

Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

****Degree Apprenticeship Opportunity with Northumberland County Council****

Two of our Service Directors from the Northumberland Business Intelligence and Innovation Unit, Kelly Gardner and Matt Baker, have requested that this high quality degree apprenticeship opportunity is included in tonight's Update in the hope that you will be able to bring it to the attention of your current Year 13 pupils:

We are the co-leads of a new team at Northumberland County Council called Business Intelligence and Innovation. We bring together information from inside and outside of the council to solve complex social, health, educational and economic puzzles.

Our mission is to make Northumberland a place where everyone can thrive, creating opportunities for residents to learn and flourish, for businesses to exceed expectations and make the county a go-to destination for Visitors. Our remit is council and county wide, and included everything from Climate Change to Health and Social Care, from Education to Economic Recovery post-COVID.

We have an incredible opportunity for two Year 13 students looking to start their University career in October 2020. This is for young people who are looking for an *earn-while-you-learn* apprenticeship and to study for a degree in Digital & Technology Solutions (BSc (Hons)), specialising in Data Science and Behavioural Change. It is not important that they have a background in these areas but rather that they see this as a genuine opportunity.

We are looking for two recent Year 13 students who:

1. Have an interest in problem solving.
2. Are personally resilient.
3. Can deal well with ambiguity.
4. Have great communication skills.

5. Have A-Levels or equivalent qualifications, with at least one qualification in a STEM subject, Modern Language or Economics (BBB or higher).
6. Want to make a positive impact in the county for our residents, business community, climate and visitors.

The benefits of the role are:

1. An opportunity to make a real difference to how people in Northumberland live, learn and work.
2. To be part of a start-up function within the council.
3. To gain live project and work experience from day one.
4. See this as an alternative to university, with tuition fees paid for through the apprenticeship levy
5. An opportunity to complete a BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions.
6. Receive a competitive salary and benefits of £17k.
7. Have the support of a graduate buddy and a senior mentor.
8. Agile working opportunities

Would it be possible for schools to forward this information to the students and / or parents of the Year 13 cohort who are getting their A-Levels results on the 13-August?

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 16th August**.

Applications can be made via the following link (https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Northumberland_County_Council_Apprenticeships/199267)

If, for any reason, you can't apply through the link, please email both of us directly with a copy of a simple CV outlining your academic achievements, any work experience and why you are interested in this role. The role title is Business Intelligence Apprentice.

Students and parents can send any questions or requests for further information to us via the email addresses below.

Kind regards,
Kelly Gardner & Matt Baker, Service Directors,
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DfE Updates

UPDATED: School attendance: guidance for schools

How schools can use pupil registers and attendance codes, including in circumstances due to coronavirus (COVID-19), and set school hours and term dates.

The DfE has added an 'Addendum' document, updated the main guidance document with information about coronavirus (COVID-19) and edited the 'details' text to explain the role of the two documents for the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance>

NEWS STORY: Appeal arrangements for AS, A levels and GCSEs

The DfE has confirmed the arrangements for appeals on AS, A level and GCSE grading in summer 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/appeal-arrangements-for-as-a-levels-and-gcse>
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/appeal-arrangements-for-as-a-levels-and-gcse?utm_source=0f1fa01d-ca7c-4d7b-b467-72f6cc167ffb&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

NEW: Student guide to post-16 qualification results: summer 2020

The DfE has produced a guide for those receiving qualification results in England this summer. Page 7 of the guide now includes a website link for the Information Commissioner's Office website and further details.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-guide-to-post-16-qualification-results-summer-2020?utm_source=08cc0f91-2da5-4690-9a27-6cc05a578000&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

NEW: Student guide to appeals and malpractice or maladministration complaints: summer 2020

The DfE has produced a guide for those receiving qualification results in England this summer.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-guide-to-appeals-and-malpractice-or-maladministration-complaints-summer-2020?utm_source=4a746c3f-6472-4134-8e9a-cd6301432c2c&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

NEW: National flu immunisation programme plan

The government has announced the details of the national flu immunisation programme for 2020 to 2021.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan?utm_source=bfecee45-488e-452f-86ab-12bec945479c&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

UPDATE: Ofsted: coronavirus (COVID-19) rolling update

Ofsted guidance and information relating to coronavirus (COVID-19) for schools, early years, children's social care and further education and skills providers.

OFSTED has updated the information for early years professionals on paediatric first aid certificates. It has also added information for children's social care on regulatory work and temporary changes to registration, and for early years and childcare providers on fast-track applications to operate in a different way or to set up additional premises.

OFSTED has also removed some out-of-date information. information for children's social care on regulatory work and temporary changes to registration.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-coronavirus-covid-19-rolling-update>

'The State of Child Poverty 20' Report

Buttle UK have this week published '*The State of Child Poverty 20*' - a unique insight into the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic inside the homes of some of the most vulnerable families in the UK. The qualitative study of nearly **1,000 nationwide frontline workers** was carried out at the point lockdown restrictions were lifted in **June 2020**, and is based on a survey of support workers who have been interacting daily with families throughout the crisis.

<https://www.buttuk.org/news/the-state-of-child-poverty-2020>

A-Level / GCSE Results Day At Your School

We have received the following request from the north-east press:

'We are putting together a story about how schools will manage their results days this year. We're looking to find out whether any have gone virtual, or if they're inviting students in in staggered waves, generally how they're keeping things safe.

As councils, are you providing any advice to schools in the area about how to safely manage results day? Or could you tell us anything about what any local authority schools have specifically planned?

We're also looking into safe ways of providing coverage on the actual day - if you're working with any local authority schools who would be interested in working with us on coverage (either one socially distanced reporter or photographer with a mask in a defined area, or sending pictures and info in) please let me know.'

If you are interested in working with the reporter on this, please contact Michelle Rose in our Communications office:

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Education in the News

BBC / SKY: Schools 'must come before pubs and restaurants in future'

Schools should be the last to close and first to reopen in the event of a second wave of COVID-19, with regular testing for pupils and teachers to reassure parents and keep schools safe, according to the Children's Commissioner for England. Cllr Teresa Heritage, Vice Chairman of the LGA's Children and Young People Board, said: "Councils will continue to work with all schools and local partners. Any local decision to close a school will need to be based on the scientific advice."

Meanwhile, research from UCL and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine found that reopening schools fully in September without an effective test, trace and isolating strategy could result in a second wave of coronavirus more than twice the size of the first.

[BBC Online](#), [Sky New Online](#)

THE SUN: Parents back full reopening of schools

Nine out of ten parents back the full reopening of schools next month. The Office for National Statistics found 88 per cent of parents were "very" or "fairly likely" to return their child to class.

[Sun](#)