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Career Spotlight of the Month

Project Manager

Project Managers plan, organise, and lead projects—from construction builds to digital launches—ensuring they are completed on time and within budget.

Top Roles:

- Construction Project Manager
- IT Project Manager
- Events Manager
- Business Project Coordinator

Routes In:

- Apprenticeships in Business or Project Management
- College courses in Business or Construction
- University degrees in Business, Management, or Engineering
- Starting in an entry-level role and progressing with experience

Regional Need:

With ongoing development across the Northeast in housing, infrastructure, and digital industries, skilled project managers are in demand across many sectors.

SEND Focus – Preparing for Transition

As students prepare for their next step, schools ensure careers support is personalised and inclusive.

What This Looks Like:

- Careers guidance tailored to **individual strengths and interests**
- Supported visits to colleges or workplaces
- Extra preparation for interviews or new environments
- Close support from careers staff and SEND teams

For Students:

- Reflect on what you've achieved this year
- Ask questions about your next step
- Take small steps to prepare (visits, research, talking to others)

For Parents:

- Reassure your child that change is normal
- Focus on their strengths and progress
- Support planning over the summer

Key Message:

Every student's journey is different—and that's okay.

Provider Focus: Northern Skills (Middlesbrough College Group)

Northern Skills specialises in **apprenticeships and work-based learning**, working with employers across the Northeast.

Courses & Areas Include:

- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Digital & IT
- Business & Admin
- Health & Social Care
- Education & Childcare

Why Choose Northern Skills?

- Ofsted-rated **Outstanding for Apprenticeships**
- Strong links with over 2,000 employers
- Real work experience and career progression routes
- High success rates for moving into employment

 <https://www.northernskills.co.uk>



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Labour Market Insight: Summer Opportunities & Entry-Level Roles

June is a key time for seasonal and entry-level job opportunities, particularly in:

- Hospitality & Tourism
- Retail
- Leisure & Events
- Customer Service

Why This Matters:

- Provides **first experience of the workplace**, which employers value highly
- Helps students build essential **employability skills** such as teamwork, communication, reliability, and time management
- Gives insight into different industries and helps students decide what they do (or don't!) enjoy
- Many employers use these roles as a **pathway into apprenticeships or long-term jobs**

Top Tip for Students:

Even a short-term or part-time job can make a big difference to your CV—every experience counts!

End of Year Reflection – Celebrating Progress and Looking Ahead

As we approach the end of the academic year, it's a great time for **students to reflect on their achievements, growth, and experiences** over the past year. Careers education isn't just about future choices—it's also **about recognising how far you've come**.

Students have taken part in a range of activities, from careers lessons and employer encounters to using tools like Unifrog to explore potential pathways. Each of these experiences helps build confidence, knowledge, and important life skills.

Parents and carers can support this reflection by encouraging conversations at home. **Talking about successes**—big or small—can help **students recognise their strengths and feel more positive about their future**.

Reflection Prompts for Students:

- What am I most proud of this year?
- What new skills have I developed?
- What have I learned about myself and my interests?
- What are my next steps or goals for the future?

Taking time to reflect helps students feel more prepared and confident as they move into the next stage of their education or career journey.

Pathway Focus – Apprenticeships (Next Steps Focus)

At this time of year, many students are considering their post-16 or post-18 options—apprenticeships are a fantastic route.

Why Now?

- Many employers advertise roles in late spring and summer
- Ideal for students finishing Year 11 or Year 13

Benefits:

- Earn while you learn
- Gain real experience
- Progress into long-term employment

Top Tip:

Start searching early on the GOV.UK Find an Apprenticeship website and speak to your careers advisor for support with applications.

Maths is one of the most valuable subjects for future careers—it develops problem-solving, logic, and analytical thinking.

Careers Linked to Maths:

- Accountant – Managing finances and budgets
- Engineer – Solving real-world problems using calculations
- Data Analyst – Interpreting information and trends
- Architect – Designing buildings using precise measurements
- Programmer – Using logic and algorithms to create software

Activity Idea:

Explore how maths is used in everyday life—from budgeting to technology.

Maths is highly valued by universities, as it demonstrates strong problem-solving and analytical skills, and can open doors to a wide range of degree courses including engineering, business, science, and finance.

Parent/Carer Tip of the Month: Supporting Next Steps Over Summer

The summer term and holidays are a key time for students to prepare for **their next step**, whether that's moving into Year 11, starting college, or beginning an apprenticeship.

How You Can Help:

- **Keep conversations open** – regularly talk about plans, goals, and any worries
- **Encourage independence** – allow your child to take responsibility for applications, emails, and preparation
- **Support organisation** – help them keep track of key dates like enrolment, interviews, or results day
- **Use the summer positively** – part-time work, volunteering, or short courses can build confidence and skills
- **Stay engaged** – check in on college or apprenticeship communications together

Why It Matters:

Students who feel supported—but also encouraged to take ownership—are more confident when moving into the next stage of education or employment.

Bonus Tip:

A simple question like *“What’s one thing you can do this week to prepare for your future?”* can really help keep them focused.

*“Success is the sum of small efforts,
repeated day in and day out.”*