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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER

YEAR 9

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**TOOT HILL
SCHOOL**

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 with the date of the activity and the name of the activity.

The Toot Hill Careers Team

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Career Of The Week

Prison officer



What you'll do

Your work will depend on the type of prison or remand centre you're working in, but it will be a combination of supervising inmates and supporting their welfare and rehabilitation. You could be:

- keeping inmates secure
- carrying out security checks and searches
- supervising prisoners and maintaining order – this can involve authorised physical control and restraint
- supporting vulnerable prisoners
- promoting anti-bullying and suicide prevention policies
- going with prisoners on external visits like court appearances or hospital appointments
- preparing inmates for release through rehabilitation programmes
- updating records and writing reports on prisoners

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

Working hours and environment

You'll work shifts to cover a 24-hour service, which may include evenings, nights, weekends, and Bank Holidays. You may need to move to another part of the country

for work.

Most of your work will be indoors, but you'll spend some time outside when patrolling the grounds or supervising recreation. There's a small amount of office-based work.

This work can be physically and emotionally demanding; you'll sometimes need to use physical restraint measures and work with emotionally vulnerable people.

You'll usually wear a uniform.

Career path and progression

With experience and training you could move into specialist projects, like rehabilitation work with specific groups of prisoners and their families.

You could become a supervising officer, custodial manager, head of function, deputy governor or governor.

Skills required

You'll need:

- excellent communication skills, for speaking and listening to inmates from all different backgrounds, and for writing notes and reports
- strong teamwork skills, as you'll work closely with others to keep prisoners and each other safe
- the ability to work under pressure, as there may be dangerous or violent situations
- resilience, so you can manage some emotionally and physically tiring days
- balance, so you can 'switch off' from work after difficult days and make time for your own wellbeing

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

Entry requirements

You don't need any particular qualifications, but you usually must:

- meet a minimum age requirement (often it's 18 or 21)
- be a citizen in the country you're working in (for some prisons)
- pass criminal record background, security, medical, and fitness checks
- pass numeracy and literacy tests (these are called the Prison Officer Selection Tests, or POST, in the UK)

In some countries, you may also need:

- high school or secondary school level qualifications
- to pass specific tests or training – for example, in the US, depending on your state you may need to complete an accredited training programme for correctional officers
- a qualification or work experience in a related area, like law enforcement or social work (some jurisdictions in Australia may ask for this)

Related university subject profiles

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

- [Social policy](#)
- [Social work and Community care](#)
- [Criminology](#)

Related career profiles

You may also be interested in:

- [Prison instructor](#)
- [Police officer](#)
- [Probation officer](#)
- [Dog handler](#)
- [Forensic psychologist](#)
- [Prison governor](#)
- [Rehabilitation counsellor](#)

Explore

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

Social policy at uni:

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Social work and Community care at uni:

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

Criminology at uni:

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Apprenticeships:

[UK](#)

College / Sixth Form:

[UK](#)

Labour Market Information (LMI)

UK Current Jobs

Protective service occupations (SOC3)

UK jobs: 352,522

Nottinghamshire jobs: 5,351 (12th of 214 UK LEAs)

Top 5 LEAs: Kent (14,690), Hampshire (13,219), Essex (12,342), Surrey (8,908), Wiltshire (8,282)

UK Salary

Prison service officers (below principal officer) (SOC4)

UK annual median: £30,989

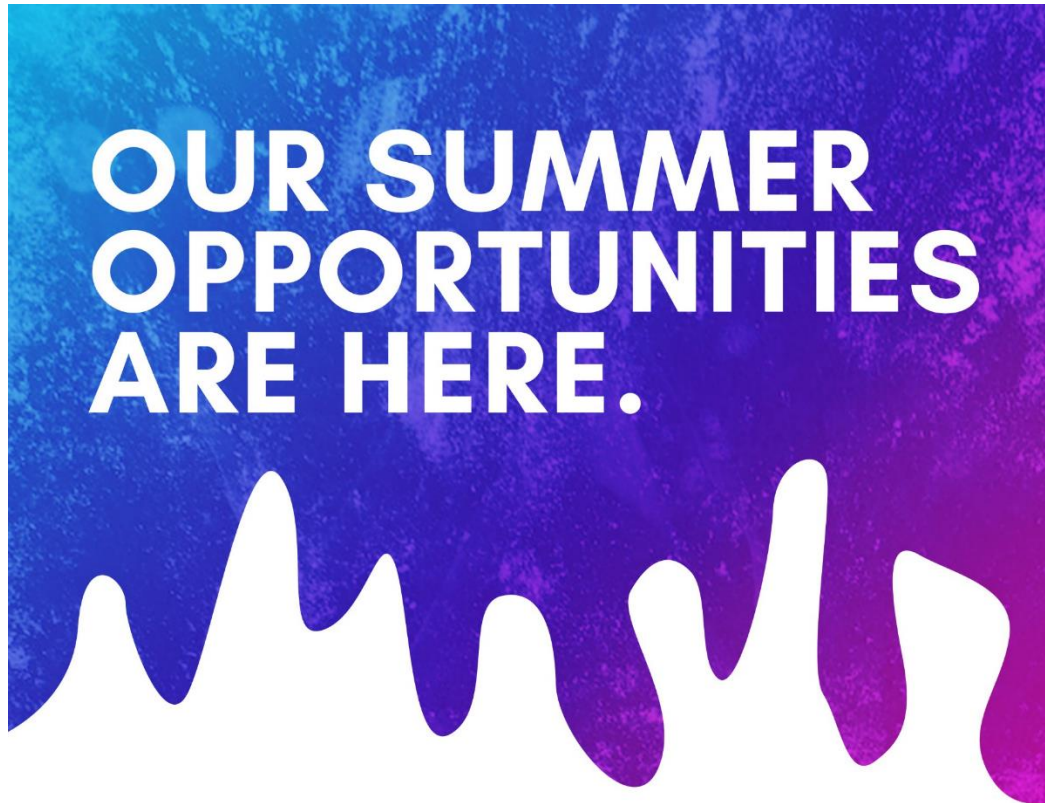
Protective service occupations (SOC3)

UK annual median: £42,367

East Midlands annual median: £39,136

Top 3 regions: London (£48,474), Scotland (£43,254), Channel Islands (£42,597)

Paid Work Experience - Summer Applications Are Open!



**PAID WORK EXPERIENCE FOR 13-18 YEAR OLDS THIS SUMMER.
YES, YOU READ THAT RIGHT!**

Thanks for expressing interest in finding out more about the **STARTUP SHERPAS** paid work experience programme, **THE SUPERSQUAD**.

We are now accepting applications for students across the UK for this summer.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PAID WORK EXPERIENCE, HOW CAN THAT WORK?

We value the time of young people that take part in our squads and so do the companies that we work with. For that reason, we pay them for their input and ideas.

HOW LONG IS THE SUPER SQUAD?

The super squads over the summer that are open to all students are all 6 weeks long and squad members are expected to spend no more than 4 hours per week completing tasks.

WILL I NEED TO TRAVEL?

Nope, all participants will work from home. This means they will need access to a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or smart device and access to the internet.

IS THIS OPPORTUNITY OPEN TO STUDENTS OF ALL ABILITIES?

Absolutely, in fact we don't recruit based on academics at all! We ask all participants to submit a short video application to demonstrate the reason they want to take part as well as to show off their personality and we do not ask about grades or academics at all. We also actively encourage applications from students with SEND and SEMH as we feel the opinions and input from these students is sometimes overlooked in the corporate world!

If you are interested, would like to find out more information and to sign up please click on this link:

<https://apply.startupsherpas.org/cohort-start?squad=6494b2d8095e0>



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Thank you