

Careers Case Studies

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Solicitor (Lawyer)	£16,500 starting salary £25-70,000 with experience	6 Years+ (2 years at 6 th Form or College, 3-4 years at University and 1-2 years professional training)	University Degree	Court visits, debating experience Work experience with solicitors	English & Maths. 8 or more subjects at B+	Courts, Offices, Large Companies Towns/Cities
Journalist (Writing Newspaper stories or investigating news items for TV or Radio)	£15,000 starting salary £15-40,000 with experience	5 Years+ (2 years at 6 th Form or College + 3-4 years at University or an apprenticeship)	Extensive Experience (Most journalist have degrees)	Writing / Broadcasting experience e.g. school magazine / local paper etc. Online publishing	English at B+ Subjects with lots of written work (e.g. History)	Towns & Cities. Often requires travel
Medicine (Doctor)	£33,000 starting salary £55-80,000 with experience	10 Years+ (2 years at 6 th Form or College, 5 Years at University and 3-4 Years Professional Training)	University Degree	Work experience in care homes and with disabled people. Experience in a hospital after Year 11	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, English at A/ A*. At least 8 A/A*s	Hospitals Surgeries In most areas
Nurse (and midwife)	£21,000 starting salary £25-35,000 with experience	7 Years+ (2 Years at 6 th Form or College, 3 Years at University and 2 Years Professional Training)	University Degree	Work experience in care homes and with disabled people. Experience in a hospital after Year 11	English & Maths at C+. Double Science or Separate Sciences at B+	Hospitals, Surgeries, Most Communities
Primary School Teacher	£21,000 starting salary £25-35,000 with experience	7 Years+ (2 Years at 6 th Form or College, 4 Years at University and 1 Year Professional Training)	University Degree	Helping in student support, any work with children e.g. brownies, sports clubs etc.	5+ National Curriculum Subjects. English, Maths & Science at B+	Schools, Nurseries, Most Communities
Physiotherapy (helping people exercise following injuries or illnesses)	£21,000 starting salary £30-35,000 with experience	5 Years+ (2 Years at 6 th Form or College and 3 Years+ at University)	University Degree	First aid training. Helping with sports clubs. Work experience with disabled people or elderly people.	English & Maths at B+. Double Science or Separate Sciences at B+. At least 6 B Grades	Hospitals Surgeries Sports Clubs Large Towns & Cities
Sports Coach	£8 per hour part time starting salary £12-20,000 with experience	1-2 Years+ (at College or an apprenticeship or by taking specialist training in your sport)	Coaching Qualification in the sport	Coaching and assisting with sports clubs. High level of individual skill in your sport	PE GCSE or BTEC. English, Maths and Science are useful	Leisure Centres, Sports Clubs, Towns & Cities

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Vet	£30,000 starting salary £40-48,000 with experience	7 Years+ (2 years at 6 th form or College + 5-6 years at University)	University Degree	Extensive voluntary work at kennels, farms etc.	Separate Sciences at A/A*. English & Maths at B+. At least 6 A/A*s	Farms, Zoos, Surgeries in towns, cities and rural areas
Beautician (giving facial treatments, nail care, massages etc.)	Minimum Wage starting salary £12-17,000 with experience	2 Years+ (at college or an apprenticeship)	Level 2 (E.g. NVQ 2 Beauty Therapy)	Voluntary work for friends, local organisations etc. Cleaning and talking to people	At least 5 D Grades Beauty Therapy can be useful.	Salons, Home visits, Old people's homes
Building Site Manager (organising workers and materials to make sure jobs get done on time)	£15,000 starting salary as a labourer £27-£45,000 with experience	4 Years+ (2 years at 6 th Form or College and 2 years+ at University)	Extensive Experience or University Degree	Good practical skills. Making and mending things at home and in school etc.	Resistant Materials or Construction. Maths & English at C+.	Building Sites. May have to move long distances for contracts.
Accountant (checking the finances for businesses or individuals)	£18,000 starting salary £28-50,000 with experience	6 Years+ (2 years at 6 th Form or College + 3-4 years at University or on the job training)	Level 3 (e.g. A Levels)	High level of maths skills. Helping friends and family with budgeting . Good communication e.g. experience of explaining things	Maths at B+. English at C+ At least 5 C Grades. Business Studies can be useful.	Large businesses, offices. May involve travel between clients
Motor Mechanic (repairing cars and vans in a garage)	Minimum Wage starting salary £15-20,000 with experience	1-2 years (at college or an apprenticeship)	Level 2 (e.g. NVQ 2)	Good practical skills. Helping with vehicle and mechanical repairs for friends and family. Cycle maintenance	Maths, English & Science at C+. Resistant Materials or Engineering can be useful	Garages, Fleet Centres, Parts Shops Towns & Cities
Civil Engineer (planning and designing roads, bridges, railways etc.)	£17-20,000 starting salary £25-40,000 with experience	6 Years + (2 years at 6 th Form or College + 3-4 years at University)	University Degree	Work experience in construction. Entering design competitions	Maths, English & Science at B+. Resistant materials can be useful	Site & Office. May need to move long distances for contracts
Electrician	£8,000 starting salary £17-30,000 with experience	3-4 years (at college and / or an apprenticeship)	Level 3 (e.g. NVQ 3)	Good practical skills. Making and mending things at home and in school etc.	English, Maths & Science at C+. Engineering or Resistant Materials	May be on call and need to travel to and between jobs
Animal Care (looking after animals in kennels, stables or rescue centres)	Minimum Wage starting salary £11-13,000 with experience	1-2 years (at college)	Level 1 (e.g. NVQ 1) or Experience with animals	Voluntary work with animals. Calm and kind.	Good attendance record. Good behaviour record.	Outdoors. Kennels, stables/rescue centres.