DO YOU LIKE A CHALLENGE?

- 1) Compare the employment rates between two different sectors. What do you think accounts for the differences in these rates?
- 2) Based on the data presented, which industries do you predict will experience the highest demand for workers in the next decade? Why?
- 3) How might technological advancements impact the sectors shown in the LMI poster?
- 4) Which industry or job role aligns most with your career aspirations and why?
- 5) Think about what you love to do. Which company on the poster would have the perfect job for you in the future? What would your job title be and what do you think your daily tasks could involve?



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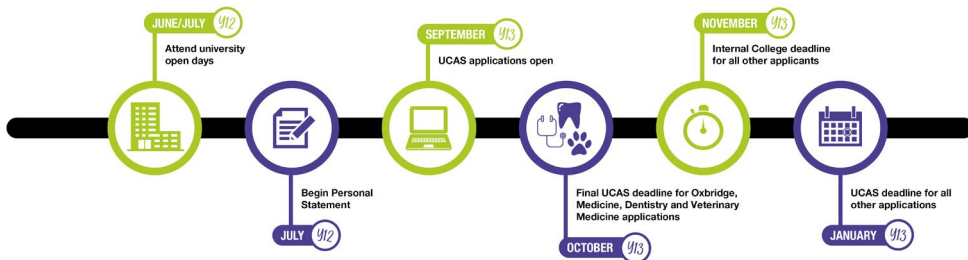
What is Higher Education?

Higher education is defined as any qualification above Level 3, these qualifications can be gained at a college or university. There are over 50,000 undergraduate courses at more than 395 providers in the UK.

The university application process...

Students apply for university through UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). UCAS is an online portal where students add their details, their university and course choices and their personal statement (4000 characters on why the students would like to study the course they have chosen). Students receive lots of support when choosing the universities and courses and completing their UCAS application. Below you can see a timeline of the UCAS application process.

UCAS CYCLE



Student Finance

Students can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan to help them with university costs.

Tuition fee loan - This covers the cost of the course the university or college sets the tuition fee, and the loan is paid directly to them.

Maintenance loan - This loan helps students with living costs (food/accommodation etc.). How much a student receives for their maintenance loan depends on their household income.

IMPORTANT: Students only start repaying once they earn over a certain amount and the size of their monthly repayments will depend on how much they earn, not what they owe.

For more information on student finance please go to:

www.gov.uk/student-finance

Where to find more information...



www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians



www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/applying-to-uni/application-advice-for-parents



<https://futureme.ac.uk/parents-carers>



www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes

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INTRODUCTION TO APPRENTICESHIPS

What is an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are a great option for students who are keen to enter the world of work whilst still gaining a qualification. Apprenticeships give students an opportunity to enhance their skills and workplace experience all while earning a salary.

Apprenticeships are available in a range of different industries and have different levels...

INTERMEDIATE APPRENTICESHIPS	ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIPS	HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS
Level 2	Level 3	Level 4, 5, 6, 7
Equivalent to GCSEs	Equivalent to A Levels	Equivalent to Bachelor's or Master's Degree
12-18 months	18-48 months	24 months+

Where can students find apprenticeship vacancies?

Apprenticeship vacancies are advertised in a variety of different places including company websites, job search websites and through colleges/universities that offer apprenticeships. Apprenticeship vacancies are also advertised on the national Find an Apprenticeship website: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

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The Apprenticeship application process...

Applying for an apprenticeship can be similar to applying for a job. Each apprenticeship vacancy will have a different start date (this will be stated on the advertisement) and start dates can be throughout the year. The apprenticeship application process may include some of the following stages...

- Submitting a CV and cover letter OR completing an application form
- Assessment tests
- A telephone interview
- A group interview
- A face to face or virtual interview

Where to find more information...



www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/parents/their-career



www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-parents-guide-to-apprenticeships



<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources>



INTRODUCTION TO T LEVELS

What is a T Level?

T Levels are a two-year course, being introduced by the government, primarily aimed at 16 to 19-year-old learners. The equivalent to three A levels, they are a level 3 technical option that combines classroom-based learning with a strong element of on-the-job training through a 45-day industry placement.

T Levels have been developed in select subject areas, alongside employers and businesses to ensure they meet industry needs. The courses are being rolled out gradually to colleges and providers.

The qualification is made up of two main parts, a technical qualification and an industry placement.

TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION:

- Core content (knowledge and skills relevant to all occupations covered by the T Level).
- An occupational specialism (the knowledge and practical skills to enter employment in a particular occupation).

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT:

- Every T Level will include an industry placement with an employer, which will last a minimum of 315 hours (approximately 45 days) but can be longer.

What is the difference between a T Level and a level 3 vocational course?

T Levels are the technical equivalent to three A levels. They will cover core theory, concept and specialist skills and knowledge for a specific career or occupation. The main difference between the T Level and a level 3 course is the compulsory industry placement. This will last a minimum of 315 hours and makes up 20% of the course. Academically demanding, T Levels incorporate English, maths and digital content.

What is the difference between a T Level and an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are built for those who know what occupation they want to pursue and are ready to enter the world of work. They are typically made up of a combination of 80% on-the-job training and 20% in the classroom. T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers and providers so that the content “meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work”. T Levels are based on the same industrial standards as apprenticeships, created specifically by employers and approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. On a T Level you will spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on a placement.

Will a T Level provide enough UCAS points to get into university?

Yes. T Level qualifications carry UCAS tariff points. A T Level is worth the same number of UCAS points as three A levels. UCAS points will be allocated according to the overall grade. T Level students can progress to higher education, employment or an apprenticeship.

What are the entry requirements for a T Level?

Entry requirements will vary depending on the course, however as T Levels are the equivalent to A levels, good GCSE results will be essential, including English and maths.

Where can students find our T Level courses?

Students can find T Level courses using this link:



2024/25 CAREERS PROGRAMME

Below is this year’s careers calendar.
Please note some event dates may be subject to change.

Careers Plan 2024/25



HIGHER EDUCATION	GBM	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
UCAS Clearing	3,8												
Career Service Induction	1												
UCAS Application Process Presentation	3												
Choosing a University and course advice	3												
Effective Personal Statements	3,8												
University Talks and Stalls	7												
University Visits	7												
Student Finance Presentations	7												
Student Finance Application Support	3,8												
Student Finance Parents Evening	3,8												
University Interviews Masterclass	7												
Visit to UCAS Convention	7												
Budgeting for University	3												
Festival of Careers (HE Options)	7												
Promotion of University Taster Days	3,7												
Promotion of University Widening Participation Schemes	3,7												
What is UCAS Extra?	3,7												
What is Clearing?	3,7												

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YOUR FEEDBACK...

Feedback

We aim to continuously develop our careers programme to meet the needs of our students and the labour market. We also take into account feedback from students, employers and parents to ensure our careers programme is of a high quality and takes into account the views of all stakeholders.

We would greatly appreciate your views on our current careers programme and welcome any suggestions you may have.

To leave feedback please complete the short survey below:

[Careers Programme Feedback from Parents](#)

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USEFUL INFORMATION...

Qualification Levels

Level 8	Doctorate Degree (PHD)	
Level 7	Master Degrees and Post Graduate Certificates	Degree Apprenticeships
Level 6	Bachelor/Honours Degree	Degree Apprenticeships
Level 5	Diploma of higher Education, Foundation Degrees and HNDs	Higher Apprenticeships
Level 4	Certificate/Diploma of higher Education/HNC	Higher Apprenticeships
Level 3	A Levels, BTEC National Diploma, T Levels	Advanced Apprenticeships
Level 2	GCSEs GCSEs Grade 9-4 BTEC First/Diploma	Intermediate Apprenticeships
Level 1	GCSEs GCSEs Grade 3-1 BTEC First Certificate	Traineeships

Skills employers are looking for..



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