

Ivybridge Community College

Career of the Week



Autumn Term

Job Title: Environmental Scientist

Salary: £26,000 - £48,000 (experienced)

Working Hours: 37 - 40 hours per week - could be on call at short notice

How Can I Get There?/Routes of Entry:

- University
- College

Local Providers:

- Ivybridge Community College and other Sixth Forms
- City College, Plymouth
- Exeter College
- Plymouth University
- Exeter University (Penryn Campus in Cornwall)

Skills Required:

- Problem - solving and creative thinking skills
- Competence in developing arguments from scientific perspectives
- Research skills and the ability to gather, analyse and report on complex environmental data
- Laboratory skills for analysing environmental data
- Written and verbal communication skills, including presentation skills
- Flexibility to work in all kinds of environments
- Numerical and IT skills, developed through the application of statistics and measurement techniques
- Planning, time management and project-management skills
- The ability to work as part of a team on projects, as well as independently

Employers in the South West:

- South West Regional Forensics
- Environment Agency
- Ministry of Defence
- UK Governmental Depts, such as the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- National Trust (Conservation Officer)

Progression:

Opportunities for environmental science graduates can be found in the environmental science sector, in the utilities sector with water companies and waste management companies, in planning and surveying, the media, and in environmental education and research. You could gain specialist knowledge in areas such as geohazards, wildlife management and sustainable development policy, and work as a government advisor or consultant in your area of expertise.