

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**

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Special Announcements

CLOSING ON FRIDAY Years 10-13 GSK Work Experience

GSK Ware is offering a unique work experience programme for Year 10-13 students (academic year 2025-2026). This is an opportunity to dive into the world of pharmaceuticals, gaining a practical understanding of how a global biopharma company operates and exploring diverse career opportunities within the industry.

The programme will take place on 16-17 February 2026 at GSK's Research & Development site in Ware, Hertfordshire. It's specifically designed for students who are passionate about STEM careers and eager to learn. Participants will have the chance to:

- Understand the 'Molecule to Market' process.
- Gain insight into GSK's work environment and culture.
- Explore key areas within Research & Development and Global Supply Operations.
- Learn about various STEM career paths and network with peers.
- Develop essential employability and soft skills.

How to Apply: To apply for this exciting opportunity, please use the QR code below. **Applications will close on 23 January 2026.** [Apply here via form](#)

Lifeguarding & Swimming Teaching

Swift Training Academy have some course opportunities during the February break and hope that our students might be interested in signing up. The qualifications are great for anyone interested in starting within the leisure industry or looking to get a part time role to work alongside higher education in the future – plus the Lifeguarding qualification once passed, gives the candidates 8 UCAS points. **Sixth Form students should see the email sent direct to their IN box today.**

Teacher Training Information Evening

If training to teach appeals then find out more at an information evening to be held at Leventhorpe School on Monday 26th January 6pm-7.30pm. The session will be hosted by Bishop's Stortford Initial Teacher Training (BSITT) - and to register your interest visit www.bsitt.co.uk

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](#)

Degree Apprenticeships AstraZeneca

As per Mr Smith's email to students earlier this week, this is worth a look.

Starting base salary of £24,570 + 11% benefits fund + bonus.

<https://careers.astrazeneca.com/job/-/-/7684/90493867312?source=LinkedIn>

Barclays Bank PLC

Retail Banking & Compliance Analyst Apprentice Vacancies. [Apply here](#)

BP

View all apprenticeships [here](#).

All Things Law – Land Your Dream Apprenticeship In Law – Online 5th March 6.30pm-7.30pm

Who's it for?

Year 11 - Year 13 students plus parents/guardians who want to explore careers in law.

Why attend?

Are you thinking about a career in law without going to university first? Join *All Things Law* - a live, practical webinar designed to give you the confidence, insight and tools to successfully secure a law apprenticeship.

What you'll gain:

Practical insight from real apprentices

Hear directly from current and recently completed law apprentices about their journeys — what their roles are really like, how they prepared, and what advice they wish they'd had before applying.

Understanding law apprenticeships

Discover the different types of legal apprenticeships available in the UK, from paralegal roles to solicitor apprenticeships, and what qualifications, skills and attributes employers look for.

Application strategies that work

Get actionable tips on how to craft a standout application, prepare for assessments and interviews, and build the confidence to compete in a competitive field.

Live Q&A session

Have your questions answered in real time by those who've been through the process.

Whether you're certain law is your path or just exploring your options, this session will equip you with the knowledge and motivation to take the next step toward a fulfilling apprenticeship in law.

Thursday 5th March 6:30pm - 7:30 pm Online event. [Register here](#)

Chemistry Apprenticeships

There's more than one route to a chemistry career. Explore the RSC's [Earn while you learn](#) guide for apprenticeships and work-based qualifications – and here are some real-life examples:

- [Christina](#), an apprentice at AstraZeneca working on life-saving medicines
- [Gary](#), who started as an apprentice at Anglian Water and now works in genome research
- [Kasia](#), an apprentice at Italmach Chemicals (watch her video showcasing [a day in the life of a chemistry apprentice!](#))

From University College London (UCL)

[Train to teach maths with a funded degree apprenticeship](#) Applications open

A brand new degree from UCL This innovative, fully funded programme gives you the opportunity to study maths at degree level while training to become a secondary school maths teacher. Sign up to the online session on 29th Jan to learn more about the Teacher Degree Apprenticeship, [click here](#)

Apprenticeship Applications

From *Amazing Apprentices*, is an initiative to support students who are in the apprenticeship application process *Meet the Employer*. [See this link](#) for latest updates.

Success At Schools

Please note that amongst the many apprenticeships currently being advertised, prestigious companies such as BNP, National Audit Office and [Morgan Stanley](#) are open to applications.

Client Services Apprenticeship with Warner Bros, [click here](#)

Also from Success At Schools – Parents Guide

SaS have produced a newsletter & guide for parents whose children are currently considering an apprenticeship. It includes practical guidance, tips, and resources to help you understand how best to support a child during this period. [Parents register here](#)

National Audit Office (NAO) ACA Apprenticeship 2026

The National Audit Office (NAO) is now accepting applications for its Apprentice Accountancy Training Scheme. If students want interesting work with real impact, this apprenticeship offers a clear route into a respected profession and the chance to help improve public services. Work is investigative and analytical, helping Parliament hold government to account and ensuring public money is well spent. It goes far beyond auditing, covering areas such as healthcare, education, climate, and defence – helping to make government decisions transparent and impactful. **Applications close on 30 March 2026 (11:59 PM).**

Apprenticeship in Law: Opportunities & Insights from TLT 11th February 2026, 6:30pm

Thinking about a Law apprenticeship?

Join the **free live webinar during NAW 2026** and hear directly from **TLT apprentices** about learning, earning and making a real impact. [Sign up here](#)

Apprenticeship Info From University of Hertfordshire

[Apprenticeships for Learners](#) | [Courses](#) | [Uni of Herts](#)

You may also find the following sites useful:

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)

[Degree apprenticeships - Learn more here UCAS](#)

Also from Uni of Herts - Webinar - Degree Apprenticeships: Everything you need to know

February 12 2026, 16:30 - 17:15 [Sign Up here](#)

A&O Shearman: 2026 apprenticeships

Students can gain a fully funded law degree, real client experience from day one, and structured career development supported by leading legal professionals with an A&O Shearman apprenticeship. One of the world's most prestigious Magic Circle law firms, A&O Shearman offers apprentices a £32,000 starting salary, plus a £3,000 sign-on bonus. For students who are ambitious and ready to learn, this is their pathway to qualifying as a solicitor while they earn. [Invite students to apply](#) (Application deadline: 18 Feb)

Forvis Mazars: 2026 apprenticeships

Students can kickstart their career in accounting and consulting and earn a fully-funded degree while gaining unique hands-on experience with Forvis Mazars. Their apprenticeships blend structured learning, real-world projects, and professional support to help young people grow. With opportunities to build technical skills, leadership qualities, and industry knowledge, apprentices will be shaping their future from day one. Roles now open, early applications are advised. [Share with your students](#)

GCSE & A Level Apprenticeship Programmes – Aldi

Aldi are a Top 100 Apprenticeship Employer. See link for info. [Click here](#)

From Uptree:

Clifford Chance Spark Programme London

Application deadline: Mon 16th Feb 2026

SPARK has been developed from a one-week internship into a nine-month programme delivered across two academic years to give you deeper insights into the firm's work and to develop your legal knowledge, commercial awareness, and core business skills. With both in-person and virtual content, the programme follows key pillars designed to be dynamic and full of opportunities to meet representatives from the firm and to learn about their business. [Find out more and apply](#)

RPC: Solicitor Apprenticeship Bristol

Application deadline: **Mon 26th Jan 2026**

[Find out more and apply](#)

The Sunday Times Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers

The Sunday Times Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers recognises the UK's outstanding apprenticeship employers - and the new 2025 rankings were launched in a 90-minute TV programme, specially-produced for schools & sixth form colleges. [Coverage of the rankings](#) in *The Sunday Times* included profiles of the country's top apprenticeship employers, apprentice case studies, and a guide to the different levels of apprenticeships available across the UK. [Click here too](#)

For Those Applying To Apprenticeship

This is a great read: [The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree 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](#)

TODAY Virtual Careers Fair - HOP Into Apprenticeships & T Levels

Hertfordshire Virtual Careers Fair, Wed 21st 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](#)

Gradcracker

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

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

Studying Civil Engineering At University?

This online event is relevant to any Y13 students planning to study civil engineering at university later this year. It is an event focused on the **Undergraduate QUEST Scholarships (worth up to £8,000)** for students who are due to start the first year of a full-time civil engineering degree course in the UK (the course must be accredited by the Joint Board of Moderators). Monday 16 February, 6 – 7pm: [QUEST | Institution of Civil Engineers \(ICE\)](#)

There is more information about the application process for QUEST Undergraduate Scholarships at the link below. The page currently includes last year's dates but will be updated when applications reopen in March 2026 for the current year's application cycle.

[QUEST Undergraduate Scholarship – Supporting Students | Institution of Civil Engineers \(ICE\)](#)

TOMORROW Stansted Airport College Open Evening – Thursday 22 January 5-8pm

Witness the sights and sounds of a new campus located in the hustle and bustle of a busy Airport whilst meeting our tutors and trainees. Tickets for STAC event are available on Ticket Source:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/harlow-college/e-erygok>

ON SATURDAY Cambridge Regional College

January Open Day – Saturday 24th January 2026 – Including Quiet Session

To support students with additional needs, who would benefit from a quieter session, CRC are offering a dedicated quiet 30 minutes, between 12:00-12:30pm during the January Open Day. General open event times are 10.30-12.30. Parents/carers and students can indicate interest by selecting the quiet session tick box on the registration form. CRC will make contact closer to the event with full details.

[The January Open Day Registration form can be accessed here.](#)

March Careers Fair As part of National Careers Week, CRC are hosting Careers Fairs at both Cambridge and Huntingdon campuses, supported by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. These events are designed to help students explore their next steps and meet organisations offering opportunities. Dates:

- Cambridge Campus Careers Fair: Tuesday 3rd March 2026 4pm-6pm
- Huntingdon Campus Careers Fair: Thursday 5th March 2026 4pm-6pm

Students who attend will be able to:

- Meet a wide range of employers who are actively recruiting for apprenticeships, part-time and full-time roles, work experience and volunteering
- Speak to our Apprenticeship Team to learn more about pathways into becoming an apprentice
- Explore different career options with local recruiters and training providers
- Find out about retraining and upskilling opportunities for adult learners (helpful for parents/carers attending) [For further details and to register as a visitor click here.](#)

Harlow College Open Event

The next open event is on 10th Feb 5pm-8pm. [Book tickets here.](#)

T-Level Webinar: 12th February 2026, 6:00 – 6:30pm at CRC

From September 2026, CRC will be introducing new T-Levels in:

- Health (Supporting Adult Nursing)

- Engineering
- Digital Software Development

You can register for this event by filling out the form linked here: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

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**.

Sutton Trust – Applications Now Open

These programmes give you the chance to experience what university life is really like through a free summer school. Closing date 5th March [Click here](#)

Military Preparation College of Training -Cambridge & Colchester

MPCT is for young people aged 16–18 (and 19+) and helps to develop key life and employability skills, improve fitness, and gain qualifications.

About MPCT:

The MPCT is the largest military preparation college in the UK. The colleges are unique in the respect that they are all run by Veterans, who have helped thousands of learners pass phase 1 training to join the Armed Forces, with 92% of students passing phase 1 training having attended one of our courses. The number having not attended one of the 39 military colleges across the UK is 50%. The courses are also designed to help develop and prepare young people for wider employment opportunities such as the emergency services.

The courses develop confidence, self-esteem, resilience and discipline to military standards. This can help young people in wider areas of their lives both inside and outside the working environment.

Qualifications Offered:

- Level 3 Diploma Uniformed Public Services (ideal for non-military careers in public services)
- Level 2 Diploma Preparation for Military Service
- Maths & English Functional Skills
- GCSE Resits (Maths & English)
- Flexible Enrolment: Learners can join or leave at any point throughout the year.
- Physical Development: 50% of the programme is dedicated to physical training.
- Financial Support: Bursaries available for eligible learners, covering travel, uniform, and other necessities.
- Free Breakfast Club
- Skill Development: Leadership, teamwork, confidence, and discipline in line with military service.
- Military Engagement: Regular visits from military engagement teams, offering direct insights into a wide range of career paths.

[See website for much more information](#)

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

Upcoming sessions include:

- [22 January: Global Development - Human rights and the refugee](#)
- [28 January: Engineering - Latest developments in nuclear energy](#)
- [29 January: Sport - Sports psychology](#)
- [02 February: Economics - Globalisation and development economics](#)
- [03 February: Critical thinking skills workshop](#)
- [03 February: Psychology: Studying psychology at university](#)
- [04 February: French politics: Macron and beyond](#)
- [09 February: Maths: The mathematics of cryptography](#)
- [10 February: Politics - Tour of political thinkers and their relevance today](#)

- [11 February: Languages: Importance of languages in careers](#)
- [12 February: Journalism: The journalist's toolkit](#)
- [25 February: Economics: Thinking like a statistician](#)

View the full programme [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](#)

Subject Masterclasses at UCL throughout Feb-April [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

The 2025 table ranks 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

Year 10 Work Experience

Various opportunities below advertised via *Success for Schools*.

- [Architectural Lighting \(London\)](#)
- [Product Design & 3D Printing \(Hertfordshire\)](#)
- [Wildlife Friendly Lighting Design \(Cornwall\)](#)
- [Lighting Design/Showroom Design/Sales](#)
- [Creative Lighting & Design \(London or Birmingham\)](#)
- [Product Design & Development \(Hertford\)](#)
- [Lighting Design Consultancy \(London\)](#)
- [Lighting Engineering \(Guildford\)](#)

- [Lighting Design](#)
- [Lighting Design \(Milton Keynes\)](#)
- [Design Engineering & Project Management \(Leeds\)](#)
- [Introduction to Business \(Redditch\)](#)
- [Lighting Manufacturing \(Letchworth\)](#)
- [Introduction to Business \(Basingstoke\)](#)
- [Design & Development of Commercial Lighting \(Virtual\)](#)
- [Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure \(London\)](#)
- [Lighting Manufacturing \(Scotland\)](#)
- [Construction & Design \(Online/London\)](#)

Specsavers Virtual Work Experience

Thinking about a career in healthcare? Step into the world of optometry.

[Register/sign up for alerts](#) today for Virtual work experience at Specsavers.

Allied Health Professions Virtual Work Experience

A chance to explore Allied Health Profession - AHP careers – and build insight and take a step toward a future in health care. Live launch event **4th February 2026 4 - 5pm**

Here's the link for more info [Virtual Work Based Learning Programme - Aspiring Allies](#)

Website: www.england.nhs.uk

From Uptree

National: Broadfield - Virtual Law Work Experience Day (5 Feb)

Edinburgh: KPMG - Work Experience Day (3 Feb)

National: Clifford Chance - ACCESS Work Experience Day (17 Feb)

Leeds: Lloyds Banking Group - Work Experience Days (27 Feb, 6 Mar, 25 Jun)

Broadfield Solicitor Degree Apprenticeship

Closing date 15th February. [Legal Apprenticeships - Broadfield](#)

Thales Work Experience

A unique opportunity to explore one of the world's most innovative technology organisations – and discover STEM careers you may never have considered. [Click here](#) (until March 2026), flexible

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/#>). 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 & Hamblins* 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 & Hamblins, 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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Will that job even exist in the future?

With AI transforming how we work, it's natural for students to question what the workplace will look like by the time they leave school. AI is reshaping jobs across every industry, from finance to healthcare. *Investin* have launched a [series of free online workshops](#) to help students explore changes. The first session looks at how AI is shaping the workplace and what it means for the choices students now.

Chemistry Job Profile

From the *RSC*, [Laboratory technician, steelmaking](#)

Jamie's cutting carbon in the first step of steelmaking: iron ore pellets.

From The IMA - Maths In Your Careers - Can You Be an Engineer and a Mathematician?

Nicholas Brusby from Rolls-Royce talks about how he is both an engineer and a mathematician in this [brand new article on the Maths Careers Website](#).

Career Profiles

Don't forget to also check out the [career profile section](#) of the *MathsCareers* website. Here you will find hundreds of examples of people who have gone on to work in a huge range of different sectors.

Maths In The News

Introducing the **Noperthedron** The world's first convex polyhedron that can't pass through itself. In a brand new discovery for 2025, [mathematicians find the first ever convex polyhedron that can't be passed through itself](#).

Why Maths – When Will I Need This?

Hear how the maths you learn at school will help you with anything you do in life. [Click here](#)

[Sign up here](#) to the e16 newsletter to keep up to date

From Film Sets & Festival Stages to Sports Arenas - A Career In Health & Safety with NEBOSH

12th February 2026, 6:30pm – Masterclass Health and safety isn't boring - it's vital, varied and exciting. As a health and safety professional, you could work in almost any industry, even the most thrilling ones, while protecting people every day. You could travel the world, save lives and protect your team, earn well - a median salary of £50,000 and work in an industry you love. [Sign up here](#)

From Education & Employers:

Wed 28 January, 11-12pm Creative Crafts: Lifestyle and Fashion

Discover how ideas go from concept to creation - to become beautifully crafted items. This virtual careers event introduces the skilled makers behind everyday objects, including a weaver and designer working across fashion and interiors, and a leatherworker specialising in luxury goods and classic car interiors!

[Register - Lifestyle & Fashion Crafts](#)

Thu 29 January, 11-12pm Aviation Careers for Creatives: Design, Art and Communication

This session puts students face to face with four industry professionals. They'll hear from **corporate affairs** at a UK airline, **communications at Virgin**, an **aviation photographer** and a **branding expert** from a leading Manchester agency. Students will discover how creativity drives brand identity, reputation and marketing - and explore aviation careers that don't involve flying a plane.

[Register - Creative Aviation Careers](#)

Tue 3 February, 11-12pm STEM by the Water: Careers Protecting Our Wetlands

Hear from environmental and waterway professionals at the Canal & River Trust about protecting and restoring the UK's vital wetlands and waterways.

Through live talks and Q&A, students will explore real-world STEM careers in conservation, ecology, engineering and water management - and see how science and innovation are tackling today's environmental challenges.

Curriculum links: Science • Geography • Design & Technology/Engineering • Citizenship/PSHE

[Register - STEM on the waterways](#)

Careers With FCA

Financial Conduct Authority 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

Students MUST request permission from their Head of Year before attending any

outreach events which take place outside of the school day

Jobs Of The Week

FORENSIC LINGUIST [Click 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](#)

From The University Of London

[Careers Courses for 16–19 Year Olds](#)

Designed to support decision-making and university preparation:

- What's Next – helps students explore their options and make informed choices.
- Between the Lines – prepares students for university-level study and expectations.

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

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

King's College London Widening Participation Online Law Lecture Series

This is Kings' first Law outreach programme fully accessible to students across the East of England.

What is the Online Law Lecture Series? The Law Lecture Series is a free, national programme of live online lectures for students interested in studying Law and related subjects at university. Since launching the programme, Kings have supported thousands of students across the UK to explore law as a subject and career.

Delivered by King's College London academics, admissions staff, student ambassadors and legal professionals, the programme helps students build confidence, knowledge and ambition.

What will students gain?

Students will:

- Learn what studying Law at university is really like
- Explore a wide range of legal careers and pathways
- Receive guidance on applications, admissions and the LNAT
- Take part in weekly live Q&A sessions
- Join a national community of like-minded students interested in Law

Who can apply?

The programme is open to students who (as of September 2025):

- Are in Year 11, 12 or 13, or on a gap year, and

When & where?

- Live online lectures via Zoom Webinar
- Held on Thursday evenings
- Running from March – June 2026
- Accessible on a computer, tablet or mobile device

How to apply

[Click here to apply](#) **Application deadline: Monday 9th February**

A Parent's Guide to Supporting GCSE Success – 28th January 7pm-8pm

The countdown to GCSEs is on. This session may help you gain expert insight and practical strategies.

Understand what mock results really mean and how to respond calmly

See what effective revision actually looks like at home

Spot burnout early and fix it before motivation drops

Set one or two focused goals that lead to visible improvement

[Register here](#)

All Years – Outreach Document From Balliol College Oxford

Please note that the document was emailed to all students last Wednesday (too long to be included in this Newsletter). There are initiatives within the Balliol Newsletter for all year groups.

Year 12 STEM Research Placements

Year 12 students have the chance to gain hands-on research experience this summer with a free STEM placement. These opportunities put students at the heart of real scientific work, build skills, and inspire future STEM pathways.

[Find out more here.](#)

News From LCN

Meet the Lawyer Eklavya Sharma – K&L Gates LLP

“As a junior lawyer, I gain exposure to all areas of corporate law, which is rewarding and mentally stimulating as no two days tend to be the same.” [READ NOW](#)

Meet the Lawyer [Abi Pawlett – Gateley Legal](#)

“Employment law is constantly evolving. I joined the team after the covid-19 pandemic, so we were dealing with new issues such as employees returning to the workplace but also working from home.” [READ NOW](#)

Solicitors' practice areas Environment – Osborne Clarke LLP Arthur Hopkinson

“It’s a specialist practice area, but it’s also broad in the sense that you need to juggle several balls and have various pockets of knowledge to make sure you’re fully equipped for whatever comes.” [READ NOW](#)

Solicitors' practice areas Private client – Charles Russell Speechlys LLP Millie Parrott

“You’re dealing with what might be their life’s work if it’s a business that they’ve built from the ground up, or generations of wealth that’s been built up in a single family.” [READ NOW](#)

Meet the Barrister XXIV Old Buildings Harry Samuels

“Chambers has a real emphasis on getting juniors into court. So, right from the outset, there’ll be ample opportunity for you to have your own cases which you’re running and for which you’re doing the advocacy.”

[READ NOW](#)

Meet the Barrister Quadrant Chambers Maya Chilaeva

“The wider culture at chambers is friendly and inclusive, with a strong emphasis on maintaining high standards of excellence. There’s a genuine sense of community, and the focus on quality work is matched by a commitment to professional development and mutual respect across all levels.” [READ NOW](#)

LCN Features

Becoming a barrister: what are the Inns of Court? The Inns of Court – what are they and why do you need to join one? [READ NOW](#)

LCN Podcast

Practice Area Profile: environment – with Osborne Clarke LLP

Osborne Clarke LLP associate Arthur Hopkinson discusses his life as an environmental lawyer, how he came to the practice area, his transition from trainee to associate and the challenges both his practice area and the wider legal sector are facing right now. [LISTEN NOW](#)

Outreach From University College London (UCL)

Years 9-11 Ask the Expert Submit questions today

Whether you’re deciding what to study for your GCSEs, thinking about applying for university, or just curious about a subject, UCL academics and staff members are here to help. [Click here](#)

Year 10 Envision UCL

Specialist programme for Year 10s of Black Heritage

Are you a Year 10 pupil of Black heritage? Do you want to find out more about your options after secondary school? Are you interested in attending university? Then Envision UCL is for you. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Online King’s College London Medicine & Dentistry Lecture Series 2026

This 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 from King’s various universities

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 or Friday evenings between 5:00 – 6:30pm. The first lecture will be on Tuesday

24th March 5pm.

For more information and to apply, students should follow this link. **The deadline is Monday 9th February 2pm.** The application form can be found here.

EDT Course THE FUTURE SKILLS PROGRAMME: Careers in STEM - February 16th-21st

This virtual programme is designed to inspire students, broaden their understanding of STEM careers, and equip them with the skills and confidence needed to make informed choices and succeed in future applications and the workplace. The course will take approximately 20 hours to complete and can be worked on flexibly at times that suit the student best. **This course is perfect for your students who:**

- Have an interest or curiosity in STEM, engineering, manufacturing, digital technology, or future careers
- Would benefit from early exposure to real-world STEM pathways, including apprenticeships, technical routes, and university options
- Are beginning to think about GCSE subject choices, post-16 options, or longer-term career ideas
- May not yet see themselves in a STEM career but would benefit from inspiration, role models, and insight into local and regional opportunities
- Are motivated to develop employability skills such as communication, networking, and professionalism

The course is suitable for all abilities — enthusiasm and curiosity are far more important than prior knowledge and at the end of the course, students will graduate as **Bronze-level Industrial Cadets**, a nationally recognised award they can use as evidence of their experience to support future applications and career journeys.

Cost: £50 - FULLY FUNDED Bursary places are available For full details on the course and the link to make an application please click on the link [Programmes - The Future Skills Programme: Careers in STEM](#)
[The Future Skills Programme Course Flyer](#)

National Cyber Force – Application Masterclass (Online)

Friday 30 January | 10:00am–12:00pm

For: Year 12/S5, Year 13/S6, college and gap year students - **students need to be British citizens to be eligible for the event**

The National Cyber Force (NCF) is a partnership between **GCHQ, MOD, MI6 and Dstl**, offering careers in cyber security, technology, engineering, languages, project management and analysis.

IMPORTANT:

Parents and teachers are welcome to join this event. Please complete this form to register your interest in attending and share it with your parents

network: <https://forms.monday.com/forms/4d288625ee9434a4e378686037cf5e32?r=use1>

High Fliers Research

High Fliers Research produces *The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers* book and *The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships* and compiles *The Sunday Times Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers* too.

Produced annually, *The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers* showcases the UK's most sought-after and prestigious employers of new graduates.

The 200-page book includes the latest assessment of the graduate job market, details of the graduate vacancies offered by employers in fifteen different industries & business sectors - and which individual universities the country's top employers target for their graduate recruitment. The new 2025-2026 edition of the book is [available now](#).

From Uptree

[Virtual: Trowers & Hamlins - Solicitor Apprenticeship Online Application Masterclass \(27 Jan\)](#)

[National: KPMG - Student and Parent Insight Evening \(28 Jan\)](#)

[National: Cyber Force - Application Masterclass \(30 Jan\)](#)

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.

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](#)

It's Entrepreneur Week

Build Big: Entrepreneurship in Action	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.	Monday 26th January 2026 10:00am – 11:00am Ages: 11–19 Register here
Youth Zones: Designing Spaces That Change Lives	Explore Entrepreneur Week with Bill Holroyd CBE DL as he explains how the idea for Youth Zones began and grew. Learn how bold thinking and a business mindset can support communities and how entrepreneurship combines creativity, purpose and positive impact.	Tuesday 27th January 2026 10:00am – 11:00am Ages: 11–19 Register here
The Business of Success: Entrepreneurship for Students	Join Simon Arora as he shares his path from early career roles to leading a major retail business. Students will explore the skills and decisions behind business success and learn how creativity, perseverance and smart choices can turn ideas into opportunities.	Thursday 29th January 2026 10:00am – 11:00am Ages: 11–19 Register here
How I Built a Business that Helps Businesses Go Green	Hear from Nicola Stopps, CEO and Founder of Simply Sustainable, as she reflects on building a company focused on reducing environmental	Thursday 29th January 2026 2:00pm – 3:00pm

	<p>impact and supporting responsible growth. Discover the challenges, breakthroughs and lessons that shaped her sustainability journey.</p>	<p>Ages: 11–19</p> <p>Register here</p>
<p>Stream Inspiration</p>		
<p>Behind the Scenes: Welcome to the Newsroom</p>	<p>Gain insight into broadcast journalism with Richard Murrell, Ravensbourne Lecturer and former BBC Lead Director. Hear control room stories, learn how major news is produced and explore the skills and teamwork needed to deliver trusted reporting to audiences.</p>	<p>Wednesday 4th February 2026 10:00am – 10:45am Ages: 11–19</p> <p>Register here</p>
<p>Inside Infrastructure Investment: Careers That Keep the World Running</p>	<p>Discover how infrastructure investment shapes transport, energy, digital networks and utilities. Learn about long-term responsibility, social impact and varied career routes in a field that supports sustainable growth and helps create stronger communities.</p>	<p>Thursday 5th February 2026 10:00am – 11:00am Ages: 11–19</p> <p>Register here</p>
<p>Building Futures with Elis: Sustainability, Skills and Social Value</p>	<p>With Elis, it's more than laundry. Join us to explore our circular services and the principles that guide our work. Learn how we collaborate with local organisations to create real community impact, support vulnerable people and drive sustainability in action.</p>	<p>Monday 9th February 2026 2:00pm – 3:00pm Ages: 11–19</p> <p>Register here</p>
<p>Insight into Architecture with Scott Brownrigg</p>	<p>Scott Brownrigg is a Global Top 100 architecture practice, shaping a better world through design. This one-hour talk explores careers in architecture, study pathways, and alternatives like apprenticeships. Your first step into a creative future.</p>	<p>Tuesday 10th February 2026 10:00am – 11:00am Ages: 11–19</p> <p>Register here</p>
<p>Discover Your Potential Future at Boots and No7 Beauty Company</p>	<p>Thinking about kick-starting your career? Join Boots' 1-hour virtual insight session for National Apprenticeship Week 2026 to explore apprenticeships, career development, and how Boots supports colleagues through its Learning & Development programmes.</p>	<p>Tuesday 10th February 2026 2:00pm – 3:00pm Ages: 11–19</p> <p>Register here</p>
<p>National Apprenticeship Week: Winning in the workplace with SSCL</p>	<p>Have you ever wondered what the transition from studying to working will look like? Join us to hear from Kenny Morris, Managing Director at SSCL as he talks through the steps he took to get to where he is today and how creative your career journey can be!</p>	<p>Thursday 12th February 2026 2:00pm – 3:00pm Ages: 11–19</p> <p>Register here</p>

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

Free National Online Mentoring Scheme

Initiative is for children aged between 13-19 years old. Please find full details below:

Working with STEM Learning, your local regional coordinator is providing a free national online mentoring scheme, in partnership with [The Brightside Trust](#), which is designed to help 13-19-year-olds explore their future career options.

By chatting with trained and experienced STEM professionals, young people can:

- ask for careers advice
- learn more about potential careers
- consider life after school, including education at university, apprenticeships, or preparing for employment

The programme is fully funded so participation is free for UK students.

What support will students get?

Students receive one-to-one personalised support over a 6-week period from a STEM Ambassador mentor, with an enhanced safeguarding certificate, who has volunteered to be part of the programme.

They will also gain access to resources to help them make informed decisions about their future and cover topics such as:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Job hunting, applications and interviews
- Study skills
- Money, housing and independent living

How does the mentoring work?

Students can message their mentor at any time during the 6-week mentoring period and mentors will reply as soon

as they can. Conversations take place via text-based messaging, a bit like email, so mentors and mentees do not need to be online at the same time.

To keep mentees safe, conversations can only take place via the secure and moderated mentoring platform. Mentors are all fully trained, and DBS checked who are [STEM Ambassadors](#).

How will mentees and mentors talk?

Students can message their mentor at any time during the 6-week period. Conversations take place via text-based messaging, a bit like email, so mentors will reply as soon as they can.

Can mentors talk over video-call or in-person?

To keep mentees safe, conversations can only take place via the secure and moderated mentoring platform.

Who can apply?

All young people aged between 13-19 from across the UK are invited to apply.

There is no limit on the number of mentees able to access the programme from any one school or college.

Direct sign-up link for students please visit: [Online Mentoring: Student Sign-Up](#)

Please note Registration closes on 4th February.

From The IMA: Maths of Medicine and Health Poster Competition 2025/6

Closing Date 28th February 2026. Win a £100 Amazon Voucher

[Create an A4 poster about the applications of Maths to Medicine and Health.](#)

Big Garden Birdwatch

This 23-25 January, join the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers help to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. Join the RSPB survey, [info here](#)

Years 10-11 Martin Gilbert History Prize

Open for submissions [Sir Martin Gilbert History Prize](#)

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. [Click here](#)

From Neon (Engineering) BIEA International Youth STEM Innovation Competition

A global STEM challenge empowering students to solve real-world problems through creativity, teamwork and sustainable innovation. Project work: [click here](#)

Also from Neon: Project Earth

Project Earth empowers and showcases young innovators keen to tackle climate challenges with expert support and real-world impact. [Click here](#)

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.

Years 7-11 EDT STEM Challenger Experiences

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>

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 28th 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

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