



It's all about Careers!

First in this Newsletter we have a **competition** to come up with a name for the Careers Newsletter – And there's a £10 Amazon voucher for the name that we choose! Please email mhuggett@spexe.org by 20th February and you could soon be spending that voucher! Don't forget to include your name in the email!! Good Luck

👁️👁️ Keep reading to find the second competition and another chance to win a £10 Amazon voucher!

Year 11's you should have by now made your applications to college or post 16 We've attached the post 16 options for you to this Newsletter – PLEASE NOTE that Clyst Vale Community College will be closing their applications very soon so you need to get an application into them before the end of the week!

Year 10's The Apprenticeship and work experience presentations have been postponed until after Easter.

We are pleased to let you know that all students from year 7 – 11 have a ticket to Virtual Careers Fair – Further details will be sent out when we have the details.

All Years

I want to share some valuable information with you that will not only help you through your school days but will carry on much longer into your adult life **TRANSFERABLE SKILLS**

What are transferable skills?

Transferable skills are abilities you have learned throughout life that are useful in your next job. These skills are relevant across all professions and workplaces and are developed and taken with us (transferred) as we embark on new career paths. They may be hard or soft skills.



Transferable skills are abilities that you can use in any job. You might develop skills in one environment, such as work experience, that can then be used in another setting - like a full-time job.

Right now you probably already have lots of transferable skills that you can add to your CV, without even realising it. Employers highly value these skills, so even if you've not had loads of work experience, you'll still be a great addition to the team.

How can transferable skills help my career?

These skills can actually help you find your first job. Try this: have a look at the job description of the position you're interested in. Take note of the required skills that are listed. Which of these skills can you relate to your school work or extra-curricular activities?

For example, let's say you're interested in applying for a job in advertising. The employer is looking for someone with good communication skills and digital abilities. You might not have work experience in advertising, but maybe you have communication skills from your volunteering role, and IT know-how from your Instagram posts. So you can *transfer* these skills to that job role.

'Transferable skills can be just as important as first-hand experience'
Another important use of these skills is to make yourself a really valuable employee. Even if your job role doesn't specifically require leadership skills, if you have an entrepreneurial mindset, then you can transfer those abilities to the job. That will help you progress in your career.



IT skills

Almost every job will require you to have strong IT skills

IT skills are one of the most sought-after skills you can have. Whether you study IT at school or not, it's worth mentioning on your CV. You should reference things like email, social media, spreadsheets and word processing.

Team work

Most employers look for candidates with group work skills. Think of some examples that you can speak about that shows you're able to work as part of a team and follow instructions. Some examples of team working at school might be during sports or group activities.

Communication skills

We're not just talking about verbal communication here. Written communication is a great transferable skill to be able to demonstrate, as most jobs will require you to work with email and update computer systems with notes.

Research and analytical skills

English and Modern Studies are great subjects for demonstrating research and analytical skills. If you have your sights set on a job that requires working with data, writing reports or researching, then these skills will definitely come in useful. During job interviews, you may want to give examples of working on school projects that required you to conduct research and draw conclusions from survey results.

Numeracy

Numeracy is a great skill to have and one that employers' value highly. If you study maths, you can mention how your skills will transfer to a working environment and how you already use these skills in everyday situations.

Time management

Being able to manage your time is an essential skill to have at school and at work. A great example to draw on during an interview is how you have studied for several exams all at once. The time management skills that you need to plan and organise a study schedule can translate well into work.

We've introduced a new feature to our Newsletter:



SPOTLIGHT ON A CAREER!

This month's spotlight is **TEACHING!**

Day to day tasks

You will:

- plan lessons and prepare teaching materials
- set up the classroom, organise displays and resources
- teach whole class lessons, work with small groups and do practical activities
- direct the work of learning support and teaching assistants
- mark and assess pupils' work
- provide a safe and healthy environment and follow safeguarding procedures
- update records, take registers and write reports
- talk to parents and carers about their children's progress

You might also:

- work with other professionals like education psychologists, careers advisers, counsellors and social workers
- attend meetings and training
- organise subject outings, after school clubs, exam revision classes or school social activities

Working environment

You could work at a school, at a college, at a pupil referral unit or at a special needs school.

Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding.

What skills are required?

You'll need:

- knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to create the best conditions for learning or teaching new things
- leadership skills
- to be flexible and open to change
- excellent verbal communication skills
- maths knowledge
- administration skills
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently



NOW FOR COMPETITION NUMBER 2!!!

£10 Amazon voucher to be won if you can name these teachers who all work at St Peters! And can you identify any of the transferable skills they mention in their jobs along the way? Email your answers to mhuggett@spexe.org

If more than one entry correctly guesses all the teachers we'll use the amount of transferable skills you correctly identified & for a BONUS point, can you identify where they learnt their transferable skills? GOOD LUCK Deadline is 20.2.21

TEACHER NUMBER 1

1. I left school at 16 and joined the Army. I was the youngest Soldier in the British Army.
2. I'm qualified to repair Challenger II main battle tanks and other vehicles.
3. My Military Career took me all over the world - Kosovo, German, Poland, Canada and Kenya to name a few.
4. I trained as a Steel Erector and have worked on huge national projects such as LNG terminals in Wales and PowerStation builds in Plymouth
5. I ran a Ski Chalet in La Plagne in the French Alps for a winter season, I was the main chef. It was great and I became an excellent snowboarder!
6. I did an access course at college in 2009 because I did not have any A-levels.
7. I studied a BE'd course at Marjon University, starting that when I was 29 and qualified as a teacher
8. I've been teaching for 7 years.
9. I've worked in three schools and taught all years from Reception to Y13.
10. I'm the tallest member of the PE department



TEACHER NUMBER 2

1. I worked in publishing for some time.
2. I have a degree in Furniture & Product Design.
3. I ran my own furniture manufacturing business.
4. I have worked in a Sofa factory.
5. I worked at a Blacksmith's Forge.
6. I used to take produce DIY books.
7. I've worked in Sweden doing Architectural metalwork.
8. I have lectured in Furniture Design at a College.
9. I enjoy restoring cars and motorbikes
10. I really love building stuff.



TEACHER NUMBER 3



1. Temporary work -factories, kitchens, retail, bouncer
2. Sales - Perfume and body lotions
3. Freelance theatre director and writer
4. Voluntary work in primary and secondary schools
5. Teaching Assistant
6. PGCE Year
7. Teacher
8. Head of Department & Head of Year
9. Assistant Headteacher: Head of Sixth Form
10. Deputy Headteacher in two schools ('outstanding' and 'RI-Good')

TEACHER NUMBER 4

1. I went to a Forces school in Germany.
2. I left school with passes in Maths, English, Physics, Geography, Design Tech, French.
3. I left education at 16 years old and joined the Army.
4. After leaving the Army I worked as a delivery driver, barman, security guard and a site labourer.
5. I had to retake my Maths and English as GCSEs aged 26.
6. I completed an access course (A levels) to get back into higher education.
7. I went to Exeter University to do a degree in Biological sciences.
8. I worked for SW water.
9. I gained a PGCE in Secondary Education.
10. I've been at St. Peter's for 17 years.



TEACHER NUMBER 5

1. I used to do a milk round when I was 14 for 2 days a week before school
2. I worked on a butcher's counter on Saturdays
3. I worked for Sainsbury's whilst I was a student, working on Customer Services and later the Beers Wines and Spirits department
4. I don't have any A levels because I studied BTEC courses when I left school at 16
5. I moved from Lancashire to study for my Higher National Diploma and later my degree in Lincoln
6. I worked as a freelance Illustrator in Lincoln for two years before I got into teaching
7. I moved down to Devon in 1997 to train as a teacher
8. I was Head of Department for 9 years
9. I was previously an Assistant Principal at another Devon High School
10. I have worked at St Peter's for 7 years.



TEACHER NUMBER 6



1. This is my 4th different career.
2. I attended St Peter's from 1989-1994.
3. My first career was as the manager of a convenience store (like a SPAR).
4. I then went to University to study Environmental Science
5. After university I Join the Royal Navy and completed Officer training.
6. For my 3rd career change I started an artisan bakery with my dad and brother, I did this for 14 years.
7. I decided I wanted to change career again and trained to be a teacher 4 years ago.
8. This is my 3rd year teaching at St Peter's
9. I teach science, physics and food technology
10. I have a big beard!

The Top Ten
Weirdest Jobs

Can you guess what they are?

<https://theundercoverrecruiter.com/weirdest-jobs-world/>