

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter aims to support you when thinking about your future and provide you with access to resources that will help you to learn more about different industries and pathways. Please use the links included to read more information. Links are underlined.



## SOMETHING TO...

### DO

Sign up for the Catch22 Digital Skills Academy. A 3-week programme where "AI meets Employability." Sign up here by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.



### LISTEN TO

Ever feel like you're talking but not really connecting? Listen to this podcast on "Asking Questions that Build Instant Connections."



### READ

The University of Greenwich and the University of Kent are forming a multi-university group. Read this report on the first "super university."



### WATCH

Watch The Sunday Times Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers for 2025 in this specially-produced TV programme. Filmed at BAE Systems' Academy for Skills & Knowledge.



## SPOTLIGHT ON A...

### UNIVERSITY

"The Disability Services team at Leeds University support University students, Degree Apprentices and Postgraduate Researchers in their academic studies. They do this by recommending adjustments to the ways you learn, are taught and are assessed."

To find out more about the support available, click here.

### EMPLOYER

"Established in 2015, Microsoft's Neurodiversity Program has significantly impacted the company by attracting a diverse range of talent. Our employees work on cutting-edge technologies and products that reach millions of users worldwide. Our goal is to ensure that all candidates, regardless of their cognitive processing styles, have an opportunity to showcase their skills and contribute to Microsoft's success."



If you see a word you don't understand, you can use this jargon buster to search and find out what it means. If you can't find the word on there, you can use the internet to research the meaning or speak to a teacher.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Sandwich degree

A degree where a student will do a work placement year as part of their course, usually between their second and third year.

## A FACT ABOUT EMPLOYMENT

The demand for language skills in the European job market Publication found that a knowledge of English was required in 22% of all job vacancies.

A knowledge of German, Spanish, French and Mandarin Chinese was demanded in between 1% and 2% of all job vacancies.

## SUCCESS STORIES

Cecilia Fang thrives as a Modern Work Specialist, a position she has held at Microsoft for two-and-a-half years.

This involves looking after more than 95 customers across Aotearoa (New Zealand).

It took Cecilia's arrival in a tech workplace environment and being diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) for many things to make sense.

While studying economics and law, her career then took a dramatic turnaround.

As part of her extra-curricular program, she was invited to visit the Microsoft office.

Everything about the technology environment and industry ticked Fang's boxes. The people were friendly, approachable and dynamic.

Fang loves her role and feels there couldn't be a better fit for her.

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## OPPORTUNITY'S CALLING...

Register with EmployAbility to access free support and opportunities to help prepare you for life after sixth form.

You can attend events, workshops and access resources to help you.

[Register here.](#)



If you feel ready to speak about your future and have any questions or need support to plan your next steps, please contact [careers@nsb.northants.sch.uk](mailto:careers@nsb.northants.sch.uk)