



## Careers Newsletter

### **Careers Week 7 - 12th March**

**Monday - Virtual careers fair and NCW activities**

**Tuesday - Careers activities / intervention afternoon**

**Wednesday - Talk from PGL on Bricklaying/construction**

**Thursday - Job skills**

**Friday - Talk from the RSPCA**

### **National Apprenticeship Show - Thursday 31st March**



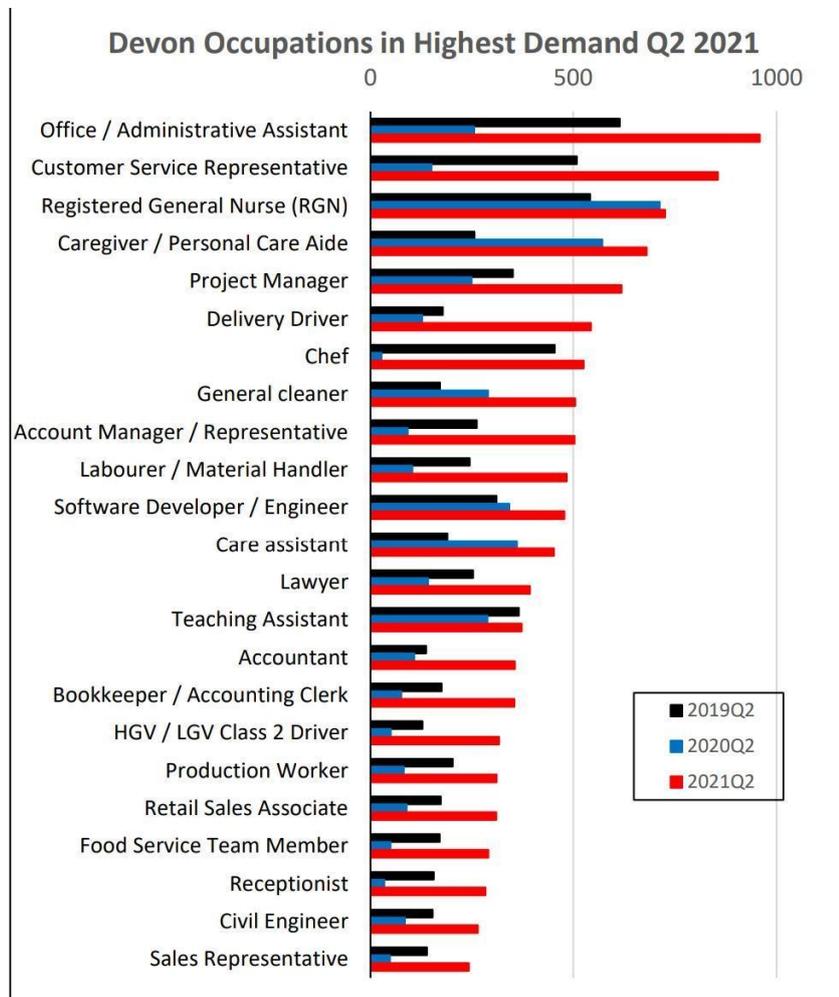
#### **Further Education:**

Further education (FE) includes any study after secondary education that's not part of higher education (that is, not taken as part of an undergraduate or graduate degree). Courses

range from basic English and maths to Higher National Diplomas (HNDs). Petroc and other colleges in the South West will run **open days** at various times. During open events, you'll have the opportunity to find out about the range of courses on offer, explore the campuses and chat with lecturers and current students.

**6th April - Petroc Open Day - Tiverton Campus 5pm**

## Labour Market



Source: Burning Glass – Labour Insights

This is an up to date graph showing the most in demand jobs in North Devon. It's interesting that the demand for jobs has gone up post Covid - so the jobs are out there!

In 2021 the three job sectors that increased in demand the most are:

1. Agriculture, Horticulture, & the Outdoors (188.9%)
2. Customer and Client Support (116.7%)

### 3. Transportation (115.6%)

For Devon the future is a potentially mixed picture, with Covid-19 impacts on the economy continuing for much longer than initially predicted. There has, however, been some recent good news:

Irish owned Exeter Aerospace took over Flybe's aircraft maintenance facility at Exeter Airport and immediately advertised for 100 aircraft mechanics, engineers and aviation professionals. The

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**announcement that UK based Infrastrata which owns Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast has bought Appledore shipyard and is going to restart operations at the site. Designation of Plymouth as one of eight freeport sites subject to agreeing their governance arrangements and successfully completing their business cases, these Freeports began in late 2021.**

## Jobs:

- Sales Colleague @ The Original Factory Shop - 8 hours a week
- Holiday Home Cleaners @ Marsdens Cottages - various hours available
- Kitchen Porter @ Young and Co's Brewery
- Weekend Cleaner @ Skern Lodge - 9.30am - 3pm with optional overtime
- Animal Barn Assistant @ The Big Sheep - part time during holiday season. They have other positions available too.
- Various jobs at Ultimate Adventure Centre for the holiday season

## Apprenticeships:

- Apprentice chef @ JD Wetherspoon
- Pharmacy Services Apprenticeship @ Barton Pharmacy Limited
- Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician @ Barkwell Plumbing and Heating Limited
- Gas Engineer @ Barkwell Plumbing and Heating Limited
- Tech Support @ Marley Communications Limited
- BMW Body Panel Apprenticeship @ BMW Group Academy

## Work Experience:

Next Steps: There may be opportunities coming up at Next Steps Developments. This could be in the garage, woodwork, charity shop or cafe/diner. Please let Ash B know if you would be interested.

Nurseries: There could be opportunities for some work experience in local nurseries. Let me know if you are interested at all.

***Be proactive about work experience - approach businesses and companies while out on intervention - ask about the chance for work experience.***

## **Writing a CV**



It is important in today's competitive jobs market that students make a good first impression. This can often be your CV, so it needs to be putting across the right messages, with the right presentation, and no mistakes.

When you have been in full-time education most of your life your qualifications will probably be your main achievement. If you don't have a lot of work experience, try to make your coursework relevant to the skills you'd use in the job. For example, you probably use time management, research and IT skills every day.

You may also be able to say you're a fast learner, and are up to date with the latest equipment and techniques in your field.

The most important thing is to take your time over your CV - make sure it's the best it can be. You might want to leave it for a couple of days and then come back to it with a fresh pair of eyes. Get it checked over by several people to see if they can spot anything you can't. When you've been working on something for a long time it can be difficult to see ways in which it can be improved. But with CVs, it's easy to make the mistake, but very difficult to correct the damage done....

SOME OF THE MOST COMMON CV ERRORS ARE:

1. Typing errors, and poor spelling and grammar
2. Listing duties instead of achievements
3. Not tailoring your CV
4. Visually unappealing and difficult to read

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## 5. Too long or too short

Video advice on writing a CV: <https://www.monster.co.uk/career-advice/article/cv-tips>