



Longridge High School

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Careers Information



Young Creative Centre Visit – University of Lancashire

A group of Year 9 and Year 10 pupils from Longridge High School recently visited the University of Lancashire to take part in an inspiring Sustainable Textiles workshop at the university's new Young Creative Centre.

The Young Creative Centre is a dedicated creative space based on the university's Preston Campus, at the heart of the School of Arts and Media. It offers interactive workshops for secondary schools and colleges, giving pupils the opportunity to explore a wide range of creative subjects while experiencing university life first-hand.

During the visit, pupils took part in a practical workshop focused on sustainable fashion and textiles. They were introduced to visible mending techniques, which aim to extend the life of clothing and reduce waste. Pupils were challenged to repurpose existing garments into new items or accessories, encouraging creativity while promoting sustainability.

The workshop explored the key themes of reduce, reuse, and recycle, and pupils learned traditional textile techniques such as sashiko stitching and appliqué. These activities helped pupils develop new skills while also highlighting how sustainability plays an important role within the creative industries.

To conclude the session, pupils took part in a photoshoot to showcase their completed work, celebrating their creativity and effort. The visit provided valuable insight into potential creative and design career pathways, while also reinforcing the importance of environmentally responsible design.

Longridge pupils showing their creations at University of Lancashire



We would like to thank the University of Lancashire, the Young Creative Centre, and their partners for providing such an engaging and memorable experience for our pupils.

WORK EXPERIENCE



The Yellow Pupil Agreement forms MUST be returned On Monday 11th May

If the required signatures are not obtained and the form is not returned to school before Work Experience starts, the pupil will not be able to attend their placement and will be expected to attend school as normal.

Thank you to those who have already completed all relevant paperwork.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Wright or Miss Lovatt.

PRESTON
COLLEGE

Important: Action Required – Preston College Offer

If you have received an offer from Preston College, you must formally accept it in order to secure a guaranteed college place. Even if Preston College is not currently your first choice, you still need to accept the offer to keep this option open. Courses are expected to be more competitive than ever this year due to a high number of applications, and late acceptance may mean that places are no longer available.

Log in to your account today and complete this checklist to accept your offer...

- Check all personal details are correct.
- Complete any missing information and save all boxes.
- Review your application.
- Accept your offer (on the homepage).

If you need any further help or support accepting your offer [email the recruitment team](#) or call 01772 225517.

Click here to accept your offer [Login](#)

Runshaw College Course Changes – From September 2026

Runshaw College has announced important updates to its **Digital & Computing** and **Maths** course offers, starting in **September 2026**. These changes aim to improve progression to university, apprenticeships and employment.

Digital & Computing: New Cyber Security & Computing AAQ Pathway

The T Level in Digital and BTEC Level 3 IT/Computing will be replaced with a Cyber Security and Computing Advanced Applied Qualifications (AAQs) pathway.

This change follows a review showing pupils achieve stronger outcomes when studying specialist digital pathways closely aligned to real careers and further study.

What pupils will study:

- OCR Cyber Security
- Cyber Application Development
- Pearson Computing

All three qualifications are Level 3, nationally recognised, and valued by universities and employers. Teaching and assessment remain very similar to current courses. A work placement is included but is not mandatory.

Current applicants for T Level Digital or BTEC IT/Computing do not need to reapply. Runshaw College is contacting pupils directly to explain the change.

Maths Update: Introduction of A Level Statistics

Runshaw College will be removing Core Maths and introducing A Level Statistics for pupils who want to continue maths beyond GCSE without taking A Level Mathematics.

A Level Statistics focuses on data, probability and analysis and strongly supports progression into subjects such as Business, Psychology, Social Sciences, Geography, Health, and data-focused apprenticeships and careers.

Pupils who may previously have taken Core Maths will now be guided towards A Level Statistics, or the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) for a one-year Level 3 option alongside A Levels.

If you would like further information, please contact cahill.G@runshaw.ac.uk

Modern and Sustainable Construction

[Balfour Beatty Modern and Sustainable Construction - YouTube](#)

Balfour Beatty

Host: Mark Oliver
Engineering, Reliability, Telematics & Innovation

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[Galliford Try Sustainable Future of Construction](#)

GallifordTry

Host: Luke Winch
Low Carbon Manager

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[Innovation and Strategy at Wates](#)

Wates

Host: Rory Brown
Strategy, AI & Innovation Manager

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Environmental innovation and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are changing how we design, build, and care for the world around us. They are also creating exciting new career opportunities.

This webinar series will introduce you to the skills, jobs, and pathways emerging as sustainability and smart technology become key parts of modern construction.

Whether you are starting to think about your future or exploring possible career options, these sessions will help you understand where the industry is heading and how you could be part of it.



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GLOBAL UNIVERSITY FAIR

Wednesday 3 June, 3pm - 5:30pm

The fair to help you choose where to study, including universities from the Americas, UK, Asia, and Europe

Welcome

The Unifrog Global Fair is a great opportunity to find out all about studying at university and get all your questions answered by the experts in just two and a half hours! Join over 30 universities from across the world to speak to their representatives via Q&A and choose from 16 live webinar sessions to get an insight into all things university and find out more about where you could be studying.

[Global university fair](#)



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Jun 3, 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM

What are T Levels!!!!



- T Levels are new, two-year technical education courses that will follow GCSEs and will be equivalent to 3 A Levels.
- T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers, so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work.
- T Levels will offer students a mixture of classroom learning (80%) and 'on-the-job' experience (20%) during an industry placement of a minimum of 315 hours, with an average of 350 hours (approx. 45 days)
- T Levels provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door into skilled employment, further study or a higher apprenticeship

Apprenticeships

How apprenticeships work

Apprenticeships are real jobs with real employers, allowing you to work, earn a salary and gain valuable qualifications and experience. With over 600 different apprenticeship standards covering everything from accountancy to zoo keeping, there is an apprenticeship out there for everyone. Apprenticeships offer choice, opportunity, qualifications, support and a head start into a future career.

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study. As an apprentice, you will:

- ✚ be an employee earning a wage and getting holiday pay
- ✚ work alongside experienced staff
- ✚ gain job-specific skills
- ✚ get time for training and study related to your role (at least 20% of your normal working hours)

Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

Please visit: - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



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[Resources - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

For over a decade we have been working to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and technical education, promote their benefits, and push the boundaries of what the sector can do. Working with teachers, government and leading employers, we've already brought about a culture change in schools across England. And we're only just getting started. [Step-by-step guide to applying](#)

JOB OF THE WEEK



Dentists promote good oral hygiene, diagnose, treat teeth and mouth problems and help prevent dental disease.

In your day-to-day duties you could:

- Lead a dental team to diagnose and treat dental problems
- See patients for routine check ups
- Perform treatments like fillings, extractions and fitting dentures and bridges
- Whiten teeth
- Take x-rays and give local anaesthetics
- Refer patients to a dental hygienist or dental therapist

What skills are required?

- knowledge of medicine and dentistry
- customer service skills
- physical skills like movement, coordination and dexterity
- thinking and reasoning skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- excellent verbal communication skills
- the ability to work well with your hands
- the ability to read English
- sensitivity and understanding
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Career Path & Progression - As a dentist in general practice you could go on to become a partner in the practice or set up your own practice. In hospital dental services, you can follow the same career structure and training pathway as a hospital doctor. For example, you could also specialise in implant or paediatric dentistry. You could serve as a dentist in the armed forces. You can find more information on dentistry in the military from [RAF Recruitment | Dental Officer | Royal Air Force \(mod.uk\)](#)

As a consultant, you'll often find work opportunities in the private sector. With experience, you could lead a team or manage a unit or department. You could also progress to teaching and training student dentists and other healthcare professionals.

[JOB OF THE WEEK EPISODE #053 - DENTIST - YouTube](#)

[Careerpilot: Job sectors: Wellbeing: Job profiles: Dentist](#)

ANNUAL SALARY

£34,728 to £96,154

Working Environment.

You may need to wear a uniform and protective clothing. You could work at a dental practice, at a health centre or in an NHS or private hospital.

Working Hours

- ❖ 35 to 40 a week
- ❖ You could work: as a contractor / self-employed; managing your own hours.

You can get into this job through:

University

You'll need to complete a 5-year degree in dentistry approved by the General Dental Council, followed by 1 to 2 years of postgraduate dental training.

You might be able to do a 4-year degree course if you already have a degree in a relevant subject, for example biomedical sciences.

When you apply for a dentistry course, you could be asked to take the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) or BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT). They test the skills you'll need on the course, like critical thinking, problem solving, data analysis, communication and scientific knowledge.

You might be able to apply for a 4-year dental degree course if you've already got at least an upper second class degree (2:1) in biology, chemistry or a biomedical subject.

There's a lot of competition for places at dental schools.

Entry requirements

You will usually need:

3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology and chemistry

For more information speak to a Career Adviser or your local colleges.