
CAREERS @ COPA



Nearly there!

Many of us are on the countdown to the summer. I just wanted to say thank you to all for making me feel so welcome since starting at CoPA. Please find attached this half-term's Careers at CoPA newsletter along with a newsletter from the local region regarding numerous events and apprenticeship opportunities.

What happened last half-term?

It was a baptism of fire last half-term with all of the different events that took place. Children in Year 7 participated in a 'Guess the Professional' virtual workshop which allowed students to speak to numerous professionals from different industries. Year 8 participated in a Steps into STEM workshop in partnership with Anglia Ruskin University and they have more workshops running this half-term. Year 9 participated in a workshop with PRIME about numerous careers in law whilst Year 10 have been extremely busy applying for their virtual work experience opportunities which take place this half-term.



Careers events taking place this half-term:

Steps into STEM (Year 8) - Environmental Science

(7th June 2023)

Year 10 visit to Magistrates Court

(14th June 2023)

Year 10 Virtual Work Experience

(14th/15th/16th June)

Steps into STEM (Year 8) - Engineering

(21st June 2023)

Year 10 Virtual Work Experience

(3rd/4th July)

Steps into STEM (Year 8) - Construction

(5th July 2023)

Army Careers Assembly

(7th July 2023)

Useful Links:

<https://cambspeterboroughlmi.co.uk/for-learners/> - Labour Market Information in the local area.

<https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/> - Further information on Labour Market Information.

<https://icould.com/> - Tips on choosing GCSE options and different career options.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers> - Information explaining the world of work.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/> - Information about careers in general.

<https://www.mychoice16.co.uk/> - Information about Post-16 Options.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/> - Information about Apprenticeships.



Amazing Apprenticeships resources to support the LGBTQ+ community

Ahead of PRIDE month in June Amazing Apprenticeships have created a new resource aimed at young people - highlighting ways to find an LGBTQ+ inclusive employer,

You can find the resource at:- [Resource](#)



Open Farm—Sunday 11th June

Farming is one of the critical elements of the economy of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and provides a wide range of opportunities.

G's Fresh are a great supporter of the Careers Hub helping young people and schools across all sectors providing inspirational and engaging encounters bringing the industry into the classroom.

They are part of the nationwide Open Farm Sunday event on the 11 June and would like to encourage young people and their families to come along and find out more about their world.

You can find out more at:- [Open Farm Sunday](#)



Peterborough College

Open Events dates for the 23/ 24 academic year

Thursday 12 October 2023
Tuesday 14 November 2023
Wednesday 17 January 2024
Wednesday 27 March 2024

Stamford College

Open Events dates for the 23/ 24 academic year

Tuesday 03 October 2023
Wednesday 08 November 2023
Wednesday 24 January 2024
Wednesday 20 March 2024

University Centre Peterborough

Open Event dates for this academic year

Tuesday 04 July 2023

Open Event dates for the 23/ 24 academic year

Tuesday 12 October 2023
Tuesday 14 November 2023
Saturday 23 March 2024
Thursday 20 June 2024

Number of people in employment



98,300

People in employment



80%

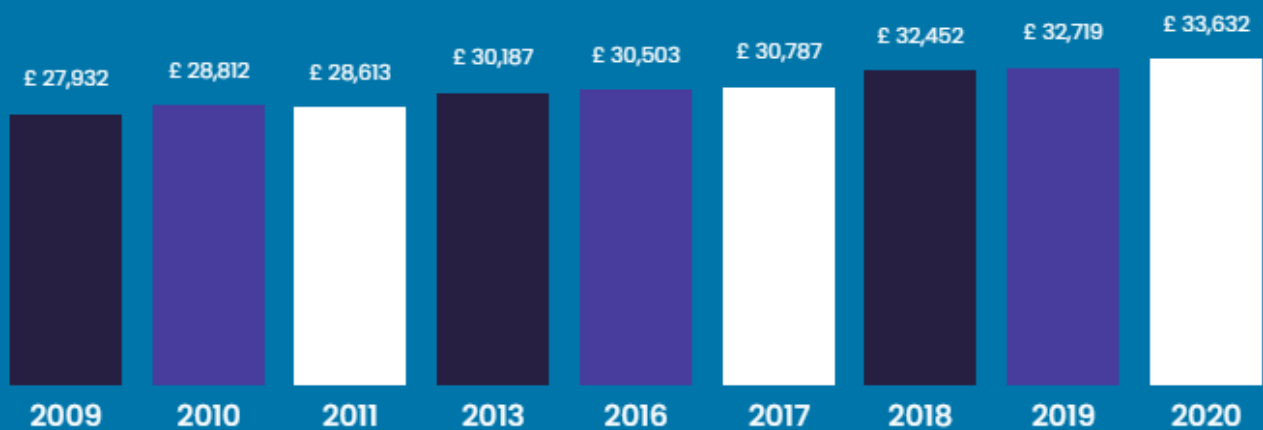
Percentage in employment



123,900

Total number of people

Annual Gross Pay averages



Employment by enterprise size



7,185

Micro (0 to 9)



615

Small (10 to 49)



130

Medium-sized (50 to 249)



40

Large (250+)



7,965

In Total

T Levels are new 2-year courses which are taken after GCSEs and are broadly equivalent in size to 3 A Levels. T Levels offer students practical and knowledge-based learning at a school or college and on-the-job experience through an industry placement of at least 315 hours – approximately 45 days.

KEY FACTS ABOUT T LEVELS

1. CAREER-LED

New, two-year technical courses to follow GCSEs, designed to get students work ready.

2. 80% STUDY / 20% WORK

Spend 80% of time in the learning environment, learning the theory and practical skills, the other 20% on an industry placement putting this into action (minimum of 315 hours on placement).

3. DESIGNED BY AND FOR EMPLOYERS

Designed by employers to ensure students are learning the skills industry is looking for.

4. EQUIVALENT IN SIZE TO 3 A LEVELS

Nationally recognised qualification, with the top T Level grade (Distinction*) being equivalent in size to 3 A levels at A*.

5. UCAS POINTS

A T Level attracts UCAS tariff points so students can use the qualification in applying for higher education.

6. WIDE RANGE OF EMPLOYERS

Around 250 employers have been involved in developing the T Level courses, ranging from small local businesses to large multinationals.

7. WHERE THEY TAKE PLACE

The classroom learning time will take place at a school, college or with a training provider.

Depending on the T Level, this is likely to include development of practical skills in specialist facilities. The industry placement will take place directly with an employer.

8. AVAILABLE AROUND THE COUNTRY

T Levels are available in England. The rollout started with a small number of providers, increasing over the next few years.

The first three courses launched in September 2020. They were Digital Production, Design and Development; Education and Childcare; and Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction. Find out more on pages 14-15.

9. MORE COURSES COMING

It's expected that all T Levels will be available from September 2023. Find the full list on pages 14-15.

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Opportunities for Young People

Results Days

With the end of exams in sight, or already reached, your thoughts may be turning to what next?

The next key dates will be the results days

A Levels—Thursday 17 August 2023

GCSE's—Thursday 24 August 2023

On the day if you need to talk to someone about your ideas and plans don't forget that you can get help from your current school or college as well as the provider you may have applied to for your next step. There is also a lot of information available on the internet including:-

A Levels

Planning on university

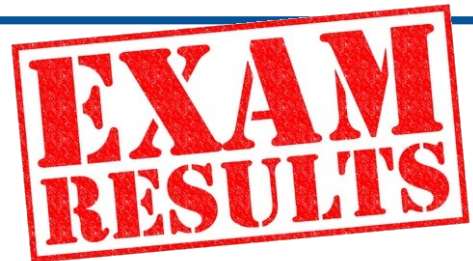
UCAS are not simply there to process your applications—they also have lots of information and advice on how to prepare yourself for the results day and the days afterwards. [UCAS](#)

Not going to university

Higher Education may not be the right option for everyone. The Not Going to Uni website has lots of information to help—[Not Going to Uni](#)

GCSE's

The BBC have an excellent website that contains a wealth of information. You can have a look at : [BBC](#)





Apprenticeships



North
Cambridgeshire
Training
Centre

Apprentice Mechanical Electrical Maintenance Engineer -

Floorspan Contracts Ltd, PE13 2UR
Start Date: September

Engineering Technician Machinist Apprenticeship -

Ivor Searle Ltd, CB7 5BA / CB24 5QE
Start Date: September

West Suffolk College have a wealth of apprenticeships available in and around the Chatteris area. These are just a few currently recruiting. If you want to know more go to:

[vacancies](#)

Controls and Instrumentation Engineering Apprentices -

Bard Pharmaceuticals Limited,
CB4 0GW
Start Date: August

Apprentice Production Planner -

Bard Pharmaceuticals Limited,
CB4 0GW
Start Date: August

The UCAS Apprenticeship website are currently listing 39 Apprenticeship vacancies across Cambridgeshire including:-

Network Engineer with Virgin Media with a starting salary of £26,500

Data Analyst Apprenticeship with Anglian Water with a salary of £19,437

You can find out more about these, and other apprenticeship opportunities, at [Vacancies](#)

UCAS

Apprenticeship jobs