

Careers Information & Opportunities



Dear Parents, Carers & Students

Welcome to the weekly Careers News bulletin.

If you have any career tips, comments, suggestions – or come across useful resources - please get in touch.

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Apprenticeships

Students with a Unifrog log-in can see all apprenticeship listings, on-demand webinars & more
Students should research the many apprenticeship websites (Amazing Apprentices, Springpod, Uptree, Success at Schools etc) and if they haven't already, register with the government website, [click here](#)

Choice Magazine

From *Amazing Apprenticeships*, the latest *Choices* magazine is out - the ultimate guide for parents and carers exploring the world of apprenticeships and technical education.

In this edition:

- TV Celebrity Steph McGovern on why more individuals should take up apprenticeships
- 5 ways to search for vacancies
- Explore engineering careers
- Top tips from BBC Bitesize

[Click here](#)

Two Years As An Apprentice – My Insights

Satwika Saran started at *Samsung Electronics* on a level 3 HR apprenticeship, now she is studying a level 6 degree apprenticeship in Chartered Management and she talks about her apprenticeship journey. [Click here](#)

Various Webinars

From *Success at Schools*, comes various webinars; A Day In The Life of IBM, Apprenticeships in the British Army, The Future of STEM is Female, A Day in the Life of an Accountant, Accountancy & Finance Application Masterclass.

Click here for info *From Amazing Apprenticeships* is a link to all their employer webinars – [see here](#)

Apprenticeships In Accountancy/Finance – 10th December 6.30pm

Interested in applying for an apprenticeship in Accountancy or Finance but unsure where to begin? The application process can feel overwhelming, this masterclass in how to apply may help. [Click here](#)

Apprenticeships Listing – Nationwide.

For a list of nationwide apprenticeships, sign up via faa.vacancies@education.gov.uk

Advance Notice - HOP Apprenticeship & T Levels Webinar - Wednesday 29th January 5.30pm-7pm

Hertfordshire Careers Hub and HOP are hosting an apprenticeship & T-Levels Virtual Careers Fair event to empower parents/carers with the knowledge and confidence they need to support individuals with career decisions. Join the event by Zoom, [register here](#).

Success At Schools

Lots of application information on their website now available. [Click here](#) Register then see the apprenticeship tab.

Things I Wish I'd Known Before Starting My Apprenticeship

If applying for apprenticeships, you will probably find this post from *NotGoingToUni* very useful. [Click here](#)
[Register/home here](#)

Latest Higher & Degree Listings

The eagerly anticipated Higher and Degree listing is now available. This edition features hundreds of vacancies from across the country and is a fantastic way to show students, colleagues and parents/carers the fantastic opportunities that apprenticeships can offer. [Check out the October edition](#)

All You Need To Know About Apprenticeships

Amazing Apprenticeship have a terrific website packed full of facts, information and guidance. Here's the link to explore everything you might need to know, [click here](#). Meet *Amazing Apprentices* – and apprenticeship levels explained in *Rapid Resources*, [click here](#)

College/University Information

The Guardian University Guide 2025

The latest tables rank institutions by student satisfaction, staff numbers, spending, and career prospects. Useful as a guide to university options based on comprehensive data. [Click here](#)

Global University Guide

Take a look at the global QS rankings – this year's is the largest ever featuring over 1500 universities. [Click here](#)

Studying In The USA Webinar

From *The Fulbright Commission*, this is a helpful & informative session. It provides a general overview of undergraduate study in the US, including choosing a university, funding and completing an application. [Click here](#)
There's also a live webinar on 16 January at 5.30pm, [click here](#)

HTQs

New films have been launched to help you learn more about Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs). Hear from students about their experience studying towards their level 4 HTQs in Construction Management. [Please click here to watch the NEW HTQ stories](#)

T-Levels

All the local Colleges offer various Post-16, 2 year T-Level Courses; study with industry placements of at least 315 hours/45 days. For more information on T-Levels, [please click here](#)

Struggling To Choose Your Uni Course?

Many Year 13 students will have identified the degree and universities they want to apply to by now, but for some it's a struggle to make those choices. [BetterUniChoices most recent blog](#), written by an experienced university admissions officer, offers support for those who don't know where to start. [Click here](#)

UNiTool Showing Grades For Uni Courses

Students hoping to start undergraduate courses in 2025 will be able to see the grades that recent successful applicants have achieved at A-Level/BETEC. Click link for BBC News article. [Click here](#)

The Uni Guide Podcast Episode 28 explores Law at university, Listen to this and all episodes on wide range of university related subjects [HERE](#)

University Subject Tasters

Sheffield University also host subject tasters – great for experiencing a university lecture or seminar and get a feel for what studying at university is like. Interactive sessions available now. [Click here](#)

UniTasterDays - University Event Directory

UniTasterDays are hosting online university events for students and here's a handy one-stop directory where you can search online. There are listings for taster days, masterclasses, workshops and open days in every imaginable subject – some 127 pages – with filters! Additional sessions such as, *Understanding The UCAS Process*, *UCAS And Personal Statements* and *Student Life*. It's available [here](#). **Special Note:** Workshops can prove useful background research for subjects, EPQs etc. Here's a link to the home page of this terrific directory:

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/> The latest bogs features an [introduction to university widening participation and fair access](#).

The Uni Guide - Subject Guide Webinars

Impartial video guides on studying various subjects at university. The latest release is a guide to studying illustration. Watch this and hundreds more [HERE](#). Also, inspired by the latest series of the Traitors, where two contestants were Vet Nurses. Hear from Lyn at the Royal Veterinary College and discover what [to expect as a Vet Nursing student](#).

UniTasterDays Parents' Guide to University FREE To Download

The Parents' Guide to University has been produced by *UniTasterDays.com* in collaboration with *HELOA* - to help parents or guardians support their young person with their higher education decisions. Editorial has been provided by over 40 colleagues at universities and schools and colleges throughout the UK on topics including student finance, university applications, university events, student wellbeing and more. [Click here](#)

Is It Worth Going To University?

The Guardian ask the experts. With a cost of living crisis, lecturers' strikes and high fees, is university still worth it? [Click here](#)

Choosing The Right Degree

Struggling with that decision? *Lancaster University* have pulled together various resources. [SACU](#) - great to help Year 12s decide on the right degree/apprenticeship. Take a short picture-based quiz and SACU will come up with a cloud of subject areas that would suit a student. [Prospects](#) - another website for browsing degree subjects and the careers they can lead to. *Prospects* is also useful for working backwards - starting with a desired career in mind and seeing which degrees or other pathways would be best for achieving a role within that industry. [Hear from Student Ambassadors](#) – a blog on how to choose between universities.

Everything You Need To Know About Russell Group Universities

Whether asking what is a *Russell Group* university - or weighing up whether they are worth it - here are some answers. [Read More](#)

UCAS Subject Guides

[Click here](#) for information on subject study at university. Read the threads too on *The Student Room*.

Graduate Case Studies – Sheffield University

The University's [Graduate Case Studies database](#) is an excellent resource for anyone undecided about their future career path. Often they know which subject they would like to study but not where it can lead to afterwards. The database gives examples of previous graduates from the university, and students can filter by different sectors.

A-Z List of University Courses

From *British Uni*, here's a list of university courses, [click here](#)

UCAS for Parents

The *UCAS* website provides a wealth of information geared towards parents including a guide that you can download and information on financial support and budgeting, [click here](#)

Choosing The Right University/Course

Click the link for tips/advice [here](#)

Years 11-12 – Have you Considered All The Options?

University is a great choice for many students but if you're not sure, there are other options. [Click here](#) for an overview from *Success At Schools*. For the pros and cons of university, [click here](#). Which university and what degree to choose? There's some help [here](#) and [here](#). Finally, here's some general information on open days and how to make the most of them, click [here](#)

Work Experience

It's vital students sign up to Uptree & Speakers for Schools who have lots of face to face and virtual opportunities – check with your Head of Year before attending any sessions that fall on a school day

On-Line Careers Info/Work Experience

Explore careers and prepare for the job with hundreds of free job simulations designed by the world's top employers. Get instant access to a library of hundreds of interactive (2-5 hour) online projects, designed by top employers such as *BCG, JP Morgan, PWC, Latham & Watkins, General Electric* and many more. [Click here](#)

Uptree

Various masterclasses, info events, Insight Days and work experience days now available to book. [Latest info here](#)

Work Experience/Career Days

There are new dates available for your students to attend career days online taking place online over the next couple of months. Career Days give students an insight into different careers that might appeal to them, advice on subject choices and how to apply to university, followed by work experience in the afternoon to help them see what the career may be like. Students receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

Students who are aged 13-18 can register to join the online days by visiting www.careerdays.co.uk

The schedule is **Computer Science Career Day** - Saturday 23rd November 2024

Engineering & Technology Career Day - Saturday 30th November 2024

Students can visit www.careerdays.co.uk to join a session that interests them and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.

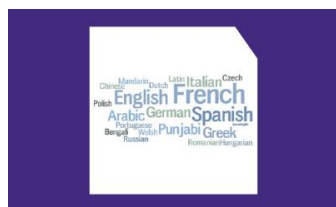
Speakers For Schools Work Experience Opportunities



For students interested in apprenticeships, this is a fantastic opportunity to join [Siemens Energy](#) for a virtual insight day. They'll hear directly from professionals about Siemens' apprenticeship programmes and explore exciting career pathways in energy.

Deadline: 10th January
Dates: 10th February
Type: Virtual insight day
Ages: 14-19

[Find out more](#)



Do you have students passionate about languages? Invite them to this [multi-employer languages event](#), where they'll meet professionals and explore exciting career paths in the language sector.

Deadline: 15th January
Dates: 12th - 14th February
Type: Virtual work experience
Ages: 14-19

[Find out more](#)



During this virtual insight day, [The Guinness Partnership](#) introduces students to apprenticeships. Students will enjoy engaging sessions on apprenticeship life, explore current opportunities, and gain tips to kickstart their careers.

Deadline: 17th January
Date: 12th February
Type: Virtual insight day
Ages: 14-19

[Find out more](#)



This one-of-a-kind placement introduces female students to diverse career paths in tech, hosted by leading software company [Oracle](#). Exclusively designed for young women, this programme empowers them to explore career options and build confidence in tech.

Deadline: 30th January
Dates: 17th - 19th February
Type: Virtual work experience
Ages: 16-19

[Find out more](#)

Students must seek permission from Head of Year before attending on a school day.

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A Career In The Police

Find out about the PC entry programme and the PC degree apprenticeship from the Metropolitan Police.

[Click here](#)

News From LCN – Focus On Barristers

Becoming a barrister: what are the Inns of Court?

The Inns of Court – what are they and why do you need to join one? LawCareers.Net answers your questions about the Inns of Court in this Feature, including when and how to join an Inn.

READ NOW

The Oracle Mini-pupillage: what is it and what are the benefits?

I want to become a barrister; do I need to complete a mini-pupillage? What are the benefits of doing one?

READ NOW

Meet the Barrister [1 CROWN OFFICE ROW](#) Alice Kuzmenko

"On the legal side, my work experience included tribunal advocacy with Free Representation Unit, an internship with a solicitor advocate practising in immigration law and volunteering for numerous advice centres."

READ NOW

Uptree Careers Guide

Discover your journey with this latest guide from *Uptree*, it's in useful sections; business & finance, engineering & technology, law, marketing, professional services and science. [Click here](#)

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Employment at Stansted Airport (Owned By Manchester Airport Group - MAG)

For vacancies at Stansted Airport, sign up to the Employment Academy; many fulltime and part-time opportunities available. Email Employment.Academy@stanstedairport.com

All Years - New Careers Quiz

Here is *The InvestIN Career Quiz!* By answering a series of expertly crafted questions, students unlock a personalised report that unveils an industry aligned with their skills and interests. [Click here](#)

Careers Website

Explore and find out about careers using this website – lots of useful tools. [Click here](#)

BBC Bitesize

BBC Bitesize have some great advice from leading careers experts and over 350 job case studies from people who've found the right path for them. [Click here](#) for the home page. Check out *Where could your favourite subject take you?* *Explore careers by job sectors* and *Careers A-Z – Find your Perfect Job*.

A Guide to Career to Options 2024

This guide is full to the brim with career and application advice for students. You can download the online version of the free guide [here](#).

Careers Unwrapped

Careers Unwrapped is a podcast series where accomplished industry leaders share their career stories, advice and reflections to inform and inspire young people.

All Years - Careers Fairs

From *UK Careers Fairs*, here's a list of Careers Fairs taking place in many major cities in England. [Click here](#) Also from *UK Careers Fairs* are these useful box links. [Click here](#)

Potential – Career Sense

The *Find Your Potential* resources from Nat West's Career Sense, support 13-18 year-olds to discover their strengths and skills for the future world of work. Students will receive personalised information on future careers they may want to pursue, based on their strengths and what they enjoy. The resources help students develop self-awareness and confidently start to think about career next steps. **Register now to download the resources.** [Click here](#)

Careers Websites

When free, do take a look over the *All About Careers* website as there's lots of information to digest regarding careers, [click here](#)

Find Out More About Individual Jobs

For snapshots into the world of work, visit the *icould* website to explore hundreds of videos about different jobs - search by filters such as job type and school subject. [Click here](#)

Resources – For Background Knowledge & Wider Reading

EDT Placements

Year 13: Students are invited to attend a **FREE 'EDT Placements Open Day Webinar'** that is taking place on Tuesday 10th December at 4-5pm. **Students** will be able to find out more about our Placements programme and how it can help them to find a paid work placement to enhance their skills and gain experience and professional development. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions to our Placements Team and Placement Ambassadors. Registration Link : [Click here](#)

EDT are currently accepting applications for their 2025/26 placements (starting July/Aug 25), further information and the application form can be found [here](#).

Accreditation: [Platinum Industrial Cadets Award](#)

Applications are open for the Residential Insight into University Courses

These are summer schools at various top Universities that run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. Students will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Students will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings, so that they get the full university experience. The courses currently available to apply for are as follows, please click on each link to find out more about the individual courses-

[Ocean and Earth Science at Southampton University](#)

[Materials Science at the University of Oxford](#)

[Physics and Astronomy at Surrey University](#)

[Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool University](#)
[Maths at Lancaster University](#)
[Mechanical Engineering at University College London](#)
Application Link : [Click here](#)

For Year 12 students

Courses taking place June-Aug 25

Accreditation: [Silver Industrial Cadets Award](#)

King's College, London: Medicine & Dentistry Lecture Series

Applications for the **online King's College London Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series 2025** are now open. This free programme is for students **across the UK** in **Year 11, 12, and 13** interested in becoming a **doctor** or **dentist**.

Over the course of the programme students will hear from a wide variety of speakers to help build their understanding of the **opportunities** and **challenges** of being a doctor and dentist, as well as guidance on the application process. Last year's lectures included the following:

Medical and dental specialties: cardiology, oral surgery, renal transplant, and many more!

Q&A's each week with current medical and dental students.

Support with the application process: UCAT, personal statements, and interviews.

Q&A with admissions colleagues in the school of medicine at KCL, UCL, St George's, Queen Mary, Brunel, and Imperial.

Most importantly participants will become **part of a community of like-minded students** all interested in applying to medicine and dentistry and finding out what being a doctor and dentist really entails. Lectures will be held on Tuesday evenings between 6:00 – 7:30pm, and the first lecture will be on Tuesday 4th February. For more information and to apply, [students should follow this link](#). The deadline is **Friday 10th January**. ***This would look terrific on a future Personal Statement***

Smallpiece Trust

The Smallpiece Trust is an educational charity that inspires young people to pursue careers in science and engineering through events and workshops. For over 50 years, they have been giving young people everything they need to fuel their passion for engineering. [Find out more here](#).

Mathigon

<https://mathigon.org/> - An interactive mathematical playground to explore.

What University? What Career?

Live on-demand video series. Using this brand-new video series, students can navigate the post-school options, find out how to get started with applications and avoid some mistakes; **free, on-demand, short videos**. [Click here](#)

Competitions, General, Ad Hoc

UK FoNS Science and Innovation Competition 2025

For students of all ages with an interest in STEM. Imperial College's **Faculty of Natural Sciences Science and Innovation Competition** returns for the new academic year. Open to teams of young people of primary and secondary school age, they welcome entries from schools, community and youth groups. There is no limit to the number of teams that can enter and **registration is now open**. There are four entry groups:

4 – 11 years old (Primary)

11 – 14 years old (KS3), 14 – 16 (GCSE)

16 – 18 (A-level)

Open Category for teams of mixed age groups.

The competition aims to motivate young people to engage with science, to encourage them to work together as part of a team and to engage them in a fun activity that is motivated by their curiosity and drive.

Teams are asked to develop a new and innovative scientific solution to help achieve one of the United Nation's Global Goals for Sustainable Development. To enter, teams will be asked to create a 5-minute film that:

Briefly outlines the goal they have selected

Describes their innovative solution

Explains the science behind their idea

Illustrates how their idea would address the goal.

Initial entries will be judged by the team at Imperial and finalists will be selected and invited to participate in the finals at Imperial in April 2025. **Find out more and see details of last years final and competition winners.** Registration for entry will close on Friday 13th December. If you have any questions please contact Dr Simon Foster at ssfoster@imperial.ac.uk or fonsschoolscompetition@imperial.ac.uk

If you are willing & able, do think about hosting a lunchtime careers workshop; they are fun and informal, plus a great way of providing insights into careers. Volunteers from the parent body are extremely welcome to host, as are alumni. Please get in touch claire.jonas@tbshs.org

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