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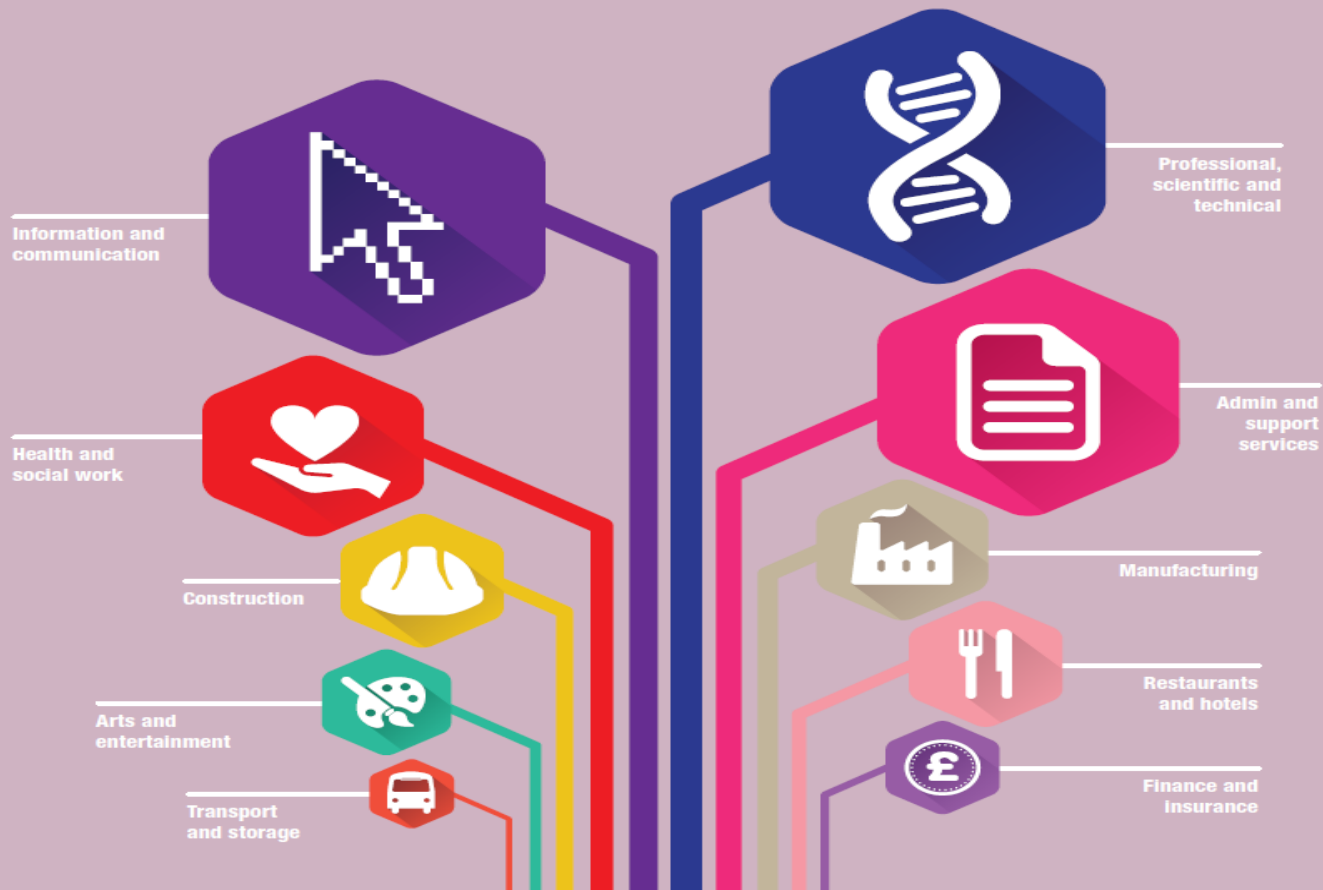
Form 5 Careers Information



Skills Barometer

EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS

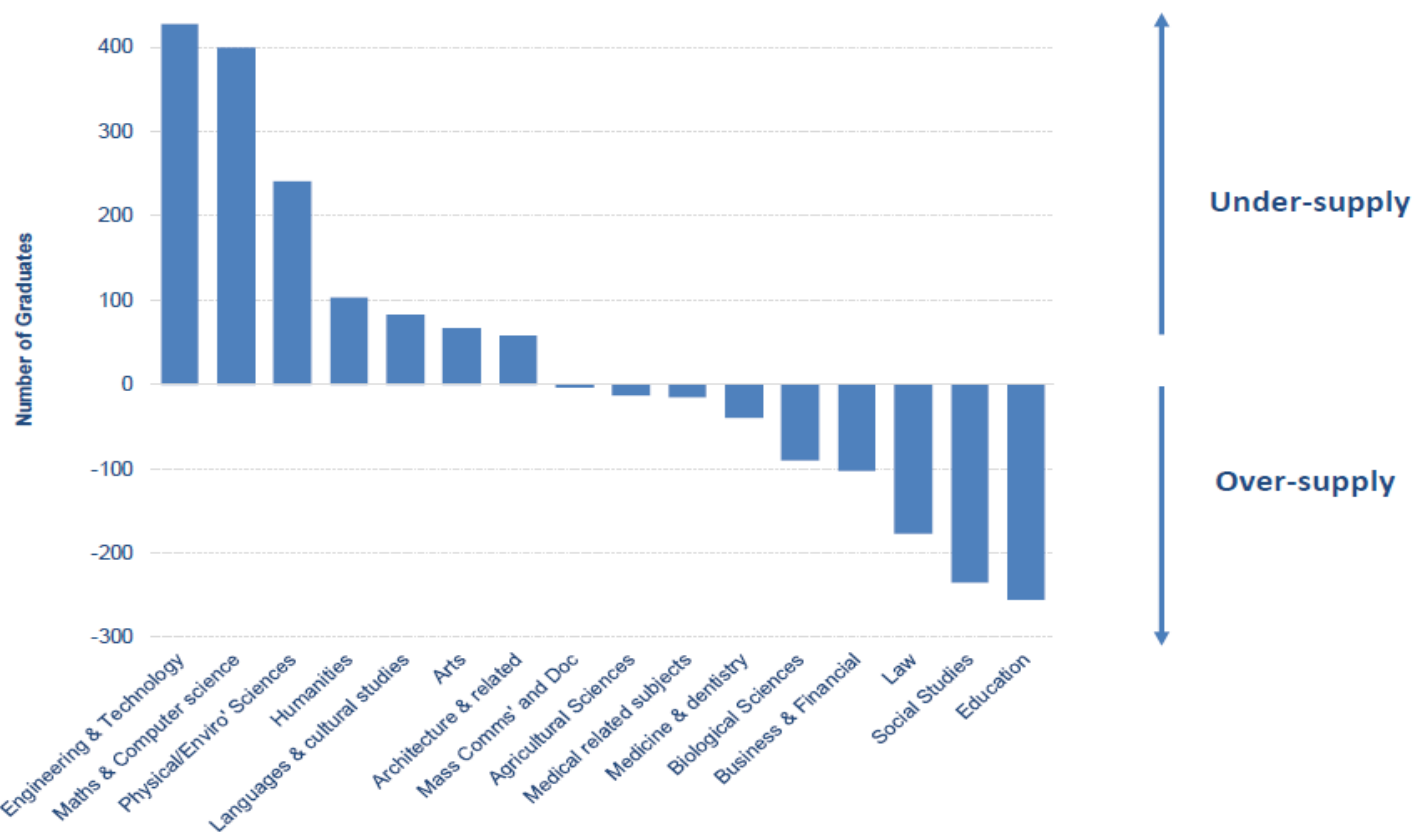
Top 10 growth sectors
(2016-2026)



Skills Barometer

NQF L6+ supply gap – Broad subject area

Annual average supply gap NQF L6+ (JACS 1 digit)



Skills trends – what does it mean for your son/daughter?

The key lessons?

- » Young people need to have a clear understanding of economic trends – only then can they make **informed choices**
- » Often these choices will be difficult – what determines subject choice? Academic achievement or future potential?
- » Higher education degrees are not the only pathway to a highly-skilled career – more and more high level apprenticeships are becoming available

BUSINESS and technology advisory firm Deloitte is to take on 70 new Belfast apprentices this year.

Deloitte's senior partner in Belfast, Jackie Henry said the BrightStarts are an "invaluable" part of the firm.

- » *"They bring new ideas to the table which enable us to look at problems from a different perspective and this elevates the offering we present to our clients."*

Irish News, 4 July 2018

The importance of attitudes and attributes

Attitudes & attributes

- » Employers' are looking beyond what's on paper to behaviours
- » Firms rate attitude to work (86%) and their aptitude for work (63%), well ahead of general academic ability (43%)
- » Behaviors and attributes – sometimes termed character – play a critical role in determining personal effectiveness
- » Personal attitudes (*including a positive attitude*), aptitude, readiness to learn, effective communication skills and a sufficient capacity to cope with numerical data are the key enablers for a successful working life.

“What businesses look for are young people that are rigorous, rounded and grounded”

Options

- 1. Stay on at MCB to study A levels**
- 2. Leave MCB and continue education at a Further Education College or similar establishment**
- 3. Leave MCB and go into employment**

5th Form Careers Programme

- Pathways 2018
- Eye4Education
- Talk from Mr J. McKee, Managing director of Linkubator
- Careering to Work
- Interview Skills with CitiBank
- Talk from school careers officer
- Subject Choice booklet
- Subject Talks

Entry Requirements

- 6 GCSE passes A* - C
- Plus B Grade in chosen A level subjects
- OR B Grade in related subjects
- E.g. Maths for Economics, Sciences for Psychology, History for Politics etc.
- **Absolute minimum 3B+ 3C**

Interview

- 28th February – 6th March
- With parents/guardians
- Subject choices and their future
- Required subjects and combinations
- Keeping options open

Interview

- All subjects equal
- ICT cannot be taken with Computer Science
- Life and Health Science must not be taken with Biology or Chemistry
- No other “ABSOLUTELY forbidden” combinations

BUT

- The chosen course needs to be considered carefully.

Interview

- Interview with student!
- Student's choice
- Realism!
- Timetable built on pupils' choices
- Changes possible subject to timetable
- Classes in a subject must be viable

Other options

- Other courses elsewhere
- Other subjects not offered at MCB
- Dept. Of Education and Learning
- Belfast Metropolitan College or other regional college
- Back-up plan

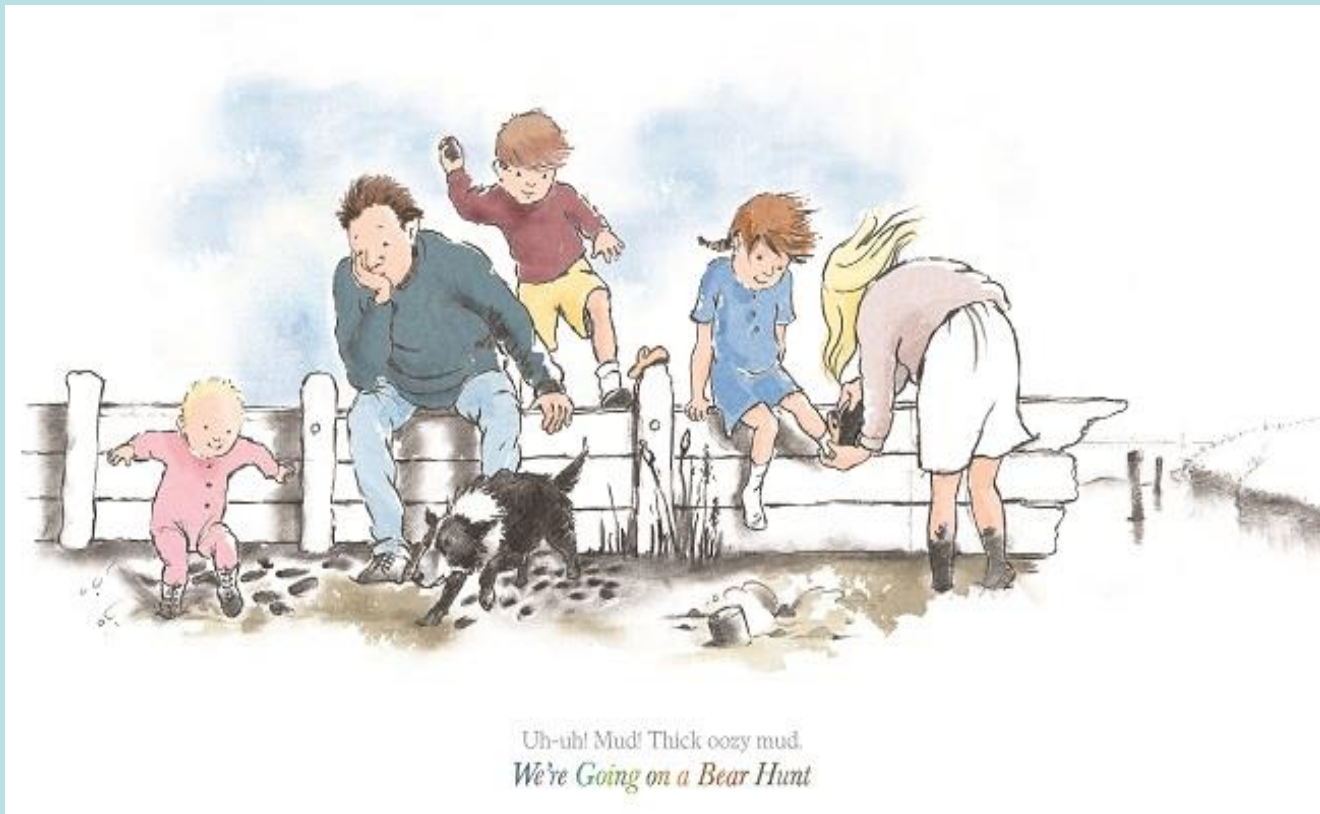
Results!

Thursday August 22nd

Need to be there to address any issues

Change subjects etc.

Back up plan!



**We can't go over it, we can't go
under it.**

Ohhh NO!

We gotta go through it.