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Welcome to Easington Academy's May 2025 Careers Newsletter.

Welcome to this month's Careers Newsletter! As we move further into the academic year, students across different year groups are working towards key milestones—whether it's preparing for GCSE exams, choosing options, securing work experience, or reflecting on their first year of secondary school.

This issue covers important updates, helpful advice, and a special feature on **emerging careers** that could shape the future job market. We also highlight the importance of **attendance and punctuality**, which are essential for both academic success and future careers.

Read on to find out more!

Access our full Careers Programme here: [Careers information | Easington Academy](#)

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Spotlight on Year 11 – GCSEs and Future Planning

To our hardworking Year 11 students:

As you begin your GCSE exams this month, we want to wish you the very best of luck. All your preparation, revision, and resilience are about to pay off. Remember, these exams are an important step in your journey—but they are just one part of your future pathway.

You may already have a post-16 plan in place, or you might still be exploring your options. That's completely okay. Don't forget, our careers team is still here to support you. If you need help with college applications, apprenticeship searches, CV writing, or simply talking through your options, please get in touch. You've got this!

For parents and carers:

As your child begins their GCSEs, it's a time of both pressure and potential. Supporting them emotionally and practically makes a big difference. Encourage **regular breaks, healthy** routines, and remind them of their **strengths**. This is also an ideal time to revisit discussions about post-16 choices. Whether they're heading to sixth form, college, or work-based learning, we're here to help.

If you have any questions about college applications, interviews, apprenticeships, or alternative pathways, don't hesitate to contact our careers team. We can also offer 1:1 support to students who are still unsure about their next steps.

Careers Highlights at Easington Academy

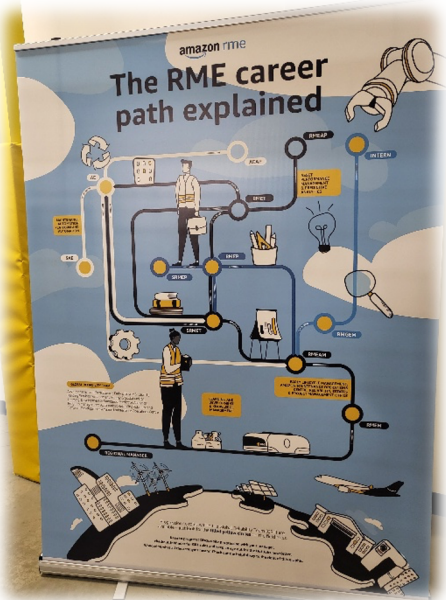
We have been to Amazon on a works Place Visit:

Some of our students visited Amazon Gateshead this week as part of the **Durham Works Workplace Project** they've been involved in over the past three weeks.

They got a fantastic insight into the world of work – learning about the different roles at Amazon, the skills needed, and seeing the full operation in action, from orders to dispatch.

A big thank you to Amazon and Durham Works for giving our students such an inspiring experience!

Amazon Work Place Visit



Provider Visits

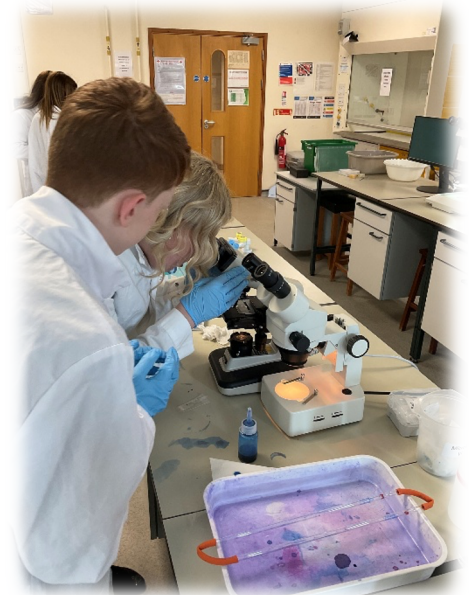
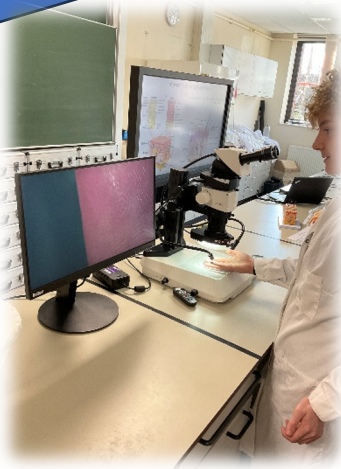
We've been delighted to welcome our local post-16 providers into school recently. Representatives from local sixth forms, colleges, and training providers have attended our GCSE Options Evening and Parents' Evening to offer valuable advice and guidance.

These interactions give students and their families the opportunity to explore different pathways, ask questions, and begin thinking about their future beyond Year 11. A big thank you to all the providers who gave up their time to support our students' next steps!



Durham University Science Festival

Last week, some of our Year 9 students attended Durham University Science Festival where they took part in activities based on various aspects of science. It was a great day, and students even had the chance to use some cutting-edge technology!








Work...Why Bother? Workshop

A group of our Year 10 students recently took part in a fantastic '**Work...Why Bother?**' event delivered by Durham Works, where they worked alongside local employers to explore different careers, develop their employability skills, and learn how to create a great CV. The future looks bright!



Careers Spotlight: Jobs of the Future!

-  **Cyber Security Analyst** – Protect people and companies from online threats and data breaches.
-  **Space Industry Technician** – From satellite technology to space tourism – it's growing fast!
-  **Digital Content Creator** – Use platforms like YouTube, TikTok or podcasts to inform or entertain.
-  **Data Analyst** – Turn numbers into insights for companies, sports teams, and even healthcare.
-  **Human-Machine Teaming Manager** – Help humans and robots collaborate in the workplace.



What Will the World of Work Look Like in 10 Years?

- **More automation and AI:** Many routine jobs will be assisted or replaced by intelligent systems – but this will also create new, tech-based careers.
- **Green careers will grow:** Climate change means more jobs in renewable energy, sustainability, and environmental protection.
- **Flexible and remote work:** People will increasingly work from different locations and use digital platforms to connect globally.
- **Lifelong learning will be key:** The ability to learn new skills throughout life will be more important than ever.
- **New industries will emerge:** Some jobs of 2035 haven't even been invented yet – being adaptable and curious will be vital.



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KS3 Career Challenge: "Guess the Job"

Job 1

1. I work outside, often high up.
2. My job helps buildings stay warm or cool.
3. I wear a harness and helmet.

Job 2





1. I work with animals, but I'm not a vet.
2. I help protect endangered species and their habitats.
3. You might find me in a jungle, desert, or even underwater!

Answers to Mrs Collins

What do they do?

Design the rides, attractions, and layouts of theme parks to make them exciting, safe, and fun!

Skills needed:

-  Creativity
-  Maths and design skills
-  Teamwork
-  Imagination!

Did you know?

Some theme park designers test virtual roller coasters using VR before building anything in real life!

 Career Spotlight: Could You Be a... Theme Park Designer?

College Websites

Byron Sixth Form: <https://www.st-bedes.durham.sch.uk/byron-sixth-form-college/>

Durham Sixth Form Centre: <http://www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk/>

East Durham College: <https://www.eastdurham.ac.uk/>

English Martyrs Sixth Form: <https://ems6.bhcet.org.uk/>

Hartlepool Sixth Form: <https://www.hartlepoolsixth.ac.uk/>

Hartlepool College: <https://www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk/>

Middlesbrough College: <https://www.mbro.ac.uk/school-leavers>

New College Durham: <https://newcollegedurham.ac.uk/>

Northern School of Art: <https://northernart.ac.uk/>

Sunderland College: <https://www.sunderlandcollege.ac.uk/>

Newcastle College: [College Courses For 16 to 18 Year Olds \(ncl-coll.ac.uk\)](https://www.newcastlecollege.ac.uk/college-courses-for-16-to-18-year-olds/)

Useful Careers Websites

National Careers Service:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Prospects: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

ICould: <https://icould.com/>

Careers Box: [Home - CareersBox](#)

Careers4U: [Careers4u -](#)



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Labour Market Information (LMI)

North East England Labour Market Overview:

Employment Rate: The employment rate for people aged 16 to 64 in the North East was 69.3%, the lowest among UK regions during August to October 2024. [Office for National Statistics](#)

Unemployment Rate: The unemployment rate stood at 5.4% between August and October 2024, higher than the UK average by 1.1 percentage points. [North East Chamber of Commerce](#)

Economic Inactivity: Approximately 26.1% of the working-age population in the North East were economically inactive as of December 2024. [Office for National Statistics](#)

Workforce Jobs: Between December 2023 and December 2024, the number of workforce jobs in the North East increased by about 31,000, representing a 2.5% rise.

Sector Growth: Industries with notable growth included accommodation and food services, and health and social work activities.

Earnings: In April 2024, the median gross annual pay for all workers in the Northeast was £28,526.

For more detailed information, you can refer to the following sources:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/uklabourmarketseptember2024>

<https://evidencehub.northeast-ca.gov.uk/report/regional-labour-market-latest>

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-9366/>

UK Labour Market Overview:

- **Employment Levels:** Between November 2024 and January 2025, the UK had 33.92 million people aged 16+ in employment, with an employment rate of 75.0%. This marks an increase of approximately 600,000 people over the past year. [Research Briefings](#)
- **Unemployment Rate:** The national unemployment rate held steady at 4.4% during the same period. [The](#)
- **Economic Inactivity:** Across Great Britain, 21.2% of people aged 16 to 64 years were economically inactive, compared to 21.5% in the previous year. [stthomasmore.org.uk+2Office for National Statistics+2Office for National Statistics+2](#)
- **Average Earnings:** Full-time workers in the UK had an average annual salary of £34,963, with men earning £37,382 and women earning £31,876. [Statista](#)