

CAREERS NEWSLETTER



The Careers Team

Mrs Lawson (Careers Lead), Mrs Robertson (Careers Adviser) and Mrs Sergeant (Careers Adviser). You can find us in OF-10 next to the Food Technology department so please call in and say hello. The aim of this newsletter is to provide information, advice and ideas for Post 16 choices.



Year 10 Workplace visit

A group of our year 10 students on a workplace visit at OE Electric, Wakefield in July. They had a presentation introducing them to the business and a short video, then taken on a tour of the work place. They were shown the different skills in each department and then finished off with Q&A.

"I found this visit very interesting seeing how many jobs are in the local area"

"I enjoyed seeing the different machines around the factory"

All students in year 10 will experience a workplace visit this year. The next visits are to Burberry and Amazon.

Go Higher West Yorkshire Summer School

The summer school was designed to inspire, inform and support young people to understand different higher education experiences. Some of our year 11 students were fortunate enough to experience 2 days of campus visits to Bradford College, University of Bradford, Leeds Arts University, Leeds Beckett University and Leeds City College as well as taster lectures and an evening of activities while also staying in student accommodation overnight.



Hull University Shine Brighter Summer School

"I absolutely loved it and didn't want to come back" said one of our year 11 students.





What jobs could I do in Construction?

There are jobs at professional and technical level as well as skilled trades. These include the following
 Architect, Civil Engineer, CAD Technician, Builder, Electrician, Joiner, Plasterer, Plumber, Roofer.

The plasterer is indispensable to most building sites – making walls and ceilings smooth and ready for decorating.

- Being part of a small team, and doing either solid or fibrous plastering
- Applying wet finishes to surfaces and putting protective coverings such as pebble-dashing on external walls
- Mixing and applying different kinds of plaster to inside walls and ceilings
- Creating ornamental plasterwork (such as ceiling roses and cornices) using a mixture of plaster and short fibres shaped with moulds and casts

What key skills do I need in Construction?

Strength and Stamina, Building and Mechanical, Knowledge, Co-ordination, Maths and Language, Literacy, Written and Oral Communication,
 Comfortable and Adept with Technology, Critical Reasoning Skills, Willingness to Learn.

Salary

Newly trained plasterers can earn in the region of £19,000 - £25,000

Trained with experience plasterers can earn in the region of £25,000 - £35,000

Senior plasterers can earn in excess of £35,000

Salaries depend on location, employer and any overtime you may do. Self-employed plasterers set their own pay rates

Qualifications and Training

There are **no set qualifications** to become a plasterer, but employers usually expect **four GCSEs grades 9-4 (A* - C)**

A common way into plastering is through an [apprenticeship](#) scheme with a plastering firm. The range of apprenticeships available in your area will depend on the local jobs market and the types of skills employers need from their workers.

If you cannot get on to an apprenticeship, there are college courses where you can study a qualification such as **Level 1,2 & 3 Diploma in Plastering**.

Have you thought about an Apprenticeship and earn while you learn?

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

As an apprentice you'll work alongside experienced staff, gain job-specific skills, earn a wage and get holiday pay and get time for study related to your role (usually one day a week). Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on the level.

Levels of apprenticeship

Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels.

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A*– C or 9 – 4
Advanced	3	2 A level passes/Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Some apprenticeships may also give you an additional qualification, such as a diploma.

Who can apply?

You can apply for an apprenticeship while you're still at school. To start one, you'll need to be:

- 16 or over by the end of the summer holidays
- living in England
- not in full-time education

Why apply?

Earn a real wage; – Be trained in the skills employers want; – Set yourself up for the future – apprentices enjoy marked salary increases when they complete their training.

Currently the minimum apprenticeship wage is £3.90 per hour but some employers pay more than this.