

# Careers Newsletter - Dream, Plan, Achieve!

## February 2025

Welcome to the Eton Academy Careers Newsletter!

This February, we celebrate **World Thinking Day on the 22nd**, a day dedicated to reflection, creativity, and new perspectives. Thinking differently can lead to unexpected insights, opening doors to exciting opportunities and shaping a **bright future**.

At Eton Academy, we believe that **great achievements start with great ideas**. Our goal is to empower you with the tools, knowledge, and inspiration to explore, plan, and take bold steps toward success. **Let's think, grow, and achieve together.**

### Topic of the Month: Think Beyond Yourself – The Power of Volunteering & How It Shapes Your Future

Volunteering is more than just giving back; it's a transformative experience that challenges perspectives, enhances problem-solving skills, and broadens career horizons. Thinking differently opens doors to new opportunities, and one of the best ways to develop this mindset is through service to others.



#### ♦ Why Volunteering Helps You Think Differently

Volunteering isn't just about helping, it's about growing. It allows you to step outside your comfort zone and see the world through new perspectives.

\* **Develops Empathy & Leadership:** Engaging with diverse communities builds emotional intelligence, teamwork, and decision-making skills—key qualities for any future leader.

\* **Encourages Adaptability & Resilience:** Facing unexpected challenges trains you to be flexible and innovative in problem-solving.

\* **Enhances Critical Thinking & Creativity:** Many volunteering roles require quick thinking, resourcefulness, and strategic decision-making—all highly sought-after career skills.

#### ♦ How Volunteering Connects to Careers

Employers recognize the value of volunteer experience because it demonstrates initiative, teamwork, and real-world problem-solving abilities. Whether you're interested in healthcare, education, environmental work, or business, volunteering can be a gateway to career opportunities.

\* **Healthcare:** Assisting in hospitals or community clinics offers hands-on exposure to patient care and medical professions.

\* Education: Mentoring or tutoring programs develop communication and leadership abilities.

\* Environment: Engaging in sustainability projects fosters a commitment to green careers and conservation efforts.

Want to Get Involved?

Join a local volunteering group in your community.

Explore virtual opportunities on platforms like DoSomething or VolunteerMatch.

Participate in school-led initiatives that promote leadership and service.

Volunteering isn't just an activity—it's an opportunity to learn, grow, and build the skills that will shape your future. The more you challenge yourself to think differently, the more possibilities you unlock. So, how will you step up and make an impact?



### Job of the Week - High-Paying Jobs In The Metaverse

The Metaverse is revolutionizing industries, creating innovative job opportunities in virtual real estate, digital fashion, and AI-driven experiences. As technology evolves, careers in the Metaverse offer high-paying roles and limitless possibilities for the future.

To explore more, watch this video: [High Paying Jobs In The Metaverse](#)

## Skills Focus: Techniques for Recycling Ideas – Turning the Old into Something New

Recycling ideas is a powerful way to stay innovative and adaptable. Instead of discarding old thoughts, skills, or methods, you can repurpose, reshape, and refine them to fit new situations. Here are five key techniques to help you refresh ideas and bring them to life in creative ways:

### 1 The Remix Technique

- ♦ Take an existing idea and combine it with something new.

Example: Podcasts + AI → AI-generated storytelling podcasts

**How to Apply:** Look at successful ideas in different industries and blend them in a unique way.

### 2 The Reverse Thinking Method

- ♦ Flip a concept upside down to find a fresh perspective.

✓ Example: Instead of selling products, offer rental subscriptions (e.g., clothing rental services).

✓ **How to Apply:** Ask yourself, "What if I did the opposite?" or "How would this idea work in reverse?"

### 3 The Subtraction Approach



- ◆ **Simplify an idea by removing unnecessary elements.**

✓ Example: Twitter simplified blogging by limiting posts to **280 characters** → Microblogging was born.

✓ **How to Apply:** Look at something complex and ask, *"What can I remove to make this idea more efficient?"*

#### 4 The Adaptation Strategy

- ◆ **Take an idea from one field and apply it to another.**

✓ Example: Gamification (originally from video games) is now used in education, fitness apps, and employee training.

✓ **How to Apply:** Ask, *"Where else can this idea be useful?"* and adjust it for a new audience.

#### 5 The Mashup Method

- ◆ **Combine two unrelated ideas to create something new.**

✓ Example: **Music + AI** → **AI-powered music composition software**

✓ **How to Apply:** Take two random concepts and brainstorm how they could work together.

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#### 17 Calendar of Events: February & March 2025

##### [Georgia Tech All Majors Virtual Career Fair - February 18, 2025](#)

An opportunity for students and professionals across all majors to connect with employers offering various positions.

##### [Engineering & Science Virtual Fair - February 19, 2025](#)

The Engineering & Science Virtual Fair is an online recruiting event connecting job seekers with employers nationwide in real-time.

##### [ProductCon London: The Largest Product Conference - February 19, 2025](#)

A free online conference featuring product leaders discussing the latest trends in product management.

##### [STEM Women Virtual Graduate Careers Event \(UK Wide\) - March 5, 2025](#)

An event for STEM students and recent graduates in the UK to network with top employers, apply for job opportunities, and listen to inspirational presentations.

##### [AWIS Virtual Career Fair - March 13, 2025](#)

Designed for individuals in science or related STEM fields seeking new career opportunities, featuring live chats with recruiters and informative sessions.

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## Inspiring Story: Toby Roberts – From Backyard Climber to Olympic Champion


At just 19 years old, Toby Roberts proved that passion and perseverance can lead to greatness. His journey to becoming an Olympic gold medalist in men's boulder and lead climbing at Paris 2024 was far from easy.



Toby discovered climbing at age 12, quickly falling in love with the sport. However, the path to the top was filled with setbacks and challenges. During his early years, he struggled to find proper training facilities and faced tough competition from more experienced climbers. But instead of giving up, he turned obstacles into opportunities, training relentlessly, even on a homemade climbing wall built by his father during the lockdown.

As he entered professional competitions, he experienced defeats and near misses, but each setback fueled his determination. His resilience paid off when he dominated the Paris 2024 Olympics, showcasing his incredible strength, strategy, and mental toughness to claim the gold medal.

Toby's story is a powerful reminder that success isn't about having the perfect start—it's about staying committed, thinking creatively, and pushing forward no matter the challenges.

 **To know more about his inspiring journey, read his full story here: [The Guardian - Toby Roberts' Olympic Triumph](#)**

### **Future-Focused Activity: "Vision Board for Success"**

To wrap up this month's Careers Newsletter, let's end with an inspiring activity to help you visualize your future and take action!

#### **What You Need?**

- A piece of paper, a notebook, or a digital tool like Canva or Pinterest.
- Old magazines, printouts, or online images.
- Pens, markers, and creativity!

#### **Steps to Create Your Vision Board:**

- 1 Dream Big:** Write down your career aspirations (e.g., "I want to be a doctor," "I want to start my own business," "I want to work in the Metaverse").
- 2 Find Inspiration:** Cut out or find images, quotes, or words representing your dreams (e.g., a university logo, a job title, a workplace).
- 3 Set Goals:** Break your vision into short-term and long-term steps (e.g., "This year, I will learn a new skill," "By university, I will gain work experience").
- 4 Reflect & Take Action:** Place your vision board somewhere you can see it daily to remind you of your journey ahead.



◆ **Bonus Challenge:**

Share your vision board with a friend, teacher, or mentor, and discuss steps you can take to turn your vision into reality!

Warm regards,



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