



Christmas Part-Time Jobs

🎄 **Seasonal Job Fair at Yotel, Queen Street - Wednesday 3rd of November, 10am – 6pm.** Around 20 employers will consider attendees for interviews or job offers on the day (including JD Sports, Zara, Bershka, Lane 7 and many more).

🎄 **TK Maxx Fort Kinnaird Seasonal Recruitment** - part-time and various hours available, [click here](#).

🎄 **Boots are recruiting Christmas Customer Advisors** - visit boots.jobs/christmas to find out more.

🎄 **B&M Seasonal Recruitment** - find your local store [here](#) and go in person to apply.

Don't forget to check out some of the usual websites for other part-time vacancies too:

- Edinburgh Fuse - <https://edinburghfuse.com/job-vacancies>
- SDS Edinburgh Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SDSEdinburgh>
- Edinburgh Guarantee - <https://www.theguarantee.org/>

Monthly Employer Insight Sessions

October saw our second Employer Insight Session – we heard from a Civil Engineer who talked about the industry, essential skills and useful school subjects. We also discussed the different pathways into the industry (including apprenticeships, university and college). Remember, even if you are not thinking about pursuing the career highlighted in the insight sessions, it is still valuable to hear from a range of different careers to increase your understanding of the world of work so don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to come along to the next one!



The next session is going to be focused on careers in **HEALTHCARE** – specifically in medicine! You'll get the chance to meet 'You Can Be A Doctor' and ask any questions you might have. Keep an eye out for your House Head posting more details on your Teams channels soon!

Date: 15 November 2021 **Time:** Period 5 **Location:** IT Room 1

Virtual Opportunities

A variety of employers offer online sessions to allow you to learn about their industry - this could be anything from a one-off presentation to a week-long virtual work experience.

Investing to Improve Climate Change, 15 November, 1200-1245

This autumn Scotland will be hosting COP26, bringing together almost every country on earth to address the urgent issue of climate change. There are four goals of COP26, with one specifically focussed on mobilising finance. At this event students will hear from industry experts to understand how their jobs in investment management drives forward positive change on environmental issues. [Book here!](#)

Meet the Expert - Technology and Quantum Computing, 16 November, 0940-1020

Andrés Ulibarrena has a PhD in Quantum Simulators and has been working as a postdoctoral researcher at Heriot-Watt on photonic quantum computing. The exciting role has a lot of responsibility working with labs within the university and creating complex secure keys. To book contact Seonaid.Gow@edinburghchamber.co.uk

Meet the Expert - Health and Social Care, 23 November, 1410-1450

Explore the world of health and social care through the experts in social care. Meet Sean McKenna who works in adult social care and is an SVQ assessor and SSSC careers ambassador, and Donna Murray a personal assistant working with a family and a self-directed support project officer. Young people will have the opportunity to meet experts and ask them questions! To book contact Seonaid.Gow@edinburghchamber.co.uk

College

College applications go live in January/February 2022, and it is important you submit your application as soon as possible as some of these courses fill up VERY fast. Keep your eyes out for college sessions around December, January and February for support with applications.

If you are applying to university, you may want to also consider applying for a HNC/D at college as well. A HNC can sometimes allow you to apply for 2nd year entry to university whereas a HND can sometimes even allow you to apply for 3rd year entry to university!

UCAS

If you are applying to University this year, your UCAS application should now be well under way! Remember you can choose up to 5 choices and it's important to consider these choices carefully. Make sure you consider different options with a range of entry requirements – exam results don't always go to plan, so it is important to be prepared.

You are also going to be at university for (usually) the next 4 years so make sure you consider different aspects of university life too. The 'best' university depends on what is most important to you, this will be different for everyone!

- **Location** – do you want to be close to home? Do you like the city?
- **Support** – what support does the university offer? Do they value student wellbeing?
- **Student Satisfaction** – do past and current students rate the university?
- **Staff to Student Ratio** – some universities have smaller class/group sizes, is this important to you?
- **Study Abroad** – does the course/university offer the chance to study abroad?
- **Sports Clubs** – do you play (or want to start playing) a sport? Does the university have a team/club?
- **Other Clubs or Societies** – is there something you want to be involved in or are passionate about?
- **Graduate Prospects** – how many graduates move into employment after graduating?
- **Course Content** – do the topics differ across different courses? Are there topics you are more interested in?
- **League Table** – where does the university sit on league tables?
- **Cost** – will you need to consider living costs? Halls? Future accommodation?
- **Social Life** – is the night life important to you? Do you know people in the city?
- **Facilities** – what are the sports facilities like? The laboratories? The library?
- **Contact Hours** – how many hours are you expected to self-study?
- **Placement** – does the course offer a chance to go out on placement? Is it optional or mandatory?
- **Other** – is there anything else that is important to YOU.

Spotlight on Retail and Hospitality

The Retail and Hospitality industry was one of the worst affected industries during Covid-19 and lockdown. Things are slowly going back to normal now, but many shops and restaurants continue to face staff shortages. This is where you come in! Look at the part-time job opportunities above where you can help to fill this gap.

A part-time job in Retail and Hospitality is a great way to build many transferable skills that employers look for like communication, teamwork, problem solving and time management.

Did you know that pre-pandemic, this industry was anticipated to make up 39% of all job openings in the next 10 years! This makes it the highest growing industry. You can see this in Edinburgh today with the recent opening of the St James Quarter, creating over 3,000 jobs.



Careers Appointments

If you would like to book a careers appointment, or if you just have a quick question, drop into the library or email Maya on maya.stone@sds.co.uk – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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