

Careers and Employability Newsletter, Summer 2023

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.



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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.

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Your Careers Service at Grantham College

- To deliver impartial guidance to inform students of all available options.
- To inspire and raise the aspirations of the students at Grantham College and in turn enable them to make well informed choices.
- To promote career exploration through a wide range of accessible resources: websites, books, leaflets, posters, news articles, newsletters and local Labour Market Information.
- To equally promote options for higher education, further education, apprenticeships and employment.
- To enable students to individually book face to face/video/telephone 1-1 guidance interviews.
- To ensure an awareness of and the need for employability skills.
- To understand the needs of the local labour market

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:

- Teams
- Email at zhandley@grantham.ac.uk
- Phone 01476404304
- Through your Student Progress Mentor

Learning and earning? Staying in education is not for everyone! If you want to get stuck into the world of work, the best way to do it is with an apprenticeship.

What are the Benefits of Apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are available to anyone (aged 16+) living and working in England.

[Apprenticeships - Inspire+ \(inspireplus.org.uk\)](https://inspireplus.org.uk) Inspire Education Group is currently offering Apprenticeship in PE, Sport and in Teacher Training.

Please check The Student Information Team/Careers and Employability channel for updated information on vacancies!

More apprenticeship vacancies can be found on Find an apprenticeship - [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship) (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>)

[Apprentice Jobs - 2023 | Indeed.com](#)

Careers Coach

Discover courses and in-demand careers and education based on your interests!

We give students the skills they need to be competitive in today's economy.

Take a Career Assessment to learn about yourself and Career Coach will give you career suggestions based on your interests.

Use CV Builder to give the most relevant detail to your CV, with suggested tasks and skills based on real job descriptions that match your experience and desired jobs.

Career Coach is accessed on the Grantham College website.

UCAS-2024 University Entries

UCAS applications are open for 2024 University entries from 16th May, 2023.

If you have any enquiries regarding the application process please contact Zara Handley, College Careers Advisor.

Zara can offer advice on:

- All important dates and deadlines for UCAS applications
- How and when to start your application
- Tips on how to complete it well
- How to write Personal Statements
- Your references and predicted grades



University Open Days 2023

Book an Open Day to visit the University you would like to study. Open Days will provide you with an insider's view of where students study, live, revise and socialise.



Grantham College Open Event on Wednesday 5th July 2023

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. Join us anytime from 5pm-7pm.

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

Free parking from 5pm.

Employ ME Course is now OPEN!

Employ ME an online course created to support **Young People aged 16-25** to develop their work-ready skills to enter or re-enter the world of further education, employment and training. This course has been developed at The Mighty Creatives and our Youth Board, including feedback and ideas from previous participants of our programmes.

The first 120 young people who complete the course will receive a £50 voucher to support them in their studies, employment or training!

The course is made for young people aged **16-25** to work through by themselves or with a supporting adult (a Leaving Care Worker, Employability Lead, Support Worker, Teacher, Creative Mentor or otherwise).

It is made up of activities, downloadable resources, videos, animations and written work that follow the following topics:

- **Introduction to the Working World:** Knowing Your Skills and Your Rights
- **Gaining Experience: Building a Solid Foundation:** Finding Your Support Network and Development Opportunities
- **Searching for Work: Professional Communication and Social Media:** Your Communication Skills and Managing Your Social Media
- **Support at Work:** Your Health and Wellbeing & Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace
- **CV Writing & Job Applications:** Top Tips and Examples
- **The Final Hurdle:** Interview Techniques and Top Tips

This course is **completely free**, with the **first 120 participants** receiving a **£50 voucher to support them**. Young People or their supporting adults can sign up for free here: <https://the-mighty-creatives.teachable.com/courses/employ-me-employability-skills-training>.



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 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)