Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

Careers Work-Related Learning
Bulletin 2026 - 2027
Term 1

Welcome and Key Dates

Welcome to the Careers and Work-Related Bulletin for Term 1 2026 - 2027

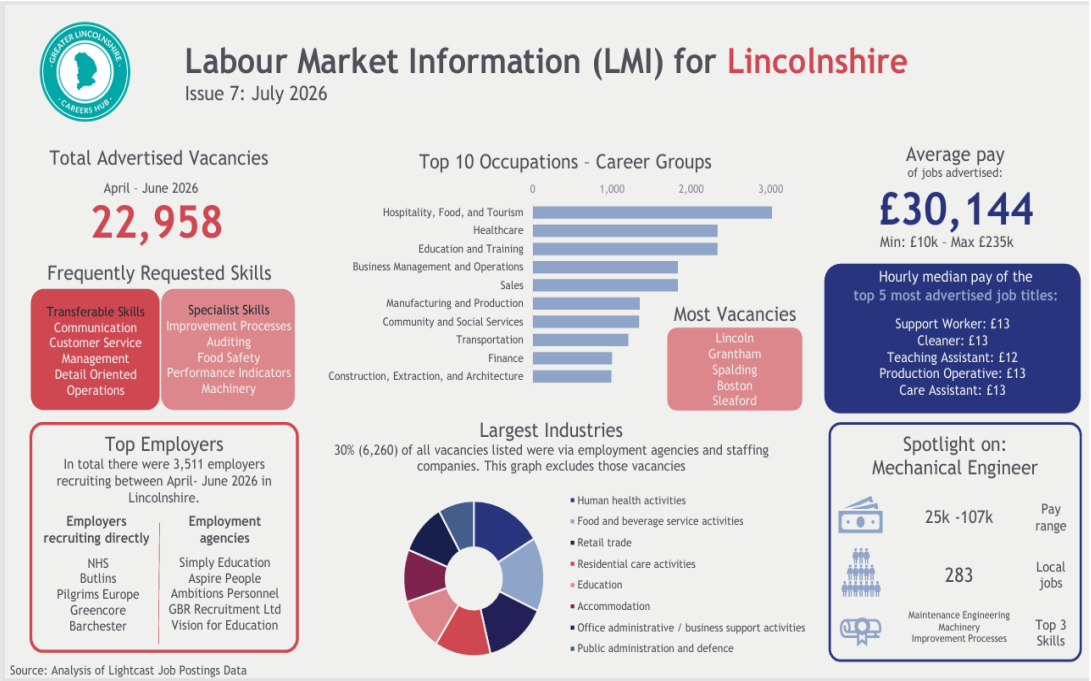
It has been a pleasure to welcome our Year 7 and Year 12 students to the academy this September. Whether joining us for the first time or beginning the important journey of post-16 study, students have made a fantastic start. We look forward to a year filled with learning, achievement and memorable experiences for all.

Key Dates

Tuesday 29 September – RP6th Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 29 September – Year 7 Stay Safe Day
Wednesday 14 October – Personal Development Day 1 – Community
Wednesday 14 October – Year 7/10/12 Tutor Evening
Wednesday 21 October – Year 7/10/12 Tutor Evening

Careers in Lincolnshire

Please see below for an updated version of the Labour market in Lincolnshire. We plan our Careers Lessons to take the current situation into account.



Greater Lincolnshire Builds: Construction & Engineering Week Careers Event
📅 Thursday 1 October
🕐 6:00pm - 7:00pm
💻 Online Webinar

During the session, parents and carers will:

- Learn why construction and engineering are key sectors within Greater Lincolnshire.

- Understand the range of careers available across the sectors.
- Explore apprenticeships, technical education and other entry routes.
- Hear directly from employers and industry professionals.
- Gain practical advice on supporting young people into construction and engineering careers.
- Have the opportunity to ask questions during a live Q&A session.

Free Registration:

https://pathwayctm.com/event/greater-lincolnshire-builds-construction-and-engineering-with-greater-lincolnshire-careers-hub

Apprenticeship opportunities

Apprenticeship Opportunities

At the time of writing, there are 14 apprenticeships available within 10 miles of SRPA. These include opportunities in catering, leisure centres, a primary school and mechanical engineering to name a few.

If your son/daughter is interested in finding an apprenticeship, please see the link below which will allow you to search according to your own post code.

Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK

Apprenticeships

Job of the Week

Every Monday, during R2L, all students watch a short video about our job of the week. This includes about labour market information and provides a discussion point for tutors and students.

Watch the Job of the Week film, which includes Labour Market Information, then discuss the questions below.

- Week 1: MUSIC PRODUCER
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- Week 2: MECHANIC
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- Week 3: ACCOUNTANT
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- Week 4: ESTATE AGENT
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- Week 5: CARPENTER
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- Week 6: HOROLOGIST
https://youtu.be/cYHiIM-mm1g?list=PLVEWa7uIDT769WGUTc_-lOca4dJRlPatZ

- Week 7: CAR DESIGNER
https://youtu.be/9aEqe8SJejU?list=PLVEWa7uIDT769WGUTc_-lOca4dJRlPatZ

What's happening in careers at SRPA this term

We were delighted to welcome local business organisations and representatives from higher education to our careers fair in July. All students had the opportunity to visit the fair and meet our visitors to find out more about possible next steps.

We would like to extend our thanks to the following organisations who gave their time to attend our careers fair:

Lincoln City Foundation	University of Lincoln	St Barnabas
Hill Holt Wood	MPCT - The Learning Curve	The Environment Agency
Lindum construction	Anglian Water	Lincoln Bishop University
Access Creative Lincoln	Sheffield Hallam University	Nottingham Trent University
Lincoln College	RAF	DESTEC
Linc Higher	Fytche Taylor Planning	Sills and Betteridge
NHS Talent Academy	Siemens	Health Care Science
Aspens	Lagan Aviation	The Army
RP6th	Brickwork Therapeutic Counselling	Leep Talent
The Royal Navy		Complete Careers
Inspire +		

In addition, Year 10 were able to participate in more detailed session from Inspire+, Lincoln College, MPCT, LEEP and Access Creative, learning about apprenticeships and the opportunities available in further education in and around the Lincoln area. They then spent the afternoon working together to develop their employability skills by undertaking industry-based challenges.

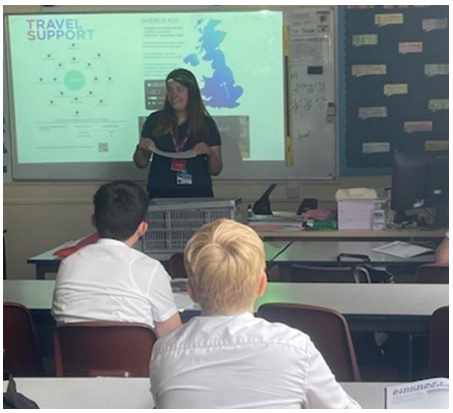
LEEP

Access Creative College Lincoln

A number of our visitors also delivered workshops to our Year 8 students. Based upon their aspirations, students were able to participate in industry-based activities to learn more about potential careers. We were delighted to see our younger students asking questions and furthering their understanding. We should like to thank the following organisations and some of our staff for giving their time to run fun and informative workshops:

- NHS Talent Academy – Human factors in the NHS
- NHS Talent Academy – Health Care Science
- LEEP – Apprenticeships
- The RAF – also covering other armed forces, nursing and fire.
- Anglian Water
- Aspens - catering
- Fythe Taylor Planning
- Lincoln Bishop University- Teaching
- Siemens
- Sills and Betteridge
- Veterinary Studies/working with animals – Mrs Holmes
- Car mechanics – Mr Ward
- Professional Sport – Mr Davis / Mr Reed
- Beauty – Miss Hett
- Theatre and Acting – Miss France
- Working in Aviation – Lincoln College ASI

Human factors in the NHS



Working in Aviation

RP6th Open week, Options evening and RP6th Taster

Year 11 students and their families are warmly invited to our Sixth Form Open Week and Options Evening on Wednesday 4 November.

This is an excellent opportunity for current and prospective students to explore the wide range of A Level and vocational courses available, helping them make informed decisions about their future studies and career pathways. During the evening, visitors will be able to meet subject teachers, speak with current Sixth Form students, and visit departments to find out more about course content, assessment methods, enrichment opportunities, and where different subjects can lead after Sixth Form.

Whether you already know what you would like to study or are still considering your options, staff will be available to offer guidance and answer questions.

Our upcoming Year 11 RP6th taster event is also a great opportunity for students to experience life as a Sixth Form student, gaining a real feel for the supportive and ambitious learning environment on offer. On Tuesday 13 October students will find out about leadership opportunities, extracurricular activities, university and apprenticeship support, careers guidance, and the many ways students are encouraged to develop both academically and personally during their time in Sixth Form.

We look forward to welcoming you and helping you take the next step towards a successful and rewarding future

Kind Regards
The Sixth Form Team

Fearne, Marissa, Saoirse and Archie - our SSLT Aspiration Team

Alumni are integral members of our wider academy community at SRPA. Their experiences, achievements and continued connection with the academy provide inspiration to our current students and the many pathways that are available to all, following their educational journey at SRPA.

Alumni can provide their professional career journeys; sharing their expertise, insights into different career branches and industries, and encourage students to consider potential pathways that they may not have previously thought of. By sharing their personal journeys, alumni can help to nurture students' ideas of how their future will look like and open many more opportunities. They can help our students understand that their path may not always be linear, with the possibility of career change and international work opportunities.

As a part of my Student Senior Leadership project, my aim was to welcome back alumni to visit our academy in order to strengthen and provide inspiration to those choosing their next steps. We were delighted, as the SRPA community, to welcome back one of our former students to speak with our Year 9 cohort who opted for a language as a part of their GCSE subjects. She shared her experiences of how studying abroad influenced her career pathway. Reflecting on how opportunities, such as studying in Paris within her university course, influenced both her personal and career development.

Her story provided students with a valuable insight into the possibilities that come when you embrace and welcome opportunities that do not follow the typical pathway that a student may have created for themselves. The presentation highlighted how her time studying abroad developed her career, international network as well as her transferable skills. Her experienced offered her incredible opportunities within her sector of work, from working with a financial firm to her currently working in Dubai. Sharing these may foster inspiration for students, displaying that from taking opportunities provided they may offer greater rewards in their future career.

As an academy, we look forward to strengthening our alumni network, whether this is through presentations or career events. Our alumni present students with a tangible role model figure to aspire to be promoting, that each have a unique journey following their attendance at SRPA.

Unifrog Spotlight

Unifrog is a web-based resource, with a multitude of careers-based activities/information. Each student will receive a log-in to access the resources during their personal development lessons.

Unifrog has regular webinars and updates linked to academic subjects studied here at the Academy. By creating a Unifrog account, parent/carers are able to access these resources. Some webinars are open to the public. Please see below for some examples:

Sign up

Our events are completely FREE! Just sign up below and we will email you a link.

On the frontline: unlocking your career in nursing

Students Virtual

Thinking about a rewarding career in healthcare? Join us to explore what a career in nursing really looks like. Professionals will share their personal journeys into the field, break down an average day on the job, explain what it's like to study nursing at university, and share their top pieces of advice.

https://www.unifrog.org/events/upcoming/1984-on-the-frontline-unlocking-your-career-in-nursing

Supporting next steps: a parent and caregivers' guide to post-18 options

Parents Virtual

Part of event series: Exploring post-18 options ›

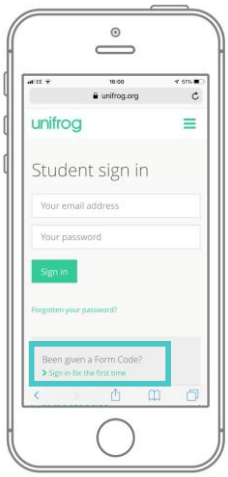
Supporting your child with their post-18 choices can feel overwhelming. In this session, we're busting the common myths around university, apprenticeships, and internships. Hear directly from universities and employers to get clear advice on the pros and cons of each pathway, plus practical ways to guide your child through their decision-making.

› Mon 21 Sep 17:30-18:15 UK time

Sign up › copy link for parents

https://www.unifrog.org/parent/webinars/upcoming/1975-supporting-next-steps-a-parent-and-caregivers-guide-to-post-18-options

Parents & guardians, get signed up!



Scan this QR code or go to www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in for the first time'

You'll be asked for some details and a Sign up Code. This is what you need:

SRPAparent

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!

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Our Curriculum and Careers

STEM Club

This year, STEM Club is going to be exploring a wide range of topics and interesting areas of the natural world. The three large terms are going to be focused on one of the three sciences, beginning with Physics, and reaching out from there into other areas. We have begun with electricity and electrical engineering, looking at circuits and diodes, as well as experimenting with a plasma globe. As this term continues, we are going to investigate non-Newtonian fluids, building machines, and aerodynamics. We are also going to be working on a Year 8 activity, Project X, where we will build a glider to deliver a payload, which will culminate in competing against other schools at RAF Waddington.

We aim for an exciting year at STEM Club and are always happy to welcome more members!

Med/Vet/Dent

It is an exciting start to another academic year at SRPA, and I am delighted to continue developing the opportunities available through our Med/Vet/Dent Society.

As the programme continues to evolve, students across all key stages will have access to a range of sessions designed to support those interested in careers in medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry. Topics will include, but are not limited to, pathways into Med/Vet/Dent courses, volunteering and work experience opportunities, admissions processes, and ethical issues relevant to healthcare professions.

Throughout the year, students will be invited to attend structured sessions, tailored to their key stage and career aspirations. These sessions will provide valuable guidance and insight into some of the most competitive and rewarding career pathways available.

We will also continue our successful Med/Vet/Dent Passport programme and look forward to seeing increasing numbers of students working towards their bronze, silver and gold awards. These awards encourage students to develop the skills, experiences and evidence needed to strengthen future applications.

It has been particularly rewarding to celebrate the success of our students in this summer's examination results, with students achieving the academic standards required to pursue a career in medicine. We hope that the continued work of the Med/Vet/Dent Society will inspire and support even more students to achieve their ambitions and secure places in these highly competitive fields in the years ahead.

Subject spotlight

Spotlight on Careers in BTEC L3 Health and Social Care

Walnut Care

‘During the summer holidays, I took part in Walnut Care’s Cadet Programme. I attended every Thursday, alongside 5 others – who I became very close with. Each week we took part in a lesson/activity, such as Nellie’s escape room, moving and handing training and NHS eLearning. This equipped me with the knowledge I needed to become a carer under their employment, which I am undertaking alongside my A Level studies. They are an incredible company who are attentive and amazingly generous – which was evidenced by their weekly ice cream trips and taking us to York to finish the 6 weeks we spent with them, which included a visit to the York Chocolate Story and going to Betty’s for lunch. I thoroughly enjoyed this experience, and I believe it has equipped me with a better understanding of social care and has contributed to my passion for becoming a nurse. It has helped me gain experience in social care, which has helped with my personal statement and personal skills – such as empathy and communication. Walnut Care are a brilliant company, and I believe the programme is an incredible opportunity for anyone wanting to partake in a career in Health and Social Care or anyone who wishes to gain an insight into Health and Social Care careers and wishes to build their personal skills.’

Isla, Year 13

‘Over the summer holidays, I attended Walnut Care Cadets’ programme every Thursday, to learn about what it means to be a carer and work in health and social care. Each week, we focused on different things such as moving and handling, nutrition, basic life support and going on placements with trained carers.

The programme allowed us to understand basic care and support, as well as build up our transferrable skills such as communication, empathy and teamwork. Being at Walnut Care Cadets was an amazing experience, and they were informative, generous and friendly as seen through our weekly ice cream shop stops and trip to York. The experience has made me more eager and passionate about joining the health care field as a Midwife and helping build up my C.V.'

Kim Year 13

Summer Holiday Work placement at Lincoln County Hospital

'My time at the hospital was so useful, I was able to really get a feel for the job, make lasting connections/contacts with the hospital and get to know the patients and get the feel for how it is to support and care for them.

If you are able to take part in a work experience visit, my advice would be to chat to everyone as much as possible, ask questions and put yourself out there. If you tell them your interests and about you, they might even be able to show you more details in areas that interest you. For example, I was able to see the dosimetry (planning) software used to for radiotherapy and even taught how to read a CT scan!'

Esmee Year 13

Spotlight on Careers in Caring

Care manager

As a care manager, you'll be responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operations within the care setting, including recruiting and managing staff, managing budgets and ensuring that the quality of the services provided meets national care standards.

Care homes are becoming more specialised services, especially for people living with dementia or those at the end of life, and you'll be responsible for homes that provide all year, round-the-clock care.

The best care managers make services visible as a local resource and successfully integrate them within the community.

You can work in a variety of settings, including:

- elderly care homes or nursing homes
- supported housing (combines housing with support services for vulnerable people - both adults and young adults)
- children's homes
- hospice care (for those with life-limiting or terminal illness).
  (Prospects 2026)

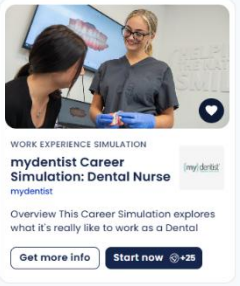
Future Study Opportunities

Virtual Work Experience with Springpod

Are you looking for ways to help your child gain real-world experience from home?

Springpod offers a wide range of virtual work experience placements across different industries—from healthcare and engineering to media and finance. These interactive programs give students a taste of what working in their chosen field is really like, all from the comfort of their own home.

The images below are just a sneak peek of what's available—there's something for every interest! https://www.springpod.com/



Personal Guidance Plan for Term 5

Personal Careers Guidance – Supporting Individual Pathways

During the year, our older students will be invited to meet with our external careers guidance staff from Complete Careers.

What happens in a personal guidance appointment?

What might you talk to a careers adviser about in a personal guidance appointment?
List as many things as you can think of.

Your skills / interests	Writing a CV	Job opportunities	Work experience
Career ideas	What's influencing your decisions	Going for an interview	Career values
Your subject choices	How you feel about making decisions	If there are barriers and how to overcome them	What you'd like your life to look like in the future
Different pathways			

The aim of these meetings is to enable students to explore and discuss possible ideas for their next steps. Parents/carers can attend these meetings to support students; we just ask that you give us 48 hours from your invitation to allow us to make the necessary arrangements.

What happens during a personal guidance appointment?

A careers personal guidance one-to-one usually lasts around 30 minutes and has three stages:

1. Deciding a focus	2. Exploring ideas	3. Making a plan
The careers adviser will remind you of the purpose of your appointment, and you'll be able to explain what you'd like to focus on.	This will take up most of the appointment. It might include exploring your understanding of opportunities available, how confident you feel at making decisions, your self-awareness of your likes/dislikes and what's influencing your decision.	This is where you will agree on your next steps and write an action plan.

These sessions are a valuable opportunity for students to explore their interests, ask questions, and receive tailored advice as they plan. Action plans created during the appointment will be uploaded to Unifrog for students to access.

We are currently working through Year 11 students, parents/carers will receive an invitation via email giving the arrangements.

If you know that your son/ daughter will be absent from school on that day, please let us know so that the appointment can be given to another student.

Year 13 students can request an appointment when required.

If you would like to learn more about our careers guidance, please contact Mrs Mather.

Can You Help?

Could you share your expertise?

We are always looking to strengthen our careers provision by involving parents, carers, and members of our wider community. If you have experience in a particular industry or career path, we would be delighted to welcome you into the Academy to share your insights with our students.

There are several opportunities throughout the year where your contribution would be greatly valued, including:

- Careers Assemblies
- Mock Interviews
- Workplace Visits
- Careers Fayre
- Classroom Talks and Workshops
- Mentoring or Q&A Sessions
- Support with CVs and Applications
- Work experience placements

Whether you can offer a one-off session or ongoing support, your involvement can make a real difference in helping students understand the world of work and make informed choices about their future.

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Mrs Mather SMather@srpa.co.uk for further details. We'd love to hear from you!