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## WELCOME

Welcome to our July issue of the Sunderland Digital Careers Newsletter.

I am sure you are all looking forward to your well-deserved summer break! To celebrate, in this newsletter we will be looking at some events you can take part in around Sunderland during your time off.

World Youth Skills Day is celebrated to highlight the importance of skills. Also this month, we saw an amazing donation from Click Travel, where they donated computers to some schools in Sunderland to support learning in the region.

Finally, you can take a look at our Career Highlight of a UX Designer, and we will be spending time breaking down different options you will have when you leave school - it will be here before you know it!

If you have any questions about the newsletter, please get in touch:

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# WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY



World Youth Skills Day, celebrated every year on July 15, is designed to highlight the importance of preparing young people for work and business. The main purpose of this day is to provide important skills to young people all around the world to help them with employment and entrepreneurship.

The theme of World Youth Skills Day 2022 is based around the socio-economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, which link with topics such as climate change, conflict, persisting poverty, rising inequality and rapid technological change.

Click the image above to find out more, or visit [www.un.org/en/observances/world-youth-skills-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/world-youth-skills-day)

## SUMMER BREAK - WHATS ON?

The summer break has finally arrived after a long school year. There are loads of things you can do in and around Sunderland for FREE to keep you all busy! See below for just a snippet of what's happening.

### **Roller Rink**

22nd July - 4th September, 11 am - 8 pm, Keel Square

### **Family Fun and Food Day**

25th July, 11 am - 4 pm, Minster Park

### **Jurassic Jungle Trail**

25th Jul - 4th September, 9 am - 5 pm, Sunderland City Centre

### **Festival of Archaeology**

27th July, 11 am - 3 pm, Sunderland Museum, and Winter Gardens

### **British Triathlon Grand Final**

20th - 21st August, Sunderland

### **Active Sunderland Summer Family Fun**

27th July - 31st August, Herrington Country Park

### **For lots more, visit:**

[www.northeastfamilyfun.co.uk/2022/07/100-free-things-to-do-in-school-holidays.html](http://www.northeastfamilyfun.co.uk/2022/07/100-free-things-to-do-in-school-holidays.html)

[www.primarytimes.co.uk/sunderland/listings](http://www.primarytimes.co.uk/sunderland/listings)

[www.mysunderland.co.uk/events](http://www.mysunderland.co.uk/events)

# COMPUTER DONATION

This month, Sunderland Software City received an incredible donation from Click Travel to distribute to schools in Sunderland.

Click Travel are a website where you can use their self-booking tool and book hotels, trains, flights, car hire, and more all from inside one platform to make booking your journey effortless.

Click Travel's amazing donation included desktop computers and Apple MacBooks. The company had the equipment they no longer used and wanted to ensure it was given to students to support their learning and development.

Mark Oldfield who is the Framework Manager from Click Travel said 'Click Travel has been working closely with NEPO for a number of years now and social value is something that has formed a key part of the partnership. We are delighted to be able to support the public sector in this way and it is fantastic to see the benefits that this will bring to schools and students in the North East.'





# WHAT TO DO AFTER SCHOOL



## A Levels

With A Levels, you can carry on studying subjects you took for GCSE to a higher level, or pick new ones you may not have done before such as Law or Psychology.

You study A Levels for 2 years, and usually take exams at the end of the course.

To take A Levels, you usually need 5 GCSE's grade 5 or above, including English and Maths, and they can lead to university or college courses, higher and degree apprenticeships, and work.

## T Levels

T Levels are designed in partnership with employers to give you the skills and knowledge to get on in the workplace. You'll combine classroom learning with real work placements. A T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels.

You study T Levels for 2 years, and there is a mix of exams, projects and practical assignments.

Entry requirements depend on the course you want to take, so this would need to be looked at independently. T Levels can lead to work, higher degree apprenticeships, college and university courses

## CAREER HIGHLIGHT: UX DESIGNER

User experience (UX) designers work on making sure applications and websites are enjoyable and easy to use for individual users. They are involved in the design of digital products and services, such as apps and websites, for specific target groups and users. In this role, you'll perform several tasks including sketching concepts, redesigning websites, creating mobile apps, and creating prototypes.

The technology industry is booming in the North East and is home to software and technology companies operating across the globe. The industry is growing and there is a constant need for skilled and talented individuals, so there is ample opportunity in the region to excel as a UX designer.

Some skills that would help in a role such as a UX designer would include communication, computer literacy, flexibility and adaptability, design, and spatial awareness. Whether you are working on your own, or as part of a team, you need to be able to gauge how usable a website is and adapt it where necessary.

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Skills Resources

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