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CAREERS HUB NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the first issue of your termly careers newsletter which is aimed at giving you the information and contact details you need to help support your son or daughter on to the next step towards the career of their dreams!



Hi, I'm Erika and my job across all our colleges is Group Marketing Director, and alongside that, I am the Group Strategic Lead for Careers Education. I work with our Careers officers, our leaders and our tutors to make sure all of our students have access to all the information they need to make the best, informed, decisions about their future.

Since taking over this role, I have been working really hard with the team to increase our student offer - creating smart spaces full of great information for students and ensuring there is a wide range of resources for our students, tutors and parents to access which gives the advice and guidance needed.

Careers Hubs...Parents Can Use Them Too

Over the summer, we have worked hard to create a smart Careers Hub which you can access off the main street in Stockton Riverside College - Building One. Here you will find our careers officer Carol Race, but she also attends NETA for a Careers Clinic, every Thursday between 9-11am.

Our Careers Hub is packed with information and advice on job pathways, next steps, average salary information and so much more. Carol is always happy to make an appointment for you and your son/daughter to chat through their options and help you plan next steps. You can contact her by email:

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Carol
Careers
Advisor



The Careers Hub is generally open Monday-Thursdays 8.30am-4.30pm, Fridays 8.30am-4pm, and outside of those hours you can either contact Carol directly via her email address (over page) or by using the careers email address – careers@Stockton.ac.uk and emails will be responded to within 2 working days.

Parents' Guide to Careers

During the COVID lockdowns, we realised that as a direct result of our teams not being able to attend school drop in sessions, information about careers guidance wasn't always getting back to parents and guardians about post-secondary options. It is important that you have as much information as possible at your fingertips so that you can advise your son/daughter as much as possible and so to help, we created parent guides. These contain useful labour market information, details on how to give feedback, links to other useful websites, details of qualification levels and much more. Click here to open the Parent Guide: <https://www.neta.co.uk/information-for-parentscarers>

Q&A Sessions with Employers

We have recently started a programme of employer Careers Q&A sessions, the first of which was with the Managing Director of a local creative agency and the session was so well received that we are now seeking additional employers / employees to meet with students over MS Teams so they can learn about how others achieved their career goals. These are great opportunities to be able to ask questions, all from the comfort of the classroom with classmates or from your home. Details of these are shared through course tutors, but if you have any requests or ideas for speakers from specific industries – or if you are a parent/guardian who would like to share your career journey please let me know via my email Erika.marshall@the-etc.ac.uk.

The next session is on 17th November and is with Emily Clark, an ex-apprentice mechanical engineer who now works at PD Ports.

Careers in the Tees Valley

Tees Valley Careers, an organisation which works with colleges to support careers education, has recently updated its Case Study section on its website – loads of great videos from real people working in real Tees Valley companies, check it out here: <https://www.teesvalleycareers.com/students/case-studies/>

The Girls' Network

We recently launched our second cohort of The Girls' Network, a charity which aims to inspire and empower girls by connecting them with a mentor and a network of professional contacts. More than 20 girls across the group took part and I can't wait to see the impact of the 10 mentoring sessions they will experience this year.

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