

# MIRROR DAILY JOBS

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## NETWORKING IS ESSENTIAL

Developing a professional network can benefit your career, but for many people - from new graduates to seasoned professionals - the hardest part can be making a start.

Here Fish4Jobs shares its top networking tips...

**Start local:** Speak to friends, colleagues and extended family about your professional passions and career aspirations - you never know who they might be able to put you in contact with.

**Go online:** Use social media to find industry groups full of like-minded individuals who can point you towards relevant events, conferences and meet-ups.

**Get involved at events:** While approaching strangers can be daunting, it's important to make the most of any events. Find a group of people discussing something that interests you and get involved by asking a question.

**Network everywhere:** Just because you're a web developer doesn't mean you can only network at conferences for web developers. The person standing next to you at a concert might be hiring, so get chatting.

**Make yourself memorable:** Talking about hobbies and interests at professional events can act as a good ice-breaker. Other attendees will see your passion and gravitate towards it. You'll also be remembered vividly as the ex-professional dancer or the competitive chess player, rather than just another business analyst.

**Leave your details:** It would be a shame to make all this effort in vain. Let your new contacts know that you'd like to stay in touch by offering them a business card. Chances are you will get one in return, so adding to your professional network.

# Creating chemist

**GSK apprenticeship right for Charlotte**

**CHARLOTTE Parkes knew she wanted to be a biochemist and help create the wonder drugs of the future, but thought she would need a top degree from an elite university.**

Then Charlotte, 19, from Letchnorth, Herts, spotted the chance to be an apprentice lab scientist for healthcare giant GSK and found her perfect route to help change the world - and get a degree during the process.

**So how do you describe your job to people?**

I spend my day testing samples that come in from the global research and development teams here at Stevenage. In recent months we have really focused our scientific energy on the immune system and genetics. My role involves analysing molecules and looking at how they behave - it is the science at the very early stage of drug discovery.

**White coat?**

Yes, I get to wear a white lab coat but that's where the stereotype ends. I'm not peering into a microscope or shaking test tubes. Large robots do most of the testing. I'm there to analyse data.

**How does it feel to work on possible cancer treatments?**

It's amazing to be at the start of possible life-changing cures. I say to friends that when one of the patients I have worked on is used to help patients it will be the proudest day of my life.

**Have you always been a science buffin?**

I loved science at school and was good at it too - I seemed to get it. I always imagined I would go to university but when I applied, the first two universities



**DREAM JOB**  
Charlotte loved science at school

**I will have a degree, job and no debt - it's fantastic**

**Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the scientific experts who work around you?**

Not at all. There are more than 350 apprentices at GSK worldwide plus graduate trainees and people on industry placements.

There are also some of the most amazing intelligent people with PhDs but we are all working together and they are so helpful.

My studies are all done online and I get time in the working week to fit in my assignments.

rejected me, they wanted grades I knew I couldn't get. I started wondering if I should take a gap year or volunteer somewhere. I can't remember where I saw it but one day last year I stumbled across an advert with GSK offering degree apprenticeships. In truth, I never even thought it was an option. I applied but just forgot about it.

**How did you get the job?**

A couple of months before I sat my A-levels back in Shropshire, I was asked to do psychometric tests and then went for an interview. It was afterwards that I knew it was absolutely what I wanted.

I was studying in the library one day with friends when GSK called to offer

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