

# KS3 Careers Assembly #4

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Can anyone tell me...

... what a career is?

... what an A-Level is?

... what university is?



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A career is... a series of skills and qualifications you gain over a working lifetime.

An A-Level is... a post-16 qualification – something you do after your GCSEs.

University is... an institution you go to after your A-Levels to study a degree.

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2025 Rate	2026 Rate (from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026)
Over-21s £12.21 per hour	Over-21s will increase to £12.71 per hour
Ages 18-20 £10.00 per hour	Ages 18-20 will increase to £10.85 per hour
Under 18s £7.55 per hour	Under 18s rate will increase to £8 per hour
Apprentice rate £7.55 per hour	Apprentice rate will increase to £8 per hour

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LABOUR MARKET

  
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Amazing  
Apprenticeships

THE CAREERS &  
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## Skills demand is rising in key job areas

- UK government forecasts show employment demand growing in priority sectors like technology, health and engineering — with demand in those sectors expected to increase by about **15 % by 2030**.

This is Labour Market Information.

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## Apprenticeship participation is growing

- In England there were **about 353,500 apprenticeship starts in 2024/25**, which is around **4 % higher than the year before**, and degree-level apprenticeship starts grew even more — up over **15 %**.

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## Some jobs are in high demand right now

- Recent job-posting trends show strong growth in roles like **train and tram drivers (+134 %)**, **stonemasons and related trades (+64 %)**, and other transport and construction jobs — reflecting real demand in the labour market.

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# What next?

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You will have the chance to attend a careers fair where you will meet universities and apprenticeship providers.

You will take part in a careers drop down day, where you will learn more about the pathways available.

You will be emailed a quiz for you to complete.

Check your emails regularly and speak with your guardians.

# Understanding the labour market

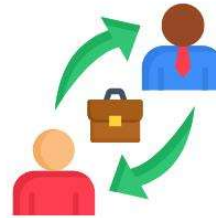
The **labour market** is a phrase that describes:

- how many jobs are available
- how many people want them
- which skills employers are looking for

Important things to know about the labour market:



It is changing all the time



Some jobs will decline or disappear, whilst other new roles will appear and evolve



It is important to consider which sectors and job roles are going to increase. The government calls these

**growth sectors**



Can you think of a job that was common in the past but has declined or disappeared now?



## Why is understanding the labour market important?

Looking at the labour market and growth sectors in our region is important so you can:

- See where future jobs will be
- Understand the skills local employers want
- Find study and work options you can get to
- Make informed decisions about your next steps (including which subjects you choose)
- Feel more confident about your future
- Understand how your local area works



# What are the growth sectors nationally?



Government data\* shows that the biggest growth sectors **nationally** over the next 10 years will be:



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



EDUCATION



HEALTH & SOCIAL WORK



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\*Labour market and skills projections: 2020 to 2035

**What are the  
growth  
sectors  
in our  
region?**

Government data\* shows that the biggest growth sectors in **London** over the next 10 years will be:



**ACCOMMODATION  
& FOOD**



**HEALTH &  
SOCIAL WORK**



**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES**



**SUPPORT  
SERVICES**



**WHOLESALE &  
RETAIL TRADE**



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How many of you know someone who is involved in selling things and working with customers?

Retail and wholesale

The largest employment sector in England and the UK.

The world of work

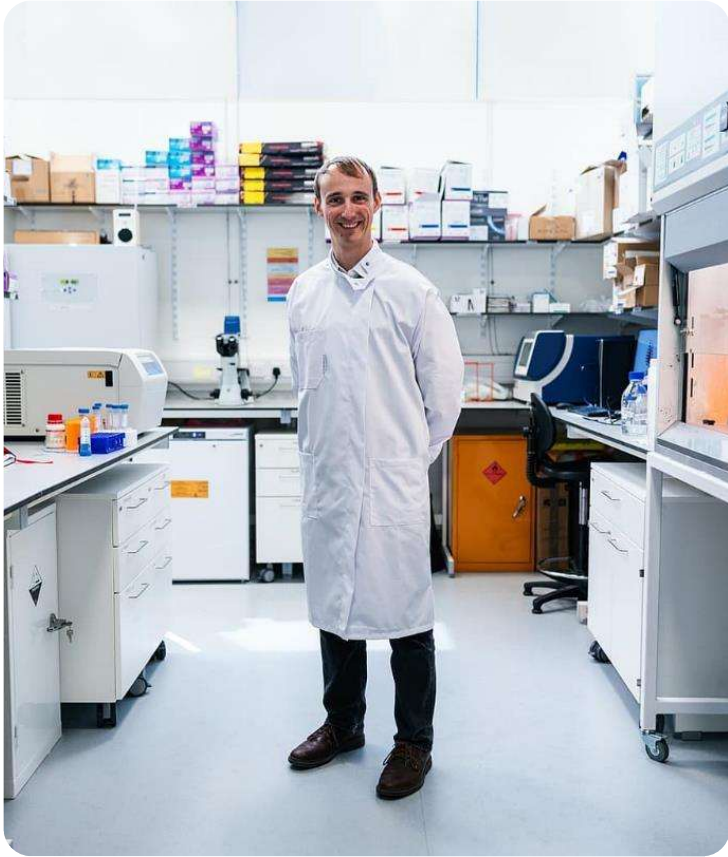


How many of you know someone who works in a hospital or cares for someone who is ill, disabled or old?

healthcare

2<sup>nd</sup> largest employment sector in the UK.

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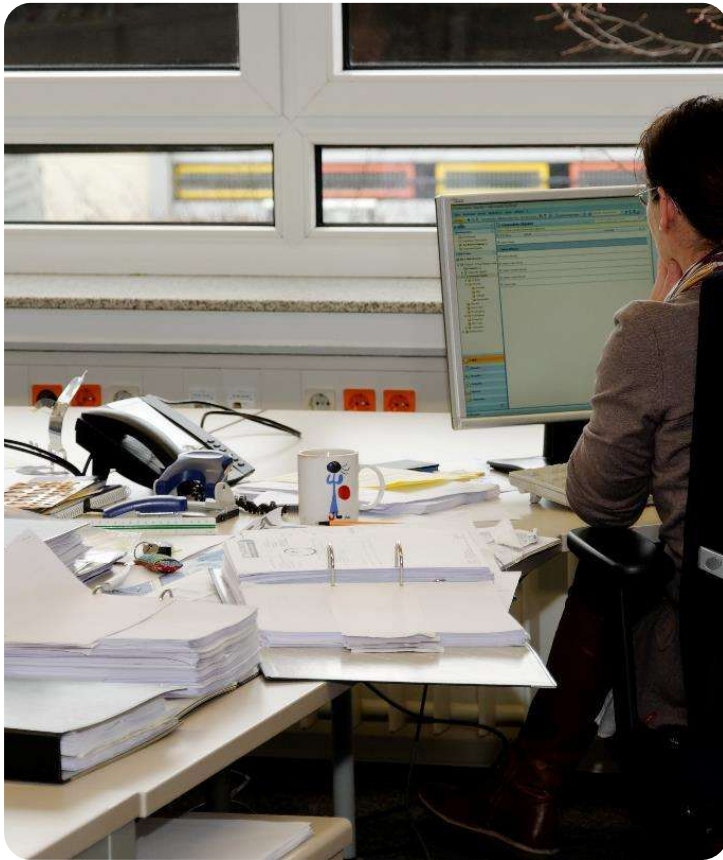


Who knows  
someone who  
works in a job that  
needed them to go  
to university?

Professional, technical & scientific

3<sup>rd</sup> largest employment  
sector in the UK.

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How many of you  
know someone who  
works in an office?  
What sort of jobs do  
they do?

administration

4<sup>th</sup> largest employment  
sector in the UK.

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How many of you know someone who works in a university, school or college?  
What is their job?

education

5<sup>th</sup> largest employment sector in the UK.

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## Next steps?

Speak to adults about what jobs they do: do they work in one of the top 5 sectors? Ask them what they like about their job.

- What do you enjoy doing? Could you use this in a job?
- If you are interested in a specific job you could visit the website below to find out more about this job:  
<https://icould.com/>



## The world of work