



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER

YEAR 11

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Dear Student/Parent/Carer,  
**Recording interactions on Unifrog**

Could you let Mrs Farmer know if you take part in any virtual or in person opportunities advertised in this Newsletter please? It is important that young people keep an electronic record of all the interactions you have with Further Education, Higher Education and employers. Please email [ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk](mailto:ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk) with the date of the activity and the name of the activity.

Enjoy

The Toot Hill Careers Team

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## Career of the week

### Political scientist



#### What you'll do

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Your day-to-day will include tasks such as:

- Interpret and analyze policies, public issues, legislation, or the operations of governments, businesses, and organizations.
- Maintain current knowledge of government policy decisions.
- Evaluate programs and policies, and make related recommendations to institutions and organizations.
- Develop and test theories, using information from interviews, newspapers, periodicals, case law, historical papers, polls, or statistical sources.
- Collect, analyze, and interpret data such as election results and public opinion surveys, reporting on findings, recommendations, and conclusions.
- Write drafts of legislative proposals, and prepare speeches, correspondence, and policy papers for governmental use.
- Forecast political, economic, and social trends.
- Consult with and advise government officials, civic bodies, research agencies, the media, political parties, and others concerned with political issues.
- Disseminate research results through academic publications, written reports, or public presentations.

Record relevant activities you've already done on the [Activities tool](#)

#### Working hours and environment

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Most people say the following:

- Work With Work Group or Team: Important.
- Work Schedules: Regular (established routine, set schedule).
- Spend Time Sitting: More than half the time.
- Responsibility for Outcomes and Results: Limited responsibility.
- Freedom to Make Decisions: A lot of freedom.
- Duration of Typical Work Week: More than 40 hours.
- Coordinate or Lead Others: Fairly important.

### Career path and progression

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There are opportunities available in many types of organisation, including:

- central government – political researchers work in the main government departments (see government social research officer), as well as for the Scottish government
- local government departments – particularly social services, housing, education and chief executive
- large and small research agencies
- higher education institutions.

If you're working in higher education, you'll either be employed in a large research centre, which employs both permanent and fixed-term research staff, or a university teaching department, where researchers are often employed on fixed-term contracts of one or two years.

### Skills required

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You'll need skills in:

- Reading Comprehension
- Speaking
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Writing

Got evidence of these skills? Record your examples on the [Skills tool](#)

### Entry requirements

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Most employers will expect you to have the minimum of a good degree (2:1 or higher) in Politics.

Some of the large research agencies run graduate training schemes and you may need a 2:1 or above to be considered for a place.

If you want to work in the higher education sector, a PhD may be particularly useful as an advanced understanding of subject-specific academic methodology is often appreciated.

### Related Know-how guides

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Explore Know-how guides related to this career:

- [Understanding the political spectrum](#)
- [What is capitalism?](#)
- [What is socialism?](#)

### Related university subject profiles

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These university subjects are related to this career; check out their profiles on the Subjects library:

- [African studies](#)
- [North and South American studies](#)
- [Anthropology](#)
- [Asian studies](#)
- [Classical studies](#)
- [Economics](#)
- [European studies](#)
- [History](#)
- [Modern Middle Eastern studies](#)
- [Philosophy](#)
- [Politics and International relations](#)
- [Social policy](#)
- [Sociology](#)
- [Data science](#)
- [Theology and Religion](#)
- [Liberal arts and sciences](#)

### Related career profiles

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You may also be interested in:

- [Higher education lecturer](#)
- [Sociologist](#)
- [Policy adviser](#)

### Explore

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# Labour Market Information (LMI)

## UK Current Jobs

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### Natural and social science professionals (SOC3)

UK jobs: 126,500

Nottinghamshire jobs: 1,770 (15th of 214 UK LEAs)

Top 5 LEAs: Cambridgeshire (6,508), Oxfordshire (6,223), Hertfordshire (4,003), Surrey (3,546), Kent (3,304)

## UK Salary

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### Social and humanities scientists (SOC4)

UK annual median: £32,277

### Natural and social science professionals (SOC3)

UK annual median: £38,437

East Midlands annual median: £37,003

Top 3 regions: London (£41,036), South East (£39,690), East of England (£39,270)

## UK Prospects

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### Science, research, engineering and technology professionals (SOC2)

UK growth: +9.1% from 2017 to 2027, creating 159,466 jobs

East Midlands growth: +10.7% from 2017 to 2027, creating 12,438 jobs

## EDEXEL (A) ECONOMICS A-LEVEL

### Daring to know in this subject:

- Consider reading both Macroeconomics and Microeconomics reading lists to further your understanding of the subject. Both lists include podcasts, further reading material and documentaries/videos to aid your study of Economics at A-Level.

### Taking Economics further:

- University: Degrees in economics allow students to have the possibility of a career in the Financial Services Industry - this ranges from investment banking to accountancy and is a major part of the UK economy.
- Apprenticeships: These include major banks and financial service providers including insurance companies - but there are many other types of jobs available with economics.
- If you are studying/planning to study business/mathematics economics is a great addition as when combined with these courses, it is easier to access certain degrees and apprenticeships.

### Subject representatives:

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### Course Information:

- Economics was defined as "an inquiry into the nature and causes of the wealth of nations" by Adam Smith.
- The course is 100% examination based - no coursework!
- This course has 3 Papers and 4 themes.

### Fun facts:

- Economics has been influenced by key thinkers such as Adam Smith, John Maynard Keynes and Milton Friedman.
- Economics is important to learn about as it encapsulates the common problem of having unlimited wants but scarce resources.
- What inspired me to take Economics? I was inspired to take this course as I am interested in finance and the appeal of not having coursework!

Slide by Edward Preece-Herrett

## BOOTS VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

If you are interested in a virtual work experience with Boots to find out about what Careers they offer in Head Office please see the attached guidebook.

It is possible for you to do this at home or in School. Please let me know if you apply [ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk](mailto:ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk)

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## Kickstart your career with a Smart traineeship

A traineeship is an excellent way to kickstart your career. They are work-based programmes, designed to boost your knowledge, skills and experience before you take the next step into an apprenticeship or into full-time work. Traineeships can take between 6 weeks and 1 year, but most last for around 5 months.

### Who can do a traineeship?

You are eligible to do a traineeship with us if you are:

- Eligible to work in England
- Motivated to work, but have little to no work experience
- 16 – 18 years old or
- 19 – 24 years old with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP).

### **Why consider a traineeship?**

By undertaking a traineeship, you will benefit by:

- Receiving £40 per week for expenses
- Building your CV with valuable work experience
- Getting to know an employer, learning about the business / industry
- Gaining confidence and work-relevant knowledge and skills
- Getting support with maths and English (if needed)
- Applying for a full-time role with the employer upon completion (if one is available).

### **How can we help?**

We are [Smart Training & Recruitment](#), a dynamic training provider, offering progressive, virtual learning, Government funded apprenticeship and traineeship programmes throughout England.

Since we opened our doors in 2003, we've helped over 16,000 learners achieve their goals. But don't just take our word for it – we're proud to hold a 5 star rating on the [Apprenticeships Directory](#), where you can read hundreds of great reviews about our service.

**Not only can we offer you an excellent traineeship programme, but we'll also match you with an appropriate employer in your area.**

### **Want to know more?**

You can head to [www.smarttar.co.uk](http://www.smarttar.co.uk) or speak to one of our friendly Consultants, who are ready to offer advice, guidance and answer any questions that you have.

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## **NOTTINGHAM COLLEGE ARE LAUNCHING THEIR FIRST T LEVELS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

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## LAW OPPORTUNITIES

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# Calling all future barristers

LawCareers.Net Newsletter

Dramatic courtrooms, cross examinations and wigs, that's right, it's barrister week and we're here to tell you all you need to know beyond the TV dramas. [The Oracle](#) answers the important question: "How do I know whether the Bar is right for me"? While this week's [LCN Says](#), written by pupil barrister Sherelle Appleby, provides insights into the journey to pupillage and the [Feature](#) is your guide to barrister training.

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Meet the Lawyer

[ELIZABETH ZANG – RPC](#)

"In addition to the variation in terms of the legal work, working in a law firm rather than at the Bar means I can get involved in the business development and firm strategy aspect of things too, which I find interesting."





### Barristers' practice areas

#### [CIVIL LAW – BLACKSTONE CHAMBERS](#)

Carmine Conte

"The appeal of pursuing a career in this area is that, given the diversity, you're never bored."



### Meet the Recruiter

#### [RACHAEL DRISCOLL – COOLEY \(UK\) LLP](#)

"The summer programme is a great way to get to know Cooley as a firm and to build relationships with the lawyers you could be working with in your legal career in future."

### Law School Focus



#### [BPP UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL](#)

With over 25 years' experience in delivering professional legal qualifications, we are proud to be one of the UK's leading law schools.



### LCN Says

#### [THE PURSUIT OF PUPILLAGE](#)

Sherelle Appleby

Having very recently completed the journey myself, I'm writing this article to help you along the yellow-brick path to pupillage.

# Understanding legal practice - IP

**Ewan Grist**  
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**Arty Rajendra**  
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**Sarah Robinson**  
associate

**Bird & Bird**      **Osborne Clarke**      **TRAVERS SMITH**

WEBINAR: WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER @ 1PM      **LawCareers.Net**

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## Brochure Focus

### [KIRKLAND & ELLIS INTERNATIONAL LLP](#)

Trainees at Kirkland & Ellis thrive on high-quality work, early responsibility and exposure to real deals and cases thanks to the firm's famous focus on close-knit teams.



## Features

### [Bar courses: a student's guide to barrister training 2023-24](#)

To become a barrister, students must pass a Bar course approved by the Bar Standards Board. All approved Bar courses lead to the same destination – being 'called to the Bar', which enables you to apply for a pupillage. Here's LawCareers.Net's guide to Bar courses.



## The Oracle

### **How do I know whether the Bar is right for me?**

I'm considering becoming a barrister, but how do I know whether the Bar is right for me?



## LCN Podcast

### **Episode 34: Bar course, scholarships and pupillage applications - with Dani the Barrister**

We speak to Bar student Dani the Barrister about her journey to becoming a barrister – including what the Bar course entails, pupillage applications and how to secure a scholarship to fund your studies.



### Vacation Scheme Insiders

### WALKER MORRIS LLP

### Theo Budgen

"It was clear the collaborative and team-based values were deeply pervasive in a culture that encouraged the sharing of ideas, even from vacation scheme attendees."

## Jobs

### **London**

### Family Rights Group – Trainee solicitor

We are delighted to host another trainee solicitor through the Justice First Fellowship, a scheme run by the Legal Education Foundation.



LCN Blogs

### WHY THE BAR?

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There are many reasons to choose the Bar, but here are my top five.

## Careers and Networking Fair

# Careers and Networking Fair



## Tuesday 17th January 2023

4.30pm - 7.30pm at Toot Hill School  
Years 11–13

- Talk to employers about what they look for when recruiting.
- Talk to universities about your A level choices.
- Find out about Apprenticeships, Further Education College & Intermediate, Advanced/Higher and Degree.

Bookings are open on the school website!

See Mrs Farmer in the Careers office for more details.



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