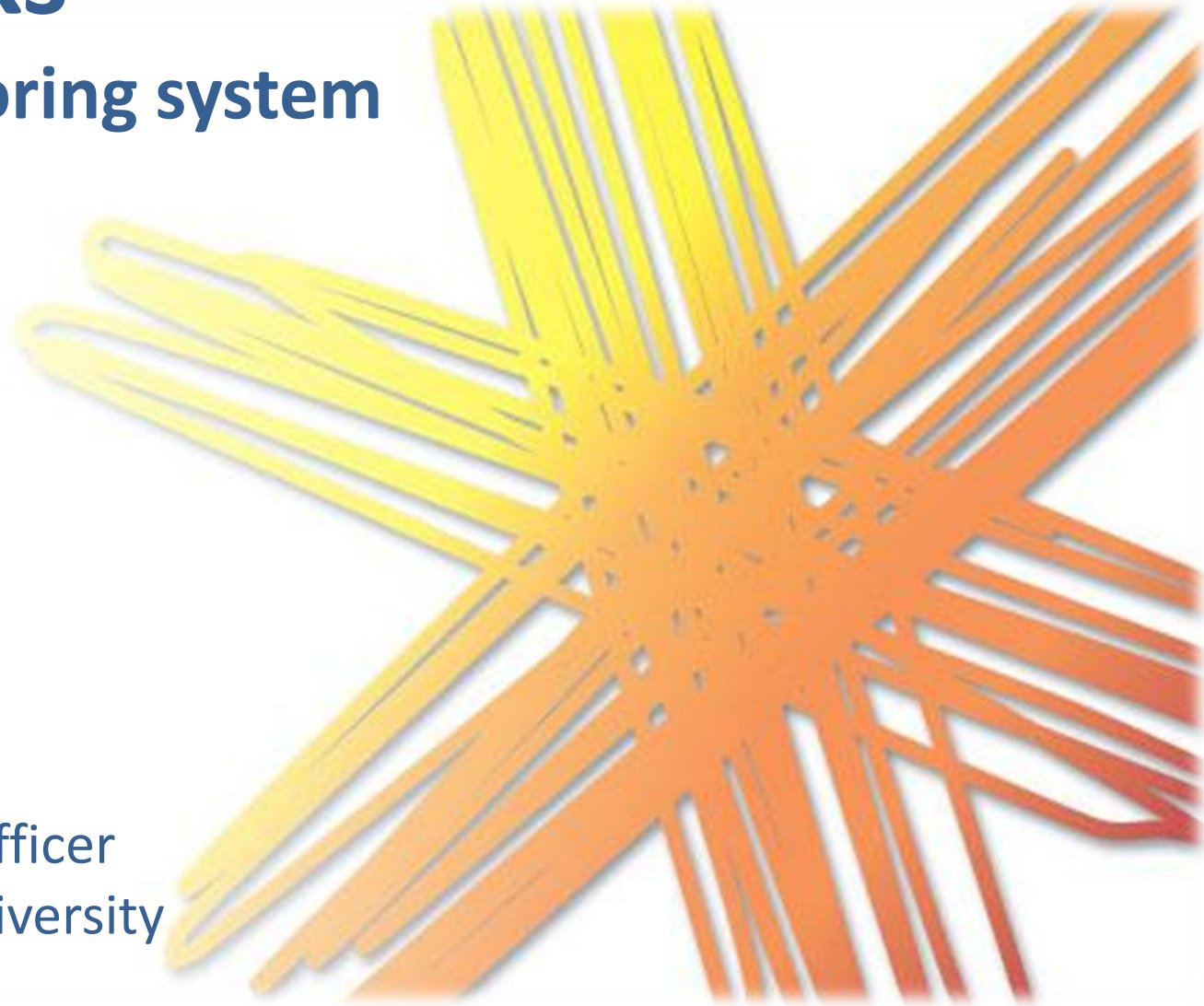


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Online E-mentoring system

Aimhigher Forum
18th October
2012

Hannah Kershaw
Student Outreach Officer
Birmingham City University



Learner Profile

Learner is able to choose a username and display cartoon avatar. Profile consists of basic information plus interests and hobbies. No contact information is visible.

Nick99


Role: Mentee

Gender: Male
Course Name: Year 9

Hobbies:
I am in Year 9. My favourite subjects at school are Art and Graphics. I also play football and like going to the cinema.




Interests:
Architecture, Arts and Humanities, Career Pathways, Media, Money, Practical Advice, Technology

Education Pathway(s):
Year 9-11, Year 12-13, College life, Applying to University, Choosing a University



Hi, Nick99

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Mentor Profile

Similar set up.

DanM


Role: Mentor

Gender: Male
Course Name: (Not entered.)

Hobbies:
I am a 2nd year BA(Hons) Finance and Economics student at Birmingham City University.
Hobbies: Ultimate Fifa Champion - #1 against my flatmates! But also involved in my uni's football and basketball team.

Interests:
Accommodation, Business and Finance, Career Pathways, Money, Sport and Leisure

Education Pathway(s):
Undergraduate






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My job explained: Charity scheme manager

Oct 15, 2012

Filed under: Career Pathways - Career Finder - Charity and Social Work

Kathryn Yates describes the challenges and rewards of setting up a charity scheme helping people with learning disabilities. Read on to find out more.

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Student finance if you're going back to uni



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DanM wrote a new message:
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DanM, You	★ Reminder - Monday's Session ✓		today at 10:43 AM

DanM wrote:


Posted Oct 16, 2012 10:43 AM
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Hi Nick

Just a reminder that our next session is Monday morning during Period 2.

I'll meet you in the library once you have been let out of Geography?


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DanM, You	☆ Hi Nick!	 3	today at 10:39 AM
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Users	Subject	Replies	Date
DanM, You	☆ Change of Date ✓		today at 12:56 PM
DanM, You	☆ Creative Careers ✓		today at 12:10 PM

DanM wrote:

Posted Oct 16, 2012 12:10 PM

✓ Accepted by moderator



Hi Nick

I found a website that you might want to take a look at >

<http://www.creative-choices.co.uk/>

It has loads of information about creative careers, as I know you really enjoy graphics. It even has a section just about graphic design!

If you look at some of the sections there are profiles on people and how they got into the job that they wanted. It seems that there are lots of different paths into that area - internships (work experience) and university courses are popular but some people also get into it through doing their own freelance work and applying for competitions and prizes!

I know getting a job seems scary and a long way in the future - but it is useful to start looking at things that you can do now that might help?

Have a look and maybe we can discuss some of the articles on there in our next session?

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Working with Bright Links to moderate content.



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Date and Time	Sender	Recipient(s)	Subject
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			<p>Blacklisted words found: .co .uk http:// www.</p> <p> <input type="button" value="Accept"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/> </p>

Filters and Stop Words

- **File attachments**
- **Links to websites**
([http:// www. .com .co.uk](http://www. .com .co.uk))
- **Inappropriate vocabulary**
 - Swearing/inappropriate language
 - Words that suggest contact outside of Bright Links i.e. 'Meeting' 'Phone' 'Contact'

Moderators can monitor ALL activity within the scheme and can check messages at random to ensure that the content is appropriate.

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These are the courses you are currently working on.

title	availability	progress
Career Pathways (Year 9)	Self-Started	33%

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why not try...

Finance: Student Support

Do you know what student support is available?

Beginnings

Get to know the basics of ementoring, work out your priorities and start planning for the year ahead.

Beginnings (Year 9)

Get to know the basics of ementoring, work out your priorities and start planning for the year ahead.

Getting Started

This course will help you to understand the ementoring process, so that you can make the most out of it.

Website explorer

These activities have been designed to help you to use the website. Please take a look at the 'mentee website guide' and explore your homepage and resources - they might have the answers to some of the questions!

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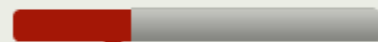
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Career Pathways (Year 9)

Progress



33%

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They Are?**

to do next ...

**Who Do You Think They
Are?**

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Are You Jobbing It?

Odd Jobs

How do you learn about what jobs are out there? From your friends and family? Perhaps, you've seen a job that you liked in a film or on TV.

It's good to be aware of as many different kinds of jobs as possible because it gives you more options. Browse through the [Career Ideas](#) section, then download the **Odd Jobs** handout and read through the list of unusual jobs.



Select three you like the sound of then, using the internet, find out what each of the three jobs involves and write a brief explanation for each one. See the handout for an example of what to write.

Downloads

Odd Jobs Handout (PDF document, 149.7 kB)

Q1

Job 1: What is it and what does it involve?

Q2

Job 2: What is it and what does it involve?

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- Student Finance

And more....



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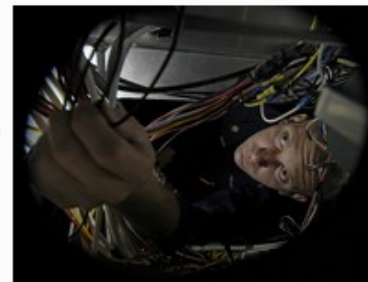
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Apprenticeships explained

An apprenticeship is a kind of work-based training, combining training with real-world work.

As an apprentice, you'll have a place with a company in the area you want to work in. You'll be paid for your work (on average around £170 a week), and at the same time you'll be working towards a qualification like an [NVQ](#) or [BTEC](#).



There's no set time for completing an apprenticeship, and the balance of on-the-job learning and outside training depends on the kind of work you're doing.

How many different types of apprenticeships are there?

There are more than 180 apprenticeships available across more than 80 industry sectors. They include areas such as:

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