

# Careers Information & Opportunities



**Dear Parents, Carers & Students**  
**Welcome to the weekly**  
**Careers News Bulletin/Newsletter where**  
**opportunities, resources & competitions are highlighted**

***If you have any career tips, comments, suggestions  
– or come across useful resources - please get in touch [claire.jonas@tbshs.org](mailto:claire.jonas@tbshs.org)  
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](#)***

## Apprenticeships

### **Linklaters Apprenticeship**

Applications for their [2026 Solicitor Apprenticeship](#) in London are now open. Over six years, you'll immerse yourself in the world of commercial law. Four days a week you'll be working alongside Linklaters colleagues on real client matters, and one day a week you'll focus on your university studies. The programme is carefully designed to balance work and study, giving you everything you need to build skills, confidence and insight into how commercial law really works. To apply, you'll usually need predicted AAB at A level (or equivalent) and at least a 4 in GCSE Maths and English. They review every application in detail and will take extenuating circumstances into account. You must not already have a degree and you'll need the right to work in the UK.

Location: London, Start date: September 2026 (1st September), Application deadline: 29th January 2026

Apply here: [Linklaters: Solicitor Apprenticeship, London | Job or placement at Uptree](#)

### **KPMG**

Applications for their 2026 Apprenticeship Programmes in [Audit](#), [Tax](#) and [Business Services](#) are now open.

[Apply for roles here](#)

### **Virtual Careers Fair - HOP Into Apprenticeships & T Levels**

**Hertfordshire Virtual Careers Fair, Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026 5.30pm-7pm**

This is a free online event designed to help you explore future career pathways and training opportunities. Please register by Monday 19th January, 2026 [for your free ticket by clicking here](#). [HOP into Apprenticeships and T Levels](#)

#### **What is the Virtual Careers Fair?**

This free to attend event is for parents, carers, and students to explore apprenticeships and T Levels. Visit different exhibitor rooms on a 10-minute rotation to learn about the programmes and opportunities available from local employers, colleges, and training providers. [for your free ticket by clicking here](#). [HOP into Apprenticeships and T Levels](#) Further info here: [The Hertfordshire Virtual Careers Fair for parents and carers](#)

## **Success At Schools - Round-Up Of This Month's Apprenticeships**

This week's [round-up here](#)

### **Gradcracker**

*Gradcracker* is a careers website for STEM students. It lists thousands of Degree Apprenticeships, Graduate Schemes and other opportunities. [Take a look now:](#)

### **From Legal Cheek Careers Team**

This solicitor apprenticeship application masterclass, insight session and careers fair virtual event series for Year 12/13 students, is on Thursday 27 November 2025 (4:30pm to 6pm). It features early talent teams from 24 leading law firms.

The session is free and open to all Year 12 & 13 students/Sixth formers. The sign up link is here:

<https://www.legalcheek.com/fair/solicitor-apprenticeship-application-masterclass-insight-session-and-virtual-fair/>

When signing up, students need to select:

The 'Not started uni yet' option in the 'Undergraduate university' dropdown

The 'N/A' option under 'University course'

The 'Sixth former' option under 'Current career stage'

### **Accountancy Apprenticeship Application Masterclass**

**Date: 9 December 2025, 6.30pm-7.30pm. Join this session to:**

Put yourself ahead of the competition

Learn what a strong application looks like. Feel confident & motivated.

Be as prepared as possible for applying

The speakers for this session will be Ria Bush, Senior HRBP for the Government Finance Function/HM Treasury and George Tsounias, Early Careers Manager at ACCA. [Click here](#)

### **News From Sixth Former's Guide**

Many of the UK's leading employers are already promoting and recruiting for their 2026 vacancies, and [The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships](#) is delighted to welcome several new organisations to mark the start of this year's recruitment season.

New employers featured in the guide include law firms [A&O Shearman](#) and [Slaughter and May](#), global design and consulting firm [Arcadis](#), energy provider [E.ON](#), technology leader [IBM](#), construction and property specialists [Kier](#), and professional services firms [Grant Thornton](#) and [RSM](#).

Read/watch the programme, [click here](#)

- **Read the Guide:** Our free, [online 120-page guide](#) covers everything you need to know about Level 6 and 7 Apprenticeships and showcases opportunities across a variety of industries.Â
- **Watch the Programmes:** We also have [two special TV programmes](#) covering essential topics such as 'What is a Degree Apprenticeship?' and 'University or a Degree Apprenticeship?'. The programmes also feature interviews with recruiters and current apprentices. Watch in full or explore signposted clips.Â
- **Understand Application Processes:** The guide offers expert insights into [how employers recruit apprentices](#), while [Employer Profiles](#) outline the entry requirements and the application process for each employer.Â
- **Connect on Social Media:** Follow us on [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) to receive the latest employer insights, application information and event announcements.

**Register for Updates:** Stay in touch and [be the first to hear](#) about new content, new employers and application deadlines. [Watch the programme here](#)

### **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. [Download from this link](#)

### **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

## **Ethos Sports and Education**

*Ethos* claim to be the leading sports scholarship consultancy company and are hosting a webinar to discuss the most important areas for those interested in learning more about potential sport pathways to the US/Canada and beyond. *Ethos* has 10 years experience working with international athletes in the UK to find the right fit at US Universities.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> (tonight) at 7.30pm.

Register: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

**Alternative option concentrating on Rugby**, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm. Register: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

## **CRE8 East Herts Introduction Evenings**

### **Who is CRE8?**

CRE8 is a specialist creative industry college for 16–19-year-olds, offering a hands-on programme that covers media, design, photography, film, music, sport and digital content creation. Programmes are built around real-world projects, industry partnerships, and professional skills - helping students develop their creativity, build their portfolios, and progress into the creative industry or higher education. **Upcoming Introduction Evening:**

**Bishop's Stortford Campus**, Monday 15th December, 6:00pm, Woodside Stadium, Dunmow Road, CM23 5RG

### **During the evening, you'll:**

🗣️ Learn about our *Creative Media* programme (equivalent to 3 A-Levels)

📖 Explore subjects including *Photography, Videography, Design, Film, Journalism, Marketing, Sport, and Social Media*. Hear from our industry-experienced tutors about *career pathways and real-world projects*

This event is open to all students currently in **Year 10–12** who are considering a creative education or career.

Parents, carers encouraged to attend too.

To confirm your attendance, please complete the quick registration form below:

👉 <https://forms.gle/uJ2dbDDzu22pbq1J8>

## **Hertford Regional College**

UNIVERSITY LEVEL OPEN EVENING - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 between 18:00 – 19:30

<https://hrc.ac.uk/events/university-level-open-evening/>

## **Cambridge, Hertford, Harlow & Stansted Airport Colleges**

2026 applications are now live. Due to the very high level of applications over the last three years they are encouraging *everyone* to **apply ASAP**.

## **Studying Maths At University?**

**MEI Preparing for University Admissions Tests** - Are you considering applying for a degree which asks you to sit a Maths Admissions Test? MEI have a range of information, courses and events to help you prepare. You can sign up to stay informed, so that you can find out about new opportunities throughout the year. [Sign up here](#)

## **On-Line Subject Tasters**

From *UAE*, these subject tasters could be useful regardless of whether you wish to study at *UAE* or not. Upcoming lectures include Biology, Economics, English Lit, Film & Media, Geog & Env Studies, Health Sciences & Nursing, History, Law, Maths & Psychology. To view the full programme and sign up, please visit [www.uea.ac.uk/study/tasters](http://www.uea.ac.uk/study/tasters) And here's a [subject list](#) from *UAE*. [Discover everything you need to know about the subjects that interest you.](#)

**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. **New sessions for new subjects added.**

[Click here and here](#) Plus ARU Subject Tasters, [click here](#)

## **Sheffield Live**

Join weekly online sessions to find out more about different aspects of university life and our subjects. Sheffield Live runs throughout the year with sessions on different topics such as accommodation, student societies and extra-curricular activities. There are also student and alumni panels plus regular opportunities to hear from academic schools about study options and course information. [Click here](#)

## **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](#)

### **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](#)

Here's a powerpoint that also explains more, [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.

### **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 rise in student fees and a cost of living crisis 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](#)

### **Choosing The Right University/Course**

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

### **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 degree to choose? There's some help [here](#). Here's some general information on open days, 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***

### **Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience**

Session on Sunday 7th December, 9am - 5pm, focusing on Pediatric Pathways.

Register here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Can subsequently participate in the monthly virtual work experience days. This programme is suitable for students in year groups 10-13 interested in the following careers:

Nursing  
Midwifery  
Paramedicine  
Physiotherapy  
Occupational Therapy  
Dietetics  
Radiography  
Prosthetics and Orthotics  
Speech and Language Therapy  
Pharmacy

Once registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals (check spam folders) and mark their attendance on the day in order to receive a Work Experience Certificate.

Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

### **Dates With Law Firm - Taylor Wessing**

*Taylor Wessing* are a global law firm that helps innovative people and businesses tackle complex problems. Specialising in Technology, Media and Communications, Life Sciences and Healthcare, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Energy and Private Wealth, they act for the world's biggest brands, most innovative start-ups and

unicorns, and wealthiest families.

They have more than 1,200 lawyers in 17 jurisdictions across Europe, Asia and the Middle East, who advise clients on their corporate, IP, disputes, and other matters. Working at the forefront of new areas of law, Taylor Wessing help their clients by introducing them to new people, new markets, and fresh perspectives to help them flourish.

They are hosting a series of upcoming law career events designed specifically for Year 13 students interested in pursuing a legal career or solicitor apprenticeship. **Agenda - This is what your day could look like...**

Welcome

Icebreaker

Introduction to Taylor Wessing

Interactive session

Lunch

Q&A panel

Opportunities and application process

**Apply :** London: Taylor Wessing, Law Work Experience Day- 20 Jan

### **Years 12-13 Renewable Energy Work Experience with Ørsted**

This virtual work experience programme will introduce students to some of the most exciting careers in the renewable energy sector. Flexible project work so great for fitting in around school. [Click here](#)

### **Years 10-13 Empowering Energy Futures: Virtual Work Experience - Siemens**

Step into the exciting world of *Siemens Energy*, where innovation meets the power that drives our everyday lives. Flexible project work so great for fitting in around school. [Click here](#)

### **Years 10-13 Engineering a Sustainable World: Virtual Work Experience with IChem**

Discover and explore what it's like to be a chemical engineer working in different industries. Flexible project work so great for fitting in around school. [Click here](#)

### **Princess Alexandra Hospital Work Experience**

Work experience opportunities are available for application via the [work experience portal \(https://nhshwe.software.uk.com/#\)](https://nhshwe.software.uk.com/#). There are a variety of placements available; from Physiotherapy, to HR and Recruitment, to Electrical and Biomedical Engineering. Students can apply for placements of interest, for their preferred/desired placement dates. Applications should be submitted at least 8 weeks prior to their desired placement date. With the exception of placements that have specific entry requirements (this will be indicated in the placement description on the portal) placements are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Further information on the application process, and timescales can be found [here](#).

Once a student has applied via the portal, all correspondence relating to their application will be sent directly to the email address provided by the student.

### **Trowers & Hamlins – Top Law Firm**

*Trowers & Hamlins* is an award-winning international law firm with offices in the UK, the Middle East and Asia. A **Top 50 law firm** with a history spanning over **230 years**, Trowers has over **170 Partners** and more than **1,000 people**. Find out more about *Trowers & Hamlins* by securing a place on their **Work Experience Insight Sessions**, taking place across Birmingham, Exeter, London and Manchester (all the locations they will be hiring into this year) - and including a virtual insight session open to the whole of the UK - to gain insights and top tips on how to ace the application process.

**Virtual: Trowers & Hamlins, Virtual Insight Session- 27 Jan. [APPLY HERE](#).**

### **InvestIn**

For a wide range of work experiences, see the InvestIN website. Please note, there is a fee. [Click here](#)

### **Futures For All (Formerly Speakers For Schools)**

*Futures For All* are ready to share their new website, featuring a refreshed **Work Experience Finder** and updated career resources for students. [Click here](#)

### **Virtual Work Experience**

Working at **White & Case** will launch, accelerate and build your career, opening doors and relationships around the world. The virtual programme allows students to gain first-hand insight into life as a White & Case lawyer and

experience the realities of cross-border law. **This programme is:**

Free for school students, no application is required, self-paced with no deadlines taking 5 to 6 hours to complete, no prior legal knowledge or work experience is required to participate in this course, and your work will not be used for assessment purposes. [Click here](#)

**Advance your skills and knowledge:** As a White & Case lawyer, you'll work on fast-paced, cutting-edge matters from the start of your career for some of the largest global companies. This programme offers you the opportunity to gain valuable experience during your studies and a way to differentiate yourself during the application process. If you're globally-minded and ambitious, join our programme today.

### **Sixth Formers' Guide...**

[ICAEW](#) has teamed up with *Springpod* to offer a [free virtual work experience programme](#) for students interested in accountancy. This interactive experience includes real-world tasks, videos from industry professionals, and insights into what life as a Chartered Accountant looks like. The virtual work experience gives students the chance to explore the profession, learn key skills, and hear from real Chartered Accountants - all online and completely free.

*There are many opportunities listed with Uptree – see the website for more information and/or [click here](#)  
Current opportunities for virtual insight sessions; Lloyds, Coca-Cola Europacific Partners & ARM*

### **On-Line Careers Info/Work Experience With Forage**

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](#)

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### **Job Of The Week**

Planetary Scientist. [Click here](#)

### **Leaders of Tomorrow In Accountancy**

**Date: 4 December 2025, 6:30-7:30PM**

There will be three speakers at this event including Jeff Narweh. Jeff is an ACCA Chartered Accountant working within the Premier League, with PGMOL, where he manages the financial planning and budgets for the country's top match officials. As a content creator and speaker, Jeff uses unique football analogies to make finance relatable, teaching that while we all have a "pitch" we dominate in life, too often our money dominates us. [Click here](#)

### **Explore new videos: careers in aviation**

The aviation sector is growing and provides many jobs you may not know about, which means lots of opportunities for tomorrow's workforce. Take a look at some new career videos, featuring three different roles and pathways in the industry.

#### **Krystina, Aerospace Engineer, BAE Systems**

*"How do I get to be a part of that world?" Krystina wanted to follow a career in aviation after seeing the Red Arrows at an air show.*

[See Krystina's story](#)

#### **Miguel, Service Manager, Heathrow Airport**

*"I spent a lot of time just learning and understanding how the airport works...and applying and applying and applying."*

[Watch Miguel's story](#)

#### **Brian, Air Accidents Investigator, AAIB**

*"People will say to you, 'You can't do this. You can't do that...' Have a go. There's generally a workaround."*

[See Brian's story](#)

For other videos, advice & guidance see the icould website: [icould.com](http://icould.com).

### **Open Event – RAF**

The RAF invites interested students to attend **Op PROSPERITY**, the RAF Careers Fair, being held at RAF Museum Cosford on Wed 3 Dec 25. Tickets are free, but places are limited to ensure each student attending can fully explore what is on offer and find in depth information on the range of roles, apprenticeships, and wider opportunities a career in the RAF offers. Priority will be given to students in Years 11, 12 and 13 but students in Year 10 may attend if sufficient places are available. An evening session is also offered to parents and guardians who can attend with their young adult.

[Book tickets here](#)

### **UK's Intelligence Agencies, MI5, MI6 & GCHQ Early Careers Network**

Application deadline: Rolling **Find out more and apply**

### **Careerometer**

Click on the widgets to see potential earnings in particular careers – scroll down the page. [Careerometer – LMI For All](#)

### **'Push' Careers Website**

This website is packed with information on careers, Gap Years, Apprenticeships ... *Push* can help with pathways, choosing a career, why go to university, employability and even public speaking. [click here](#)

### **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

### **Speakers For Schools**

Explore hundreds of **recorded inspirational talks** in the virtual library.

### **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

### **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](mailto: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*.

### **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*, lots of tabs leading to information including a link to a listing of **Careers Fairs** [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 Reading & Research

### Price Bailey Pathways

Following the successful lunchtime workshop, our contact at Price Bailey has sent a link to their learning session on the *Springpod* platform. If you wish to find out more about accountancy at PB, see this link:

[Make Your Career Count: Pathways into Accountancy with Price Bailey | Springpod](#)

### Outreach From Imperial College London

**Accelerate Online Programme for Year 12** - For students in Year 12 studying Physics or Chemistry A Level *Accelerate* supports students with their Chemistry and Physics A-Levels and university applications during Y12 and Y13. Students take part in a range of online academic tutorials, sessions to support the transition to higher education and additional activities hosted by Imperial. All tutorials and sessions will take place online throughout the 12 month programme. Preference will be given to applicants who do not live near London. Applicants must be studying A Level Maths and A Level Chemistry or A Level Physics. [Find out more, including eligibility criteria at the Accelerate webpage](#). Applications close on Monday 12 January 2026. For any queries email [accelerate@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:accelerate@imperial.ac.uk).

### Portfolio Advice Session - For Art/Product Design Students – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 4pm-4.45pm

From the University of Hertfordshire, this session might be useful for those wanting to know more about how to present their portfolios **Topic: Portfolio Advice for Creative Arts Students**. The session, led by tutors from the Art and Design and Animation departments, will outline the requirements and top tips for submitting successful portfolios. [Click here](#)

### Bank of America Insight Session - Thursday 4th December from 11:00–12:00 via Zoom.

This session will give students a unique opportunity to hear directly from professionals working in high-growth STEM roles within the investment banking sector. Speakers include:

- **A Quantitative Analyst (Quant)** – showcasing how mathematics and computer science power financial modelling.
- **A Cybersecurity Analyst** – sharing how STEM skills protect global financial systems.
- **A Technology Apprentice** – demonstrating alternative pathways into STEM careers and the value of hands-on learning.

The event will highlight a range of useful school and college subjects, including:

**Mathematics, Further Maths, Computer Science, Physics, Engineering, ICT, Design & Technology**, and other analytical or problem-solving disciplines. Each speaker will also explain their **pathway into their role**, showing students that there is no single route into STEM.

This is an excellent opportunity for young people to:

- Discover real-world applications of STEM subjects
- Understand the varied pathways into top STEM careers
- Ask questions directly to industry professionals
- Explore how STEM skills are shaping the future of global finance

To register, please visit the link: [STEM Careers in Investment Banking](#)

### The Financial Conduct Authority

The FCA are hosting two exclusive Insight Days for Year 13 students and young people aged 18-24, who are

interested in apprenticeships, are eager to build their employability skills and learn more about the financial sector. Apprenticeships on offer include: Accountancy, HR, Paralegal, Digital Marketing, Project Management, Data Analytics and more. Key Details:

- Dates: Friday, 13th February 2026 / Tuesday, 24th February 2026
- Timings: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm (approx.)

Location: FCA Office, Stratford, London E20 1JN [Click here to apply](#)

### **All Years**

Students emailed direct last week, the latest news from our link Oxford College, Balliol.

### **Round-Up Of Law Events**

Students considering law are encourage **to apply** for the below national virtual events (capacity 200+).

[National: 'BEGINNINGS at Baker McKenzie' Programme, Virtual Insight Session](#) - Tue 16th Dec 10:00AM - 1:00PM

[Virtual: Trowers & Hamlins, Solicitor Apprenticeship Online Application Masterclass](#) - Tue 27th Jan 4:30PM - 6:00PM

Also, see [Addleshaw Goddard at Uptree Events](#).

### **Publicis Groupe**

The [Publicis Groupe Media & Marketing Virtual Webinar](#) is open to **Year 12-13 students** who are interested in careers in **media, creative production, health communications, and advertising**. Students will gain valuable insight into the wide range of opportunities available, including **apprenticeships and emerging talent roles** across Publicis Groupe's 21 UK branches.

**Date:** Thursday 11th December

**Time:** 12:00PM – 1:30PM

**Location:** Online

[Apply here on Uptree](#).

### **'In Conversation' Webinar Series Schedule – From Investec**

Free Events. Each webinar starts at **6pm (UK time)**. If you are unable to attend live, you can still register to automatically receive the webinar recording. [Sign up here](#)

### **Caius 11-Up Programme**

**From our link Cambridge College:** Year 11 students from Hertfordshire are invited to take part in our Caius 11-Up Online Programme 2026. This programme is for students interested in applying to Oxbridge and other selective universities in the future. Students who were in Year 10 last year and took part in the Caius9&10 programme are welcome to apply for this programme.

#### **11-Up Online Programme Application deadline: Midday on Friday 5th December 2025**

Caius 11Up is a series of after-school online sessions during which students will gain help researching university courses and engaging with super-curricular activities. They will also hear about student life from current students. By taking part in this programme, we hope students will improve their confidence and knowledge in applying to selective universities, and more specifically to Cambridge. Please see the Caius 11Up programme below:

#### **Programme Sessions:**

- Wednesday 14 January 2026 (4:30-5:30pm): Introduction to Oxbridge and other competitive universities.
- Wednesday 28 January 2026 (4:30-5:30pm): A level choice and researching university courses.
- Wednesday 11 February 2026 (4:30-5:30pm): Reading around your subject - super-curricular activities.
- Wednesday 25 February 2026 (4.30-5.30pm): Student Life at Cambridge- Virtual tour, Day in the Life and Student Q&A
- Wednesday 11 March 2026 (4.30-5.30pm): Application process including personal statements, admissions test and interviews

Students should register their interest by completing this short survey form no later than midday on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. **We will not be able to consider applications submitted after this time**

[https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1B8VN3Ezq7gi7Zs](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1B8VN3Ezq7gi7Zs)

Students will be notified by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 whether they have been successful in gaining a place on the programme. We welcome applications from all students and we will prioritise applications from high-achieving students with a widening participation background (e.g. Free School Meals, living in care etc)

### **BBC Resources**

For reading around a subject (EPQ etc), don't forget the vast BBC archive for tv and radio programmes on every subject. Eg *The Law Show* has returned to BBC Sounds for a new series, [click here](#)  
Along with *BBC Bitesize*, there's a huge resource library to tap into.

### **Years 11-13 Save The Date - Another Local Careers Fair**

Bishop's Stortford College are hosting a Careers Fair on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 11am-4pm. Meet with 35+ universities, discuss careers with *Tees Law, Price Bailey, British Army, RAF, Affinity Water* and *Tui*. [Register your interest here](#)

### **Resources For Prospective Medics/Dentists**

Queen Mary University have some excellent webinars coming up for prospective medics & dentists. Plus there's a webinar on studying in London, an overview of university plus a session on writing a personal statement. Their ***Journey to Higher Education Series*** is full of tips, advice, and real stories from Queen Mary students.

### **Studying MFL? Want A Careers Abroad?**

*Business Language Champions* have some virtual language and career events we have coming up to inspire you and help you understand the benefits. [Click here](#)

### **Careers Quiz**

Take this quick careers quiz and answer some fun questions to discover which role you're most suited to across Animation, Games, VFX, Concept Art or Motion Graphics. [Click here](#)

### **Salters Chemistry Club**

Designed for teaching but lots of useful and interesting information for students.

This month, the Chemistry Club theme is immunity. Students will learn about vaccines, the different types of pathogens, and our bodies' response to allergens. Chemistry Club is our interactive online platform for 11 to 14 year olds. Find out more and register for Chemistry Club using [the link](#)

### **Cyber Explorers**

Cyber security isn't just for tech jobs; it's a growing priority across every industry. From healthcare to finance, employers are seeking candidates who understand how to stay safe and smart online.

[Cyber Explorers](#), an initiative led by the UK Government, is a free, interactive learning programme for 11–14-year-olds that helps students build digital resilience and explore real cyber careers through engaging online activities. [Click here for info](#)

### **Futures For All – Insp Talks – Info Direct**

Explore hundreds of [recorded inspirational talks](#) in their virtual library [Click here](#)

<b>Start your Story: Screen Industry Careers With Into Film</b>	Hear from a panel of early career professionals in film, TV, animation, VFX, and games. They'll share what it's really like to work in screen, the challenges and rewards of the industry, and the different pathways into these creative and fast-growing careers.	<b>Friday 5th December 2025</b> 10:00am – 11:00am <b>Ages: 11–19</b> <a href="#">Register here</a>
<b>The impact of volunteering with Northumberland National Park</b>	Join Julie Phillips from Northumberland National Park Authority to explore careers in conservation, land management, and sustainability. Discover how data, digital skills, and volunteering can shape your path to a green career that truly makes a difference.	<b>Friday 5th December 2025</b> 11:15am – 12:15pm <b>Ages: 11–19</b> <a href="#">Register here</a>
<b>Expedition Leaders: Exploring Leadership Through Adventure</b>	Explore how adventure builds the skills to lead and inspire. Hear stories from expedition leaders who have faced extreme environments, and learn how teamwork, resilience, and problem-	<b>Wednesday 14th January 2026</b> 10:00am – 11:00am <b>Ages: 11–19</b>

	solving outdoors translate into powerful leadership lessons for any career.	<a href="#">Register here</a>
<b>My Career As A Chef: Deliciously Dyslexic</b>	Discover how passion and resilience shape a career in food. Nick shares his journey from growing up with dyslexia to becoming a chef, author, and entrepreneur. Students will learn how challenges become strengths and how creativity can lead to a rewarding future in hospitality.	<b>Friday 16th January 2026</b> 10:00am – 11:00am <b>Ages: 11–19</b> <a href="#">Register here</a>
<b>It's Entrepreneur Week! Build Big: Entrepreneurship in Action</b>	For Entrepreneur Week, Tom Bloxham CBE MBE shares how creativity and bold thinking built Urban Splash, one of the UK's most awarded regeneration companies. Students will hear lessons on risk-taking, problem-solving, and turning ideas into projects that transform places.	<b>Monday 26th January 2026</b> 10:00am – 11:00am <b>Ages: 11–19</b> <a href="#">Register here</a>

### Tech She Can

**Tech She Can** is a charity working together with industry, government, and schools to improve the ratio of **women in technology roles**. They are clear, however, that the free resources that they provide, including videos and webinars, are suitable for all students. See the link at start of para.

### Super-Curricular Resources

**The Cambridge University HE+** website provides a wealth of super-curricular resources created and written by Cambridge students and academics, aimed at school-aged students looking to go beyond the school curriculum. Designed for teachers initially but can be used by students to enhance their wider reading lists or bridging work.

[Click here](#)

### Essex Career Guide

The **Essex County Council Career Guide 8** is packed with opportunities, advice, and local insights to help you plan your next steps. **Inside, you can find pages like:** Sustainable job opportunities in sectors like energy, A guide to help you find your way around Essex, including different school and training provider locations, Pathways into apprenticeships, training, and higher education, Real career stories and case studies for inspiration, Support available to help you into work, The top skills that recruiters are looking for. [Click the button](#) to explore the guide.

### 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.](#)

### YouTube – Interview Practice Channel

Powered by *InterviewBot*, you can choose any of the subjects and get started with your interview practice journey. You can use the interview question compilations from each subject, or if you would like to only answer the individual questions, just go to the subject playlist and they are all there. You can even create your own unique playlists by adding different individual questions together. [Click here](#)

### 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/ Ad Hoc

*Items in this section – and should you be a winner or a volunteer – can be used within personal statements, applications etc*

### **Computer Science Competition**

The *National Computer Science Competition* is back for another year where students are challenged to imagine, design, and pitch a groundbreaking new product for the **Internet of Everything**. Entries close at the end of January. [Click for information](#)

### **Step Into The NHS**

The *Step into the NHS* competition ran by NHS Health Careers is back, inviting students to discover the incredible range of roles within the NHS and showcase their creativity. Pupils are challenged to create a piece of artwork that showcases up to three NHS careers – or tasked with designing job adverts for an NHS role that inspires them – highlighting what these careers involve and the pathways into them. [Explore more about the competition now](#)

### **Imperial College London – Competition - FoNS UK Science and Innovation Competition**

For teachers and UK school students of all ages, Imperial have announced the Faculty of Natural Sciences Science and Innovation Competition has returned for the 2025/26 academic year. 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. Teams must consist of 2 - 4 individuals, with a teacher, group leader or other responsible adult acting as a mentor and point of contact. More information on the competition and how to register can be found on the [Faculty of Natural Sciences Science & Innovation UK Competition website](#). Teams must be registered by Friday 12 December 2025. For any queries please email [fonsschoolscompetition@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:fonsschoolscompetition@imperial.ac.uk).

### **Years 7-11 EDT STEM Competition**

The [Engineering Development Trust](#) want you to know that students can now register for the [Individual Challenger Experiences](#). These engaging challenges will allow STEM loving students to complete a STEM based project from home and gain an Industrial Cadets Challenger Award.

Who are these for? Students aged 11-16

How long will it take to complete a Project? Approximately 3 hours

How much do they cost? £25 per project

Why take part?

- Build problem-solving skills
- Gain experience for future STEM studies and careers
- Receive certificate and recognition for your achievements
- Be part of a growing national network of young innovators

This year's challenges include:

- Carbon Capture – Eco Garden Project - Design and develop an eco-friendly garden that helps capture carbon and promote sustainability.
- TinkerCAD Moon Base Project - Use 3D design tools to imagine, build, and test your own lunar habitat.

*Accreditation: Challenger Industrial Cadets Award Inspired by its Patron, His Majesty, King Charles III, Industrial Cadets is a widely recognised, accredited awards scheme increasing diversity and inspiring young people through industry-based experiences to become part of the workforce of the future.* To find out more about these experiences please click on the link below- <https://www.etrust.org.uk/programmes---individual-challenger-experiences>

### **Essay Competition from UCL - Sir Martin Gilbert History Prize**

Open for submissions - an essay competition encouraging students to explore the rich history of Jews who have come to Britain over the past 1,000 years. Open to all pupils in Year 10 and Year 11 with a first prize of £400.

### **Essex Wildlife Trust Photography Competition - Young Blood – Plus Additional Categories**

Help the Trust showcase the amazing wildlife in Essex by submitting your best photographs to this year's competition. Various categories; if you are aged between 6-16 then *Young Blood* is your category. Over 16s should look at the additional categories. The Trust want to inspire a lifelong love of nature and help you to appreciate the natural world through the lens of a camera. Photographs to be taken in Essex, closing date 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025. For more information see the website [click here](#).

### **Saffron Walden Museum – Volunteers Wanted**

The Welcome Desk at the museum is run entirely by a team of volunteers. The museum is always looking for volunteers who can fill Adhoc shifts and provide cover for regular shift volunteers. For more information and to apply contact by email [museum@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:museum@uttlesford.gov.uk)

### **Prospective Historians - Volunteering Opportunity At IWM, Duxford**

Following funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, there's a new youth volunteering programme for young people aged 14-17 at The Imperial War Museum in Duxford. The programme focuses on developing young people's skills to help prepare them for future employment. They will try to give an understanding of how museums work and the range of different careers available both in and outside of this sector. Additionally, they offer the opportunity to use the programme towards the completion of the Duke of Edinburgh award.

On Sunday 30th November, they are holding a taster day for prospective youth volunteers. The taster day will offer a chance to meet some of our current youth volunteers, our adult volunteers who support the programme. It is an opportunity to ask any questions and to learn more about how volunteering works. They will be able to offer free entry on the day for the prospective volunteer and up to three family members. Additionally, they are hoping to run a free coach service to the site, although this will be dependent on demand.

To register for the event, use this [link](#) to complete the registration form. If there are any questions or you require any further information, please contact [DUXVolunteering@iwm.org.uk](mailto:DUXVolunteering@iwm.org.uk)

### **Raspberry Pi Competition – From ARU**

ARU are partnering with PA Consulting for this year's Raspberry Pi Competition – a celebration of creativity and STEM education. The theme for 2025 is "Building a Positive Human Future". It's a chance for students to use their design and coding skills, along with a Raspberry Pi microcomputer, to create something that makes a real difference in people's lives.

#### **Want to get involved?**

Register your interest today - the first 100 schools to complete the form will receive a Raspberry Pi starter kit to kickstart their project. [Click here to register interest](#)

### **From Balliol College, Oxford**

#### **[Solving Global Challenges Poster Competition | Christ Church, University of Oxford](#)**

Oxford Edge, the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and Christ Church Access are delighted to launch a poster competition for Year 11 and 12 students in UK state schools. The theme is "What global challenge would you solve with entrepreneurship and how?". Entries are welcome across three strands: Medical & Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, and Arts & Humanities. Applications close **January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026**

### **BAFTA Young Game Designer Competition**

Young Game Designers competition is the chance for 10-18 year olds to design, develop and present new game ideas to the world. It's a great way to get creative, work as a team and develop your problem solving skills; preparing you for a career in games and beyond. Entering the competition can open doors into the games industry: winners receive mentoring from industry experts and join a unique community of YGD alumni. [Previous winners and finalists](#) have gone on to study game design at university, gain experience on major franchises and even work on BAFTA-nominated and winning games. [Click here to find out more/register](#)

### **Maths 'Fun' !**

*MathsWorld* is London's first maths discovery centre, located on the capital's vibrant South Bank. With over 40 hands-on exhibits it is suitable for visitors of all ages. [Book Tickets now.](#)

### **All Years - Big Bang Competition 2025/26**

Think big, challenge facts, ask questions, and invent solutions with the UK's top annual science and engineering competition. The Competition is free, and is open to young people in the UK aged 11 to 19.

**The Competition is open for entries and closes on 4 March 2026 at 5pm, so you have plenty of time to work on a project.** Students can enter any project in the field of STEM – from health to the environment, and from computing to design and technology; from inventions, to communication campaigns, to research into solving a problem within the community. It doesn't matter if your student(s) conduct their project using simple everyday items, or whether they undertake research in a scientific lab; it's all about the idea and the enthusiasm behind it!

Competitors enter projects online, either as an individual or as part of a team, and provide both a written report and video upload demonstrating the work. For more information from Neon, [Click here](#)

### **Maths of Medicine and Health Poster Competition 2025/6**

**Closing Date 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Win a £100 Amazon Voucher [Create an A4 poster about the applications of Maths to Medicine and Health.](#)

*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 our parent body are extremely welcome to host, as are alumni. Please get in touch [claire.jonas@tbshs.org](mailto:claire.jonas@tbshs.org)*

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