

Careers Newsletter for Families

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Midlands
CAREERS HUB

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Local Enterprise Partnership

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Prepare.
Succeed.

November 2023

Welcome to the second SEMCH Newsletter of the 2023-24 academic year for families supporting young people in the South East Midlands. As young people have settled into the new academic year many will be turning their thoughts to making decisions about their best next step. In this edition we highlight local labour market information (LMI) and the opportunities that are available to young people in the region, as well as an explanation of qualification levels. In the SEMCH region we have some new A level providers that may be of interest to current Year 11 students; these are featured in this newsletter. We also have a feature on one of our local training providers SSG Services.

You can find more information on SEMLEP and the SEMCH, including our live opportunities portal, on our [website](#)



SSG Services

SSG Services, based in Bedford, offer a range of courses for 16–18-year-olds including Sports Coaching and Employability Skills. For adults they also offer Functional Skills training in Maths and English, and a variety of employability, digital and business education courses. You can find out more on the website [SSG Services](#)

The SSG College application window for September 2024 is now open. You can meet the team, gain information about courses on offer and start your application by booking onto the open event on 9 November using the link below.

[SSG College Open Event](#)

Does your employer support volunteering days?

You can get involved with the work of the South East Midlands Careers Hub in several ways:

- Give an Hour – to support one-off events like careers fairs or mock interview days.
- Become an Enterprise Adviser and commit to an on-going relationship with a school to support them with the strategic development of their careers programme.
- Ask your employer to offer work experience, work shadowing or employer visits for local young people
- More details [here](#)

New A Level Providers



You can [register here](#) for the Corby 6th Form open evening on Thursday 16 November 5pm-8pm and find out about the 30+ A Level courses on offer.



The [Northampton Sixth Form Centre](#) is a brand new offer from Northampton College offering a range of A Levels. Open Events are on 4 and 8 November.



Milton Keynes College launches its 4 new [A Level Pathways](#) in September 2024. The next open event where you can find out more is on [11 November](#)



My Great First Job

In November and December, the webinar series continues with the following sessions:

Wednesday 1 November – How to Absolutely SMASH Your Interview [book here](#)

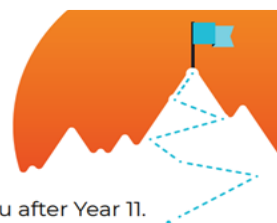
Wednesday 15 November – Why Students Need a LinkedIn Profile [book here](#)

Wednesday 29 November – How to Find a Great Work Experience Placement [book here](#)

Wednesday 13 December – What's a Cover Letter? [book here](#)

POST 16 OPTIONS MADE SIMPLE

Use the information below to help you understand the options available to you after Year 11.



IF I ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING GCSEs ...

I CAN MOVE ONTO LEVEL ...

AND CONSIDER THESE OPTIONS ...

AND APPLY FOR ...

5+ 5+ 5+ 5+ 5+ inc English Language and Maths at a Grade 4
Exact requirements vary according to the subject

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A LEVELS

3 or 4 SUBJECTS

4+ 4+ 4+ 4+ 4+ inc English and Maths at a Grade 4 and above
CHECK YOUR LOCAL COLLEGES

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1 SUBJECT

4+ 4+ 4+ 4+ 4+ inc English and Maths at a Grade 3
3+ 3+ 3+ 3+ Exact requirements vary according to the course
2+ 2+ 2+

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VOCATIONAL COURSES

1 SUBJECT COURSE

4+ 4+ Exact requirements vary according to the employer
3+ 3+

3 2

APPRENTICESHIPS

APPLY FOR VACANCIES

What if I get grades below 2 ?

ENTRY

VOCATIONAL COURSES

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS COURSES

1 SUBJECT COURSE

REINFORCEMENT CARD

Speak to your Careers Adviser to help you explore the options in more detail.

Preparing for Adulthood Festival

[The Preparing for Adulthood Festival](#) will help young people with additional needs and disabilities, and their parents and carers, explore the various ways that young people achieve their goals and aspirations for the future.



FREE ENTRY

Preparing for Adulthood Festival

Tuesday 7th November
10am – 6pm

Corn Exchange Bedford

BBC

NEWS

In the news

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

A student at the University of Cambridge says his success is down to the four years he spent at a pupil referral unit (PRU). George Baldock left mainstream education in Milton Keynes at the age of 11 due to anxiety and depression. The 18-year-old has just started a history and politics degree at Trinity College.

[Here](#) in his own words, he talks about his unusual journey to the prestigious institution.

Employers on our Doorstep

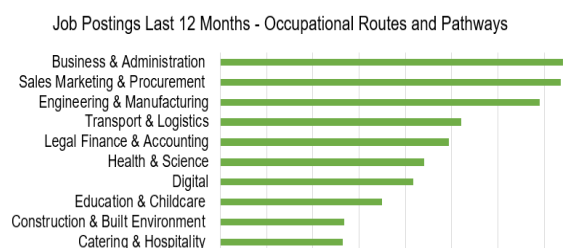


M&DH Insurance Services Ltd offers insurance services to corporate and individual clients in both the construction and manufacturing industries. The M&DH Academy opened in October 2015 with the aim of developing local young people to become qualified specialist construction insurance consultants.

M&DH will sponsor every Academy participant through the Certification in Insurance provided by The Chartered Insurance Institute. It is their hope that the M&DH Academy will produce the future leaders of the company. [M&DH Application Portal](#)

Latest LMI Insights from SEMLEP

Top occupational groups in demand now



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