

Careers Newsletter for Families

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CAREERS HUB

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Welcome to the first SEMCH Newsletter for parents and guardians. The Careers Hub brings together almost 150 maintained mainstream and SEND schools across the 6 local authority areas of the South East Midlands (Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes, North Northamptonshire & West Northamptonshire). This network of schools is supported by an army of volunteer Enterprise Advisers from local and national employers who are matched with an individual school to work strategically with the school's Careers Leader to enhance the careers offer in school so that all young people are equipped to take their best next step. More information including our live opportunities portal on our [website](#)

What can I do to support my child?

Young people in secondary education are faced with some challenging decisions about which path to pursue. From GCSE options to choosing their route post-16 and post-18 here are some ways you can support them:

1. Encourage them to explore all options.
2. Help them to access impartial advice and guidance.
3. Talk to them about their strengths and weaknesses.
4. Encourage networking and communication by attending careers fairs or arranging job shadowing.
5. Offer to read through applications and help prepare for interviews.
6. Support their decisions – its natural to have a view on what's best for your child, but their career decisions are ultimately up to them.

By helping your child in these ways you are helping them to choose a path that aligns with their interests, values and strengths.

Apprenticeships - what's all the fuss?

You will have heard about apprenticeships in recent months as the Department for Education Minister for Skills has been highlighting the opportunities they offer people over the age of 16. Amazing Apprenticeships produce a podcast called the Parent Perspective full of useful information for you to find out more [The Parent Perspective Podcast - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

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



Ready to immerse yourself in the fast-paced and exciting world of financial technology? The Santander Digital and Technology Degree Apprenticeship will give you the technical skills and business acumen to launch a brilliant career in Data, Cyber or technology. It's a 40-month programme, designed to build a solid foundation across Data, Cyber, Software Engineering and Network Engineering before specialising.

This degree apprenticeship is based in **Milton Keynes**. Applications are open now: [Careers \(myworkdayjobs.com\)](#)

Work Experience

Work experience provides an opportunity for young people to learn new skills, gain practical experience and build their confidence. They can develop a better understanding of the world of work, learn how to manage their time effectively, and develop key employability skills such as teamwork, communication and problem-solving. It can also be used to make informed decisions about future career aspirations by giving young a taste of different industries and job roles.

A great source of virtual work experience is Springpod, where young people can access work experience on demand with some of the most well-known companies in the world.

Sign up for a free account here: [It's time to take control of your future | Springpod](#)

Spotlight on Labour Market Information (LMI)

Labour Market Information (LMI) gives an insight into vacancies, salary levels and projected growth in an industry. It allows young people to match their aspirations with secure prospects. For example this data generated by Elizabeth Houghton (RCDP) looks at UX/UI Design:

Study Subjects

- Professional Diploma in UX Design
- Bootcamp in UX/UI

Degrees in :



- Computer science
- Digital design/media
- Digital marketing
- Graphic design
- Media technology
- Web design

Skills Required for UX/UI Positions



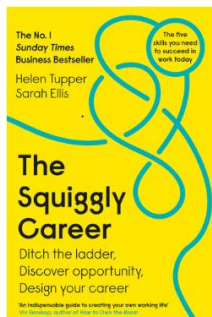
- Visual design
- Prototyping
- Adaptability
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Problem solving
- Attention to detail
- Continuous learning

Salary for This Job



There are currently 400 jobs in the South East Midlands in the UX/UI Design field [Ui Ux Designer Jobs in Milton Keynes - 2023 | Indeed.com](#)

Check out this podcast: [Podcasts Archive | Amazing If](#) from the authors of Squiggly Careers.



University Open Days

Explore the courses your child is interested in by visiting the universities they're interested in. Remember it's not just about the courses, they need to live in the city they choose and so an in-person visit is really valuable. In the SEMCH region:

University of Northampton – 22 June 23

University of Bedfordshire - 22 April 23

Buckingham University – 22 April 23

[Opendays.com - university and college open days - home page](#)

College Open Days

Barnfield College - 17 June 2023

Bedford College - 4 May 2023

Central Bedfordshire College - 27 April 2023

Milton Keynes College - 11 May 2023

Moulton College – 24 June 2023