

All Apprenticeship and job search support - Summer 2020

Finding work/apprenticeship can be a challenge at any time, but it is even more challenging now than ever.

So what can you do to keep yourself competitive?

*The need for being **pro-active, resourceful, resilient, creative and adaptable**, is obvious in this current climate. The route into work may be one more of gaining transferable skills that in turn may eventually lead to you to where you want to be. So please be patient as things will change. Always have a back-up plan to getting an apprenticeship where possible. Also make sure you thoroughly investigate an individual organisation's financial status.*

It will be beneficial if you can tell employers positive career stories, demonstrating your ability to remain positive and making the most of negative situations. This will put you in a good position, in terms of you demonstrating a positive attitude when job searching.

Useful clips/websites for school leavers in the current situation

--> NEW: Information for Year 11 Students [click here](#)

--> NEW: Information for Year 13 Students [click here](#)

--> NEW: Tips and Advice for Your Mental Health [click here](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXuDOrtJY1Q> – Ofqual – how will examinations be assessed (GCSE and A levels).

Pathway CTM have webinar recordings on their YouTube channel @pathwayctm covering work experience, covering letters, STAR interviews and experience from industry professionals.

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/> - provides COVID-19 jobs to apply for, skills, advice, guides and tutorials for a variety of applications, CVs, cover letters search engines, a CV builder and mock interactive interview: qualities, likes and dislikes quizzes/tests and careers matching.

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/career-planning/1044523-job-hunting-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic-what-you-need-to-know>

What websites can I use for jobs search?

www.southendconnexions.co.uk

Careers advice and guidance

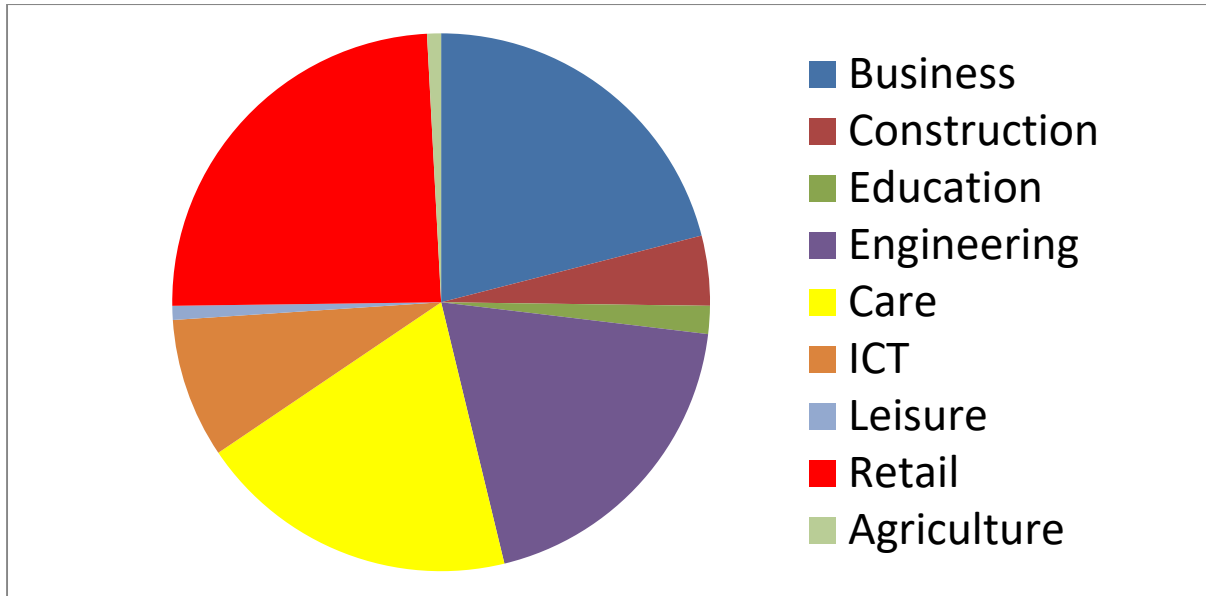
www.gov.uk/apprenticeships

Search and apply for apprenticeships

The most popular areas for apprenticeships locally currently are Retail Engineering, Retail, Business and ICT.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> -Apprenticeship vacancies within 15 miles of Southend – 14th April 2020

Source – figures from <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> - 14 April



Consider registering with employment agencies for apprenticeships/ vacancies

<https://www.indeed.co.uk/Apprenticeships-jobs-in-Essex>

<https://www.reed.co.uk/jobs/apprenticeships-jobs-in-essex>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-52040539> - links to companies recruiting

Voluntary opportunities – consider voluntary experience to get ‘your foot in the door’ and boost your CV

<http://vinspired.com>

Register for voluntary work experience

<https://do-it.org/>

Volunteering opportunities

www.volunteermatters.org.uk

Information and opportunities volunteering

So what vacancies are being advertised at present - April 2020?

The virus has altered the jobs market, resulting in a reduction of vacancies in some areas and an increase in others.

Jobs that require staff include:

Retail/Business/Finance: administration, customer service (helpline), network engineer, finance assistant, social media, customer relations, shop picker, funeral operative, transport such as delivery driver, cleaner.

Healthcare: paramedic, nurse, doctor, pharmacy, mental health worker, health and wellbeing officer, cancer wellbeing co-ordinator, therapy assistant, hospital porter, eating disorder practitioners.

Education/Councils/Charities: housing support worker, family worker, teacher, childcare, fundraising through online shopping, youth worker.

These may not be your choices, for jobs. However short term work somewhere to gain skills will look good on a CV and can be used to develop and evidence transferable skill for the future.