



# Next Steps News

## Welcome to Issue 1 of the Next Steps News

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Hello and welcome!

By using the exciting resources here in the College and the Next Steps careers room (L2 27), you are already building the skills to ensure you succeed in your future career.

BeReady



### Register online

### Be Ready

### New career programme

We are launching an online training course to help you progress in your career, called **Be Ready**.

Each module features videos, quizzes and top tips from outstanding employers, apprenticeship, colleges and universities.

This programme is specially designed to develop your skills and help you to build your bright future. Register/login here [HERE](#).



### Start using your Globalbridge account

Every time you complete some training, join in an event, volunteer, work, or help others, make sure you record it on Globalbridge.



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- Build your confidence in your abilities as a future student or employee.
- Write your personal statement for UCAS or apprenticeships.
- Showcase your skills to employers and work experience placements.

For further help or information talk to Mrs Laidler in L2 27, or email

[nextsteps@excelsiornewcastle.org.uk](mailto:nextsteps@excelsiornewcastle.org.uk)

[Log in to Globalbridge here](#)



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## Have you done any work experience yet?

Everyone in Excelsior Sixth Form College has to complete work experience.

This might be in a school, for a charity, in a business, in your own business, or other location, to be decided.

Please talk to Mrs Laidler about what you would like to do or email: [next.steps@excelsiornewcastle.org.uk](mailto:next.steps@excelsiornewcastle.org.uk)

Some people arrange their own work experience, join their family business, or set up their own business.

If you decide to study at university, pursue an apprenticeship, go to college or go into employment, gaining work experience will help you to polish up your key skills and be more confident.

Work Experience looks great on CVs and UCAS applications.

It's also a fantastic way of discovering the things you like and dislike about particular types of work.

We already have some great work experience role models. Here are **just a few** of the students currently completing work experience:

**More names to follow in the next issue – look out for yours!**

### **Working in Rainbird Primary:**

Adela Siracova  
Baraah Moustafa  
Courtney Winter  
Sehir Imran  
Morgan Hardy  
Chloe Dagliesh-Foley

### **Working for the British Heart Foundation:**

Emmanuella Oyinkepreye  
Suenia Carlos Sanca  
Barbara Alves  
Ebon Abedin  
Kabeer Ali  
Ines Sanca Gomes  
Farhana Azad  
Mirjana Petrovic

### **Working in the PE Dept:**

Ryan Stephenson  
James Brew

### **Working in the IT dept:**

John Rowntree  
Jamie Hall

### **Working as a Success 4 All Tutor:**

Ana-Maria Miron

### **Working at local primary schools:**

Chloe Armstrong  
Kacie Ashton  
Rebecca Fagan  
Mulhat Mbarouk



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## Have you applied yet?

Not everyone wants to go to university. Some people want to go to university and do an apprenticeship at the same time. This is possible!

You can do an apprenticeship at different levels, from L2/intermediate up to degree level. There are opportunities for everyone.

The great thing about an apprenticeship is that you get a wage for the hours you work and get your qualifications paid for. You finish your apprenticeship with work experience on your CV, with a top class qualification and with money in your pocket.

Your chances of getting the career you want are much improved.

It's like being paid to go to college or university.

Not sure what apprenticeship role you want? Try this online magazine and the careerometer:



## What to do next

If you want to apply for apprenticeships you need to set up a profile at:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/register>

You can also telephone the National Apprenticeship Service on 0800 015 0400 for help.

You can contact Mrs Laidler in L2 27 (Next Steps room) or email [nextsteps@excelsiornewcastle.org.uk](mailto:nextsteps@excelsiornewcastle.org.uk)

You can ask for an appointment with Miriam Jamieson at UXL Apprenticeships by phoning/texting 07903862606 or emailing her on [miriam@newcastleuxl.co.uk](mailto:miriam@newcastleuxl.co.uk)

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APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

MONDAY FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

NEWCASTLE CIVIC CENTRE

We will be visiting this fair from

1pm-2.30pm. Watch out for your name on the list of visitors to this Fair.



## ***You did this!***

Here are some of the exciting careers events sixth formers have already taken part in this year:

### ***September 2019***

The **Next Steps** room opened (L2 27) and around 50 students a day currently use it for private study, quiet reading, careers guidance, research, applying for jobs using START, writing their CVs and updating Globalbridge.

**Skills North East** was visited at the Utilita Arena by 70 year 13s, who met employers, colleges and training companies.

### ***October 2019***

The first college **Enrichment Day** included every sixth former, with workshops from **Newcastle College, HMRC and Westgate College**. Students completed **The Buzz** and started to use **Globalbridge**.

**Connexions Careers Service** started weekly drop-ins and have completed over 100 consultations with sixth formers so far.

Miriam and Wendy from **UXL Apprenticeships** completed an assembly presentation about next steps, followed by further careers assemblies from **the Army** and the **British Heart Foundation**.

**Jonathan from Morrisons** completed an afternoon workshop on CVs and interview skills, looking at what employers want from candidates.

### ***November 2019***

Every sixth former joined in the first ever college **Volunteers Fair**, offering their services to the **British Heart Foundation, St Oswald's Hospice, Team Kenya, Success 4 All** and the **Altitude Foundation**, among others!

### ***Coming up in 2020***

- **Newcastle College Presentation** 8<sup>th</sup> January
- **The Great Big HE Quiz** 22<sup>nd</sup> January
- **Globalbridge Workshop** 22<sup>nd</sup> January
- **Personal Statements workshop** 29<sup>th</sup> January
- **START profile workshop** 29<sup>th</sup> January
- **Finance workshop** 5<sup>th</sup> February
- **CV workshop** 5<sup>th</sup> February
- **Apprenticeships Fair** 10<sup>th</sup> February
- **Swim City Presentation** 12<sup>th</sup> February
- **Princes Trust Presentation** 26<sup>th</sup> February
- **Next Steps Fair** 4<sup>th</sup> March
- **See you there!**