

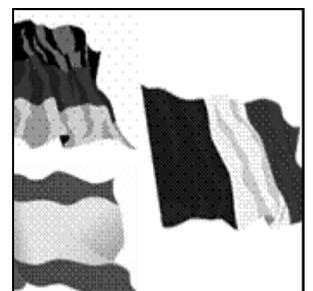
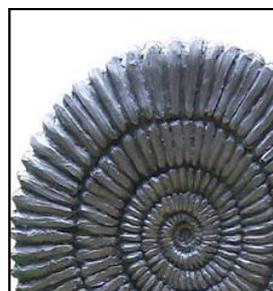
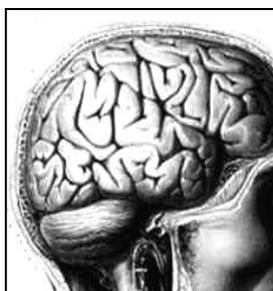
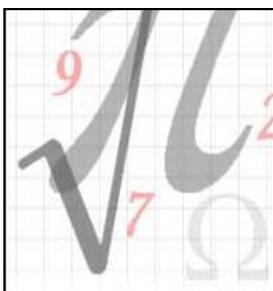
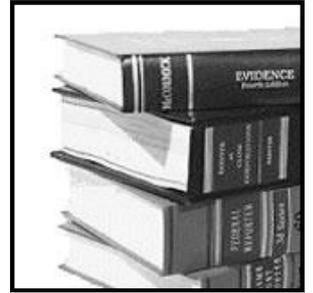


Careers & Higher Education Fair

4th February 2026

5.45-7.30pm

**Aimed at students Year 9 to Year 13
but open to all students**





Foreword

Welcome to the 2026 Careers and Education Fair. This event is designed to help young people and their parents or guardians to find information and make contacts that will help young people make the right education and career choices.

The Fair will prove extremely useful to pupils from a variety of year groups:

Year 9: Have begun the process of considering their Year 10 subject choices. By talking to careers, Further Education and university representatives, Year 9 students and parents can choose subjects relevant to their future goals.

Year 10: Students may already be considering their pathway after GCSEs. By talking to career professionals, Further Education and university representatives, Year 10 students and parents can get advice relevant to their future goals.

Year 11: Will soon be deciding whether to stay on at school in the Sixth Form, go to college, undertake training or enter into employment. The Fair will help with all these possibilities.

Year 12 and 13: Will soon be considering, or in the process of applying for their university, apprenticeships or career choices.

The Fair precedes National Apprenticeship Week (9-15 February) and our apprenticeships section in the Main Atrium will be of interest to students considering the world of work at the end of Year 11, 12 or 13. Careers Wales will be delivering apprenticeship workshops during the evening on the English Faculty staircase at 6.15pm and 6.45pm.

At 5.30pm the Head of Performing Arts, Mrs Ritter, will launch our Performing and Expressive Arts workshops with the School's Creative



Council video. This will be followed at 6.15pm with a presentation on the Maths staircase by Into Film. This will focus on the film industry in Wales and how they are achieving sustainability in their productions.

The Charity Committee will be serving refreshments opposite the School Hall for a donation to the Monmouth Mayor's Flood Recovery Fund.

We are extremely grateful to the many delegates who have given their time freely, and in many cases travelled long distances, in order to represent their career, college or university. Please do talk to them to find out what they do, how they got where they are and what advice they can offer.

Kirsten Jones
Pathways Administrator

Fire Evacuation Notice

In the event of the fire alarm sounding, please exit the school via the rear doors and proceed to the muster point, which is the school yard. School staff will be on hand to support in the event of a fire evacuation.



Exhibitors

Abbeydale Vet Nursing Training
Aramark
Atkins Global (Project Management)
Attic2 Ltd
BAM Construction
BAE Systems
Bees for Development
Big Ideas Wales
Boots plc
Cardiff University School of Healthcare Science
Careers Wales
Catbells Consultancy/Institute of Chartered Accountants
Civitas Law
Mr Cranna – Structural Engineer
David James Chartered Surveyors
Dr Marcus Pierrepont & Mrs Sarah Pierrepont
(Medicine)
Educators Wales
Employment & Skills Team
Environmental Health
Forest Sports Education
Galliford Try
Grown in Britain
Gwent Police
Gwyn James
Indelible IP Ltd
Innovate Tax
Jacklyn Dawson
Jo Davies Photography
KLA (SPTS)
MonLife Heritage Museums
Monmouth Dental Practice
Monmouthshire County Council (Workforce Development)
Monmouthshire County Council (Early Years)
Monmouthshire County Council (Social Work & Social Care)

Careers & Higher Education Fair 2026



Monmouthshire County Council (Community & Sport
Development)
NHS Careers
Orchard Trust
Politics – Parliamentary Chief of Staff
Primary Education
Principality Building Society
Psychologist
RAF
RWS
Renishaw
Roberts Limbrick
Royal Navy & Royal Marines
STEM Ambassador
Safran Seats
Ski Instructor Academy
South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Suntory
Triwall
Welsh Rugby Union

Exhibitors – Apprenticeship & Training Providers

ACT Training
Edu8 Training
Screen Alliance Wales
HWTGA
NDGTA
TSW Training



AccXel Construction College
Bath Spa University
Birmingham University
Black Mountains College
Bristol University
Cardiff University
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Coleg Gwent
Exeter University
Gloucestershire College
Gloucestershire University
Hartpury College & University
Hereford College of Arts
Hereford & Ludlow & Holme Lacey College
MPCT
Monmouth Comprehensive School
NMITE (Hereford)
Network 75
SGS College University Centre
South Wales University
Swansea University
The Open University
University of the West of England
University of Worcester



Architecture, Construction, Town Planning & Real Estate	
Architecture, Landscape and Interior Design Mr Roberts & Colleagues Table 28	<p>Roberts Limbrick are an award-winning Architecture practice of over 120 people, based in Gloucester, Newport and London and operate on a national basis. They cover all sectors including commercial, health, education, leisure and residential and also have specialist interior design, landscape and urban design teams as well as offering in-house graphics and 3D modelling services.</p> <p>They get involved in all stages of development from initial master-planning and sketch ideas through to detailed design and support throughout the construction. Sustainability is fundamental to their design approach they aim to minimise their carbon footprint, both through their own operations and by delivering highly sustainable projects.</p> <p>https://www.robertslimbrick.com/</p>
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in architecture • Ecological design • Interior Design • Landscape Architecture 	
David James Chartered Surveyors Table 24	<p>David James is a leading Chartered Surveyors, Estate Agents, and Planning practice with a rich history dating back to 1849. They are deeply embedded in the communities they serve offering expertise and local insight. While they take great pride in their heritage, they also understand the importance of investing in the future.</p> <p>With five offices across South Wales and the South West of England, they are a well-established, multi-disciplinary practice. Their services span Residential Estate Agency, Commercial Property, Rural Surveying and Planning, supported by a team of professionally qualified, RICS registered valuers and surveyors. They pride themselves on combining technical expertise, insight, and enthusiasm in everything they do, always with a client-focused approach.</p> <p>They seek effective communicators who think practically and commercially, individuals who can solve problems creatively, build strong relationships, and take initiative, all while respecting tradition and delivering thoughtful care. From day one, they offer opportunities to contribute and grow, providing exceptional support and guidance throughout. Regardless of role or responsibility, we ensure that every team member has the opportunity to make a meaningful impact and reach their full potential.</p>
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in surveying • Careers in estate agency 	
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in town planning • Ecological planning • And many more 	



<p>BAM Table 25</p>	<p>https://www.bam.co.uk/who-we-are/past-present-and-future</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in construction • Design careers • And many more 	
<p>Galliford Try Ms Jevons Table 26</p>	<p>Galliford Try is one of the UK's leading construction groups, working to improve the UK's build environment and delivering lasting change for the communities it works in.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in construction • Design careers • And many more 	<p>Its' purpose is to improve people's lives through building the facilities and infrastructure that communities need, providing opportunities for their people to learn, grow and progress, working with their supply chain to promote the very best working practice and caring for the environment in which it works.</p>
	<p>Ms Jevons is the Regional Community & Social Impact Manager. She has over 8 years' industry experience of delivering social value outcomes on projects ranging from £5 to £68 million. She is skilled in developing project-specific Social Value Strategies, including employment and skills plans. She has extensive experience of working with clients and community with a comprehensive knowledge of key customer objectives.</p> <p>She is passionate about leaving a sustainable lasting legacy through construction not only with the buildings they construct but by giving the next generation an opportunity to find a sustainable future in the industry.</p>
<p>Catering & Hospitality</p>	
<p>Catering Aramark Table A10</p>	<p>The hospitality business is all about people, whether you are a concierge, a kitchen porter or involved in the management of a hotel. As well as being a people-oriented industry, hospitality is creative. You are creating a product whether it be food, drink or an experience. Every country in the world has a hospitality industry and the skills that you would learn are readily transferable.</p> <p>There is a clear set of hospitality qualifications that are accepted across the industry and there are hundreds of places in the UK where you can train to achieve these qualifications.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Service • Event Organisation and Hospitality • Finance and Marketing • Management Skills • Public Relations • And many more 	



Child Care & Early Years	
<p>MCC Early Years Ms Hall Table 17</p>	<p>Monmouthshire Early Years Section is responsible for ensuring there is high quality early education and childcare available for Monmouthshire families. All of the team have worked in schools or childcare settings prior to joining the Early Years Team. They are keen to encourage others to consider a rewarding career in childcare.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare (birth to pre-school) • And many more 	
Design & Creative Industries, Enterprise & Innovation	
<p>Photography Ms Davies Table 8</p>	<p>Ms Davies is an ex-pupil of Monmouth Comprehensive School, where she discovered her love of photography, art and design and computer science. She studied Art and Design at Salsbury College and, after years working in the customer service sector, launched her own photography business 15 years ago, specialising in weddings and, more recently, commercial, business-to-business photography.</p> <p>Jo has been recognised for her innovative work with an AI-powered photography software company, contributing to Adobe Photoshop beta testing and adopting tools that streamline post-production. In the past two years she has won two Innovation in Business awards and the Customer Choice Award at the South Wales Business Awards.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All aspects of Photography • And many more 	
<p>Screen Alliance Wales Main Atrium Table A6</p>	<p>Screen Alliance Wales is the gateway between the industry and its workforce. It grows and promotes the talent, crew and services of the film and TV industry in Wales. SAW is unique and aims to become the industry standard in promoting the complete supply chain from one single place.</p> <p>It helps guide individuals to careers pathways meeting their skills, and make others aware of opportunities they may not have otherwise considered within the Creative Industries in Wales.</p> <p>Screen Alliance Wales is the gateway between the industry and its workforce. It grows and promotes the talent, crew and services of the film and TV industry in Wales. SAW is unique and aims to become the industry standard in promoting the complete supply chain from one single place.</p> <p>It helps guide individuals to careers pathways meeting their skills, and make others aware of opportunities they may not have otherwise considered within the Creative Industries in Wales.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All aspects of careers in the film sector • And many more 	



<p>Attic2 Ltd Ms Gidden MBE Table 34</p>	<p>Angela Gidden MBE is an award-winning Welsh designer and creative director, widely recognised for her influential contributions to British furniture and product design. Based in Cardiff, she has built an international reputation over more than three decades, working across furniture, textiles, interiors, brand development, and creative consultancy. She is the founder of the design studio <i>attic 2</i>, known for its contemporary, handcrafted furniture with strong Welsh roots and a commitment to environmental sustainability. Her portfolio includes work for high-profile brands such as Liberty, Heal's, The Conran Shop, Habitat, and Orangebox, and she has served as a Consultant Creative Director to multiple businesses. Angela is also active in Wales' creative community as a mentor, festival contributor, and role model, blending entrepreneurial insight with deep cultural engagement.</p> <p>Awarded an MBE for her services to design, Angela continues to champion Welsh creativity, sustainability, and craftsmanship in both local and global contexts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All aspects of design And many more 	<p>Are you interested in working for yourself or starting your own business? Big Ideas Wales supports young entrepreneurs. Whether you're still at school, working part-time or planning your next step they can help!</p> <p>A range of entrepreneurship opportunities are available including 1-2-1 coaching and support as well as a business bootcamp. More details are available on the Big Ideas website:</p> <p>https://businesswales.gov.wales/bigideas/</p> <p>Please see Ms Gidden from Attic2 Ltd who is a Big Ideas Role Model.</p>
<p>Entrepreneurship Big Ideas Wales Table 34</p>	<p>A range of entrepreneurship opportunities are available including 1-2-1 coaching and support as well as a business bootcamp. More details are available on the Big Ideas website:</p> <p>https://businesswales.gov.wales/bigideas/</p> <p>Please see Ms Gidden from Attic2 Ltd who is a Big Ideas Role Model.</p>
<p>Education</p>	
<p>Primary School Teaching Ms Child Table 15</p>	<p>To be a successful primary school teacher you need a passion to inspire young minds and a commitment to ensuring that every child achieves their potential.</p> <p>As a primary school teacher, you'll develop schemes of work and lesson plans in line with curriculum objectives. Your role will be to develop and foster the appropriate skills and social abilities to enable the optimum development of children, according to age, ability and aptitude.</p> <p>Ms Child is a Headteacher, and Estyn Peer Inspector and School Improvement Partner.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational careers And many more 	



<p>Educators Wales Mr Rasmussen Table 16</p>	<p>Educators Wales is a service funded by Welsh Government and developed by the Education Workforce Council to promote careers in the education profession in Wales.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational careers • And many more 	<p>Educators Wales has been developed in collaboration with educators, for educators.</p> <p>Educators Wales is there to help you become the best educator you can be. Whether you are considering a career in schools, further education, work-based learning or youth work – it has everything you need to explore different pathways within education.</p> <p>Visit https://educators.wales/</p>
<p>Engineering</p>	
<p>Engineering Safran Seats UK Table 35</p>	<p>With over one million seats equipping the fleets of the major airlines, Safran Seats is one of the world's leading suppliers of seating for passengers, crews and helicopters thanks to innovative and high added-value solutions.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering careers • And many more 	<p>NDGTA is located in the Main Atrium as this is the college where the majority of apprentices go for their qualifications.</p>
<p>BAE Systems Maritime & Land Defence Solutions Mr Jowitt & Ms Davidson Table 45</p>	<p>https://www.baesystems.com/en/what-we-do</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence careers • And many more 	
<p>KLA Corporation Dr Hopkins & Dr Short Table 44</p>	<p>KLA is a multinational company with over 10,000 employees and offices all around the world. The company believes that innovation thrives in a diverse environment built on communication, understanding, global culture, skills and knowledge.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM careers • And many more 	<p>Whether it's a driverless car, VR experience, or factory robotics, KLA helps turn theory into possibility. It creates technological devices and ideas that transform our future and shape our current life.</p> <p>KLA is proud to be part of the most significant technological breakthroughs. Virtually no laptop, smartphone, wearable device, voice-controlled gadget, flexible screen, VR device</p>



	<p>or smart car would have made it into your hands without them.</p> <p>Dr Hopkins attended Durham University where she gained a BSc (Hons) in Physics & Chemistry of Materials. She went on to achieve a PhD (sponsored by industry) in Plasma Treatment of Polysulfone Gas Separation Membranes. She joined KLA straight from university as a Process Engineer and has held various Research & Development senior engineer and managerial roles. She is now an Etch Applications Manager. Dr Short is a Marketing Communications Manager.</p>
<p>Mr Cranna Structural Engineering Table 46</p>	<p>Mr Cranna graduated with an Engineering Science degree from the University of Durham and became a Chartered Engineer with the Institution of Civil Engineers.</p> <p>He has worked as a Structural Engineer consultant with Ove Arup, Scott Wilson and Halcrow and has been self-employed since 1992.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering careers • And many more 	
<p>Siltbuster Ms Talbot, Ms Leslie, Mr Nobbs Table A1</p>	<p>Siltbuster has been established for over 20 years and is the UK's leading wastewater treatment company in providing responsive solutions to a range of customers. The company is part of the Workdry Group and has a turnover of over £30m; covering all of the UK as well focused overseas activities for construction, municipal and industrial markets.</p> <p>Based in Monmouth, the business has a 10 acre site where it has developed a purpose-built facility with all technical and support services being provided in house. The breadth of employment ranges from technical sales, accounts, engineering design, laboratory testing through to engineering manufacturing-assembly and supply chain management. The business uses an extensive supply chain, including many other South Wales businesses in the fabrication of its equipment.</p> <p>Ms Talbot took ICT, Biology, Geography and Maths at A Level and studied Environmental Science at the University of Nottingham. She is part of the Graduate Scheme at Siltbuster.</p> <p>Ms Leslie attended Monmouth Comprehensive from Year 9 to 11, before moving on to Welbeck Defence Sixth Form</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in the MOD • Careers in Engineering 	



	<p>College to complete her A Levels. She went on to study Environmental Science at the University of Portsmouth which laid the foundation for her interest in sustainability and environmental systems. She then achieved an MSc in Water and Environmental Engineering at the University of Surry, deepening her expertise in water management and engineering solutions. She joined Siltbuster in August 2025 on the Graduate Scheme, applying her academic knowledge to re-world environmental challenges.</p> <p>Mr Nobbs studied Chemical Engineering to MSc level at Swansea University. He tried his had at a few different jobs in his early career working as a research assistant for water treatment technologies, trained as a Chemistry teacher and even worked as a carpenters' mate for a year! He found his way into project engineering; designing and installing unique machinery to solve engineering problems. He is now a Senior Process Engineer, developing wastewater treatment solutions.</p>
<p>STEM Ambassador Mr Higgins Table 40</p>	<p>Mr Higgins is a retired electronic engineer. His aim is to promote science and maths subjects so that students can go on to become the scientists, mathematicians and engineers of the future.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careers in STEM 	
<p>Renishaw Mr Healey & Ms Shaw Table 43</p>	<p>Renishaw is a global, high precision metrology and healthcare technology group.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careers in Engineering & more 	<p>It designs, develops and delivers solutions and systems that provide unparalleled precision, control and reliability.</p>
	<p>It is a world leader in the field of additive manufacturing (also referred to as metal 3D printing), where it designs and produces industrial machines which 'print' parts from metal powder. Tram transport to agriculture, electronics to healthcare, its' breakthrough technology transforms product performance.</p> <p>Mr Healey is an electronics design engineer. He joined Renishaw as a graduate and completed his 2-year scheme in August 2025. He is happy to talk about his pathway into engineering as a member of the neurodivergent community.</p> <p>Ms Shaw completed a degree in Biomedical Engineering then joined Renishaw on their graduate scheme as an</p>



	<p>Applications Engineer and rotated through the neuro, dental and spectroscopy divisions. She started a position as a Design Engineer in the neuro division. Her role is incredibly rewarding as it makes a real difference in people's lives such as reducing a child's epileptic seizures from 300 a day to 0.</p>
<p>Environment & Sustainability</p>	
<p>Marine Conservation Society (Environmental NGO) Mr Bryce Table 38</p>	<p>Mr Bryce does a part-time support role with MCS so attitude, adaptability and passion was more important than study choice for the role he does.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental careers 	<p>He did study as a geographer and then had a second try at a different degree later in life in International Relations. He also had a short stint teaching Secondary School Maths before joining the charity and finally finding a job he was proud to tell others about!</p>
<p>Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Dr Dawson Table 39</p>	<p>Dr Dawson has been working in environmental health enforcement in housing, health and safety, food safety, environmental protection and public health for 21 years. His recent work includes national analysis of property licensing schemes and authorising recent updates to the assessment system used to judge risk to health from hazards like damp and fire in English and Welsh homes.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental careers 	<p>Dr Dawson sits on the Wales Housing Expert Panel, the CIEH Housing Advisory Panel, Rent Smart Wales Advisory Panel, and the Welsh Housing Advisory Panel. He is a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.</p>
<p>Grown in Britain Ms Lawrence Table 48</p>	<p>As a nation, we are blessed with the most amazing forests and woodlands, which, when sustainably managed, provide endless benefits for our health, the environment and local economies.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in sustainability & the environment 	<p>In the UK, we import £7.8 bn of foreign timber each year, whilst neglecting the potential of our own forests and woodlands. Only China imports more wood than the UK. Over recent years, there has been a growing emphasis on the importance of source. People want to support our nation's woods and forests by purchasing local timber products; and major construction companies, high street retailers and public authorities are demanding Grown in Britain products as part of their procurement policies.</p>



	<p>Grown in Britain certification reduces unnecessary imports, by encouraging and supporting active and sustainable management of our own forests and woodlands.</p> <p>Ms Lawrence is a Business Manager for Grown in Britain.</p>
<p>Bees for Development Ms Handley & Mr Van Blyderveen Table 37</p>	<p>Ms Handley graduated with a European Business Economics degree. She began her career with John Lewis in their Buying department, building over 25 years' experience in buying, product development and sourcing for leading High Street retailers and design companies.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental/sustainability careers 	<p>Over time, she expanded her expertise to include PR and Marketing, ultimately taking on the role of Head of Marketing at T&G Woodware for over 16 years. Alongside her professional journey, she developed a keen passion for beekeeping and environmental practices, which inspired a career shift into communications and fundraising as Head of Communications & Fundraising for the charity Bees for Development.</p> <p>Beekeeping, a family business, developed a fascination with honey bees for Mr Van Blyderveen, a project manager with Bees for Development. While completing an undergraduate degree in Zoology, he worked as a beekeeping research technician at the University of Guelph Honey Bee Research Centre. This was followed by commercial beekeeping work in Canada and New Zealand, and a secondary level teaching experience. Volunteer experience in Malawi developed an interest in international beekeeping. He completed a MSc in Capacity Development and Extension, studying the beekeeping industry in Malawi, which led to his current position.</p>
<p>Smart Energy Homes Ms Lydon Table 27</p>	<p>Smart Energy Homes help homeowners and landlords access the latest energy-saving technologies. From insulation and boilers to air-source heat pumps and solar PV. Many upgrades can be provided free through government-back schemes.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental/sustainability careers 	<p>Smart Energy works with organisations to audit energy use and deliver tailored efficiency solutions. Their services include insulation, optimised heating, lighting, refrigeration updates, solar power and battery installations, all destined to help businesses cut costs and operate more sustainably.</p>



Financial & Insurance Services	
<p>Principality Building Society Ms Martin & Colleagues Table 6</p> <p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Services Sector • Financial Advice 	<p>Principality is the largest building society in Wales and being a mutual, means it is owned by and run for the benefit of its Members; the savers and borrowers.</p> <p>It has Branches all across Wales and the Borders. The team in Monmouth help local people save money and buy homes, which they've been doing for over 160 years.</p> <p>Being a responsible business is very important to Principality and they are committed to helping local communities and have a focus on supporting future generations. Back in 2022 it set up the Principality Building Society Future Generations Fund with Community Foundation Wales which has helped almost 100 charities and community groups, and shared over £1m.</p> <p>Over the last decade it has supported a number of incredible charities as official charity partners with donations from their Members and colleagues. Since 2022 they have been helping Ty Hafan and Hope House Ty Gobaith children's hospices, with over £488,000 being fundraised/donated. And since 2014 the total charity support stands at over £1.5m.</p> <p>They are proud sponsors of the Principality Stadium – the home of Welsh Rugby. In 2023 they also took on the headline sponsorship of the Cardiff Half Marathon.</p> <p>Visit their website for more information about their business Mortgages, Savings and Insurance Principality Building Society Home</p> <p>For information about working for Principality please visit Careers (principality.co.uk)</p>
<p>Innovate Tax Mr Smith, Mr Farmer, Mr Clarke Table 5</p> <p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in Financial Services • And many more 	<p>As one of the world's most recognisable names in tax technology, Innovate Tax are passionate about bringing cutting-edge automated tax solutions to every global business.</p> <p>Innovate Tax are looking for enthusiastic, curious and innovate people to join their team.</p> <p>If you are keen to learn, love solving problems and want to make a real impact, there is a real opportunity for you.</p>



	You'll get hands-on experience, plenty of support and the chance to grow your skills in a dynamic environment. A small business with a big presence in the corporate world.
Institute of Chartered Accountants Ms Lawson Table 4	Ms Lawson graduated from Oxford University with a degree in Chemistry and trained as a Chartered Accountant with Ernst & Young. She is now a Chartered Tax Advisor. Over the past 30 year she has worked in the 'Big 4 practices and smaller firms. She diversified doing a PGCE and taught Maths at a secondary school in Bristol. She is currently running her own consultancy practice in Chepstow.
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in Financial Services • And many more 	
Healthcare	
Medicine Dr & Mrs Pierrepoint Table 50	Dr Pierrepoint is a consultant paediatrician. He graduated from Cardiff Medical School in 1991. He completed his junior training in South Wales and became a consultant in general paediatrics in 2002. He has been involved in undergraduate interviews and training. Work experience can be arranged via the Aneurin Bevan Health Board.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Careers • General Practitioner • University Application Process • And many more 	
Radiography Ms Christie & Colleagues Table 57	Radiographers are part of the Allied Healthcare Professional workforce with two different pathways; Diagnostic radiography and Therapeutic Radiography. Diagnostic Radiography provides imaging to aid diagnosis following trauma, during interventional procedures, to determines causes of illness, to visualise areas of interest such as joint replacement as well as preventative screening such as breast screening. Therapeutic Radiography is concerned with the treatment of cancer. Pathways into Radiography are typically BBB-BBC at A Level to include Grade B in Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology. Welsh Baccalaureate sill also be accepted.
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Careers • Diagnostic and Consultancy Skills • And many more 	
Physiotherapy Ms Jordan Table 64	Ms Jordan is a physiotherapist who works in musculoskeletal outpatient physiotherapy for Aneurin Bevan Health Board. Ms Jordan trained in Birmingham over 30 years ago and has specialised in shoulder assessment and rehabilitation since 2005.
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in Physiotherapy • Patient Rehabilitation • Patient Care • Sports Therapy • And many more 	



<p>Boots & Welsh School of Pharmacy Boots plc/Pharmacy Mr Taylor Table 51</p>	<p>Mr Taylor has worked for Boots for over 20 years. He studied at Cardiff University where he gained his Masters. His current position is as a Boots Healthcare Academy Trainer. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching on the Masters Degree at Cardiff University • Working alongside HEIW (Wales NHS training body) to deliver the Foundation Training Year after graduation • Supporting employees with Post Registration education including independent prescribing qualifications, collaboratively with Boots and HEIW • Supporting non-university career paths e.g. pharmacy technicians (via NVQ Level 2 and 3 courses) <p>Pharmacists are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality of medicines supplied to patients • Ensuring that the supply of medicines is within the law • Ensuring that the medicines prescribed to patients are suitable • Advising patients about medicines, including how to take them, what reactions may occur and answering patients' questions. <p>Mr Taylor can also advise on the wide range of careers within Boots.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pharmacy related careers • And much more 	<p>Dentistry Monmouth Dental Practice Dr Jones Table 52</p> <p>Most dentists work as self-employed practitioners in general practice, providing dental care to the public under the National Health Service and/or privately. Others work in salaried posts within a variety of specialisms in hospital dentistry, community dentistry, the armed forces, corporate practices, industry or university teaching and research.</p> <p>Dr Jones is a former student of Monmouth Comprehensive School. He completed his BDS in Liverpool and since undertaken extra training in orthodontics, implants and restorative dentistry.</p> <p>Work experience can be arranged.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dentistry roles within Private/NHS sector • Dental Nursing • And many more 	<p>Nursing & Healthcare Cardiff University School of Healthcare Science Table 54</p> <p>A nurse is a healthcare professional who is focused on caring for individuals, families, and communities, ensuring that they attain, maintain, or recover optimal health and functioning.</p>



<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing / Care Careers • Midwifery • Medical Career Applications • And many more 	<p>Nurses are capable of assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating care independently of physicians, and they provide support from basic triage to emergency surgery.</p> <p>Specialties include nurse practitioners who work in a role similar to doctors in primary care (general practice) and emergency departments, specialist community public health nurses such as school and occupational health nurses, clinical nurse specialists who provide clinical leadership and education, nurse consultants who provide clinical education and training and conduct research, lecturer-practitioners who work for the NHS and universities, and lecturers who work full time at universities. Other nurses choose to become managers, working in NHS administration.</p> <p>The School of Healthcare Sciences from Cardiff University offers nine undergraduate degree programmes: Diagnostic Radiography, Midwifery, Adult, Children and Mental Health Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Operating Department Practice, Physiotherapy, Radiotherapy and Oncology. Please visit their website for further information:</p> <p>www.cardiff.ac.uk/healthcare-sciences.</p>
<p>Optometry Specsavers Table 63i</p>	<p>https://join.specsavers.com/uk/careers</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optometry • And many more 	
<p>Dietetics Ms Mills Table 65</p>	<p>A dietitian is a healthcare professional specialising in the use of nutrition to promote health and manage disease. They assess patients' nutritional needs, develop personalised meal plans, and provide guidance on healthy eating habits to support medical treatment and overall well-being. Career progression can lead to advanced roles in clinical specialisations, research, public health, or management.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routes into becoming a dietitian 	<p>Ms Mills is a Band 5 Dietitian working across GP practices in Bradford. She began this role after graduating with a Dietetics degree. She works with her own caseload, supporting patients to improve their health through evidence-based nutrition advice.</p> <p>Her role focuses on diabetes care. She sees people who are</p>



	<p>newly diagnosed with type 1 and 2 diabetes, and those starting newer medications such as Ozempic and Mounjouro. She carries out detailed nutritional assessment, creates personalised care plans, and support patients to make realistic, sustainable, lifestyle changes.</p> <p>Alongside one-to-one appointments, she delivers group education sessions on topics such as ‘What is Diabetes?’. Carbohydrate counting and managing diabetes during religious festivals.</p> <p>This is a rewarding career if you enjoy science, communication, and helping people making positive changes to their health. It combines biology, psychology and real-world problem solving.</p>
<p>Psychology Dr Andrew & Colleagues Table 56</p>	<p>Dr Andrew is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Head of Adult Psychology at the Aneurin Bevan Health Board. She studied for a BSc in Psychology at Swansea University. She worked in London working on research trials for young people with Psychosis. She completed her Doctoral Training in Clinical Psychology followed by a PhD Research fellowship. She has worked with children, adults and older people and currently lead therapies services for adults of working age for the Health Board. She specialises in working with complexity and specifically helping those at risk of self-harm and suicide.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apprenticeships within the NHS • And many more 	<p>Dr Mc Nicholls works with adults of working ages. She has worked as an Assistant Psychologist, a Psychological Senior Support worker.</p>
	<p>Ms Cleverley is an Assistant Psychologist who completed a Psychology and Social Science Degree at Cardiff University.</p>
<p>Languages, Information & Culture</p>	
<p>Museums, Arts, Heritage & Culture Ms Molson Table 21</p>	<p>Ms Molson has worked in Museum Education for over 25 years. She has a BA (Hons) First Class in Art History and an MA in Museums and Galleries in Education. Karin is a trustee for the national Group for Education in Museums (GEM) and the chair of the GEM Cymru curriculum development group.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in the Culture and Heritage Industry • And many more 	<p>She has worked for a number of different museums and organisations including Kettles’ Yard (University of Cambridge), The Corinium Museum, The National Trust and Bristol Museums and Art Gallery. Initially starting as a museum volunteer, Ms Molson’s career has developed</p>



	<p>from a learning assistant through to project officer and now learning manager.</p> <p>The main focus of her work involves developing learning programmes for schools, families, young people and people living with dementia, using objects from the museum collections of MonLife Heritage.</p>
<p>Languages Table 20</p> <p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careers with languages 	<p>Visit the stand to find out about careers in languages.</p>
<p>RWS Ms Phillips Table 19</p> <p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careers with languages 	<p>Ms Phillips left MCS in 1998 for Keele University to study French, German and European Studies. She lived in Belgium and Germany as part of the Erasmus programme.</p> <p>On graduating in 2002, she joined PGL in their School Tours department, coordinating trips to continental Europe. She returned to study in the academic year 2003-2004, complete a masters level course at a French speaking university in Belgium.</p> <p>She joined RWS Group in 2005. RWS is a company specialising in translation and Intellectual Property services. Her initial role was to administrate the translation of patent applications, contacting both clients and translators to ensure that the client’s deadlines and requirements were met. She now recruits and trains the patent administration team and is responsible for the creation and management of training manuals and other documentation.</p>
Legal & Political Services	
<p>Solicitor Jacklyn Dawson Ms Gwilliam Table 2</p> <p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Careers And many more 	<p>Jacklyn Dawson is a solicitors’ practice established for over one hundred years and is based at Monmouth and Newport, with 13 solicitors divided between the two offices. It covers a wide range of work.</p> <p>Ms Gwilliam is a partner specializing in Dispute Resolution including Landlord & Tenant and commercial transactions. Partner, Mr Price specializes in non-contentious property transactions, both commercial and residential, ranging from private individuals to large corporations.</p> <p>The practice can offer work experience on request.</p>



<p>Gwyn James Table 3</p>	<p>https://gwynjames.co.uk/</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routes into becoming a solicitor 	<p>Visit Gwyn James with a solicitor apprentice who is an alumnus of Monmouth Comprehensive School. Explore a different route into joining the legal profession.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Careers • Policing • Criminology 	
<p>Barrister & Mediator Civitas Law Mr Vines Table 1</p>	<p>Mr Vines is a legal adviser and an advocate. The cases he handles are often business disputes, those concerning people’s employment and public law rights and those involving regulation such as trading standards, food and health and safety. Whilst often these are heard in the civil courts and tribunal, he sometimes appears in the Crown Court (for which he wears a wig). Clients instruct him either directly or via a solicitor. He is also a mediator, assisting people in resolving their disputes without a court having to make the decision.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Careers • And many more 	<p>Mr Vines read History at St John’s College, Cambridge then Law at City of London Polytechnic. He was called to the Bar in 1993 in London before moving to Wales in 2002. He is Junior Counsel to the Welsh Government in Employment and Criminal Law and also a Specialist Regulatory Advocate in Health & Safety and Environmental Law. He has, for many years, been recommended in the annual independent directories: The Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners’ UK Bar.</p> <p>www.civitaslaw.com/barristers/anthony-vines</p> <p>Further information on legal careers can be found at:</p> <p>www.chambersstudent.co.uk</p> <p>Work experience is occasionally available.</p>



<p>Trade Mark Attorney & Patent Attorney Indelible IP Ltd Strachan IP Ltd Mrs Ward & Ms Strachan Table 7</p>	<p>Mrs Ward has worked in the Intellectual Property (IP) sector, specialising in trademarks, for over 30 years. After graduating with a degree in Plant Sciences, Mrs Ward started working for a law firm assisting a patent attorney, and was then offered the opportunity to train as a trade mark attorney, subsequently qualifying as a Chartered Trade Mark Attorney. Mrs Ward worked at a large law firm and specialist IP firms, before setting up her own practice here in Monmouthshire in 2016. Mrs Ward advises firms on how to protect and enforce their brands, including taking action against businesses that copy.</p> <p>Ms Strachan has also worked in the IP sector, specialising in patents, for over 30 years. After graduating with a degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Ms Strachan started working as a patent examiner at the UK Intellectual Property Office, before moving to an IP firm to train as a patent attorney. Since qualifying as a European and UK Chartered Patent Attorney Ms Strachan has worked in a number of IP firms before establishing her own practice in 2021.</p> <p>Chartered Trade Mark Attorneys and Chartered Patent Attorneys regularly work together in the same business. Mrs Ward and Ms Strachan can advise on the type of opportunities available for those looking for an alternative career in a niche part of the legal industry, and for those wanting to use their science and engineering knowledge in a different way. There are opportunities at a number of levels in the industry from specialist PA and paralegal support, roles at the Intellectual Property Office (part of the Civil Service) and qualification as a Chartered Trade Mark Attorney or Chartered Patent Attorney.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in Trade Mark and Patent Law • And many more 	
<p>Manufacturing</p>	
<p>Tri-Wall Ms Jones, Mr Elmore, Mr Hunt & Mr Griffiths Table 36</p>	<p>Tri-Wall was established in 1960 by the Tillotson family. The Monmouth manufacturing site was the first to bring triple-wall corrugated board to the UK and Europe. Since its inception, Tri-Wall Monmouth has supplied and supported various industries including aerospace, automotive, retail, manufacturing and engineering.</p> <p>Throughout his school years at MCS all Mr Hunt wanted to do was join the army. After passing selection but missing the September intake he returned to Sixth Form for a year and the opportunity to join Tri-Wall for an engineering apprenticeship arose. After completing a 4-year</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous Career Opportunities within the Manufacturing sector 	



	<p>apprenticeship he was offered a full-time multiskilled engineers' position. He then progressed to Engineering Team Leader helping to lead a team of 6 engineers and 1 apprentice.</p> <p>Mr Elmore joined Tri-Wall at the age of 18. He has taken every opportunity to train in something new, gaining skills such as a Forklift truck licence, HGV license, audit training, to name a few. He has been in roles such as Shift Leader, Despatch Leader and Conversion Manager. He is currently a Production Manager.</p> <p>Ms Jones attended Monmouth Comprehensive School and started working at Tri-Wall just before her 18th birthday as Assistant to the Accountant. She moved to PSM to run a key account for them and became Head of the Customer Support Team. She returned to Tri-Wall undertaking various roles including purchasing and heading up the design team. She is now the Plant Manager.</p> <p>Mr Griffiths is Head of Engineering Improvements and Compliance. He is a graduate of Monmouth Comprehensive School. He attended City of Bristol College where he achieved a BTEC Diploma and an HNC in mechatronics. He followed an apprenticeship route, developing skills including milling and turning, and fault finding on mechanical equipment. After his apprenticeship he studied Mechanical Engineering at UWE. He has worked for Tri-wall for 14 years. He is also an elected member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.</p>
<p>Suntory Table 49</p>	<p>https://www.suntory.com/about-us/?ke=mn</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numerous Career Opportunities within the Manufacturing sector 	
<p>Performing Arts</p>	
<p>Theatre & Drama Ms Densham & Mr Densham Table 18</p>	<p>Spontaneous Productions – theatre spontaneouspros@gmail.com</p>



<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theatre Studies• Stage Management• Technical Theatre• Marketing• Youth Theatre Teaching• And many more	<p>Spontaneous Pros has now been running for 22 years offering a wide range of theatre, film and educational opportunities. Sam Densham is the founder and owner of the company and also delivers social and communication workshops, specialising in Autistic specific communication and neurodiversity. We are a disability friendly company and Sam is a strong advocate for women as well as being an inclusive employer.</p> <p>Spontaneous Pros is famous for pantomime and family friendly shows and last year made her mark in Abergavenny for the first time. But the company also deliver bespoke drama's and now tour lunchtime theatre dramas across South East Wales. We produce, write and direct many of our projects but also offer new and aspiring writers and actors' opportunities.</p> <p>We also offer students the chance to do their work experience with us, and have just taken on our first apprentice.</p> <p>Greg Densham – Film</p> <p>Greg Densham is a former student of MCS, now working as an actor and director with an agent in South Wales. He studied film at University of South Wales before going on to complete his Masters in Directing for Film & TV at Bournemouth University. As well as acting, he has directed short films and animations; he writes his own scripts and has also worked in stage management for theatre productions. He is an accomplished puppeteer and puppet maker.</p> <p><i>If you are planning to go into any area of 'the business', we have probably got some information for you. Should you go to Uni or drama school? What are directors looking for? What is a casting director? Do I need to audition? What jobs are there in theatre? Will I make any money? Can I be famous? Do I need an agent?</i></p> <p>Savoy Youth Theatre</p> <p>Sam is the driving force behind the Savoy Youth Theatre, now in its' 15th year. The youth theatre is open to all ages and is totally inclusive. The group puts on high quality productions from Shakespeare, Musicals, drama's, Reviews for local community groups and even outdoor theatre; but as well as performing the young people can learn about marketing, stage management and FOH plus so much more. There is a huge focus on social and communication</p>
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------



	<p>skills, allowing young people to build confidence and find their self-esteem through expressing themselves and being heard, and we always focus on giving young people a voice and to have a say in how the group is run.</p> <p>savoyyt@gmail.com Please join us we meet in Monmouth and in Abergavenny.</p>
<p>Project Management</p>	
<p>Atkins Realis & Association for Project Management Ms McNally Table 33</p>	<p>Project Management is the application of processes, methods, skills, knowledge and experience to achieve specific project objectives according to the project acceptance criteria within agreed parameters. Project management has final deliverables that are constrained to a finite timescale and budget. A key factor that distinguishes project management from just 'management' is that it has this final deliverable and a finite timespan, unlike management which is an ongoing process. Because of this a project professional needs a wide range of skills; often technical skills, and certainly people management skills and good business awareness. <i>Definition from APM Body of Knowledge 7th edition</i> Ms McNally attended Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School in Barry. She achieved a BSc in Materials Science from Manchester University and joined the Sony graduate training scheme. She has worked for a variety of employers including the automotive industry, defence and consultancy. She has project managed engineering products such as passenger safety airbags, braking systems, suspension systems, airworthiness systems and dockyard infrastructure.</p>
<p>Retail, Customer Service, Logistics & HR</p>	
<p>Retail & Other Careers Boots plc Mr Taylor Table 51</p>	<p>Mr Taylor has worked for Boots for over 20 years. His current role involves developing a team of pharmacy professionals in Boots as well as teaching on the pharmacy degree at the Welsh School of Pharmacy in Cardiff University. He also works with Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) to promote community pharmacy and develop Trainee Pharmacists.</p> <p>He can talk about a diverse range of careers in pharmacy. He can also talk to you about other careers in Boots and show you some information on how to get started in areas like Beauty, Management and Operations.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Service Skills • Management • Advertising • Marketing • Retail Skills • And many more 	



Science, Mathematics & Statistics	
<p>Veterinary Science & Veterinary Nursing Abbeydale Vet Nurse Training Ms Morgan & Ms Gwynne Table 53</p>	<p>Ms Morgan & Ms Gwynne are both Registered Veterinary Nurses that qualified through, what is now, an apprenticeship route – working whilst studying. There is however, also a degree route into Veterinary Nursing.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterinary Careers • And many more 	<p>They are both in education and running their own training provider and are able to offer advice on the roles within the Veterinary Team from Surgeon, Registered Veterinary Nurse and Veterinary Nurse Assistant. They will be able to advise on the different study route for each role.</p> <p>Veterinary nursing is a rewarding career that blends compassion, science and teamwork.</p> <p>Visit www.vetnursetraining.co.uk to explore the pathay in detail.</p>
Security, Armed Forces & Public Services	
<p>The Royal Air Force (RAF) Sgt Harrison & Flt Lt Prowse Resource Centre Table 9</p>	<p>A career in the Royal Air Force is like no other. From the speedy role progression to the unrivalled skills and training you receive; all whilst travelling around the world and making friends of life, it really is No Ordinary Job.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous Career Opportunities 	<p>Royal Air Force Apprenticeships are award winning. You'll gain new qualifications whilst earning and have a guaranteed job at the end.</p> <p>Sgt Harrison spent 22 years in the RAF as a Physical Training Instructor specialising in Exercise Rehabilitation. Towards the end of his 22 years he spent 5 years working as a Phase 1 Instructor responsible for teaching Drill and ensuring Recruits met the required standards to graduate from Phase 1. He was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List 2010.</p>
<p>Royal Navy & Royal Marines Resource Centre Table 11</p>	<p>Can advise on careers including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aircrew • Air Operations support • Catering and Hospitality • Chaplain • Combat Operations • Communications and Intelligence • Dentistry and Support Dentistry • Engineering and Mechanics (Air Craft) • Fleet Air Arm • Royal Navy Submarines Service • Personnel and Supply Chain
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Career Opportunities • And many more 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science / Environment • Seamanship • Medical and Medical Support • IT • Logistics Officer • Royal Marine Band Service
<p>Gwent Police Table 10</p> <p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Career Opportunities 	<p>Gwent Police needs a diverse workforce with a range of skills and abilities to deliver a first-class to the local communities. There are opportunities in uniformed and civilian roles.</p>
<p>South Wales Fire & Rescue Table 12</p> <p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career opportunities within the Fire & Rescue Service • Community and Volunteer Work • Application Procedures 	<p>The Monmouth Station crew have multiple skills applicable to their roles: Rescue Boat Operator, Swift Water Technician, Rope Rescue Operator, Rescue Tender Operative.</p> <p>COME AND USE SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT THAT FIREFIGHTERS USE ON CALL.</p>
<p>Social Work, Charity & Counselling Services</p>	
<p>Employment & Skills Ms Brain & Colleagues Table 14</p> <p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with young people • Community and volunteer work 	<p>The Youth Employment & Skills Team aims to engage with children and young people to access education, training and employment, homelessness prevention and wellbeing support.</p> <p>It provides the opportunity to gain new skills, upskill and achieve the right qualifications for future careers aspirations. It will work with children and young people to offer appropriate interventions for a safe, prosperous and health life with support available for children and young people impacted by or at risk of homelessness.</p>
<p>Charity Work The Orchard Trust Ms Harper Table 22</p> <p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Career opportunities within the charitable sector • Working with those with Learning Disabilities 	<p>The Orchard Trust is a charity based in Lydbrook in the Forest of Dean. It supports people with Learning Disabilities. It has residential and supported living homes throughout the Forest of Dean as well as a therapeutic smallholding, day centre, therapy suite with a hydro pool and rebound trampoline and a training facility.</p> <p>Ms Harper left MCS in 2009 after completing her A-Levels which included Health & Social Care. Whilst doing the course she had work experience at The Orchard Trust and fell in love with the job. Once she had finished school she applied for a job as a bank support worker in Coleford and once she learnt to drive she became a full-time support worker. After 5 years she applied to be a Step-Up Team</p>



	<p>Leader which took on more responsibility including administering medication, writing care plans and risk assessments, supervising the staff and working closely with management. She is now a full-time Team Leader. On a day-to-day basis she manages the team on shift, orders and administers medication, completes paperwork, liaises with her managers and other professionals. She also organises staff and residents to go out on shopping trips or to the cinema. She ensures care plans and logs and people's finances are correct and up to date. This is just a snippet of a shift as a Team Leader.</p> <p>She says that no one day is the same and that it is an honour and a privilege to care for the residents and she couldn't imagine herself doing anything else.</p>
<p>Social Work & Social Care Ms Heaney & Ms Collacott Table 23</p>	<p>Social Workers work with people to support them through difficult times and ensure that vulnerable people, including children and adults are safeguarded from harm. Their role is to provide support to enable service users to help themselves. They maintain professional relationships with service users, acting as guides and advocates. They sometimes need to use their professional judgment to make tough decisions that might not always be well received by all service users.</p> <p>Social workers work in a variety of settings within a framework of relevant legislation and procedures, supporting individuals, families and groups within the community. Settings may include people's homes, schools, hospitals or other public sector or voluntary organisation premises.</p> <p>The type of people they work with include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people and their families • The elderly • People with learning and physical disabilities • Young offenders • People with mental health conditions • School non-attenders • Drug and alcohol abusers • Homeless people <p>Ms Heaney has been working in Monmouthshire County Council since 2013 as the Designated Lead Officer for Safeguarding in Education. She qualified as a Social Worker in 1988 after training in London for 4 years. She has worked as a Social Worker, Senior Practitioner, Team Manager, Independent Reviewing Officer and a Child</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Career Opportunities within the Social Work framework • And much more 	



	<p>Protection Coordinator before moving to Monmouthshire in 2013. Throughout her career she has worked in Local Authorities across South Wales and all of her jobs have been focused on listening to children and young people and keeping them safe. In her current post she supports schools with their arrangements to safeguard children and young people. She had been interested in becoming a Social Worker from a young age and still cannot imagine another career that she would prefer!</p>
<p>Sport, Leisure & Tourism</p>	
<p>Welsh Rugby Union Mr Palmer Table 29</p>	<p>The WRU Rugby Development apprenticeship programme provides young people with recognised qualifications, new skills, knowledge, and a wealth of experience working as a Rugby Development Apprentice. It can give the opportunity to discover the various University courses that may appeal based on real experience gained through the programme. As a 12-month employment programme, the apprenticeship also provides the opportunity to explore various options of career pathways utilising the wide network the WRU Group can offer.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers within Rugby Union • Apprenticeships • And much more 	
<p>MonLife/MCC Sport Development Mr Harris Table 32</p>	<p>MonLife is part of Monmouthshire County Council and delivers leisure, sport, youth, outdoor education, green infrastructure and countryside access, play, learning, destination management, arts, museums and attractions. It provides leisure services from four sites within Monmouthshire and offers outdoor activities at their Gilwern Site. It has seven sites which incorporate attractions and museums and also promotes tourism information and offers some of the most impressive buildings with historical interest and activities to engage all ages.</p> <p>MonLife's Sports development team works in partnership with a range of internal and external partners to create opportunities for life long participation in sport and physical activity.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in sport • Educational opportunities • Leisure & Tourism in Monmouthshire 	



<p>Ski Instructor Academy Table 30</p>	<p>SIA is the largest ski instructor academy in Europe with world-class coaches and global destinations.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ski instructor training • Gap year opportunities 	<p>https://www.siaaustria.com/</p>
<p>Apprenticeships, Training & Educational Organisations</p>	
<p>Forest Sports Education Mr Fishwick & Mr Kear Table 31</p>	<p>Forest Sports Education (FSE) is an educational institution based in The Dean Academy Secondary School, Lydney that provides a quality learning experience for students, aged 16 and over, seeking a future career in sport. It is partnered with VLUK whose website can be found here:</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in sport • Further educational opportunities 	<p>http://www.vluk.org/.</p> <p>The college specialises in teaching sport courses to its students, which include the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport (Performance and Excellence), the Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport and a HND in Sports Development and Coaching (with an opportunity to complete a third year top up to make it a full degree).</p> <p>The educational curriculum and qualifications are delivered by Virtual Learning UK who provide and employ all teaching staff and work in partnership with Forest Sports Education.</p>
<p>Careers Wales Mrs Baker & Colleagues Table 13</p>	<p>Can advise on all aspects of jobs, apprenticeships, university courses and so on. Explore the world away from school with their virtual reality headsets.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Career advice 	
<p>Monmouthshire County Council Workforce Development Table A2</p>	<p>MCC is excited to offer students the opportunity to take part in work experience, providing valuable insight into the wide range of jobs and roles available across their directorates. This initiative will help student explore the diverse career paths within the council and understand how it serves the communities. In addition, students will have the chance to discuss the variety of apprenticeship opportunities to support future career development. As part of this opportunity, MCC will be offering the chance to participate in mock interviews.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers advice within the County Council 	<p>Mr James has worked in Employment, teaching and training for over 20 years. In his current role, he focuses on upskilling colleagues and bringing new apprentices and graduates to the council as part of succession planning.</p>



	Outside of his day job he also runs his own business – an indoor golf facility with a shop, bar and kitchen where he employs a team.
Hereford & Worcester Training Group Association Main Atrium Table A4	Graded ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted, HWGTA have a strong, proven history in upskilling school and college leavers through apprenticeship programmes and progression opportunities. HWGTA are committed and passionate about supporting the needs of apprentices and local businesses and work hard to fulfil the skills needed within the county. They offer apprenticeships in Accountancy & Finance, Business Administration, Customer Service, Engineering and Leadership & Management
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work-based training • Apprenticeships 	
NDGTA Main Atrium Table A8	NDGTA provide 4-year apprenticeships with some of the largest companies in and around Newport, including Celanese, Eastman, ABInBev and many more. These apprenticeships give you the chance to earn money whilst gaining qualifications to establish a career.
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work-based training • Apprenticeships 	
Screen Alliance Wales Main Atrium Table A6	Screen Alliance Wales is the gateway between the industry and its workforce. It grows and promotes the talent, crew and services of the film and TV industry in Wales. SAW is unique and aims to become the industry standard in promoting the complete supply chain from one single place. It helps guide individuals to careers pathways meeting their skills, and make others aware of opportunities they may not have otherwise considered within the Creative Industries in Wales.
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work-based training • Apprenticeships 	
ACT Main Atrium Table A7	Since its’ founding in 1988 ACT – accompanied by its’ sister company, ACT has become Wales’s largest training provider and a proud member of the Cardiff and Vale College Group. Supported by the Welsh Government, ACT aims to improve lives through learning, delivering training programmes including Jobs Growth Wales +across 30 different sectors. In 2024, the organisation worked with more than 5000 learners and 100 employers to upskill Wales.
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work-based training • Apprenticeships 	
TSW Training Group Mr Hywood	TSW Training Group is an award-winning training provider offering professional learning and development



<p>Main Atrium Table A5</p>	<p>programmes to both public and private sector organisations throughout Wales and the UK.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work-based training • Apprenticeships 	<p>Based in Bridgend and Caerphilly, TSW specialise in Apprenticeships, Leadership and Management Development, Quality Management, Teaching & Education skills, HR training, Construction training and Health & Safety Training with a strong focus on creating positive impact and delivering results tailored to an organisation's needs.</p> <p>Mr Hywood's background is in Retail, Management, Customer Service and Training and Recruitment. He has over 20 years' experience in work-based learning. His role as Employer & Community Engagement Manager for TSW focuses upon apprenticeship recruitment for all 13 sectors it covers, evaluation of the delivery of apprenticeships and raising awareness of funding and development opportunities to employers and potential apprentices.</p>
<p>Educ8 Training Main Atrium Table A3</p>	<p>Educ8 Training Group is a leading UK education and skills provider with a strong track record in delivering high-quality apprenticeships, vocational training and workforce development programmes across a wide range of sectors.</p>
<p>Can advise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work-based training • Apprenticeships 	
<p>Network75 Table 84</p>	<p>Network75 is a five-year sponsored degree scheme that allows students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work, Earn & Learn • Study part-time towards a degree at the University of South Wales • Gain real-world work experience with a local host company • Graduate debt free • Benefit from a 100% employability rate. <p>Courses are available to study in a range of disciplines including Accounting, Business, Computing, Engineering, Law and Surveying.</p> <p>Network75 is an additional option to UCAS and does not count as one of a student's UCAS choices.</p>



Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sponsored degree programmes	
Sevenside Skills Table A9	Sevenside Skills offers a vocational pathway to the world of work. We aim to support and enable people with special educational needs (SEN/ALN) to live a life of opportunity.
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Vocational pathways for those with additional educational needs	
Aspire Table A11	tbc
Can advise on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Apprenticeship opportunities	