

Ivybridge Community College

Career of the Week



Spring Term

Job Title: Tree Surgeon

Salary: £21,000 - £34,000 (experienced)

Working Hours: 41 - 43 hours per week, you may have to work at weekends or at short notice. Your working environment may be outdoors and in all weathers, working at height and may be physically demanding.

How Can I Get There? / Routes of Entry:

- Sixth Forms and Local Colleges
- Apprenticeship

Local Providers:

- Ivybridge Community College and other local Sixth Forms
- Duchy College
- Bicton College

Skills Required:

- Be happy with strenuous work outdoors and working at height
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- The ability to work well with others
- Concentration skills
- The ability to work well with your hands
- Knowledge of public safety and security and having a certificate of competence with a chainsaw
- The ability to use, repair and maintain machines and tools
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Driving licence / trailer licence would be useful

Employers:

- The National Trust
- The Woodland Trust
- YGS Landscapes
- The Tree Surgery Company Ltd

Progression:

With experience, you could manage a team, or start your own business. You could train further to become an Arboricultural Officer, Countryside Ranger, or move into the Outdoor Experience / Education sector.