

THIS WEEK'S STAFF MEMBER CAREER HISTORY (05-11 Oct. 2020)

FOCUS ON: [MISS JENNINGS](#)

What job did you want to do when you were in primary school? **West End Performer or Paramedic**

West End Performer

Performers might be actors, singers, dancers or musicians that entertain audiences by being in shows that are on the stage in a theatre. The most famous venues in England are the ones in the West End of London

The minimum weekly wage for actors in venues with a capacity of over 1,100 seats is **£695**, **£632** for 800 to 1,099 seats, and **£569** for any theatre that has 799 seats or fewer.

Qualifications required:

There are a number of different routes to becoming an actor. Most actors study drama at a university or conservatoire. You'll have to go through an audition or casting call before taking on a specific job.

To get on to a relevant degree or diploma you may need 5 GCSEs 4-9, including maths and English and at least two A levels. A level drama or theatre studies is desirable, but not essential.

The most relevant vocational course would be a BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts.

However, even without any qualifications, someone with enough talent could have a career as a performer if they:

- Get noticed
- Go to open auditions
- Get an agent
- Don't quit

Paramedic

Paramedics provide specialist care and treatment to patients who have been involved in accidents, emergencies or other crises. Typical duties of the job include:

- driving and staffing ambulances and other emergency vehicles
- responding to emergency 999 calls
- assessing patients, providing emergency treatment and making diagnoses
- monitoring and administering medication, pain relief and intravenous infusions
- dressing wounds/injuries
- using specialist equipment including ventilators and defibrillators
- transporting patients to hospital and continuing to provide treatment while in transit

24-hour shift work (including weekends) is usually a standard requirement of the job. The average paramedic salary is **£27,312** within the UK.

Qualifications required:

You need to be registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) to work as a paramedic. You need to have a qualification in paramedic science approved by the HCPC in order to register. You may also need a full manual driving licence.

There are different routes to qualifying as a paramedic. You can take a job as a student paramedic and study while you work. Alternatively, you can take an approved qualification in paramedic science and then apply to ambulance services. Ambulance trusts set their own criteria for student paramedic programmes, and entry is likely to be competitive. Another possible route is to apply for a degree apprenticeship in paramedic science.

Qualifications approved by the HCPC include full-time degrees, diplomas of higher education and foundation degree programmes in paramedic science and paramedic practice. You are likely to need at least two A levels or equivalent qualifications at level 3, plus supporting GCSEs or equivalent.

What job did you have in mind when you took your options? **West End Performer, Musician or Tattoo Artist**

Musician

Anyone who composes, conducts, or performs **music** may be referred to as a **musician**. A **professional musician** is one for whom performing is their primary source of income. Different amounts of money can be earned depending on how much work you do, the size of audience you play to and whether you can sell recordings of your work.

What do I need to do to become a professional musician?

- Practice, Practice, Practice
- Study Music Theory or Music Performance
- Gain Exposure and Perform Often

Tattoo Artist

A tattoo artist is someone who creates permanent images or words on a client's skin. This is done by injecting ink under the surface of the skin by piercing it with a small needle. There are many diseases that can easily be transferred through the blood, and a tattoo artist must take care of the safety of the client, making sure that all equipment is sterilized before each appointment and that tattooing needles are discarded after each use. The local environmental health department will carry out regular inspections of your business premises and equipment. Some tattoo artists will start their own tattoo studio after years of experience, but most artists will typically start out working in an existing tattoo studio that has all the necessary tattooing equipment, many books of designs, and a dedicated workspace for tattooing clients. Work hours are usually from 10am - 6pm or later, six days a week. Market analysis shows that the average salary for a tattoo artist in the UK is around **£29.19** per hour.

What do I need to do to become a tattoo artist?

There are no set entry requirements for becoming a tattoo artist though many tattooists start off through an apprenticeship. You must register with your local council for a tattoo, piercing, and electrolysis licence. When you become a tattooist, you'll also be required to get vaccinated against hepatitis and other vaccinations, which will need to be topped up with a booster shot every 10 years or so.

Current job: **Teacher of Music (and Art).** I currently also **Vocal Coach** and run my own **Clothing Business**

A **teacher** is a person who helps students to acquire knowledge, competence or virtue, especially a person who teaches in a school. As a newly qualified teacher, you'll begin on a salary of at least £24,373.

Qualifications required:

- At least a GCSE grade 4 or equivalent in English and maths. If you want to teach primary or early years you will also need a GCSE grade 4 or equivalent in a science subject.
- A degree (or equivalent) of a 2:2 or above. If you want to teach at secondary or post-compulsory level, your degree should be in, or relevant to, the subject you want to teach.

A **vocal coach** is a music teacher who helps singers prepare for a performance, often also helping them to improve their singing technique and take care of and develop their voice. Typically, a vocal coach charges approximately **£35** per hour for a lesson.

How to become a vocal coach:

There are no qualifications to become a vocal coach but they must have a good grasp of music and style. Most will have musical qualifications or experience in performance and really skilled vocal coaches can listen to you speak or sing and identify your strengths and give you targeted, personalised performance techniques.

Someone who has their own small business is called an **entrepreneur**. A business is a way of making money by providing goods or services.

How to become an entrepreneur:

1. Find the right business for you.
2. Determine if you should get an education.
3. Plan your business.
4. Find your target group/audience.
5. Network.
6. Sell your idea.
7. Market.

Previous jobs: **Barber, Retail Assistant, Retail Team Leader, Pub and Restaurant Assistant Manager, Nightclub Hostess, Record Label Intern**