**Email template to secondary schools**

Dear [teacher name],

Calling all KS3 teachers: are you looking to inspire your students about careers?

The [Step into the NHS](https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/secondary-schools) competition invites all secondary schools in England to explore over 350 job roles in the NHS, help raise their students’ career aspirations and develop job-seeking skills!

Download the [ready-to-go lesson plan](https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/secondary-schools#deliver) to get your students started on their entries in just one hour.

All of our free resources are aligned with the KS3 curriculum and the Gatsby benchmarks and are a great way to weave career-based learning into lessons such as PSHE.

**Get started in three simple steps:**

1. Download the [one lesson launch](https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/secondary-schools#deliver) resource to get started. There are lots more resources on the Step into the NHS website
2. See our [online gallery](https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/secondary-schools/online-gallery) of previous entries to get inspired
3. [Watch](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZ5hOy7BPxU) the [competition video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMwOmkyM4F0) with your class to prepare them to enter

**What do my students need to do?**

The competition ask is simple: students learn about over 350 careers in the NHS, choose one that interests them, then create a fun job advert for it. They will learn about the key facts, skills and qualifications needed for careers and turn this into a creative entry.

**What you need to know**

* students can complete their entry on their own or as a team – either in class, or at home as part of a term project
* the competition is open until 30 April 2024 and you can enter at any time
* There are fantastic prizes to be won, such as Amazon vouchers and goody bags. The national winner will see their entry displayed in public!

After your pupils have created their entries, it’s easy to submit them online or by post. Visit the [Step into the NHS](https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/secondary-schools) website for details.

**Step into the NHS team**

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