



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER

YEAR 11

w/c 27th March 2023



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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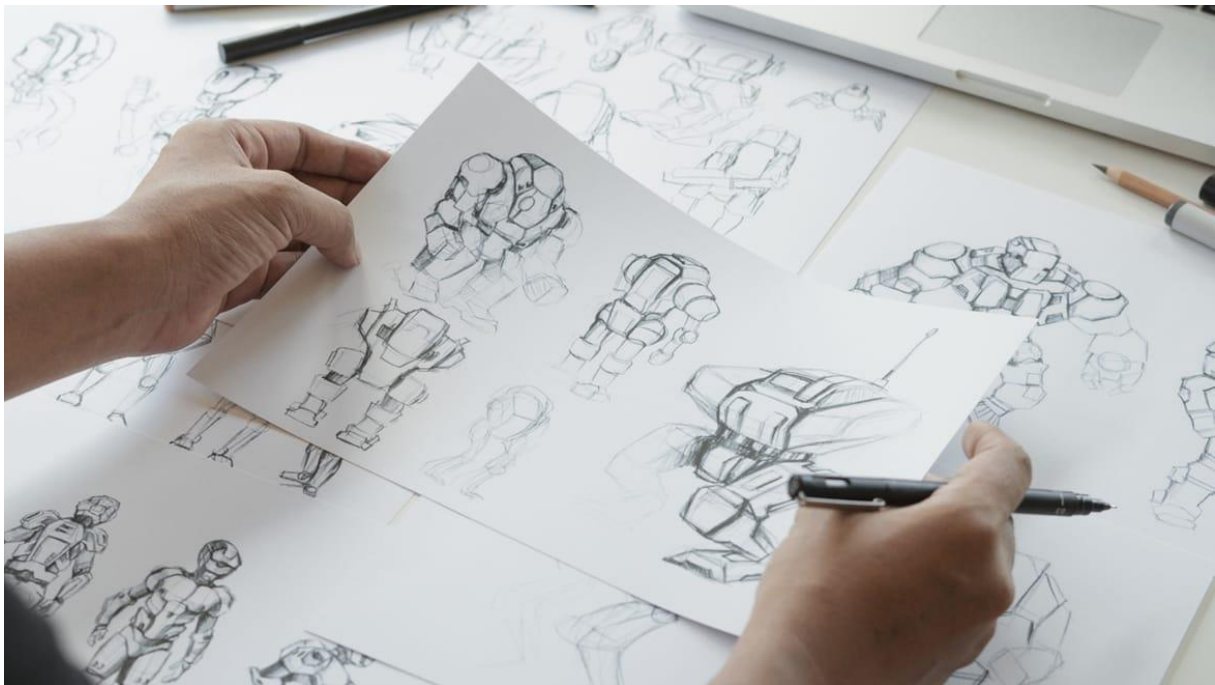
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## Career Of The Week

### Games artist



#### What you'll do

Your day-to-day responsibilities will depend on your area of specialism. Games artists often specialise in one of these four areas:

- Concept artist – you'll create the overall look and feel of a game world, together with the first designs of people, creatures, and objects (it's worth noting that concept artists are also used in other industries, such as film and animation).
- 3D modelling artist – you'll use the 2D drawings from a concept artist to build 3D models of characters, weapons, vehicles, furniture, trees, rocks, etc.
- Environment artist – you'll design fantasy landscapes (such as dungeons or wastelands) and realistic landscapes (such as forests and urban streets), in which the game will be played.
- Texturing artist – you'll add realism to 3D models by mapping textures onto the object's surfaces (including rust on metal, tears in fabric, and scars on skin).

Whichever area you specialise in, you'll need to follow a brief, work to deadlines, collaborate with other artists, and implement feedback.

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

#### Working hours and environment

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The gaming industry was valued at \$162.32 billion in 2020 and is growing rapidly, so games artists with relevant skills and experience are in high demand.

As a games artist, your working hours will depend on whether you work for an employer or as a self-employed freelancer.

If you decide to work for an employer, you're likely to work full-time, although flexible hours and time off in lieu are often possible.

As a self-employed freelancer, you'll be able to select clients and projects to suit your availability, although this may mean compromising financial stability. For more information, take a look at our guide [How to become self-employed](#).

Whether you're self-employed or an employee, you'll be based in a game developer's studio or office and work on a computer for long periods of time.

### Career path and progression

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You're likely to begin your career with a junior/intern art role, although it's possible to enter the profession through another role (such as a quality assurance tester).

From there, you'll receive training on the job and will have the opportunity to shadow other games artists. Some employers also offer in-house training in relevant software packages.

You could then progress into a mid-level games artist role and, after three-to-six years, a senior art role. It can take a minimum of five years' experience in the industry to become a lead artist with management responsibility.

### Skills required

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- creative and artistic skills, including an understanding of form, colour, texture, and light
  - the ability to use traditional methods (e.g., drawing and painting) and creative software packages (e.g., Photoshop, Blender, 3D Smax, SketchUp and Maya), depending on your specialism
  - listening and reading skills, to interpret a brief
  - speaking and writing skills, to explain and pitch ideas
  - organisation skills, to work to a tight production schedule and meet deadlines
  - the ability to stay positive, so you can respond well to criticism and adapt your work based on feedback
  - strong research skills, so you can build characters and worlds within the limitations of the game world
  - teamwork skills, to collaborate with other artists and other members of the team

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

### Entry requirements

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There are no set entry requirements. Like many creative roles, your ability to find work will depend on the strength of your portfolio and your experience.

A strong portfolio will showcase your understanding of key design principles (such as form, shape, colour and light theory, texture, composition, and perspective). Although not a requirement, a relevant undergraduate degree, foundation degree, or Level 3 qualification (such as a BTEC diploma) will help you develop these skills and become familiar with creative software packages. Relevant subjects include:

- games art / games art production
- graphic design / graphics
- animation
- illustration
- fine art
- creative digital media production

A network of industry contacts will help you to find clients (if you're self-employed) and gain professional experience. For advice on building connections, take a look at our guide [How to network like a pro](#).

[ScreenSkills](#) has advice on how to build a games art portfolio.

### Related university subject profiles

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

- [Graphic design](#)
- [Fine art](#)

### Related career profiles

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You may also be interested in:

- [Fine artist](#)
- [Graphic designer](#)
- [Visual effects \(VFX\) artist](#)

### Explore

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Want to see what relevant education and training opportunities are available right now? Search here:

**Graphic design at uni:**

[USA](#) [UK](#) [Canada](#) [Europe](#) [Asia](#) [Australasia](#) [Ireland](#)

**Fine art at uni:**

[USA](#) [UK](#) [Canada](#) [Europe](#) [Asia](#) [Australasia](#) [Ireland](#)

**Apprenticeships:**

[UK](#)

**College / Sixth Form:**

[UK](#)

## Labour Market Information (LMI)

### UK Current Jobs

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#### Design occupations (SOC3)

UK jobs: 70,300

Nottinghamshire jobs: 854 (19th of 214 UK LEAs)

Top 5 LEAs: Hackney (1,855), Surrey (1,830), Hertfordshire (1,827), Kent (1,733), Essex (1,573)

### UK Salary

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#### Interior designers (SOC4)

UK annual median: £35,450

#### Design occupations (SOC3)

UK annual median: £33,943

East Midlands annual median: £24,826

Top 3 regions: East of England (£36,085), North East (£34,497), Yorkshire and the Humber (£33,790)

## Subject of the week

### Tips:

- Read the news from El País o El Mundo
- Follow Spanish Instagram accounts
- Watch TV in Spanish
- Listen to Spanish music
- Put phone in Spanish



### Future Opportunities:

- Living and studying abroad
- Gap years
- Careers in international business, translation and interpretation, journalism, law, publishing and museum curating.
- Accepted in a variety of degrees, not just the above, like medicine or psychology.

# ESPAÑOL



### Spanish A-Level is not just about Spanish as a language.

The course includes:

- History of Spain
- Geography of Spain
- Regional identity
- Cultural Heritage
- Politics
- Social Issues

You also learn about other Spanish speaking countries

Any Questions?

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### Course Info:

**100% examination**

**50% Listening, Reading, Writing**

One exam. 100 marks

**20% Writing**

One exam. 80 marks.

Write an essay on the book (La Casa de Bernarda Alba) or film (Volver).

**30% Speaking**

One exam. 60 marks.

Discussion on stimulus card (25 marks)

Presentation and discussion of individual research project (35 marks)

*The IRP can be on whatever you want as long as it is linked to Spanish culture, allowing you to link in other interests, such as sports or science.*



## CHARITY FUND RAISING

If you would like to raise money for charity, then Home Instead are offering tables for you to rent at their Table Top Sale on 11 June.



**TABLE TOP SALE**

**When and Where?**  
Car Park @ 87 Main Street, East Bridgford  
Sunday, 11 June 2023  
12pm - 3pm

**£5 for a table in our car park**  
Limited number of our tables available to borrow

In aid of:  
East Bridgford Wildlife & Biodiversity Group

Please register your interest via either:  
Email: [fieldsup1@eastnotts.homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:fieldsup1@eastnotts.homeinstead.co.uk)  
Tel: 01949 480480  
Visit our office: 87 Main Street



Work Experience opportunity with Spectris

# SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & IT WORK EXPERIENCE



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## ACTIVE4TODAY - VOLUNTEERING

Active4Today offer a volunteer scheme to support young people aged 14+ gain experience of working in the leisure industry and have attached a link to their website.

This may lead to paid work in the future.

[VISPA | Active4Today](#)



## PLEASE SEE THE LINK BELOW FOR VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Here's a link to the VWEX info on my website <https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tanby.org.uk%2FPortals%2F0%2FNewsletter%2FCareers%2520Newsletter%2FVirtual%2520Work%2520Experience.pdf%3Fver%3DeTEGL-1chWelw1ggktWRg%253d%253d&data=05%7C01%7Cffarmer%40toothillschool.co.uk%7Cdc060ffcb5a84808d40408db2d14b9cc%7Cf4ebe22eb55344f388563e0d84908eb8%7C0%7C0%7C638153339530204925%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=D13ODoZEXQMNd8342BUrbiqVnmXXZ1wsL0kq8RfA74%3D&reserved=0>

## How your child can stay productive over Easter..



### Using Pathway CTM resources to stay productive over the Easter break

Easter half term is approaching but it's important for you to stay productive over half term so why not get them to check out our free resources to help improve your employability skills?

From tips on setting up a **LinkedIn profile** for recruiters to see to making sure they have produced the best CV & Cover Letter to help secure job roles.

Check out all our resources below 

[Setting up a LinkedIn profile](#)

[Constructing the perfect CV & Cover Letter](#)

[Understanding your strengths](#)

[Preparing for interviews](#)

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**Employers with opportunities closing on 31/03/23 **

**Allen & Overy Work Experience**

**Deutsche Bank**

**Lloyds Banking Group**

**UBS**

**AWE**

[Apply Now](#)

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**Events over Easter Half Term **

[Telford Homes Taster Day - Construction Work Experience](#)

[Virtual Engineering Taster Day - Dyson Institute](#)

[HSBC Taster Day Birmingham - Work Experience](#)

**We wish all students and parents a very Happy Easter holiday. Enjoy a very well-deserved rest**

## **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, Law work experience**

Are you interested in a dynamic and thrilling career in the legal industry? Would you like to gain invaluable experience, insights, and build connections that will set you apart from other students pursuing a career in law? If so, we have an exciting opportunity for you during the Easter holiday!

Young Professionals are thrilled to be hosting a full day of work experience for students looking to learn more about the legal industry and pursue a career in law! This event will be taking place virtually (live on Zoom) on Tuesday 4th March between 10am-4pm and you will be joined by some of the biggest global law firms, such as Freeths, Charles Russells Speechly's, Fragomen, and the University of Law!

With offices all over the country (and globally!) between the firms they range from international corporate immigration law specialists, leading education providers, to multidisciplinary business law specialists, so you are bound to find out about your dream sector of law (or 'seat') during this work experience!

Throughout the day, you will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of exciting workshops as well as hearing all about the fantastic apprenticeship programmes and alternative routes into a career that are available with these huge firms! This is an exciting chance to interact with some of the most successful and respected employers in the law sector, who will be able to share their knowledge, experience and expertise with you.

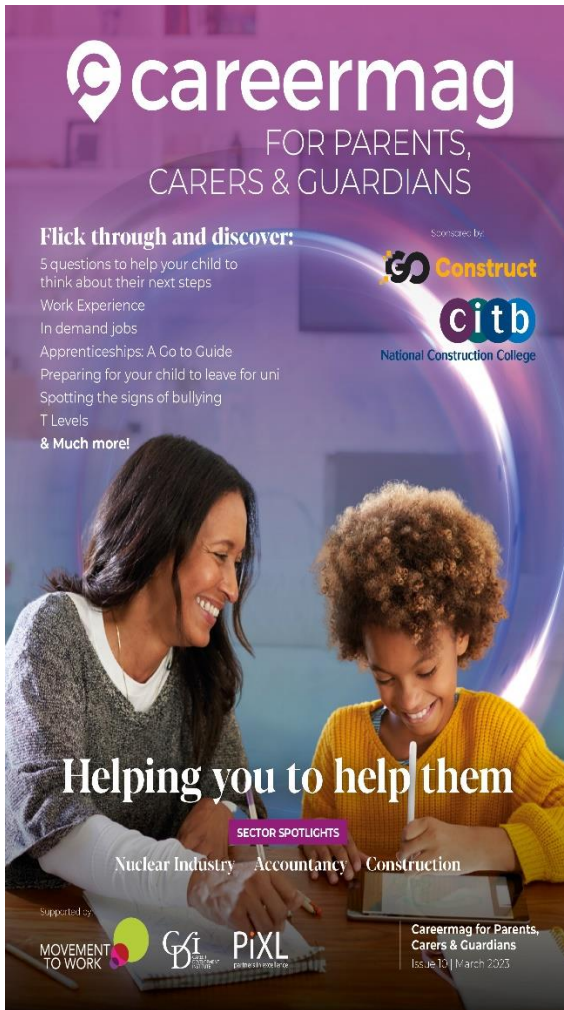
In addition to learning more about the industry, attending this work experience will also provide you with a rare and unique experience to add to your CV! You will gain a better understanding of the skills and attributes required for a career in law, as well as a certificate of attendance and the opportunity to make valuable connections with professionals in the field.

Don't miss out on this brilliant opportunity and sign up now to secure your place!

Application link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GTZXCBC>

We look forward to seeing you then and helping you take the first steps towards a fulfilling career in law!

## Careermag for Parents - Out NOW



We recognise that Parents and Guardians can have a huge influence on a young person's next steps. When asked by their teenager 'What should I do next?' many parents can feel overwhelmed. So much has changed since they left school/college, which is why Careermag for Parents, Carers and Guardians aims to inform parents so their young people can feel supported - whether they'd like to go to University, do an Apprenticeship, Work Experience or T Levels.

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[Read Careermag for Parents](#)

**THINK BIG**



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# APPRENTICESHIPS

at Ideagen

# NOW OPEN

ends 30 April 2023



Our **Ideagen Think Big Apprenticeships** are now open. Please visit [Careers & Apprenticeships | ThinkBig \(thinkbiggoals.co.uk\)](https://thinkbiggoals.co.uk) for more information on each opportunity and to apply.

Initial applications need to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## The apprenticeships are –

- Apprentice Managed Services Administrators (2 roles)
- Apprentice Business Development Representative
- Apprentice Content Creator
- People Support Apprenticeship
- Apprentice Learning Designer
- Level 1 Support Apprentices (2 roles)
- Apprentice Video Production Assistant

## DIGIDATA, Join GSK to gain work experience in April & May

- **First Step year groups** = (7, 8, 9)
- **Next Step year groups** = (10,11,12,13)

### First Step



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm – [GSK live online career challenge](#) – The Next big discovery! – [Register to attend](#)

### **Next Step**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 5pm – [GSK live online career challenge](#) – calling all patients!!  
- [Register to attend](#)

## **Get into Engineering and Construction' work experience**

### **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

We hope you are looking forward to the upcoming holidays!

Are you interested in discovering new and innovative ways to solve complex problems? Do you have a passion for building and creating things from scratch? If so, maybe a career in Engineering, Construction or Property Development might be for you!

Have you secured any work experience during Easter? Not yet? Don't panic, we would love to invite you to our 'Get Into Engineering and Construction' work-experience day!

On **Wednesday 5th of April from 9.00am - 1.00pm**, we will be hosting a full day's work experience for students looking to learn more about a career in this innovative and practical field. This event will be held virtually via Zoom, so you can join us from anywhere in the country!

We will be joined by leading global employers within the sectors, including companies such as; one of the UK's most luxury property developers, FTSE company Berkeley Group, and the world leader in environmental services combating climate change, Veolia!

By attending this event, you'll get the chance to hear from leading industry professionals and gain exclusive insights into the various career paths available in Engineering and Construction, no doubt there will be the perfect job just for you in such a huge industry! With it being a multi-employer event you will get a taste of what a career could look like in each industry.

You'll learn about all the various routes into the field as well as the apprenticeship programmes offered by these firms, which will ultimately provide you with an opportunity to take your first step towards an exciting career within the dynamic

field!

But that's not all - this work experience day will also be jam-packed with exciting activities and challenges that will put your skills to the test, giving you the opportunity to take part in hands-on workshops while will allow you to get a taste of what it is really like to work in the exciting and ever-changing engineering sector.

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to elevate your CV!

We will also hear exclusive information on how you can gain further work experience during the summer holidays, so you won't want to miss out... Spaces are limited, so we recommend applying ASAP using the link below.

Application link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RZ3R98M>

## **CANCELLED - School Leaver Apprenticeships Drop in Sessions**

**SMB College Group**  
*#One of the family*

### APPRENTICESHIPS INFORMATION SESSIONS

? This Apprenticeship Information Session is for anyone wanting to get a good idea of what apprenticeships are for when you leave school - parents/guardians are also welcome to attend

📍 Stenson Campus, Thorough Road, Coalville, LE65 3TN

🕒 10am - 2pm

📅 Tuesday 4th April 2023 & Wednesday 12th April 2023

📧 Confirm your place by emailing us at [apprenticeships@smbgroup.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@smbgroup.ac.uk) or call 01530 519 00

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are sent from a no reply email address.**

**Thank you**