

Careers and Employability Newsletter, Spring 2024

Grantham College & University Centre is proud to work with employers in the community to help them secure new talent and invest in the future of their workforce.

Our team of experts are always available to support you on your journey to grow your business and develop your employee's skill set. Whether you are looking to bring some enthusiasm and fresh ideas in to your business by recruiting a new apprentice, or to up-skill your staff via completion of one of our many cutting-edge, fully funded short courses, Grantham College & University Centre has the solution for you.



Our Mission

To deliver inspirational vocational, technical, professional and higher education and training that empowers people, businesses and the community to achieve their goals.

Our Vision

We will be an accessible, essential, relevant and trusted partner that delivers improved skills & a love of lifelong learning leading to:

- Better progression opportunities and careers for our students
- Increased productivity and profitability for employers and
- A thriving local economy and community.



Partnership with Skills Builder



Grantham College has been working in partnership with Skills Builder since 2020 to help our students develop essential life skills, unlock learning in the classroom, boost academic outcomes, perseverance and self belief.

Having these skills halves the likelihood of being out of work and increases earnings across a lifetime, also increasing wellbeing and life satisfaction.

Listening, Speaking, Problem Solving, Creativity, Staying Positive, Aiming High, Leadership and Teamwork are mapped across all our curriculum areas to support students' understanding on how they link with the skills and knowledge they learn in their subjects.

These skills are embedded into teaching and learning across the board to benefit our students' future.

The skills builder partnership is working towards a common mission; ensuring that one day, everyone builds the essential skills to succeed.

During this Spring Term we are concentrating additional learning on Communication Skills; Speaking & Listening.

Work Experience

All students aged 16-19, and students aged 19-24 who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), are expected to undertake 30 hours work experience that complements their study plan.

This is in recognition that young people should be gaining real experience and knowledge of the workplace in order to enhance their employability, to practice their skills and to develop their career choices.

Students should attempt to source their own placement as this helps them to practice the skills of finding employment in the future. Parents are encouraged to support their son/daughter in doing this.

Additionally, if any parents know of opportunities for WEX through their own employment, family and friends we would love to hear from you.

We are always looking to source new work experiences.

Check our Career resources room "Your Future" (MG.11) for template letters and emails which can help you to create the letter to send to employers.



UCAS 2025 University Entries

Unsure about the application process, chosen courses, or provider? There are workshops available to explain and answer all your questions.

Workshops will cover:

- Important dates and deadlines for UCAS applications
- Tips on how to complete your applications well
- How to write Personal Statements
- Your references and predicted grades

Workshop dates, times and places are:

1. Wednesday 8 May 14.00-15.00 pm, Room 73
2. Monday 13 May 12.30-13.30 pm, MG.07, Room 73

The UCAS logo, featuring the letters 'UCAS' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' is stylized with a red triangle pointing upwards, forming the letter.

University Open Days 2024

Book an Open Day to visit the University where you would like to study.

Open Days will provide you with an insider's view of where students study, live, revise and socialise.

- Discover subject facilities, study spaces and social spaces.
- Hear from expert academics at your subject talk.
- Learn about amazing projects, placements and fieldwork.
- Chat with current students about their university experience.
- Tour your new home: the city and campuses.
- Explore student support and careers at the student life hub.

For a full list and booking your place, please visit www.opendays.com/calendar/



Check the UCAS Digital Summer school leaflet for:

- UCAS Apprenticeship guide for Parents, Guardians and Students 2024
- Explore your options through UCAS virtually
- Top 5 tips on how to support students after the January deadline
- Looking ahead of to 2025 undergraduate applications

UCAS Discovery event for Grantham College students in Lincoln, 6 June 2024, What will you discover?

- Chat to unis and colleges about their courses and university life
- Speak to employers and apprenticeship providers about what an apprenticeship is like and the options available
- Listen to talks from experts in their fields
- Get dedicated support from our UCAS experts about your options

Nottingham Summer Schools 2024

A unique opportunity for high-achieving Year 12 students to experience what life is like at university.

APPLY NOW: nottingham.ac.uk/suttontrust
Nottingham Summer Schools - The University of Nottingham

Upcoming Careers Events

28th March - Presentation by Sara Beresford, senior lecturer in Health and Social Care at Lincoln University, room 104A

Subjects will include, Midwifery, Nursing, Paramedic Science, Diagnostic Rad and Social Work.

18 April 2024 - Presentation by Sara McKenna, Lincolnshire Talent Academy, for students preparing to work in Health and Social Care services in future. Room M.104A

Come and join the presentation where Sara will be talking about proactive services to aid recruitment and skills development for NHS, also ensuring the portability and integration of skills across the health and care system.

Main focus of presentation is work experience, apprenticeship and education and career programmes available by Talent Academy.
There will be Q&A at the end of the presentation.

Grantham College Open Event



Come and talk to our expert tutors, meet our friendly staff & students.

Our Open Events are a great opportunity to see what it is like to study at Grantham College & University Centre.

Our Open Days are very busy, so to ensure we can manage the number on site, you must pre-register yourself and any guests.

You will be able to network with our support staff and learn more about our services dedicated to supporting our students during their time at Grantham College & University Centre.

There will be campus tours available to view our state-of-the-art facilities. Here you will also be able to visit the subject areas you are interested in, view the learning spaces and talk to our expert tutors.

If you have any questions please email marketing@grantham.ac.uk

Your team journey with the Prince's Trust

A 12-week Team programme, designed to help you uncover your hidden talents and improve your confidence, as well as gain a nationally-recognised qualification, and develop your English and maths skills.

During the programme you will get up to meet people, get help with job and work experience searches, boost your confidence and much more.

Please check for the link below for details:

[Your Journey To Boosting Your Confidence And Getting A Job | Help For Young People | The Prince's Trust \(princes-trust.org.uk\)](https://princes-trust.org.uk/your-journey-to-boosting-your-confidence-and-getting-a-job-help-for-young-people)



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Careers Appointments

If you find yourself reflecting on your career and progression choices and would like more support, all students have the opportunity to access a 1-1 careers appointment with Zara Handley, our Careers Advisor.

A careers appointment can be booked by:

- Microsoft Teams
- Email: zhandley@grantham.ac.uk
- Phone: 01476404304
- Our Student Progress Mentor