The creative industries are one of the fastest growing sectors in the UK.

World famous
We’re famous around the world for our film, TV, VFX, animation and games industries. With more jobs available every day, a creative career is rewarding and practical.

Job security
Job security is a key factor when looking at future careers. While many screen industries hire on a per-project basis (think feature films, games and TV series), some organisations also hire for permanent positions.

Non-creative jobs
There are also “non-creative jobs” in the screen industries. Production companies and game studios need project managers, HR staff and customer service departments. Artistic skills are secondary in these roles, so drawing ability is no longer a factor when thinking about a creative career.

STEAM
Employers look for STEAM skills – that’s science, technology, engineering, art and maths. Art skills are helpful, but more and more the screen industries are hiring people that show promise in other areas. Graduates that might have once ended up in finance, now apply for VFX roles. And engineers interested in the automotive industry now work for games companies.

At home
You can start thinking about creative careers at home. Encouraging artistic thinking and developing a wide skillset will put your child on the right track. Get them to think critically about their favourite games, TV shows and films.

Encourage your child to build a portfolio to show off their skills. This is what employers look at before they hire. It can evolve with time.
First steps
Encourage your child to watch films, TV shows and play games, and get them to watch the credits to find out who does what. Look up job roles at screenskills.com/careers

Moving up
If your child wants to start making creative projects, try to provide the tools and environment to do so. Encourage STEAM qualifications and enrichment activities outside school.

Getting in
Think about apprenticeships, university and trainee schemes. Look up the defined career path for fields they’re interested in, and watch interviews online with practitioners.

For further information go to: screenskills.com/careers