

# Next Steps @ TRGA

Your weekly Careers news!

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**Next Steps @ TRGA** is a weekly newsletter which aims to provide students at TRGA with useful careers information, advice and ideas for the future – stay tuned for more tips and information next week!

## Career of the week

Each week, we will be pulling back the curtain on a different career area that you may not have thought about previously, providing information about the potential jobs you can do in this career area, what type of activities you might do, how much you might get paid and what qualifications or skills you might need to get started.

This week – **Speech and Language Therapy**



### What would I do?

Speech and Language Therapists work with children and adults who have problems with communication, or difficulties with eating, chewing and swallowing. SLTs work closely with parents, carers and other professionals, including teachers, nurses, occupational therapists and doctors, to help individuals overcome their barriers.

### What qualifications or skills do I need?

To become a Speech Therapist, you need to do the following:

- Take GCSEs and A-Levels in related subjects like Biology, English, Languages and Social Sciences (e.g. Psychology)
- A recognised Speech and Language Therapy degree at university
- Register with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- Commit to undertaking additional training every year

To work in Speech Therapy, it will help if you enjoy:

- Working with people from all backgrounds
- Subjects like Science, Social Science, Languages and Medicine
- Working as part of a team / communicating with others
- Solving problems
- Always learning new things and being creative
- Leading a team
- Being responsible and accountable for what you do



There are other roles available in Speech Therapy, such as Speech and Language Therapy Assistant Practitioners, who do not require degrees but still support qualified Speech Therapists to help clients with communication problems.

### How much could I earn?

Starting salary =  
**£21,000-£28,000**

Specialist SLT =  
**£25,000-£34,000**

Advanced SLT =  
**£30,000-£40,000**

### Where could I work?

- NHS
- Schools
- Charities
- Prison Service
- Private Practice (self-employed)



### Did you know?

There are around **15,000** Speech and Language Therapists in the UK, based in a variety of settings!

### I want to know more about...

Got a job or career area you'd like to find out more about that we haven't featured in the newsletter yet?

Let us know by coming and speaking to Mr. Webb in the Careers Room!

### Monday Morning inspiration:

*"Understanding who you are is critical for your career advancement. Self-awareness helps you get ahead".*

Bonnie Marcus

Need some support with your future plans?

Speak to your Careers Adviser!



You can find Mr. Webb in the Careers Room (203) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at breaks or lunchtimes if you have any questions!

Email: [careers@ruthgorse.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:careers@ruthgorse.leeds.sch.uk)

For more info on Speech Therapy, check out these links:

[https://www.rcslt.org/speech\\_and\\_language\\_therapy/careers/career](https://www.rcslt.org/speech_and_language_therapy/careers/career)

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/speech-and-language-therapist>

# Keeping it local!



Stay up-to-date with some of the education, training and work opportunities in the Leeds City Region:



## Careers-related news from TRGA and the local area!



### Love STEM Festival: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May



Do you enjoy studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths?  
Like getting involved in hands-on activities and using Science in a practical way?

The *University of Bradford* are hosting a free *Love STEM* day on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May** from **11:00-15:00** – there will be interactive activities, guest speakers and hands-on workshops for all the family, including learning how to build a robot! If you think you might be interested, you can book your place using the link below:

<https://www.bradford.ac.uk/undergraduate/stem-festival/>



### STEAM School – New Video!

If you missed last week's STEAM School broadcast in form time on Friday, check out the video by following this YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbNmoxcqpls&feature=youtu.be>

This week's interview was with Jo Douglas, a Process Scientist for British Sugar! Stay tuned for another video next week in Friday form time!



### Courses

There are lots of different qualifications and courses available at schools and colleges around the local area, from A-levels to vocational qualifications like BTECs!

You can also visit some of these websites for more information...



### Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships involve training in an industry while working for an employer – this could be in anything from Animal Care to Law! As well as getting paid for the work they do, apprentices also complete a qualification with a college or training provider and can be a good option for students who don't want to stay in full-time education after 16!

You can also visit some of these websites for more information...



### volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to gain work experience in lots of different environments – you may need to be 16+ or 18+ for some of the opportunities available but because you are giving your time for free, you can do this type of work experience whenever you have the time to commit!

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Getting a part-time job can help you to develop valuable work skills, like Communication, Problem Solving and Motivation and also help you earn money!



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