



Newsletter

The academic year is quickly progressing and here we are at Easter with the exam season looming next term. This term has been a busy time on the Careers front with National Apprenticeship week, National Careers week and of course the Newcastle Careers Fair My Future: My Choice (article on page 3).

This is traditionally the big term for apprenticeship recruitment, and we have seen lots of fantastic opportunities. However, what we are also seeing is high demand for places in College's and at training provision – construction and mechanics are particularly popular. With only a limited number of places available some courses/providers are already reporting that they are almost full or have waiting lists. We say it every year, but young people need to apply early to secure an education or training place at the provider of their choice and not leave it until after their exams. We strongly advise that they attend open events and taster days as soon as possible.

The Careers team has seen some changes to their remit in relation to young people with EHC plans (see more below) and in the future this newsletter will also include information on SEN opportunities. Our next newsletter will come out in July – we are always keen to see articles from a range of organisations on different topics so if you have anything you would like including in July's newsletter please email **victoria.cheetham@newcastle.gov.uk**.

Changes in the Careers team

As some will already know Ann Graham is retiring next term. After 38 years as a Careers Adviser with 34 of those years in Newcastle, Ann has seen a lot of changes in the world of careers. From May half term there will be some interim arrangements in place while recruitment for her successor is ongoing. If you are not sure who to contact in the future – please email the main Careers Team email address and a member of the team will get in touch.

How to contact Newcastle Careers Team:

Telephone: **0191 277 1944** Email: **careersteam@newcastle.gov.uk** Website: **www.newcastlecareers.org.uk** Facebook: **facebook.com/careersteamncl**



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Careers Team News



New Careers Team sessions at Byker Sands

On Monday afternoons, the Careers team are now offering appointments and a drop in at Byker Sands. This brings our outreach locations to 3 across the city (Nunsmoor and Charlton Street are the others).

To book and an appointment or to make a referral please email **careersteam@newcastle.gov.uk** or book via **Eventbrite**.

New Careers Guidance arrangements for young people with EHC plans.

From the 26th February the Local Authority responsibility for delivering Careers Guidance support for young people with EHC plans passed from the SEN casework team to the Careers Guidance Team. Sarah Irving (previously Connexions and the SEN casework team) has joined us and brings with her a lot of knowledge and expertise. However, all the Careers Advisers on the team will now be supporting young people with EHC plans as part of their caseload.

The team is not at full strength and will be recruiting another Careers Adviser to support this additional work. Since we are not at full strength, we will have interim arrangements in place with schools for the rest of the academic year. Meetings have taken place with Special Schools, Mainstream schools and Post 16 providers to outline the new arrangements and what the Careers team offer is. If for some reason you missed those briefings and want to find out about how the Careers team can support young people in education or training please email **ann.graham@newcastle.gov.uk**.

Young people with Newcastle EHC plans who are NEET can be seen at our sessions at Work and Thrive Central in the City Library and at our outreach locations (Nunsmoor, Charlton Street and Byker Sands).

Full details of our sessions are:

- Monday Nunsmoor 2-4.30pm or Byker Sands 1.30-4pm
- Tuesday Work and Thrive Central, City Library 10-5 or Charlton Street 1.30-4pm
- Wednesday (alternate weeks) Work and Thrive Central, City Library 10-5
- Thursday Work and Thrive Central, City Library 10-5

Alternatively referrals can be made directly to careersteam@newcastle.gov.uk.





My future: My choice 2024

We had over 3500 visitors to St James' Park for the second My future: My choice Careers Fair on the 30th January. Spread over 4 floors of the stadium, as well as schools visiting, we had a significant number of visitors from across Tyneside for the open event between 3.30-5.30pm.





There were over 100 exhibitors from education and training providers, employers, and specialist SEN provision. It was fantastic to see the wide range of opportunities available to young people.

Feedback from exhibitors, young people and schools was very positive. Young people gave the event 8 out of 10 and over 95% of those surveyed said they had found some useful information.

The impact of events like this cannot be underestimated, as often it is one of the few occasions when some young people get chance to talk to employers etc directly. As the feedback from Walker school said 'student feedback has been very positive and students are already talking about how it has encouraged them to think about careers'.

We are still learning and have taken note of suggestions for improvement. We hope to see My future: My choice return for 2025 and will confirm as soon as we have a date.

If you have not been part of the event before as an exhibitor, please get in touch if you would like to join us next year. We are always looking at expanding the opportunities on show for young people as well as increasing the number of sponsors. Without support from sponsors (thanks to Newcastle College, Economic development and Robertsons this year) we would not be able to put on this exciting citywide event.

For information about My future: My choice please email careersteam@newcastle.gov.uk.





Green Careers

Newcastle City Council are currently creating local and regional Green Careers resources to be circulated to schools, students and anyone seeking more information about local green career opportunities. Keep an eye out for this as it is due to be circulated in the summer term of this academic year or in September 2024. For more information or to have your say in this please contact **climatechange@newcastle.gov.uk**.



The Council are also organising their annual Youth Climate Change Summit. This will be held early July at the Discovery Museum.

This all-day educational event is for schools across the city, targeted particularly at students in Year 9, 10, 12. It will feature educational workshops in the morning and the afternoon will focus on the variety of pathways to sustainable and green careers. Please get in contact for more information and to sign up.



Work & Thrive Newcastle

Work & Thrive Newcastle - the new employment partnership.

A new employment partnership has been developed in Newcastle with the aim of offering all Newcastle residents improved access to high quality employment support and good work opportunities.

This supports the council's commitment to creating an inclusive economy where everyone in the city benefits. The new partnership, now known as Work & Thrive Newcastle, is funded by the North of Tyne Combined Authority, and it aims to put the needs of local people and employers at the heart of everything it does. Partners include Newcastle City Council (including Newcastle Futures, Newcastle Career's Team, Your Homes Newcastle, Newcastle City Learning), DWP (Department of Work and Pensions), National Careers Service, other local training providers and community organisations.



Work & Thrive

Here are some examples of the partnership's good work:

- Newcastle Career's Team provide free personalised advice to any young person in the city aged 16-18 who is looking for a place in education, training, an Apprenticeship, or a job with training. This includes help with writing or updating a CV, helping to find vacancies, writing job applications, and preparing for interviews. It also offers an outreach service at the children and community hubs across the city.
- In 2023, partnership recruitment fairs and employment support events helped over 1,200 Newcastle residents take steps into employment and/or training.
- A new ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) service has been set up to help anyone over 16 improve their English and find a job or training. It refers clients to the most appropriate help for their needs, provides employment support, employment, and training opportunities, and if appropriate, a fast-track to work opportunities.



Work & Thrive Newcastle has a new website where you can find out more information or details of support: **workandthrivenewcastle.org.uk** or you can contact **workandthrivenews@newcastle.gov.uk**, phone **0191 277 4125**, or subscribe to their newsletter at: **Work & Thrive (list-manage.com)**







Opportunities

Are you interested in further details about a fully funded NCS residential for young people aged 16 – 17 in the North East?

The National Citizen Service (NCS) is a personal and social development programme for 15–17 year olds. Established in 2011, NCS aims to build a more cohesive, mobile, and engaged society. By bringing young people together from different backgrounds for a unique, shared experience, it helps build confidence and unlock potential.

Over 750,00 young people have taken part in the programme.

The NCS away from experiences are five-day, four night residential trips where young people will be able to try new activities and learn new skills. There are three experience themes available to choose from: Live It, Boss It, and Change It.





As a government supported scheme, NCS is amazing value for money – the whole experience costs students only £95. This includes activities, transport, meals, and accommodation. There are also bursaries available making NCS accessible to all.

- Help improve students' confidence
- Given them experience and skills for CVs and applications
- Benefit the wider community
- No cost to your provision

If you are interested in finding out further information, please email Kara Mangan - **kmangan@ingeus.co.uk** or visit **wearencs.com**.



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Adventure in Learning

Transforming Education from the Ground Up

Adventure in Learning, a newly established educational organisation that opened its doors in January, has swiftly emerged as a beacon of success in alternative provision for learners. This unique institution, located within the vibrant Newburn Leisure Centre, prides itself on offering a fresh approach to education, providing invaluable support to pupils who face challenges in traditional educational settings.



Adventure in Learning acknowledges the distinctiveness of each learner, with a commitment to tailoring education to individual strengths and needs. This distinctive approach fosters an environment where every pupil can thrive, positioning the provision as a dynamic space where learning transcends traditional boundaries, and resilience is cultivated through engaging activities.

A standout feature of Adventure in Learning is its holistic education, seamlessly blending academic prowess with practical skills and activities. The curriculum is designed to allow each learner thrive whilst also preparing them for their further endeavours, be it further education, vocational training, or employment. The institution offers a diverse array of academic and vocational courses, ensuring each learner receives an education aligned with their aspirations and potential.









Adventure in Learning

The state-of-the-art facilities at Newburn Leisure Centre further elevate the learning experience at Adventure in Learning. From an indoor climbing wall to astro turf football pitches, a gym, dance studio, and a sports hall accommodating various sports and activities, the institution provides a stimulating environment conducive to curiosity and active engagement.

Setting itself apart, Adventure in Learning also places emphasis on their Forest Hero programme which enables pupils to not only acquire practical skills, but also build essential life skills such as problem-solving, communication, and perseverance. All learners benefit from a comprehensive education that extends beyond conventional academic achievement.

Adventure in Learning has already become a go-to solution for many mainstream schools grappling with learners who may be disengaged, disruptive, or in need of an alternative educational approach. The provision serves as a supportive partner, offering a refuge for learners who may thrive in a different educational setting. The success stories emerging from Adventure in Learning underscore the positive impact on the lives of its learners.

In a short span, Adventure in Learning has demonstrated that a fresh perspective on education, coupled with dynamic facilities and outdoor learning, can make a significant difference in the lives of learners. As the institution continues its journey, the commitment to providing an enriching and transformative education remains unwavering. Adventure in Learning is more than just an institution; it's a vibrant community dedicated to building resilient futures through learning adventures.

To find out more about Adventure in Learning and their services, please visit their website at **www.adventureinlearning.co.uk**.

They are also on **Facebook**.

Star Refrigeration

Industrial Refrigeration Engineering Apprentice Programme

The Company

Star Refrigeration is the UK's largest independent industrial refrigeration engineering company, founded in 1970, working with customers from design to commissioning and maintenance, supported by a nationwide branch structure. The company is comprised of six business units and currently has around 400 employees throughout the group. We are an Investors in People Platinum accredited employer and recognise the important role our employees play in our success which is why they are at the heart of everything we do. We aim to support and encourage our employees to pursue their interests and provide development opportunities to ensure they have rewarding and fulfilling careers.





Star Apprenticeship Programme

Apprenticeships have always played an important role in Star, with 25% of our current management team having joined the company as an apprentice or trainee. The company take on a group of apprentices each year based throughout the UK, the apprentices will combine academic learning with on-site work based learning from our experienced engineering teams. The apprenticeships last between 3 and 4 years and successful apprentices will be offered permanent employment as Refrigeration Engineers with progression opportunities through our engineer grading system as well as scope for development into other areas of the business.

The apprenticeship scheme has a competitive salary structure with 6 monthly increments based on key performance indicators and generous company benefits. Apprentices will also have the opportunities to get involved in industry specific events, key networking activities and industry awards.

Star Refrigeration

What will I learn?

- Service, maintenance and installation of refrigeration systems and components
- Health and Safety and environmental legislation and working practices
- Fault diagnosis and rectification through root cause analysis
- Safe handling of refrigerants (including ammonia and CO2)
- Electrical systems
- Communication and customer care

What you need to be a Star Apprentice:

- An interest in a career in Engineering
- You would like to learn about refrigeration
- You are hardworking
- You have 4 GCSEs, grades A-C including English, Maths and at least one Science subject or Scottish equivalent (Intermediate 2/National 5s).

Application process

We would like to hear about you and why this is the apprenticeship for you, send your CV and covering letter to **recruitment@star-ref.co.uk**









COME AND SEE WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOU FOR 2023/24 OPEN DAY TUESDAY 16TH APRIL

Come and take a look around our facilities! Interviews Available on the day to secure your space.

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Education

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge North-East Teacher Conference 2024



On **11 July** 2024, from **9.30am-3.15pm**, at **Harton Academy**, South Shields, Corpus Christi College of the University of Cambridge will be hosting a free North-East Teacher Conference.

The conference, specifically for teachers and advisors at state schools, will support staff in understanding what highly selective institutions are looking for from students and will also help navigate the application process for Oxbridge. It will also be a brilliant opportunity for teachers and advisors to connect with one another to facilitate future collaboration with other schools alongside the University of Cambridge.

Provisionally, the day will include sessions on:

- The University of Cambridge explained
- Engaging with super-curricular activity
- Creating competitive personal statements and helpful teacher references
- Supporting students with admissions assessments (with recent changes explained)
- Performing well at interview

A buffet lunch and refreshments will be provided.

We are keen to host both experienced teachers and advisors in this area and those who feel less knowledgeable. If you feel you'd benefit from the conference, please click **here** to find out more and/or book a place. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Elaine Effard, North-East Access and Outreach Coordinator for the University of Cambridge: **ee359@corpus.cam.ac.uk**









Newcastle College

On Course for Success with Newcastle College.

Here at Newcastle College we have hundreds of courses to choose from including full-time 16-18 courses, T-Levels, apprenticeships, degree courses and adult courses. We're confident we will have something that's just right for the young people you work with, whether that be help with getting into University, finding the perfect job or starting a business.

Newcastle College is made up of a diverse and vibrant community of staff and students, studying just a stone's throw away from the city centre. Students here learn the skills that employers really need and benefit from first-class facilities and tutors, plus real industry experiences and opportunities to learn directly from industry experts.

Hear from our current and past students to find out what makes our college so special: **ncl-coll.ac.uk/student-life/student-case-studies**

Choosing a course that's right for you.

Whether you have a passion for Art and Design, aspire to explore the wonders of Aviation, or are drawn to the world of Science, our FE courses provide a solid foundation for your academic and professional journey. Find out more at **ncl-coll.ac.uk**









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T-Levels have landed!

We have 13 courses to choose from in a range of subject areas from Digital to Engineering and Health. You will spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on a work placement to make sure you develop all the skills and experiences that employers are looking for. Find out more at **ncl-coll.ac.uk/tlevels**

Could an Apprenticeship be right for you?

Choose from more than 30 apprenticeship routes and earn a real wage whilst gaining an industry-approved qualification. An apprenticeship is different from a T-Level in that you spend four days a week in the workplace and one day in college.

Courtney Lea Maddison, Level 2 Painting and Decorating apprentice, said, "My tutor is really supportive and encouraging. He allows us to take our time and relax into projects. One of the best things about doing this apprenticeship is that I get the chance to try all sorts of equipment." Find out more about apprenticeships at

ncl-coll.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Open Events

Want to find out more from the tutors who run the courses? Why not come to an Open Event. On the first Wednesday of the month, we welcome prospective applicants (and their parents) on to campus. Our staff will be on hand to talk to you about college life, provide course advice and tell you about financial and learning support on offer. You can register for one of Open Events at **ncl-coll.ac.uk/events**

Summer School for applicants

Once you've applied to study with us, you will be invited to a Summer School event to familiarise yourself with campus, get to know your future classmates and explore your chosen subject area. Our Summer Schools will run in the first week of July. If you're looking to apply to Newcastle College, head to our website at **ncl-coll.ac.uk**

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Email us: enquiries@ncl-coll.ac.uk Call us: 0191 200 4000





Green Skills

Green Skills Engagement Programme Launch

Newcastle College

We are thrilled to introduce a brand new, industry-approved green skills engagement programme for schools in the North of Tyne area.

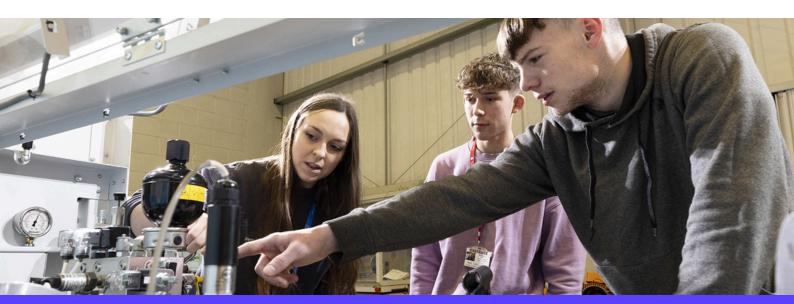
Inspiring your students

Along with Northumberland College, Newcastle University and the ORE Catapult, we have developed this new schools engagement programme to deliver exciting green skills information and activities for your students. Our School Engagement Officers are committed to supporting schools to integrate green technology into your teaching. We understand the importance of hands-on learning and can advise you on specific subject areas to help embed activities into your curriculum.

Through this programme, we can deliver engaging information and interactive activities tailored to primary or secondary school students, as well as offer guidance on incorporating green skills into your current curriculum.

Exciting opportunities

From classroom sessions to after-school clubs, career fairs, and assemblies, our programme offers a wide range of engagement opportunities. We aim to not only raise awareness about green technology but enthuse young learners about the great potential in the green technology sector. With a focus on offshore wind, electric vehicles and batteries, solar PV, heat energy, hydrogen, carbon capture and storage, and green construction, we cover diverse areas of the growing green economy.









Green Skills

Supporting students

At the Newcastle College Energy Academy, we provide green skills careers advice through:

- Information, Advice, and Guidance Events: Prospective students and parents are invited to our Academy to explore facilities, resources, and discuss career pathways ranging from Level 2 to Level 6. Students can register for one of our Open Events at ncl-coll.ac.uk/events.
- School Career Fairs: Our staff can support and participate in school career fairs, providing invaluable guidance to pupils and parents alike. Email **education.partnerships@ncl-coll.ac.uk** to arrange a school or college visit.
- STEM and Career Events: Our Green Skills School Engagement Officers regularly engage with schools, as well as organisations such as the Newcastle United Foundation and the North Tyne Learning Trust, to promote green skills and career opportunities.

Get Involved!

If you want to find out more information about green skills education, we'd love to hear from you. Whether you're interested in arranging workshops, seeking advice on curriculum integration, or exploring career guidance opportunities, our team is here to support you every step of the way.

For further information, please contact: Dan Smith School Engagement Officer, Newcastle College **dan.smith@ncl-coll.ac.uk**

Connor Thompson School Engagement Officer, Northumberland College **connor.thompson@northumberland.ac.uk**

To arrange a school visit, please email: education.partnerships@ncl-coll.ac.uk





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Jesmond Park Academy Sixth Form

At Jesmond Park Academy Sixth Form we focus on a core of well over 300 students in outstanding, dedicated facilities. We think we are the right size: big enough to



offer leading facilities, teaching and social life; small enough to really focus on our students and help you make the right choices to succeed at university, in life and employment.

Last year the overwhelming majority of our Year 11 students chose to continue their studies with us and a record number of students joined us from other schools in Newcastle and beyond, making up our friendly and diverse Sixth Form community.

Our Academy currently offers around 30 A Level / BTEC courses, enabling students to compose a programme of study that meets their individual needs, supporting progression onto the next step beyond the Sixth Form. It doesn't stop with just A Levels. There are BTEC programmes in IT, Business, Media, Health and Social Care, Travel and Tourism and Science. Our tutors and support team go the extra mile to ensure our students are supported to achieve their goals and ambitions.

If you would like to find out more about our Sixth Form, please contact us on **0191 281 8486** or at **sixthform@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk**.









Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)

Scotland's Rural College is an institution offering first-class land-based courses from NC level all the way through to postgraduate education, including work-based-learning opportunities. Rather than a singular base, we have campuses spanning seven locations throughout Scotland,



as well as numerous distance-learning courses. We aim to educate students in areas which will aid the natural economy and provide a benefit to the country.

SRUC strives to help grow a natural economy fuelled by the responsible use of the world's natural resources: people, land, energy, water, animals and plants. SRUC focuses on solving the global challenges facing the planet, including climate change, biodiversity and access to nutritious food and clean water. By focusing on the sustainability of our natural economy, SRUC will strive to lead the way in delivering economic, social and environmental benefits for all, across the UK, and beyond. SRUC's courses consider the innovative science that supports land-based and rural industries, the way they interact with and support the environment around them, and the businesses that rely on them – from agriculture to veterinary, and a huge variety of relevant topics in between.

For further information please visit our website www.sruc.ac.uk.

Charlotte France – Marketing and Student Recruitment Officer (North East) Mobile: 07557 185 200 - Email: **charlotte.france@sruc.ac.uk**





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TECH UP Women



ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WORKING IN TECH BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

TechUP are pleased to be launching our newest programme for 2024, in partnership with Catch22, we'll be training 150 more women and non-binary people in tech careers!

TechUPWomen is an intensive IT training programme, developed with tech industry specialists and delivered with Catch 22, specifically for women and non-binary people living in the North and North East of England. It is designed to provide learners with the knowledge and skills they need to start a career in the tech sector.

To be eligible for a place on the TechUPWomen programme you must meet the following criteria:

- Be resident and eligible to work in the UK
- Be aged 18-30 with 20% of learners aged 31-40
 Identify as female or non-binary
- Be unemployed or earn £25,000 or less a year
- Not hold a tech related qualification at Alevel or above





Employment, Training and Skills North

Pathways to Progression



If you are finding it hard to get back into education, our Pathways to Progression programme is here to help you take your next steps.

We will support you to;

- Gain a recognised Mental Health Qualification.
- Build your confidence and self-esteem.
- Develop good communication skills.
- Offer taster sessions in different vocational areas at ETSNorth.
- Visit colleges and various employers to help you plan for the future.

One day a week! Every Wednesday for 20 weeks! For more information, please ring 0191 296 3367 and ask for Claire Kapur or email: claire.kapur@barnardos.org.uk





Join our supported internship programme

Interest Event 17th April 2024 4pm – 7pm

Venue: Home Group, One Strawberry Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4BX

Open to young people and adults (17 – 24 years) with learning disabilities or autism.

Developing your

- Team work skills
- Thinking skills
- Communication skills
- Resilience skills
- Confidence skills

Role could include: Office Administrator, Front of House/Host and Facilities Assistant

An exciting opportunity for young people aged between 17 and 24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) to gain valuable work experience and skills. Whilst on placement at Home Group, interns will be given support through on the job coaching, with the ultimate goal of paid employment and independence.

For more information email ROC College roccollege-referrals@unitedresponse.org.uk

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OPEN DAY 16TH April

Have a look around and see our facilities. Interviews available on the day to secure your space

Construction Motor Vehicle Animal Care and Horticulture LAW

Teaching Assistant Health and Social Care Business Administration Cleaning Operative

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Designated Safeguarding





Meet the Team

All our Careers Advisers are level 6 qualified Careers Guidance practitioners.

Ann Graham – Manages the team. Ann has been working within Careers in Newcastle since 1990 in a wide variety of roles and settings. Ann is always keen to meet other services and organisations to explore how organisations can work together. Email: ann.graham@newcastle.gov.uk.

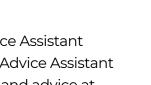
Becky Henderson

Careers Adviser - 07793 968 891 Linked to Walbottle, Kenton, Studio West and St. Cuthberts schools. Also linked with the 16+ Social Care team and Virtual School to support young people in care and care leavers post 16.

Neena Chopra (part time) Careers Adviser - 07793 968 935 Linked to Benfield and Excelsior schools. and support at Jesmond Park Academy. Linked to the Virtual School to work with Looked After Children up to the end of vear 11.

Vicky Cheetham

Information and Advice Assistant Our Information and Advice Assistant provides information and advice at Work and Thrive Central in the Central Library.



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Youth Justice Service.

Lynsey Murton

Matt Ellaway

Careers Adviser - 07917 721 271

Linked to Gosforth, UTC, Walker and

Bridges schools. Our link with the

Careers Adviser - 07977 700 859 Linked to St. Marys, Mary Astell and Sacred Heart, support at Kenton schools. Also linked with the Attendance Team.

Becca Croft

Careers Adviser - 07977 730 652 Linked to Jesmond Park Academy, support at Walbottle, Benfield and Excelsior schools. Also our link to students who are Electively Home Fducated.

Sarah Irving

Careers Adviser - 07970 625 666 Linked to Special Schools for the rest of the academic year..









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