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# Beyond the School Gates

The Careers Newsletter

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Welcome back to the March issue of the PRS Careers Newsletter. We hope you enjoyed the February edition and made the most of the information that we are providing. This month is a big one, as it is National Careers Week between the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> March. The NCW website has all the information you need as well as a vast array of information concerning careers. It has some great resources and packs to download as well as an e-magazine, published monthly, called The Careers Download. This contains the latest news in careers, campaigns and resources. A hard copy is also available in the Careers Room in B25. The Bucks Skills Show takes place on the 9<sup>th</sup> March at Westcott Venture Park in Aylesbury doors open from 4pm-7pm. It is open to schools on the 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March between 9am and 4pm. Known as THE Buckinghamshire skills and careers event of the year with over 120 businesses and organisations.

This month's focus is on Horticulture and worth a mention is an open day at BCA on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Gates open at 10am until 2pm.

Don't forget, if you want to have a chat about career guidance, then come and see me, Mr Stone, in B25 in the SEND Department.



## Up and coming shows



9<sup>th</sup> March 1600-1900  
School Groups 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March 9am-4pm  
Westcott Venture Park  
Wescott, Aylesbury.



Brought to my attention by a parent last month, was an excellent website for students who are underrepresented in higher education, such as those from Armed Forces families and young carers. There are a number of university open days coming up so check out the website for more information at [www.studyhigher.ac.uk](http://www.studyhigher.ac.uk)

# Focus on....



Kate Nannery

Kate Nannery works at Plumpton College where she is involved in maintaining the grounds. Her job changes through the seasons and includes mowing lawns, planting, propagating plants as well as assisting college lecturers. She says her role is a great starter position for anyone looking to begin their journey into horticulture because it is so varied. It is great to be able to develop and learn as I progress in this role. Being an apprentice, means, I am learning and earning at the same time, which is perfect for me. I particularly enjoy learning about new plants and propagating them as well as working outside. The apprenticeship is a great way to help change to an entirely new career and gain a qualification while still earning a living.

For more stories about people in the horticultural industry and other information you can go to the website-

[www.rhs.org.uk/education](http://www.rhs.org.uk/education)

Other websites you may find useful regarding careers in horticulture are-

[www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk)

[www.horticulturejobs.co.uk](http://www.horticulturejobs.co.uk)

[www.bca.ac.uk/subjects/horticulture](http://www.bca.ac.uk/subjects/horticulture)

**The National Trust is preparing to launch its apprenticeship roles in Spring 2022.**

Our careers focus in this month's newsletter is Horticulture. This industry offers plenty of opportunities to anyone who wants to work with plants and turf, from ground care, to planting or designing. A Certificate or Diploma in Horticulture will help you find work in such roles as-

A Groundsperson/Greenkeeper involves ensuring a playing surface is maintained in a good and safe condition. Marking out sports fields and looking after surrounding ornamental gardens.

A Landscape Gardener prepares grounds for planting and/or turfing as well as installing features such as paths and water gardens.

A garden centre assistant sows seeds, prunes plants and puts plants into pots ready for selling. They also advise customers on plant choice and how to care for the plants as well as setting out displays.

A garden designer deals with all the aspects needed to create or improve gardens to meet the needs of their clients.

If you are new to horticulture or you have some basic knowledge then a Level 2 Certificate or Diploma in Horticulture will be the right choice. On completion of Level 2 you can move on to Level 3 if you want to develop your skills.

You can find out more information [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)

## Notes for the Diary

### Bucks College Open Days

#### Amersham Campus

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 5.00pm-7.30pm  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10am-1pm

#### Aylesbury Campus

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 5.00pm-7.30pm  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10am-1pm

#### Wycombe Campus

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 5.00pm-7.30pm  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 5.00pm -7.30pm

#### BCA Open Days/Evenings

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10am-2pm  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 5.00pm-7.30pm

**On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, all Year 10 students will be attending the Bucks Skills Show in Aylesbury.**

Coming up on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, there is a Construction Careers broadcast. Supported by The Careers and Enterprise Company, the one hour broadcast is from 10am and features young people and professionals from across the sector. For more details go to the website at [www.youthemployment.org.uk](http://www.youthemployment.org.uk)