

After College

HELPLINE - 01677 470180

Looking for a job

NETWORKING

- Volunteering on a shoot/estate
- Volunteering with a shooting organisation
- Speaking with feed reps, game farms, game crop advisors

INFORMATION

Magazines and the internet –

- Shooting Times
- BASC, NGO, SGA and other websites

Applying for a job

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

- Find about the estate/area/job if you can
- Ask your contacts
- Look on the internet

WRITE A COVERING LETTER

- Consider the particular job and pick out certain bullet points of reference for example – are they looking for particular experience, work ethic. Make sure you include those words in your letter weaving into your work experience and background wherever feasible.
- Construct your letter properly. There is help at college, and on line to help you and if in doubt ask. This is an important feature.

C.V.

- Double check your telephone numbers and email addresses are correct
- Don't include an email address which is inappropriate – you are trying to portray a professional image
- Make sure your c.v. is current, relevant and carefully presented. If in doubt ask!
- C.V's should include reference to your experience and qualifications above anything else – don't include long paragraphs about your hobbies and give the impression leisure is more important to you.

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- Inclusion of membership of an organisation is recommended – this shows commitment and interest in your profession

INTERVIEW

- Make sure you know exactly where the interview is to be held
- Make sure you know the time and allow plenty of time to arrive and compose yourself
- Dress appropriately i.e. as a gamekeeper should
- Dress smartly with polished shoes or boots and always with a tie
- Be polite and respectful
- Bring extra copies of your c.v.
- Make sure you are up to date with major legislation and know your dates- open and closed seasons (remember Scotland is different)
- Don't be afraid to ask questions – this shows an open and inquisitive mind which should be encouraged.

IF YOU ARE UNSUCCESSFUL

- Experience is good – you become more accustomed to the interview process ☐ Ask for feedback. There may be specific points which are helpful in the future for you or other qualifications/experience which is required.

IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL

- Congratulations!
- Is this the right job for you? Whilst there are not many jobs around, you don't have to accept it if you feel it is not right for you. You should be given time to consider
- Make sure you receive an official letter with your terms and conditions including start date.
- Make sure you know your salary, when it will be paid and how – by cheque, cash or direct to your bank.

In the Job

- Enjoy it
- Look after yourself – feeding yourself, keeping warm and organising clean clothes may be a new experience! Keeping healthy is vital.
- Learn as much as you can from your Headkeeper and Beatkeepers – this is your chance – make the most of it.
- If you are unsure of anything don't be afraid to ask.
- Don't forget to keep in touch with your friends and colleagues
- Keep up to date through your organisations and remember GWT is there for you!

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