

# The Prospect Trust Careers Services Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to the spring edition of our careers newsletter. I am delighted that The Prospect Trust Careers Services are working with **Tomlinscote School** and providing the students from Year 7 to Year 11 with high quality independent, impartial careers advice and guidance.

The arrival of Spring often brings with it a new sense of optimism and hope. After the cold, dark days of winter, the longer days, warmer temperatures, and blossoming flowers all contribute to a feeling of positivity and anticipation for what lies ahead. Choosing what to do with your future can often feel like the arrival of spring. Whether you're pursuing a traditional path or exploring less conventional pathways, there's an excitement in discovering where your talents, passions, and ambitions may lead you. Choosing what you want to do next is about embracing change and the endless possibilities that lay ahead. Much like the changing seasons, careers evolve over time, offering opportunities for reinvention and adaptation.

Best Wishes, Nikki Coleman - Head of Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance.

## A WELCOME FROM YOUR CAREERS ADVISER



Hi, my name is Lorraine Lewington and I am the Lead Careers Adviser at Tomlinscote School.

Appointments are scheduled by the school and every student in Key Stage 4 will have the opportunity to have a careers discussion. Career

summaries (My Next Steps) are shared with the students on their edulink account.

I am in school on Thursdays and Fridays and based in a dedicated space in the LRC. You can contact me for information by email at

[lorraine.lewington@prospecttrust.org.uk](mailto:lorraine.lewington@prospecttrust.org.uk), or by contacting Mrs H Khan at school.

## CAREERS RESOURCES



**Take a free Career Cloud Quiz** (Spartan Test). The test is a quick and simple, image based quiz to help you start thinking about and researching Apprenticeships, Degrees and careers.

**Take the Buzz Quiz** and in just a few minutes this fun quiz can help you:

- Discover your strengths and what makes you tick
- Understand how others may see you
- Explore subject choices and jobs that suit you



## Websites to help you with your career research:

[www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk)

[www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com)

[www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

[Pathways Explore](#)

[Explore your education and training choices](#) - National Careers Service



[Click here](#) for more information on the World Economic Forum Future of Jobs Report 2023.

## Resources for parents:

[Apprenticeship Levels explained](#)

[Qualification routes and levels explained](#)

[T-Level subjects](#)

A parents' toolkit for career conversations:

<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/>

[Careermag for Parents, Carers and Guardians](#)

[Apprenticeships: Hints & Tips for Parents & Carers](#)

## CAREERS FEATURE

### Careers in Animal Management

Working with animals requires dedication and commitment to care for and maintain a wide variety of animals. Careers in this industry are hard work but extremely rewarding. Remember, it is not all about playing with puppies and fluffy bunny rabbits.

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## What job roles are available?

There are so many different careers working with animals that require a range of qualifications and specialisms.

- Animal Care Worker
- Animal Technician
- Assistance Dog Trainer
- Beekeeper
- Countryside Ranger
- Dog Groomer
- Dog Handler
- Farmer
- Farrier
- Fish Farmer
- Gamekeeper
- Horse Groom
- Jockey
- Kennel Worker
- Pet Behaviour Counsellor
- RSPCA Inspector
- Vet
- Veterinary Nurse & Veterinary Physiotherapist
- Zookeeper
- Zoologist

**To learn about the roles listed above and others, take a look at Careerpilot's [Animal sector information](#).**

# Careerpilot

## How do I get a job working with animals?

Working with animals can be a very competitive area to get into, so it will be helpful for you to gain volunteering or work experience in this area. Consider the job role that you want to do and check the entry requirements carefully.

If you would like to be a Vet, you will need to have top GCSE grades and you will need to study A level Biology, Chemistry and Maths.

Many of the other roles can be accessed by studying Animal Management courses at college.

## What skills are needed?

Depending on the role you would like, the skills needed will differ.

Common skills include:

- The ability to work well in a team
- An interest in animals and biology
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Active listening skills
- Customer Service skills
- To be thorough and to pay attention to detail

Most of the local colleges offer level 3 pathways including the A level subject route or the Vocational course based route:

[The Sixth Form College Farnborough](#)

[Farnborough College of Technology](#)

[Basingstoke College of Technology](#)

[Merrist Wood College](#)

[Berkshire College of Agriculture](#)

[Sparsholt College](#)

# SKILLS

## WORK EXPERIENCE - YOU CAN'T BE WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE!



Work experience helps you to learn new skills, decide what you do and don't like doing and supports you in choosing a future career.

**Students: Once you have found a placement for work experience week, please remember to enter the details onto Grofar as you were shown in tutor time!**

**Reminder: The deadline for finalising your work experience is Thursday 28th March. However, if you're finalising details during the holidays, please make sure it's on Grofar by Monday 15th April.**

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## **Calling all parents and carers - Can you help?**

We are always looking for employers to support us. If you or someone you know might be able to help, our friendly work experience team would be delighted to hear from you: [wex@prospecttrust.org.uk](mailto:wex@prospecttrust.org.uk)

## **Current virtual work experience opportunities:**

Virtual work experience and insight days can provide an overview of an industry and give a taster of the sorts of careers available. All of these include talks from those who work in the industry, plus live webinars and a certificate of completion.



Lots of exciting opportunities can be found on the [Speakers for Schools](https://www.speakersforschools.co.uk) website, including:

["Dive into Data, AI and beyond"](#) Virtual Insight Day with Kainos – 24 May, apply by 26 April.

During this event you will discover:

- What Artificial Intelligence is
- How Machine Learning/AI algorithms are used to solve real-world problems
- What Data Analysts and Data Scientists do
- How you can build reports and dashboards to find the answers to big problems
- Different career pathways into Data & AI

Participants of all skill levels are welcome. We will help to grow your skills and teach you more about the world-changing projects we work on. We'll also answer any questions you have about working in the Data and AI sector.



Have a look at the [Springpod](#) virtual work experience platform for upcoming opportunities including:

[Siemens Engineering](#) - 1-14 April

During this programme, you will meet with Siemens experts to explore the core focusses of the business, such as digitalisation, climate action, smart infrastructure and diversity and inclusion. You'll also be able to discover the variety of roles across the company and learn how to kick-start your career. You'll also have opportunities to ask questions so you can get a clear picture of what a career at Siemens could look like for you.

[Charity Work Experience](#) - available on demand.

Explore such aspects of working in charity as volunteer management, fundraising, and policy development. You'll hear from professionals in the industry and complete projects and self-assessments to cement your understanding of the industry, finishing the programme with a downloadable certificate.

## **WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS?**

Apprenticeships enable you to earn and learn at the same time, gaining a nationally recognised qualification. They are open to anyone over the age of 16.



Check the [Gov.UK webpages](#) for more information, or [watch this video from Amazing Apprenticeships](#).

**Parents and Carers** can download the [Hints & Tips for Parents & Carers](#) guide, or take a look at the latest [Parents and Carers' Pack](#).

Did you know that within **10 miles** of Tomlinscote School there are currently **105 apprenticeships** being advertised?

## **LOCAL COLLEGES & SCHOOLS WITH SIXTH FORMS**

Upcoming Events and Open Days. You will need to book to attend these events, so book early to avoid disappointment.

[Academy of Contemporary Music \(Guildford\)](#)

Open Day on Sunday 28 April at 1.00.

[Basingstoke College of Technology](#)

Open Event on Monday 29 April at 4.30. A Virtual tour is also available online.

[Bracknell and Wokingham College](#)

Open Event on Wednesday 8 May, 4.30-7.30.

[Farnborough College of Technology](#)

Check the website for details of any upcoming events.

[Guildford College](#)

Open Event on Wednesday 24 April, 4.30-7.30.

[Merrist Wood College](#)

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