



**Blatchington
Mill School**
Involvement, Achievement & Care

Careers Bulletin March 2025

Welcome to the half termly Blatchington Mill Careers Bulletin. The aim of the publication is to keep you informed about what is happening at Blatch, as well as opportunities that are available for both parents/carers and students.

If you have any queries, ideas or need general information in regard to futures and/or careers, please contact us using the email address here:

careers@blatchingtonmill.org.uk

Opportunities available



The Plumpton open event is the perfect opportunity to visit the college, meet their industry expert lecturers and see where a career in the Land and Environment sector can take you. You can sign up using the link below.

[Plumpton College open event](#)

Plumpton College also has two Year 10 taster days on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th July .

Parents/carers can book their young person's place using the application forms below and confirm the absence with Blatch.

[Book your place for Tuesday 8th July](#)

[Book your place for Wednesday 9th July](#)

Saturday 17 May 2025

11am-4pm | Memorial Gardens, Crawley

Drop in and discover a FREE Family STEM Adventure!

Meet STEM experts.
Get hands-on with local
businesses and explore
your future in STEM.



[thestemhub.org.uk
/stem-in-the-park](https://thestemhub.org.uk/stem-in-the-park)

Test Your Skills: Fly a Drone

Space Talks: Lift-Off Every Hour

Step Aboard the Hydrogen and STEM Buses

Explore Artificial Intelligence, Plant Health, Thermal
Imaging & More with the University of Sussex

Experience Careers Behind
the Scenes at London Gatwick

Engaging STEM Displays for all ages

Explore more STEM activities
at Crawley College



Building on the success of last year's event, which drew an impressive crowd of around 4,000 visitors, STEM in the Park is back! Mark your calendar for Saturday 17 May 2025, when Crawley's Memorial Gardens will once again host this much-loved annual celebration of all things STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths).

STEM in the Park is all about sparking curiosity and excitement in young minds, encouraging them to explore the fascinating world of STEM. By showcasing how engaging and rewarding careers in STEM can be, this event aims to plant the seeds of inspiration early, igniting a lifelong passion for discovery and innovation.

Supported by local employers, Higher Education Institutions, colleges, professional bodies, STEM communicators, and educators, this free, family-friendly STEM festival offers an action-packed day filled with interactive activities and exhibits to inspire curiosity and creativity.

The event is supported by Crawley Borough Council and London Gatwick and delivered by The STEM Hub.

What Next Sussex?

WHAT NEXT SUSSEX!

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 22 2025

WHAT NEXT SUSSEX is back for 2025!

Are you a young person choosing what to do after their GCSEs, or a parent/ carer or teacher?

Then join us in a live online event packed full of information and advice so you, or someone you are supporting, can make informed choices.

The event will have:

- A chance to chat to colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers, employers and careers advisors across Sussex through Live typed Chat
- Up to date video content about the different pathways available after GCSE, including for young people with SEND
- Info for parents and carers

Live online Thursday 22 May 2-3pm & 6-7pm
(with additional content available after)

To register your interest in attending, please scan the QR code

Logos at the bottom include: East Sussex County Council, Skills East Sussex, West Sussex Brighton and Hove Careers Hub, Careers & Enterprise Company, East Sussex Careers Hub, Careers & Enterprise Company, East Sussex County Council, West Sussex County Council, Brighton & Hove City Council, and Sussex Learning Network.

Below is a link to their flipbook which will be of use to both parents/carers and students

[What Next? - West Sussex, Brighton & Hove | PDF to Flipbook.](#)

InvestIN - webinar

InvestIN are offering a free webinar for students & parents: 'The UCAS Personal Statement is Changing'

UCAS have recently amended the personal statement format from one longer essay to three structured questions, affecting all students applying to a UK university from next year onward.

To support your child in navigating these changes in the future, **InvestIN** is hosting a **free, interactive webinar led by experts**, covering everything they need to know to make their application stand out.

We encourage **parents of Year 11** to attend alongside their child to gain valuable insights into the new format and understand what skills and experiences will help them craft strong responses when they apply to university.

Date & Time: 26th March, 6-7pm

Online - Register [here](#)

If you cannot attend live, please register to automatically receive the recording.

Job of the month - Visual Merchandiser



KEY SKILLS

Visual Merchandising is a marketing practice that uses floor plans, colour, lighting, displays, technology, and other elements to attract customer attention. To excel in this career, those looking to become a visual merchandiser will need to follow floor plans, draw designs and use space creatively. They will need to arrange displays and dress props, and produce brand guidelines for the store.

The individual will need excellent creative skills, using their initiative in coming up with new ways to do things. Have excellent customer service skills and communication in dealing with customers and the team. They will need the ability to teach sales staff on how to display goods and help with learning and development.

- Have a good attention to detail
- Are always up to date with current trends
- Are creative & imaginative
- Have a talent for design, colour & style.

Average salary

Entry level - £12,000.

Experienced £55,000.

Labour Market Information (LMI)

As part of the regular bulletins, we will be including any labour market information we have available to keep you abreast of where new opportunities are likely to arise as well as what is currently available within the labour market.

The Office for National Statistics link below gives national information that gives estimates as well as regional, local authority and Parliamentary constituency breakdowns of changes in the UK of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics for the UK.

Click [here](#) for the national picture.

Click [here](#) for a breakdown of information broken down into regions of the UK.

Click [here](#) for Brighton and Hove local economic information

For more careers education information, advice and guidance visit the careers page on Blatchington Mill School website by clicking [here](#).