

# Student Newsletter

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Another term comes to a close and it has been comparatively normal this time! With life returning to relative normality for many, we look ahead to what will be the last term at Lockyer's for our Year 8 students. This newsletter focuses on some of the work that Year 8 have been completing in their careers lessons regarding the careers they hope to embark upon in the future. Enjoy!

"Careers lessons are great because they don't focus on certain subjects. They've given me loads of ideas about what I want to do in the future."

Daniel S

"Careers lessons help you to understand more about what you want to do with your life. They're really fun."

Oliver N

"I enjoy using the computers and iPads to research job ideas and find out information about them."

Rosanna L

"It's good to research what qualifications and skills you need to access certain career paths."

Ruby U

"You can search up information on jobs that you are considering and hear from people who already do those jobs."

Sam H

"We have used the Chromebooks to research jobs and find out more about them. This has helped me to think about what choices I'll make for my GCSEs"

Tommi B

"It's been interesting to look at the average salaries of different jobs. It's definitely made me consider what career I'd like to pursue."

Lola T

"We learn about jobs we might want to do and how to get those jobs. It's helped me to think about what I want to do when I leave school."

Roman P

# Careers at Lockyer's

This half-term, Year 8 have been researching careers that they are interested in pursuing in the future.

## Euan J

A career that I am interested in	Something to do with sports/ Sports Coach
1Qualifications required or desirable	Pass PE GCSE with a C or above, Science 9 to 4, pass 4 or 5 GCSEs
Experience required or desirable	The newer you are the less you get paid but you can start with a few GCSEs
Average Wage of a person working in this career	£14,000 to £35,000
Aspects of this job which appeal to me	Money and doing sports. Not being stuck in an office doing boring paperwork. Having holidays/ terms/ half terms
Aspect of this job which appeal to me less	Working 6 hours a day. Wearing a uniform
Next steps (What I am going to do to find out more about this job or prepare myself to get this job)	Ask for advice from teachers/parents Research in my free time Experience something close to it in work-experience in a few years' time
Qualities you possess already which make you well suited to this job	Being interested in sport, Leadership, Teamwork
Qualities you still need to develop	Giving my full point of view to share with other people and to take in consideration what people say to help me become better.



## Bobbi W

A career that I am interested in	Forensic science/research or criminologist
Qualifications required or desirable	A-C in at least one science, English, maths. Plus 3 A levels or level 3. Most employers prefer 2-3 sciences.
Experience required or desirable	I need "either a degree in a scientific subject, such as biological sciences or chemistry, or a degree in forensic science. Degree subjects such as statistics and geology can be useful for entry into specialist areas of forensic science."
Average Wage of a person working in this career	£21,000 to £25,000 a year without experience and £30,000 to £45,000 a year with experience. You could make up to £80,000 in more senior roles.
Aspects of this job which appeal to me	You have to pay close attention to everything you look at and completely analyse and break it down. I think I would be good at doing this. You also get paid well especially if you have good qualifications and work hard. If you're good at the job and get a good reputation, you would have to travel which would be a good experience to have.
Aspect of this job which appeal to me less	You have to be ready to get a call any time of day which means you can't have set plans as you need to be there quickly once you're called. You may be working on Fridays and longer hours on Fridays as deadlines approach at the end of the week.
Next steps (What I am going to do to find out more about this job or prepare myself to get this job)	I will keep researching this job as things like the pay and working hours could change. I will also check what qualifications I will need a lot as it will probably change as well.
Qualities you possess already which make you well suited to this job	I pay close attention to detail and also am interested in science. This is ideal for forensic science because if you miss one thing then it could make the biggest difference in a crime scene.
Qualities you still need to develop	I will need to get better at science.



## Hafsa K

A career that I am interested in	I am interested in being a surgeon.
Qualifications required or desirable	You must go to medical school and take GCSEs, A - levels. You can also have some sort of vocational qualification.
Experience required or desirable	No criminal records and very positive mindset. You also need good experience in your higher education with high grades.
Average Wage of a person working in this career	The average wage for this job ranges from about £24,214 - £104,297.

Aspects of this job which appeal to me

Aspect of this job which appeal to me less



- Helping people
- Making friends
- Finding more about science
- Finding cures and ways to avoid certain issues
- Sometimes doing surgery you might look at unappealing sights
- Long shift times
- Struggling through difficult surgeries
- Having a patient that might not make it

Next steps (What I am going to do to find out more about this job or prepare myself to get this job)	I will do my research and understand science more. I might do voluntary work at hospitals even. I could even ask people ,who are either studying or working in that type of department, what it really is like and what goes into this profession.
Qualities you possess already which make you well suited to this job	I am a good communicator and have very good social skills. I also have a good manner and care for people.

Qualities you still need to develop	Some qualities I still have to develop is accepting the situations and other people's opinion and supporting other people .
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## Tess P

A career that I am interested in	I would like to be a primary school teacher or be involved in education if that isn't possible.
Qualifications required or desirable	A degree in Education or PGCE (as well as good grades GCSE & A-Level). The Education degree is not compulsory as another Degree (History for example) can be followed by teacher training too.
Experience required or desirable	No criminal record & good recommendations. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a good opportunity as well to get recognition as it proves most of the desirable qualities.

Average Wage of a person working in this career

£34,537 per year.

Aspects of this job which appeal to me

Teaching and helping young children get a good start in their education to help them when they get to upper and secondary schools to further learning.

Aspect of this job which appeals to me less

Having to deal with difficult children who refuse to let themselves & others learn. I also don't find the idea of doing all the marking and stress that come with the job very appealing.

Next steps (What I am going to do to find out more about this job or prepare myself to get this job)

I will talk to my parents & family who have experience from the job. I will learn how to have good skills; listening, being understanding, CT. I can do research into the work atmosphere to see the take on mental health it has on your well-being. I also will definitely look into how much stress it causes as I might need to prepare for the marking teachers have to do.

Qualities you possess already which make you well suited to this job

I am very independent and don't give up easily. Additionally, I am very supportive, but also get to the point when it is needed. I believe that perseverance is key in life and will be very useful in a job (like this one) that can often cause stress and panic quickly.

Qualities you still need to develop

I need to listen to people more and pay attention. This will be quite hard as I often find it hard to pay attention when needed.



## Aston F

A career that I am interested in	Coffee shop worker
Qualifications required or desirable	There are no specific qualifications to become a coffee shop worker, however they do look for people with a friendly personality and have a bit of food experience.
Experience required or desirable	They desire that you have a bit of experience in food and have a GCSE in English and maths.
Average Wage of a person working in this career	The average wage of a coffee shop worker annually is £10,800.
Aspects of this job which appeal to me	The appealing aspects of this job is being able to interact with other people and not being face to face with a computer all day like other jobs in the world.
Aspect of this job which appeal to me less	The aspect of this job that don't appeal to me is having to deal with annoying customers as well as trying to perfect everything I make.
Next steps (What I am going to do to find out more about this job or prepare myself to get this job)	The thing that I am going to do to find out more about this job is to search on website on the internet and I may ask people who have had this job before.
Qualities you possess already which make you well suited to this job	I possess some of the qualities for this job such as patience and I can try to stay positive.
Qualities you still need to develop	I need to make sure that I do not get as angry as I do easily.



## Mia-Jade P

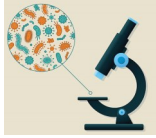
A career that I am interested in	Being either a doctor or nurse (if I can't be a doctor or a nurse, I would like to look into being a midwife).
Qualifications required or desirable	You would need a 5 year degree in medicine, a 2 year foundation on training, 3 years of training on medical, 7 years of specialist training.
Experience required or desirable	Good experience on different types of training, depending on what kind of doctor/nurse you want to be and also you need experience with medicines. You would also need experience with first aid and to work and quickly on a patient or someone hurt. You would also need a lot of knowledge
Wage range of a person working in this career	A specialist doctor earns around £48,075 per year A normal doctor earns £87,577 per year (surgeon) A nurse earns £30,000 per year
Aspects of this job which appeal to me	I already know some first aid, how to help people choking, how to help with big bleedings, or if someone passes out or faints, and I know how to do the recovery position on a patient that has fainted or fallen and hurt their head. I do pretty well with blood and wounds as I have treated some wounds before and the blood doesn't bother me .
Aspect of this job which appeal to me less	I don't know how to help with other recovery positions or what to do with some situations that include using medicines as I don't have much experience with medicines, so that's something that I need to work on.
Next steps (What I am going to do to find out more about this job or prepare myself to get this job)	I will do much more research on things that I need to work, and I work hard mainly with the subjects that I need for being a doctor which is mainly science, I would need to take a lot of courses and lessons (on becoming a doctor) I would also need to go a lot of revisions and time studying the things I need to know, I could also get a small job in a hospital to get some practise and experience in a hospital.
Qualities you possess already which make you well suited to this job	I do well with blood and big wounds I can handle needles; I do well if people faint or fall and hit their head or if they're unconscious; I know how to deal with other things that could be a problem to people, mainly being dizzy or blurry vision. I can also do well with things that humans need to be healthy with and how much they need to take on the daily for example all of the different vitamins and the things they do and why some people may need to have and I also know why people may need iron vitamins and how to tell if some people have a sickness called anaemia because I've done a lot of practise on that one sickness.
Qualities you still need to develop	I still need to develop my experience and techniques with different recovery positions and also with different medicines as I have never used medicines before.





## Mason B

A career that I am interested in



I am interested in microbiology and science related jobs (yet mostly microbiology). I also like seeing the differences between different forms of bacteria and other microorganisms.

Qualifications required or desirable

You need good maths and science GCSEs and 3 years of university (that is the main route, but there are many other routes).

Experience required or desirable

No experience is required unless you take the apprentice route or few other routes that you can follow.

Wage range of a person working in this career

£31,365-£104,927  
This tends to be the average from beginning (£31,365) to advanced (£104,927).

Aspects of this job which appeal to me

It is interesting, it is fun and you learn a lot. Furthermore, it is not that hard to get a microbiologist job, if you have the qualifications.

Aspect of this job which appeal to me less

It requires a lot of effort, perseverance and you need to finish up work reasonably fast.

Next steps (What I am going to do to find out more about this job or prepare myself to get this job)

I am going to research apprenticeships and university courses to see which one will fit me and I would enjoy.

Qualities you possess already which make you well suited to this job

I have decent perseverance and can put in a lot of effort, if I am enjoying the thing I am doing.

Qualities you still need to develop

I need to improve my effort in stuff I don't enjoy and my social skills.

## India W

A career that I am interested in

A wildlife conservationist that helps the environment and its children by raising money and planting new trees etc.

Qualifications required or desirable

You'll usually need:

- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree
- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study
- You'll need a degree or postgraduate qualification in a subject like: ecology, conservation biology, zoology, marine biology, environmental science, ecology and environmental sustainability
- You can get into this job through a university course or an apprenticeship

Experience required or desirable

- maths knowledge
- analytical thinking skills
- thinking and reasoning skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- persistence and determination
- the ability to use your initiative
- excellent written communication skills
- concentration skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently



Wage range of a person working in this career

If I were to be an ecologist, I would earn £22,000-£45,000.

Aspects of this job which appeal to me

Obviously, helping the environment is something that brings me much joy and right now, the world needs help. If I were to play a part in keeping the world alive and well, I would feel proud!

On the other hand, being a writer would be challenging - as thinking up new plots and ideas can be very tiring - but I believe it would be a job I would enjoy very much.

Aspect of this job which appeal to me less

Ecologists don't seem to earn a large amount of money, unless you are well-known or very driven and committed, so I think this job would be quite difficult to succeed in.

Being a writer is an inspiring and exciting job, however, having to spend hours a day coming up with new ideas for stories or other types of writing, would be very difficult and probably boring.

Next steps (What I am going to do to find out more about this job or prepare myself to get this job)

You can find volunteering opportunities with:  
The Conservation Volunteers  
National Trust  
The Wildlife Trusts  
To prepare myself, I'll volunteer to help out at places like these (above) so I can get a better understanding and appreciation for the job as well as going into ecology knowing more facts and knowledge.

Qualities you possess already which make you well suited to this job

I think that I can come up with good arguments and ideas quickly and I'm thoughtful so I would want to help as much as I can. I also think I'm good at writing and making things sound more professional. Also, I'm relatively well accustomed to computers and could work with them if I had to. I can concentrate on writing and work and will complete the work to the best of my abilities.

Qualities you still need to develop

Perhaps, honing my concentration skills at this job would be time consuming sometimes and I would have to be patient and concentrate very well.

## Will DM

A career that I am interested in	Bank manager
Qualifications required or desirable	Maths English business science of money. You'll usually need a least 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), including English and maths, or equivalent qualifications. You could take further training on the job while you study for management qualifications.
Experience required or desirable	Relevant degrees for banking include: business, economics, finance, management or marketing. There are no specific A levels required, but business, economics, statistics and maths would all be useful. A level 3 vocational qualification in business would be most relevant.
Average Wage of a person working in this career	£50,000
Aspects of this job which appeal to me	Working with money, bossing people around, meeting new people.
Aspect of this job which appeal to me less	Time spent doing it, working at a desk all the time, having to work with other people and being bossed around.
Next steps (What I am going to do to find out more about this job or prepare myself to get this job)	I will look online at careers and look at people who were a bank manager and how they got there and try to imitate them.
Qualities you possess already which make you well suited to this job	How to work a computer. Think big work smart. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ambition and a desire to succeed</li><li>• to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently</li></ul>
Qualities you still need to develop	Good grades, excellent verbal communication skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• business management skills</li><li>• customer service skills</li><li>• the ability to sell products and services</li><li>• leadership skills</li><li>• knowledge of economics and accounting</li><li>• to be thorough and pay attention to detail</li><li>• to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently</li></ul>



## Jae R

A career that I am interested in	Specialist doctor in type 1 diabetes and Metabolic disorders
Qualifications required or desirable	A or above in biology, chemistry, physics (6 years medical degree) C+ for 8 other subjects.
Experience required or desirable	4 years in medical school + additional 2 - 4 years for specialist degree
Wage range of a person working in this career	From £42,000 - £103,000 (average is about £76,000)
Aspects of this job which appeal to me	Get to walk around wards and meet different people and help them get through some hard times as I can relate on a personal level (which gives me a better understanding of what they're going through); make new friend with my co-workers (which builds a good and friendly atmosphere when working alongside them); working with patients as I will be caring for them and helping them get better, both mentally and physically.
Aspect of this job which appeal to me less	Working long hours as my metabolism isn't very good and I might get very tired and get annoyed easily. Not getting many breaks which might also throw me off.
Next steps (What I am going to do to find out more about this job or prepare myself to get this job)	Go to medical school and work in labs and try to get as much work done as possible to help my understanding of the job career I'm choosing. Work with my doctors and talk to them about how they do their work as these are skills I can learn from them.
Qualities you possess already which make you well suited to this job	I'm very familiar with the area of work which I'm going into and I know the local hospitals quite well so if I end up working in one of them I will already be familiar with the layout of the building and will hopefully not get lost! I have good determination, teamwork skills and resilience which can help me with working with other people I might not have worked with yet. When I meet new patients, which I know will happen, and be able to form a good healthy relationship with them so they trust me as their doctor.
Qualities you still need to develop	My school work as I need to have very good qualifications and GCSEs to get this job. My flexibility of work as I like to stick to a specific timetable so I know where I need to be at any time and how much time I have to take a break, so if anything come up I don't like to have to deal with it as I might have other plans or might need a break.