



## DUDLEY ACADEMIES TRUST

Our Values:

Dreaming big  
Rewarding effort  
Leading together  
Respecting each other and our world  
Learning that inspires



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## Introduction

### Dreaming Big

The following booklet provides help and guidance to assist you in exploring your career choices.

Things to consider:

- Do you know what you want to do when you leave school?
- Do you need information how to reach your goal?
- Do you need help to figure out what your career goal is?
- Dudley Academies Trust are here to help you Dream Big!

As per the contents page, the booklet contains the following sections:

- **Not sure which career is for you?** – This section provides a variety of helpful links so that you can actively research and discover what your ideal job may be.
- **What skills do you have?** – Links do courses to expand your range of communication skills
- **Do you want to know more about Apprenticeships?** – Links to government websites explaining everything you need to know about apprenticeships.
- **Do you want to know more about T levels?** – This section provides information regarding the brand new T level qualifications.
- **Are you thinking of University?** – Guidance about choosing a University and making a UCAS application
- **Virtual Work Experience** – links to a variety of virtual work experiences in different sectors.
- Links to **Future Learn Courses** – a selection of courses to help you expand your knowledge and skills.
- **Preparing for Interviews** – A wide range of websites to help prepare you for interview and also creating a CV
- **Information for Specific Careers** – direct links to specific careers

## Not sure which career is for you?

The Nine to Five with Stacey Dooley



[The Nine to Five](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkgbhbkc) with Stacey Dooley: Advice and Stories from Stacey Dooley and five 16-18 year olds on the ultimate work experience:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkgbhbkc>



[Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience](#) Nine Series of work experience placements explored by Rhod Gilbert. Over 30 career areas to choose from including fighter pilot, zookeeper, builder, Journalist, Hairdresser, care worker and many more. You can select the episode of interest by clicking on the picture above.



[LearnLive UK](#) Learn Live have worked successfully with companies like The BBC, Balfour Beatty, Gatwick Airport, National Apprenticeship Service, Lancashire LEP, Network Rail, IBM, Health Education England and The NHS since 2015 to deliver careers advice, recruitment opportunities and health awareness broadcasts into schools and colleges across the UK.



[Discover Creative Careers](#) is an initiative by the UK creative industries to make it easier for young people to find careers in the creative industries.



[TARGET Careers](#) helps school leavers make better choices about their future by providing expert information and advice on the range of career possibilities available.



[SCA Careers Podcasts](#) Support, information and advice about taking the next steps on your careers journey, with Jackie Hammond and Amy Bugdale. covering career related topics.



[UCAS Personality questionnaire](#), find out which career suits your personality.



[Prospects](#) help guide millions of students to make the right choice.



Sign up to [Career Map](#) and take advantage of their free careers magazine: suitable for parents, students and graduates. Explore their Apprenticeship and Graduate vacancies to find the right one for you. Explore the site for inspiration and to find out more about all sorts of jobs and careers of the future.



[Careers Badger](#): Videos on YouTube providing an insight into some different careers

## What skills do you have?



[Youth Employment UK](#) is an independent, not for profit social enterprise founded in 2012 to tackle youth unemployment. Become a Young Professional, get support and boost your employability skills:



[BBC Bitesize](#): Whether you're deciding what to study, taking your exams, planning a career, or just curious, BBC Bitesize can explain the world of work, with advice from people who've found the right path for them. This article discusses 10 skills you might not know you had.



[National Careers Service](#) provides information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work. Use their career tools to help you with your choices on careers, training and work. Whatever your situation, there's something to help.



[Open Learn](#): Start planning your career – download the resource pack and complete the 8 week course to help you assess your skills and plan your next steps:

## Do you want to know more about Apprenticeships?



[The government website](#) provides information for young people on the opportunities, progression and benefits of doing a higher or degree apprenticeship.



[The low-down on apprenticeships](#) - If you've just finished your GCSEs and are keen to get out into the world of work, you might consider applying for an apprenticeship.

[What is a degree apprenticeship and is it right for me?](#)



Download The [Young Professionals APP](#) everything you need to find an apprenticeship or work experience scheme, all in one place.



[Applying For An Apprenticeship... A Cheat Sheet:](#) When applying for an apprenticeship you have to be able to communicate exactly who you are on just a couple of sheets of paper. Furthermore, it's likely you'll be one of many applicants, meaning you have to try your best to stand out



[Podcast about Apprenticeship:](#) A podcast made to educate, inform and give insight into what it's really like to be an apprentice and juggle multiple worlds.

## Do you want to know more about T Levels?



[T Levels](#) are a brand-new, 2-year qualification that you can do as an alternative to A levels, other post-16 courses or an Apprenticeship

## Are you thinking of University?



Visit the [UCAS website](#) to find links to virtual open. Research your options and get your questions answered at about what and where to study.

**Eventbrite** Free online events regarding [UCAS information and guidance.](#)

## Virtual Work Experience

### NHS



**Observe GP** This is an alternative to work experience for aspiring medics aged 16 and over, who are living in the UK. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team.



**Virtual Work Experience:** This course provides a 'virtual' work experience for those looking to apply to medical school. You will be introduced to the NHS before exploring the roles and skill sets of six different medical specialists. Along the way, you will also consider some of the challenges and wider issues doctors face.



**Research what it is like to work for the NHS with REAL LIFE stories:** research to help you gain a deeper insight into the work of different roles in the NHS to help with careers planning.



**Explore different roles in the NHS:** Subscribe to Health Careers on Youtube to see what the professionals say about their different roles:



**Investigate the abundance of jobs within The NHS:** over 350 different careers.

## Digital Transformation Agency



**Virtual Work Experience** gives you a unique opportunity to gain work experience in a company that you might not normally get access to while highlighting the essential skills you might need.

### Law



The Lawyer Portal

**Virtual Work Experience for Law Students:**



A **virtual programme** that allows students to gain first-hand insight into life as a lawyer

## Architecture and Design



HALLIDAY FRASER MUNRO  
CHARTERED ARCHITECTS & PLANNING CONSULTANTS

**Virtual work Experience for students interested in Architecture and Design:**

## Oak Academy

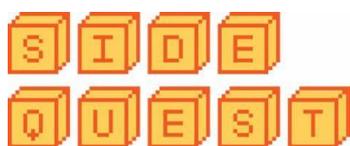


Complete the [Oak Academy work experience videos](#) giving you important information on employability skills and how to market yourself, project planning, HR and Recruitment.



[National Council for the Training of Journalists](#) launches a summer school designed to provide an introduction to journalism for beginners. This course was officially welcomed by Piers Morgan, read the article [here](#).

## Designing and Building Video Games



[SideQuest](#) is a new initiative for 13-19-year-olds to learn a range of key practical and workplace skills through designing and building videogames. The scheme is set up by the youth games career service. Participants will be able to take part remotely, with free software, online tutorials and a community of fellow game builders on the social platforms Twitch and Discord.

## Future Learn Courses



Future Learn courses are a great way of expanding your knowledge, skills and placing additional information on your C.V. to help you to stand out to employers. Completing a course demonstrates that you are motivated, committed and proactive with your learning and can organise your time productively and are proactive. Below are just a selection of what is available, for all resources please visit:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/>

### Film and Media:

[An Introduction to Screenwriting](#): This online course explores the key concepts and fundamental principles involved in the process of screenwriting.

[Explore Filmmaking: from Script to Screen](#): Learn from award-winning filmmakers how films go from script to screen with this film production course from the BFI Film Academy.

[Introduction to Production Design for Film and Screen](#): Explore the craft of Production Design with award-winning filmmakers and learn how it adds meaning and depth to screen stories.

[Explore Animation](#): Learn animation techniques, including stop motion, 2D, CGI and pixilation, with award-winning animators, in this NFTS course.

[Persistence of vision: how does animation work?](#)

[Principles of animation](#)

[What do we mean by cinematic story and form?](#) Michael Lengsfield starts by taking a broad look at screen stories.

**Digital Skills:** Social Media Learn how to use social media for business, from creating a social media presence to measuring success.

**Improve your digital footprint:** Social media offers great opportunities to develop your employability and many employers are now using it to find new recruits. Social media could play an important role in helping you find a job, therefore it's essential you know how to use it to your advantage.

## Science and Engineering:

**Electrical Engineering: Sensing, Powering and Controlling:** Get a taste of an electrical engineering degree. Build your confidence in communicating ideas and using technical vocabulary.

**ABC of Flight Mechanics: How Do Planes Fly?** Discover how airplanes work and explore simple flight mechanics: from take-off and landing, to the physics of flight.

**The Science of Nuclear Energy:** Discover the science behind nuclear energy and its role in energy provision in the past, present and future.

**Discovering Science, Atmospheric Chemistry:** What can we learn about Earth, and other planets in and beyond our solar system, by studying their atmospheres?

**Biochemistry, The Molecules of Life:** Explore the impact of biochemistry on bioenergy and health, discovering why graduates are in demand; with the Biochemical Society.

**Forensic Psychology, Witness Investigation:** Discover how forensic psychology helps obtain evidence from eyewitnesses in police investigations and prevents cases of injustice.

**Incarceration, are prisons a suitable punishment:** Explore life inside UK prisons. Learn whether this type of punishment reduces crime and if rehabilitation can prevent reoffending.

**Sport for Sustainable Development, designing Effective Policies and Programmes:** Explore the ways in which sports can actively contribute to the advancements of the Sustainable Development Goals.

## Music and the Arts

**How to Write Your First Song:** Get a practical introduction to the mechanics of song writing and meet established songwriters with this free online course.

**Looking inside a song** - This video is from the course and looks at how all songs are built from the same building blocks of music.

### The five elements of music

**Making Music with Others:** Get an introduction to group music-making and the social contexts in which musicians participate.

## Early Years and Nursing

**English in Early Childhood, language Learning and Development:** Discover how very young children learn English as an additional language and how you can help them progress.

**Introduction to Nursing, the Role of Nurses Around the World:** Understand the role of nurses: from personal care, to supporting families and communities, to public health and infection control.

**Care Home Nursing, Changing Perceptions: Challenge** your opinion of what it's like to be a care home nurse and understand their importance and varied responsibilities.

## Introduction to Nutrition and Food Safety

**Learn the basics of nutrition** and understand what foods can harm us:

## Mindfulness for Wellbeing

[Learn mindfulness techniques](#) to reduce stress and improve your wellbeing and work/study performance in this online course.

### Poetry:

[A-level Study Boost, Unseen Poetry and the Creative Process:](#) Discover effective techniques to analyse unseen poetry and learn about the creative writing process.

[How to Make a Poem:](#) Learn how to 'make' your own poetry by exploring different poetic techniques and styles

## Preparing for Interviews



[How to Succeed at: Interviews:](#) This free three week course provides the tools you need to succeed at interviews and land your dream job or course place.

[What to wear at interview](#)

[Top video interviews:](#) As with telephone interviews, video interviews are becoming more popular with organisations and institutions as part of the recruitment process.

[How to Succeed at: Writing Applications:](#) This free three week course will help you produce a perfect CV, application and online profile when applying for a job or course.

[Use the 'STAR' technique](#) to help you structure your answer:



[The Big Guide to C.V Writing:](#)



Look into the different ways of [finding job vacancies:](#)

Research [how to find a job by Networking:](#)

[Interview Advice:](#)

How to answer [common interview questions:](#)



[Mock digital interview for students](#) Digital Interviews are the norm for at least the initial stages of recruitment so this is a chance for the students to check it out and see what it's like.



Produced by The Open University, a world leader in open and distance learning, all [OpenLearn courses](#) are free to study. There are nearly 1000 free courses across 8 different subject areas.



[Uptree](#) is a professional network connecting young people and employers Uptree is bridging the gap in the UK, they help young people engage with the world of work. Uptree also have free courses on [Eventbrite.](#)

## Information for specific Careers

Aerospace	<a href="https://www.airbus.com/">https://www.airbus.com/</a>
Army	<p><a href="https://apply.army.mod.uk/base">https://apply.army.mod.uk/base</a></p> <p><a href="https://apply.army.mod.uk/how-to-join/entryoptions/soldier-junior-entry?gclid=Cj0KCCQjw0Mb3BRCaARIsAPSNGpVZzAbHfQ6dTHXCdWdFiNbd4aPIIF2fXNA0yM_EhqQCmU3Om74zAeAaAvtLEALw_wcB&amp;cid=semp2556812476&amp;utm_medium=PaidSearch&amp;utm_source=Google&amp;utm_campaign=BLG18-JuniorEntry&amp;utm_content=TextAd-College&amp;ef_id=Cj0KCCQjw0Mb3BRCaARIsAPSNGpVZzAbHfQ6dTHXCdWdFiNbd4aPIIF2fXNA0yM_EhqQCmU3Om74zAeAaAvtLEALw_wcB:G:s&amp;s_kwcid=AL!8141!3!357790206956!e!g!!harrogate%20army%20college&amp;gclid=aw.ds">https://apply.army.mod.uk/how-to-join/entryoptions/soldier-junior-entry?gclid=Cj0KCCQjw0Mb3BRCaARIsAPSNGpVZzAbHfQ6dTHXCdWdFiNbd4aPIIF2fXNA0yM_EhqQCmU3Om74zAeAaAvtLEALw_wcB&amp;cid=semp2556812476&amp;utm_medium=PaidSearch&amp;utm_source=Google&amp;utm_campaign=BLG18-JuniorEntry&amp;utm_content=TextAd-College&amp;ef_id=Cj0KCCQjw0Mb3BRCaARIsAPSNGpVZzAbHfQ6dTHXCdWdFiNbd4aPIIF2fXNA0yM_EhqQCmU3Om74zAeAaAvtLEALw_wcB:G:s&amp;s_kwcid=AL!8141!3!357790206956!e!g!!harrogate%20army%20college&amp;gclid=aw.ds</a></p>
Animals, plants and the environment	<a href="https://www.lantra.co.uk/">https://www.lantra.co.uk/</a>
Business	<a href="http://careers-in-business.com/">http://careers-in-business.com/</a>
Creative	<a href="https://ccskills.org.uk/careers">https://ccskills.org.uk/careers</a>
Construction	<p><a href="https://www.goconstruct.org/">https://www.goconstruct.org/</a></p> <p>Building Engineering Services Association Training (BESA Training) heating and ventilating, air conditioning, refrigeration and electro-technical industries. <a href="https://www.thebesa.com/training">https://www.thebesa.com/training</a></p> <p>Become a Plumber: <a href="http://www.becomeaplumber.com/">http://www.becomeaplumber.com/</a></p>
Engineering	<a href="https://tomorrowseengineers.org.uk/">https://tomorrowseengineers.org.uk/</a>
Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB)	<a href="https://www.ecitb.org.uk/apprenticeships-careers/">https://www.ecitb.org.uk/apprenticeships-careers/</a>
Environmental	Four jobs that could save the planet <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zm63xyc">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zm63xyc</a>
Hair and Beauty:	<p><a href="https://www.hairandbeautyjobs.com/careers/job-profiles/">https://www.hairandbeautyjobs.com/careers/job-profiles/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/careers-hub-sector/hair-and-beauty/">https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/careers-hub-sector/hair-and-beauty/</a></p>
Hospitality	<a href="https://www.careeraddict.com/hospitality-jobs">https://www.careeraddict.com/hospitality-jobs</a>
IT Sector	<a href="https://www.thetechpartnership.com/">https://www.thetechpartnership.com/</a>
Law	<p><a href="https://www.lawcareers.net/solicitors/workplacementSchemes">https://www.lawcareers.net/solicitors/workplacementSchemes</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.thelawyerportal.com/free-guides/how-to-become-a-lawyer-in-the-uk/">https://www.thelawyerportal.com/free-guides/how-to-become-a-lawyer-in-the-uk/</a></p>
Media (TV Film Digital)	<p><a href="https://creativeskillset.org/">https://creativeskillset.org/</a></p> <p>ITV work experience explained- <a href="http://www.itvjobs.com/denied/work-experience/">http://www.itvjobs.com/denied/work-experience/</a></p> <p>Getting a job in production: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/help/getting-a-job-in-production">https://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/help/getting-a-job-in-production</a></p>
Medicine	Students interested in anatomy, biology and maybe thinking of medicine. Online free live sessions every Tuesday and Thursday at 10.00a.m <a href="https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/premed-">https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/premed-</a>

	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/projects-live-tv/?fbclid=IwAR2H9h_IpPvPhGq71y68G8t5XMUeKQhZ19JTU_5SlaZH5q78VJlwyHvIPg0">projects-live-tv?fbclid=IwAR2H9h_IpPvPhGq71y68G8t5XMUeKQhZ19JTU_5SlaZH5q78VJlwyHvIPg0</a>
Motorsport	<a href="https://motorsport.nda.ac.uk/">https://motorsport.nda.ac.uk/</a>
Motor Vehicle	<a href="http://www.autocity.org.uk/">http://www.autocity.org.uk/</a>
Police Force	<a href="https://recruit.college.police.uk/Pages/home.aspx">https://recruit.college.police.uk/Pages/home.aspx</a> <a href="https://recruit.college.police.uk/Pages/home.aspx">https://recruit.college.police.uk/Pages/home.aspx</a> <a href="https://www.joiningthepolice.co.uk/">https://www.joiningthepolice.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://jobs.west-midlands.police.uk/">https://jobs.west-midlands.police.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/leeds-trinity-university-124/courses/professional-policing-ba-hons-2020-0cef7b84842d">https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/leeds-trinity-university-124/courses/professional-policing-ba-hons-2020-0cef7b84842d</a>
Royal Navy	<a href="https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers">https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers</a>
RAF	<a href="https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/find-your-role?gclid=Cj0KCCQjw0Mb3BRCaARIsAPSNGpXJ970rd-U-LtsjuI onidDvY0Lfg8ArImWvkmv46o9xGKw5CRVO7owaAkfKEALw_wcB">https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/find-your-role?gclid=Cj0KCCQjw0Mb3BRCaARIsAPSNGpXJ970rd-U-LtsjuI onidDvY0Lfg8ArImWvkmv46o9xGKw5CRVO7owaAkfKEALw_wcB</a>
STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths	<a href="http://www.futuremorph.org/">http://www.futuremorph.org/</a>  <a href="http://www.sciencecareerpathways.com/home/">http://www.sciencecareerpathways.com/home/</a>

