

## Careers Newsletter for Families

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Midlands  
CAREERS HUB

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Welcome to the second SEMCH Newsletter for families supporting young people in the South East Midlands. In this edition we highlight some of the fantastic technical and vocational pathways available to young people, and their families, in the region. Apprenticeships, T-Levels and traineeships are part of the government agenda to address the skills gap identified by employers and businesses. Also in this edition is a feature on local careers champion Dale Willis of My Great First Job who works with students and schools to help them achieve their best next step.

You can find more information on SEMLEP and the SEMCH, including our live opportunities portal, on our [website](#)



### My Great First Job

My Great First Job is a Northampton based company, owned and run by Dale Willis. As well as paid-for support in schools and colleges or with individuals, Dale also offers free monthly webinar packed with information and advice for young people on a wide range of careers-related topics.

The MGFJ Blog can be found [here](#) and you can access previous posts including '10 ways to find a great first job' and '150 Career Advice walks.'

Follow Dale and My Great First Job on social media to get updates on forthcoming webinars.

### Does your employer support volunteering days?

You can get involved with the work of the South East Midlands Careers Hub in several ways:

- Give an Hour – to support one-off events like careers fairs or mock interview days.
- Become an Enterprise Adviser and commit to an on-going relationship with a school to support them with the strategic development of their careers programme.
- Ask your employer to offer work experience, work shadowing or employer visits for local young people
- More details [here](#)

### Employers on our Doorstep



#### Red Bull Racing Milton Keynes

Red Bull Racing offer apprenticeships to young people in a wide range of business areas. Current opportunities are open in HR, Software Testing, Procurement, Electronics and Assembly Technician. Entry requirements vary and benefits include competitive salaries, private healthcare, a free on-site gym and free daily food allowance. This is a chance to make a real contribution to Red Bull's championship winning grand prix cars

Find out more at [Jobs at Redbull Racing](#)

### Apprenticeships

Across the region there are some fantastic apprenticeship vacancies. Search according to postcode, and set your preferred distance, at [Find an Apprenticeship](#)

This is just a snapshot of the hundreds of opportunities available across the region:

**Level 3 IT Technician apprenticeship** – Bedford [Vacancy ref 1000160469](#)

**Level 2 Chef apprenticeship** – Milton Keynes  
[Vacancy ref 1000143179](#)

**Level 3 Optical Technician apprenticeship** – Northampton  
[Vacancy ref 1000157274](#)

## Aspire Higher

Uni Connect is a national programme funded by The Office for Students. It brings together 29 partnerships of universities, colleges and other local partners to offer activities, advice and information regarding progression into higher education. Our local Uni Connect Partnership, Aspire Higher, is a collaboration between teams at the universities of Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, and Northampton. They aim to help young people and their families who might not have previously considered higher education understand the application process and how they can access a university education.



There is a Parent and Carer webinar on University Applications taking place on Thursday 23 May. The webinar will cover UCAS, how to apply, Key dates, UCAS Hub, and advice on how to support those applying. Sign up and register your interest [here](#)

As results days approach, Aspire Higher are also offering a student webinar on 25 July to help young people prepare for results day. Click here to [sign up](#). Watch with your child/ren to get the most out of results days in August.

## Spotlight on Labour Market Information (LMI) - LOGISTICS

The South East Midlands sits at the very heart of the UK and is home to a large number of distribution and logistics hubs. This is a growing industry with diverse opportunities in our area.

Logistics/supply chain roles include freight transportation, haulage, maritime and port operations, postal and courier activities, warehousing, storage and handling. Larger companies in the south east midlands also recruit graduates to HR, finance, IT, sales, marketing, communications and procurement roles. Multi-million-pound projects are in progress to improve journeys and connectivity across the country, notably the A14 road upgrade and HS2, the high-speed rail link, plus major work on the East and West Coast Main Lines.

According to Indeed there are currently 353 roles available in the logistics sector in our area [Indeed.com](#)



## Check out this YouTube channel:

A great source of LMI for secondary school students is the MYPATH channel on YouTube. You will find short, informative films about a wide range of occupations – including some you probably never knew existed!

[MYPATH channel](#)



## College Open Days

Barnfield College - 17 June 2023

Moulton College – 24 June 2023

Northampton College – 14 June 2023

## T levels

*The next level* [T level video](#)

T Levels are a new type of vocational qualification in England designed for 16-19-year-olds. They are two-year courses that combine classroom learning with on-the-job experience, and they are intended to provide young people with the skills and knowledge they need to progress into skilled employment or higher education.

Each T Level is equivalent to three A Levels, and they are designed to meet the needs of specific industries. The courses include a mix of classroom-based learning, practical training, and a substantial industry placement with an employer. Students spend 80% of the course in college and 20% in work.

T levels are available locally in Education and Childcare, Digital, Construction, Science, Healthcare and Business.

The local offer can be found here:

[Northampton College T levels](#)

[Bedford College T levels](#)

[Milton Keynes College T levels](#)