

CAREERS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023



WELCOME

Welcome to this year's first student newsletter. These will be delivered to your SupaJam inbox once per term. Don't miss out on opportunities and information to help you gain key skills and experience for life after SupaJam

Dates for your diary

- ✓ Brighton L3 careers chats – Wednesday 1st November
- ✓ Canterbury L:3 & AP careers chats – Thursday 2nd November
- ✓ Swanley L3 & AP careers chats – Friday 3rd November
- ✓ UCAS Application deadline – 31st January 2024



Careers Chats

Over the course of the year you will be invited to have a careers chat. These are really valuable sessions and an opportunity to get support, share ideas and gain knowledge on how to get into different sectors within the music industry or another chosen pathway. Keep an eye out in your emails for an invitation.

Cant wait?

If you have pressing questions to ask and do not want to wait for your invite, then you can email our Careers Lead Natalie Morgan to book an online session.

Natalie.morgan@supajam-education.org



CAREERS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT SUPAJAM

Thursday 2nd November

SupaJam showcase at the Lounge Canterbury

Brighton Trip to Swan Studio

Thursday 30th November

Guest talk by Booking agent Debbie Claire – Brighton



Keep an eye out for emails with news of more events

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES SUPAJAM

Whether it's a performance opportunity, volunteer work or taking part in a community project, any experience within the industry can open up more opportunities to get you in the door and help build your CV/portfolio. At Supajam we are lucky to be able to offer Internal work experience via the creative industries. This is a great place to start to build confidence in a working environment before stepping out into the industry.

Swan Studios Swanley

Swan Studios is Supajam's professional recording studio located at our Swanley base. If you haven't already, swing by and say hi to our amazing studio manager Sam Coppins.

Hi!



Opportunities

- Level 2 work experience sessions - speak to your tutor
- Variety of roles such as assistant engineer, junior engineer, session musician, junior session musician.
- Experienced working in the studio? Why not try some mentoring? Speak to Sam for more info.

Opportunities

- Radio Social media assistant, Radio junior editor, and Radio co-presenter
- Level 2 work experience sessions - Speak to your tutor
- Experienced working in the Machine Room? Why not try some mentoring? Speak to David for more info.

The Machine Room

The Machine Room is Supajam's professional radio and podcast studio in Canterbury with satellite studios in both Swanley and Brighton. You can tune into Supajam Radio every day with a live show on.....wake up with Supajam with our very own David Maitland

Hi!



OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Get involved in the college gigs. You can support sound, lighting, photography or the running of the show. This is great work experience.

Passionate about becoming a performance artist. Join the artist development programme to gain valuable skills and knowledge on how to develop your brand and break into the industry.

Sky rocket records is SupaJam's record label. Interested in sourcing new talent, marketing and graphic design. If the answer is yes, sky rocket record could be a great for some work experience.



Coming Up...

Canterbury Christmas Market - 23rd November
Swanley Christmas Light Switch On - 2nd December
Brighton Christmas Market - TBC
Swanley Christmas Gig - TBC
Canterbury Christmas Gig - 14th December
Brighton Christmas Gig - TBC



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EXPLORE CAREERS

Each month we will explore a different job role within the music industry to support you in making informed choices about your next steps.

Not sure if getting into the music industry is the right pathway for you or need a part time job while growing your music career.... we will be exploring other career options on this page too.



Music industry - job of the month!

Music Magazine Journalist

If you're a creative type who wants to research, interview and write, then a career in magazine journalism might be for you. Attend gigs and festivals to write reviews of bands, interview artists, review the latest music releases are just some of the exciting things you can do as a music journalist. Maybe one day you could own your own music magazine or online music media platform.

If this sounds like an exciting career you can read more by clicking the link below



<https://www.berklee.edu/careers/roles/music-journalist>



Check out other career options or ideas for part time work

Do you like working outdoors? Are you creative and have a love for nature. Working in horticulture might just be for you. Check out the link below to find out more.

<https://www.horticulture.org.uk/grow-careers/a-career-in-horticulture/>



Do you love books? Why not consider working as an assistant librarian. It can offer flexible hours with part time and full time options. Book shops are often quieter, less busier environments to work. Could this be a job for you?

Click the books for more info



NEXT STEPS

Each newsletter will put one option for after college in the spotlight and provide you with useful information and links to explore further.

Spotlight on Supported Internships

Supported internships are a structured, work-based study programme for 16 to 24-years. You will have the support of an expert job coach to help you learn the ropes in your new work placement. This is a great stepping stone option for those considering employment after college but would like to ease gently into the world of work

Below are a list of organisations offering supported internship programmes, to explore further click the links



Kent and Medway



Kent and Medway



Brighton and Hove

Why should I do an internships?

An internship helps you become work ready. You will be in your work place for 4 days a week. You will be in college 1 day week improving Maths and English if needed and learning employability skills to support you in your work placement.



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Will I get paid?

No as it is classed as an educational programme, however it can lead into paid employment at the end of the course.

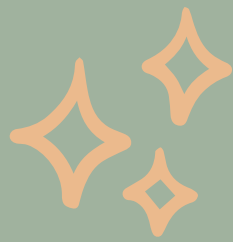
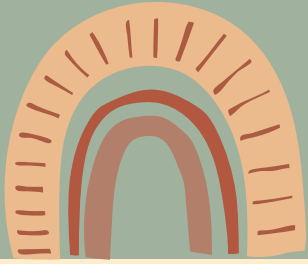


How will I get to my work placement?

Your Job Coach will provide travel training as part of the program. You will learn the route to and from the work placement and the office where the educational program is taught. We will help you get free travel via bus/train.



CAREERS SUPPORT AT SUPAJAM



What support can you get at SupaJam?

- CV writing
- job searching/applications
- Further Education (college) Research and applications
- Higher education (University) research and applications
- Work experience
- Careers advice and guidance
- Options after SupaJam
- General chat about ideas for the future

Email the Careers Lead to book

DEADLINE

UCAS registrations and application
Deadline is 31st January 2024

For those of you thinking of progressing onto University please continue to come to 1:1 sessions and seek support by emailing Natalie.morgan@supajam-education.org.

See this link for tips on writing your personal statement
<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement>

start

Introducing START profile

By now you should all be using your START profile at least once a week. It is a fantastic tool for exploring jobs, college and university courses, apprenticeships and more. There is a feature called 'my locker' where you can log all the amazing careers activities you are doing to build a digital portfolio of experience. This will make it so much easier when preparing for interviews, writing your CV, job applications or personal statements as you will be able to refer back to your locker on your START profile to remind yourself of all you have achieved while at SupaJam.

What counts as careers activity

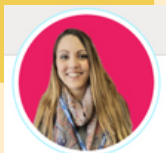
- Guest Speakers
- Employability workshops & Careers chats
- Trips
- Activities in the Machine Room
- Activities in the recording studio
- Zoom guest speaker or videos of industry people talking about their career experiences
- Visits to other colleges or Universities
- Work experience
- Taking part in English and Maths events/activities such as the spooky story writing competition
- Visiting Careers fairs

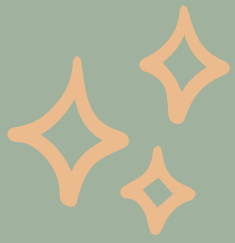
The above are just a few examples, if you take part in any of these activities then please log it in your locker on START profile.

Your careers lead is Natalie Morgan contact her via email or phone between 9am and 2pm Monday - Friday

Email: Natalie.morgan@supajam-education.org

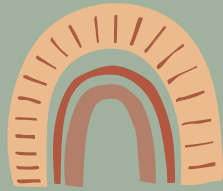
Phone: 07506666962





WHATS ON IN YOUR LOCAL AREA?

MUSIC EVENTS AND CLUBS



Canterbury



Da Base in Ashford

<https://www.dabasemusic.co.uk/music-club>

Music club running sessions including singing, song writing, rapping, spoken word, performing arts, video production, music production and more.

These run every Monday during term time for 12-21 year olds.

Swanley



<https://symbolconnect.co.uk/hopshed-theatre-company>

Interested in exploring your musicality in a different way? Check out the Hopshed Theatre in Maidstone and Staplehurst. They are linked to The Chicken Shed who starred on Britain's Got Talent this year. The Hop Shed's creative and artistic workshops are specifically designed to encourage members to make friends, develop new skills, and grow in confidence in a vibrant, inclusive, and uplifting environment.

Brighton



Brighton Youth Centre (BYC)

<https://www.brightonyouthcentre.org.uk/music/>

Runs a variety of music sessions every weekday evening, including vocal sessions and basement jams. Check out the link and get involved



JOBS BOARD

Looking for a part time job or volunteer work to fit around college? Log into your START profile and explore jobs opportunities. Simply go to the 'explore' tab and click on 'live job vacancies'



ALL BASES

The British Heart Foundation are looking for volunteers to help out in their music department. They are hiring in Deal, Brighton and Sidcup

Sidcup

<https://myvolunteer.bhf.org.uk/event/YHRY8GedCAEsxKEFe6UVKYDo3GltzH>

Brighton

<https://myvolunteer.bhf.org.uk/event/MATGDW4ENvoDNZPJs5CVdvrNXSOpVY>

Deal

<https://myvolunteer.bhf.org.uk/event/f7sXGhHvOC3fdmMane8YunHKolMzGm>

