

Ivybridge Community College

Career of the Week



Summer Term

Job Title: Interpreter / Translator

Salary: Variable

Working Hours: 35 - 40 hours per week. You may work from home or remotely on a freelance basis. You could work at a client's business, at a conference center, at a police station, in court, or in a hospital. You may need to be available at short notice for emergency medical or police interviews.

How Can I Get There? / Routes of Entry:

- University
- Sixth Forms and Local Colleges

Local Providers:

- Ivybridge Community College and local Sixth Forms
- Exeter College
- University of Bristol / University of Exeter / University of Plymouth

Skills Required:

- Foreign language skills – keeping them up to date and current
- Knowledge of English language and good concentration skills
- Customer service skills
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations – your working environment may be emotionally demanding
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- The ability to work on your own
- To be flexible and open to change
- To be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently – you may need to use specialist translation software

Employers:

- Language Empire Plymouth
- Aqua Interpreting Group
- DA Languages Ltd

Progression:

You may start work through an agency and then start your own agency or move into teaching. You could go on to specialize in a particular field, such as law or medicine. You could go and work for an international body such as the United Nations.