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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL

Dear Student/Parent/Carer,
Recording interactions on Unifrog

Could you let Mrs Farmer know if you take part in any virtual or in person opportunities advertised in this Newsletter please? It is important that young people keep an electronic record of all the interactions you have with Further Education, Higher Education and employers. Please email ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk with the date of the activity and the name of the activity.

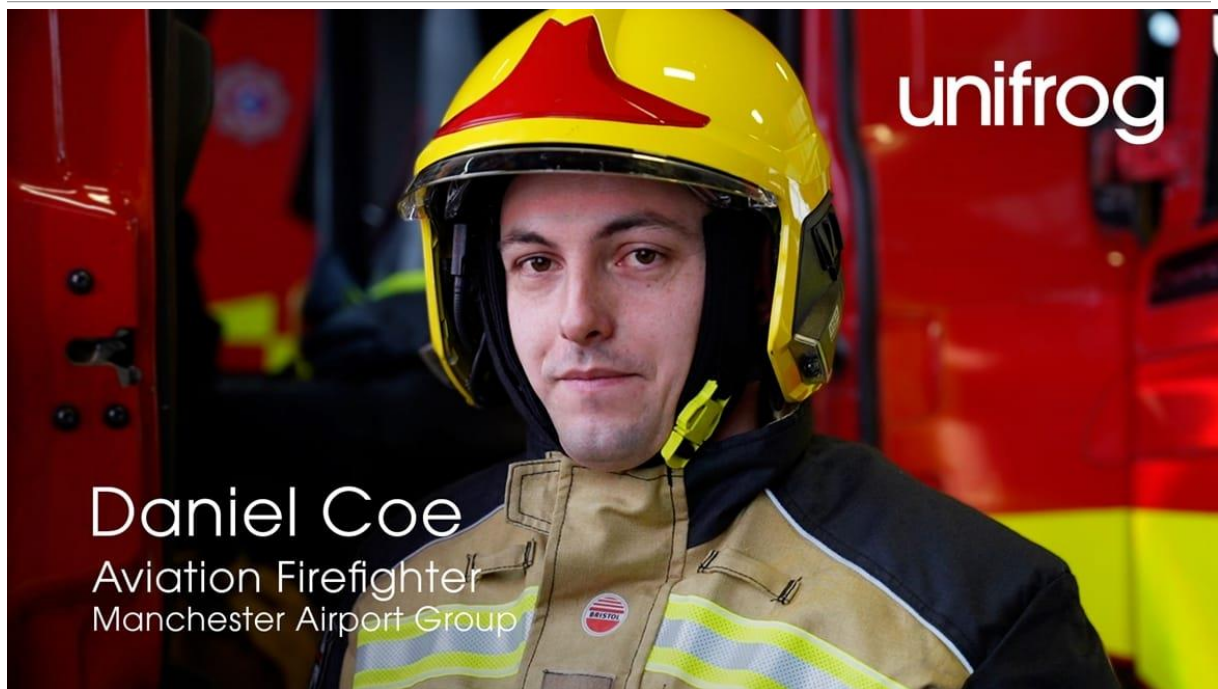
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Career Of The Week – Firefighter

Firefighter



What you'll do

You'll work for a fire and rescue service run by your local area or county, overseen by a fire and rescue authority. Your work will be a mix of fire station duties, fire prevention and dealing with emergencies.

Every day will be different, but could include:

- inspecting and maintaining equipment
- carrying out practice drills and taking part in training
- rescuing people and animals from burning buildings and accident sites
- controlling and putting out fires
- dealing with bomb alerts and floods
- managing chemical or hazardous substance spills
- giving presentations to schools and community groups
- inspecting buildings to make sure they meet fire safety regulations

Record relevant activities you've already done on the [Activities tool](#)

Working hours and environment

You can work full-time or as a part-time (retained) firefighter.

A full-time week usually involves 42 working hours, including two day shifts, two night shifts, and four days off-duty. If you're part-time (retained), you may not have set hours but will need to be available quickly in emergency situations.

You'll often work in uncomfortable, noisy, and dangerous environments, like high places or enclosed spaces. You'll spend most of your time with other people (like your team and members of the public) and you'll be responsible for their safety. You may be required to drive for work.

When not dealing with emergencies, you'll be expected to maintain your physical fitness and practise using emergency equipment as part of your daily work.

Career path and progression

All fire services have a clear progression structure which allows you to plan and track your career development, and have the opportunity to progress if you want to.

You could work your way up to crew manager, watch manager or station manager. If you're prepared to move between services, you could also become an area manager, a brigade manager, or a chief fire officer.

If you're involved in fire safety and prevention work, you can take professional qualifications leading to membership of the global body, Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE).

You could also get a Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) licence for driving fire engines.

Skills required

You'll need:

- courage, as you'll be entering some dangerous situations
- physical skills, so you can move quickly in an emergency
- good teamwork skills - you'll need to know your role in an emergency and communicate well with your colleagues
- the practical skills to operate a range of tools and equipment, like hoses and breathing devices
- the ability to take initiative and think quickly in an emergency
- the confidence to work under pressure as you'll often be in stressful situations

Got evidence of these skills? Record your examples on the [Skills tool](#)

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- high school qualifications, like Level 3 qualifications (e.g. GCSEs at grades 9 to 4/A* to C in English and maths) in the UK; or a high school diploma or GED certificate in the US
- to be at least 17.5 if you'll be 18 by the time you get the job. In the US, some departments state you must be 21 when you start the job
- to have the right to work in the country you are training in (e.g. as a citizen or permanent resident)
- to be able to speak the local language
- to pass a series of physical and written tests
- to pass a medical check and criminal records background check
- to have a full driving license
- to succeed at an interview

Volunteering in a support role will give you an idea of the job, as well as access to possible job opportunities.

In the US, training at a fire academy can help you get into this career.

Related university subject profiles

These university subjects are related to this career; check out their profiles on the Subjects library:

- [Sport science](#)

Related career profiles

You may also be interested in:

- [Bomb disposal technician](#)
- [Soldier](#)
- [Police officer](#)
- [Fire-prevention engineer](#)

Explore

Want to see what relevant education and training opportunities are available right now? Search here:

Sport science at uni:

[USA](#) [UK](#) [Canada](#) [Europe](#) [Asia](#) [Australasia](#) [Ireland](#)

Apprenticeships:

[UK](#)

Labour Market Information (LMI)

UK Current Jobs

Protective service occupations (SOC3)

UK jobs: 352,522

Nottinghamshire jobs: 5,351 (12th of 214 UK LEAs)

Top 5 LEAs: Kent (14,690), Hampshire (13,219), Essex (12,342), Surrey (8,908), Wiltshire (8,282)

UK Salary

Fire service officers (watch manager and below) (SOC4)

UK annual median: £36,979

Protective service occupations (SOC3)

UK annual median: £42,367

East Midlands annual median: £39,136

Top 3 regions: London (£48,474), Scotland (£43,254), Channel Islands (£42,597)

PLEASE SEE VIDEO LINK BELOW

<https://youtu.be/m5xg0pC-fOw>



Melton Campus Open Evening




Upcoming open event at our Melton Campus on Saturday 17th June.

[Book your place here!](#)



What you can expect at our Melton Campus Open Events:

 Sign in on your arrival 

 Tour our impressive facilities 

 Meet our friendly lecturers 

 Have a go at some course-related taster activities 

 Found the course that's right for you? You can even apply on the day 

[Ready to apply now? Click Here!](#)

Melton Campus Updates

Over the summer, our ambition is to move all our Melton Campus courses, except for Performing Arts, over to our Brooksby Campus. This will allow us to make Melton Theatre a more integral part of the Melton community and create a bespoke hub for Performing Arts programmes, as well as giving students on other courses the opportunity to study at our fantastic Brooksby Campus.

This open day on 17th June will still take place at our Melton Campus, and will be showcasing all current Melton Campus courses along with our facilities and lecturing staff. During the event, you will have the opportunity to learn everything you need to know about our Brooksby Campus, and even visit the site for a tour.

More information on our Melton Campus updates can be found by [clicking here.](#)

📍 Location 📍

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British Army Apprenticeships



APPRENTICESHIPS WITH THE BRITISH ARMY



Amazing Apprenticeships is working in partnership with the **British Army** to support schools/colleges to **inspire their students, families and colleagues** about the exciting career opportunities and adventures that an apprenticeship in the Army can offer.

We will be bringing you a variety of **exciting resources and information** that

will highlight the different **apprenticeship opportunities** available and what **life as an Army apprentice** is like, ranging from:

- An exciting new film
- A podcast feature
- A series of webinars
- Downloadable resources for students and parents/carers

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

We will also be taking a deeper look into how the **Army Foundation College Harrogate helps 16-17 year olds** to prepare for an exciting career in the Army, what support is available and how to access those opportunities.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW...

We'll be kicking things off with a series of upcoming **webinars which will be available for teachers, careers advisers, parents/carers and students**. To learn more about these amazing opportunities, visit our website below to sign up and don't forget to share with your students and their families.



SIGN UP TO THE WEBINARS



**For teachers/careers advisers and
parents/carers**

14th June, 4pm

Explore the apprenticeship opportunities available with The British Army and how to support your students/child to apply.



**For young people and those
supporting them**

7th November, 4pm

Find out more about AFC Harrogate and how the college helps 16-17 year olds prepare for a career in the Army and gain valuable skills.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



RPS, Recruiting Engineering & Architectural Apprentices

We would like to invite applications for this year's apprenticeship vacancies at our Newark office.

If you believe this would be of interest to your students could the attached please be passed onto them or their tutors.

If you have any questions or please feel free to contact Keiron.Russell@rpsgroup.com.

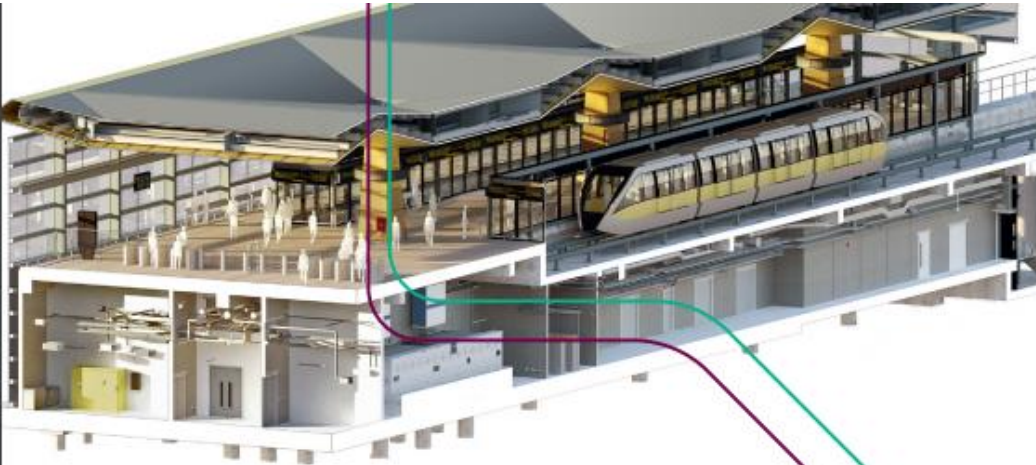
A graphic advertisement for RPS 2023 Apprenticeships. It features a woman in a purple turtleneck sweater wearing a VR headset and gesturing with her hands. A laptop is visible on a desk in front of her. The text '2023 APPRENTICESHIPS' is prominently displayed in the top left. Below the image, there is a call to action text, the website 'rpsgroup.com', and the RPS logo with the tagline 'MAKING COMPLEX EASY' and 'A TETRA TECH COMPANY'.

**2023
APPRENTICESHIPS**

If you're curious about Apprentice careers in Architecture, Civil / Structural Engineering, we currently have opportunities based out of our Newark office - Register your interest here.

rpsgroup.com

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Your opportunity to work on the Architecture or Engineering design of real life construction projects will be supplemented by our expert in-house training and fully funded day release NVQ and BTEC courses.

Candidates are expected to demonstrate an interest in the Built Environment, Architecture or Civil/Structural Design.

Minimum qualifications: 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 or above including English, Maths and Science.

Applications are sought in the form of a CV and covering letter outlining academic qualifications (existing or anticipated this year, with grades), why this opportunity is of interest, and what the applicant can bring to the role.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview during Spring of 2023.

The interview will provide an opportunity to:

- Understand in more detail the type of work we do
- Receive a presentation from our Training & Building Information Modelling Manager
- Speak to some of our current Apprentices

Following interviews, offers will be made to the successful candidates to start employment in the summer of 2023.

At RPS you'll have the opportunity to develop and own a career that has no limits. Please visit: www.rpsgroup.com/careers select UK and search for 'apprentice' to find out more.



On Saturday 24th June, Sidney Sussex College will be holding an online taster day for Year 10 and 11 students interested in studying languages either at A Level or at University. The day will involve language taster classes, and a series of Q&A sessions. For further information, please see the following [link](#). The deadline for applications is the **22nd June**.



Trinity College, Cambridge – Litmus Creative Writing Project

Trinity College has launched The Litmus Creative Writing Project 2023 – an opportunity for Year 9 -11 students currently attending a UK state school to submit a short piece of writing of under 500 words in poetry, prose or any other format (including artwork) based around a theme for publication. This year's theme is Over the Border.

For further information, please see the following [link](#). The deadline for entries is the **28th July**.

International Women in Engineering Day



Join us to celebrate International Women in Engineering Day | Tuesday 20th June, 5pm - 7.30pm

We have an incredible opportunity lined up for you that we can't wait to share...If you are interested in embarking on a career in technology, you won't want to miss this!

In collaboration with The Spectris Foundation, Spectris Plc, and Techgirlz, we would love to invite you to our International Women's Day celebration. Join us for an empowering evening and the opportunity to network with some of the

most successful women in the industry on Tuesday 20th June, from 5:00pm-7:30pm. This online event promises to be a technology-focused extravaganza!

This will be a unique chance for you to delve into the world of technology and engineering. Gain invaluable insights from industry experts during our mini keynote talks that will cover a range of captivating subjects. You will also have the opportunity to participate in interactive real-time workshops designed to ignite your passion for technology and innovation. Ever wondered how an app is made? It will be your turn to think like a researcher, designer, and developer!

Later on in the evening, the panel discussions will feature influential senior leaders who will provide invaluable perspectives on the future of engineering, emerging trends in technology, and the importance of diversity and inclusion in this ever-evolving field. Prepare to be inspired by their knowledge, stories, and advice as they guide you on your own journey!

This online event is an excellent opportunity to expand your horizons, gain practical insights, and connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for technology and engineering. It's a chance for us to celebrate International Women in Engineering Day together and foster a supportive community that empowers all aspiring engineers.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to be part of a technology-focused celebration of International Women in Engineering Day. Get ready to unlock your potential, explore new ideas, and shape the future of engineering!

Sign up now: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/INWEDSpectrisTechGirly>

Feel free to share this opportunity with anyone else who would also love to hear from such inspiring women in tech!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 20th June!

Next Generation Leaders – Social Action Project



Why get involved with NextGenLeaders?

The changemakers on our programme are empowered to challenge the status quo and tackle an issue that they feel passionately about. The best projects will become sustainable forces for good in their local community.



- Our mission is to empower the next generation of socially responsible leaders.
- We work intentionally in social mobility cold spots across Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.
- Over 70% of our changemakers self-identified that they are experiencing a barrier to learning.
- Our research-backed and free-to-access programme encompasses project-based learning and youth participatory action to create an inclusive experience.

What makes NextGenLeaders projects unique?

- Based on issues that young people feel passionately about (that adults probably aren't aware of!).
- Designed around and centred on positive behavioural change.
- Improves the livelihoods and environment of people within their local community.
- Tackle issues across the full range of Sustainable Development Goals to make an impact locally.



How does NextGenLeaders impact the young people involved?

- Student-led projects that are challenging enough to raise self-regulated learners with high aspirations.
- Develops independent learning skills which supports attainment and attendance.
- Enhances creativity, curiosity and empathy which are valuable life and employability skills.

"I have learnt about issues affecting our community. It has been an invaluable experience for me. Teamworking and sustainable intervention. Life-changing experience, I will never be the same again!"

"This programme has helped me mentally and I feel more motivated ... I feel like we are genuinely making a difference. I am very proud of how far my group and I have come, especially in this time frame."

Supported in 2022/23 by:



www.nextgenleaders.org.uk

Find out more by watching this film.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpzYuf-B0no&t=1s>

If you are interested, could you email ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk

**MONTHLY
WHAT'S ON**

JUNE



www.pathwayctm.com | student@pathwayctm.com

Why your child should make the most of the Pathway Programme!

By making sure your young person is signed up to our programme, attending our events, using our resources and signing up for 1-1 mentoring they are:

4x more likely to get an apprenticeship!

And don't just take our word for it read some of our success stories:

"I did complete an interview with EY and AC with Deloitte after the mentoring call with Max. It really helped with Deloitte especially the tips that Max gave me for the interview and the group exercise. It especially helped with EY as i was able to receive an offer from them so overall the call with Max was great - helped me learn how to develop strong relationship with the interviewer and definitely helped me secure some offers"

Jamal - Year 13 EY

"Thank you so much for helping me with my interview! It went well and I've received an offer from Bloomberg for their Finance and investment degree apprenticeship"

Michelle - Year 13 Bloomberg

How do I get them to sign up to your programme?

They can register for FREE [here](#).

Our programme is completely free and your child has access to all our resources, events and mentoring for FREE!

Want to know more? Need more persuading? Check out this video below!



Our upcoming events for you & your young person



If you have any comments or feedback on the Newsletters please email ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk and not reply to this email as these Newsletters are sent from a no reply email address.

Thank you