**Do you know that there is a career out there which will allow you to?**

* Have a job that you enjoy.
* Earn money to live well.
* Create new and exciting opportunities in your life.

**Planning for the future is about taking control of your life and making the decision that you want to be successful and take the steps toward that dream career. But what if you don’t know what that is? Well NOW is the time to start researching your options.**

**Researching Careers**

What jobs and career areas interest you? And how much do you really know about the massive variety of careers out there? There are some brilliant resources you can use to help you research your possibilities and find out about jobs and YOUR future!

**Barclays Life Skills** has been designed to help young people like you get ahead in the world of work. As well as tools for researching careers, there are also lots of resources you can use to help you learn about employability skills and how you can develop these, get tips on how to prepare for interviews, manage your finances and much more

Try starting with the **Lifeskills Wheel of Strength**. This is an interactive tool which can help you think about how things you enjoy and are good at can help you find careers which suit your interests and needs.

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/>

Our partners at **Shaping Futures** have also developed a fantastic online careers programme to help you with everything from wellbeing, study skills and careers. Google Shaping Futures Liverpool or click the link below <https://shaping-futures.org.uk/8-week-programme/learners/>

Remember when researching careers

* Think about what skills, qualifications and experience are needed and what you can do to get them?
* Is it a growth area? Are there jobs available? What can you do in the next 1 year, 2 years, 3 years to build your profile and give you the edge?
* Always have a backup plan!

**Developing Employability Skills.**

Employability skills are those things that employer’s rate as the most important when looking to hire new candidates. When asked about the most important qualities employers look for at interview the ones that always rate the highest are:

**A positive attitude.**

**Communication skills and team work**

**Commitment and focus**

**Problem solving and Creativity.**

What extra things can you do this summer to build your experience around your studies? Are you involved in any voluntary work, groups or extra a curricular activity which you can use to demonstrate some of those Key Employability Skills?

**Employability Matters**

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| **Unsure about what other careers are out there? Hear from a range of industry professionals talking about their career journey in free online V talks** **HOW TO JOIN THE VTALKS*** Join 10 minutes before the VTALK to be ready
* You can join without needing an account – [**Watch how here**](https://vimeo.com/418436143)
* For full speaker descriptions visit the [**VTALK Schedule here**](https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/)

**VTALK LIBRARY & MORE*** Watch pre-recorded VTalks from our library[**here**](https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/vtalks-video-library/)
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**Job of the week.**

**Ever thought about Property Management?**

As a property manager, you’re the friendly face of the landlord for the tenant, and the friendly face of the tenant for the landlord – acting as a mediator for the landlord-tenant relationship, ensuring any issues are resolved promptly and being a direct point of contact. To succeed in this business, you’ll need to have excellent people skills, a talent for multi-tasking and the ability to handle problems before they’ve even arisen. Read more on the link below

<https://www.redbrickpm.co.uk/blog/how-to-become-a-property-manager/>

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| **Time for Virtual Work Experience.** As business has embraced new working from home strategies, there are some fantastic virtual work from home work experience opportunities available for Year 10 and Year11 students this summer term. Work experience is essential to develop your employability skills and show employers that you have the edge when competing against other candidates when applying for jobs and apprenticeships. To search for virtual work experience placements and make your application please go to <https://www.s4snextgen.org/>  |

Round up of other VIRTUAL Events happening this month.

**Take a stroll around the campus at Liverpool John Moores University 22 June – 26 June.**

<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/news/features/virtual-tour>