



# OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

19.03.21



**MANY OF THE ITEMS IN THIS WEEKS BULLETIN WILL  
ALLOW YOU TO REGISTER YOUR DETAILS FOR UPDATES.**

**MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP WHEN YOU SEE THIS BUTTON  
SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT WHEN NEW  
OPPORTUNITIES ARE POSTED.**



**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THE OPPORTUNITIES  
IN THIS WEEKS BULLETIN JUST GET IN TOUCH WITH US:**

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**\*\* REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR ACTIVITIES FOLDER ON  **WHenever YOU TAKE PART OR SIGN UP TO ANY  
WEBINARS, ONLINE COURSES OR EVENTS.****



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# Welcome to Spark

Spark is a careers platform passionately committed to improving the life chances of young people by bridging the gap between learning and employment.

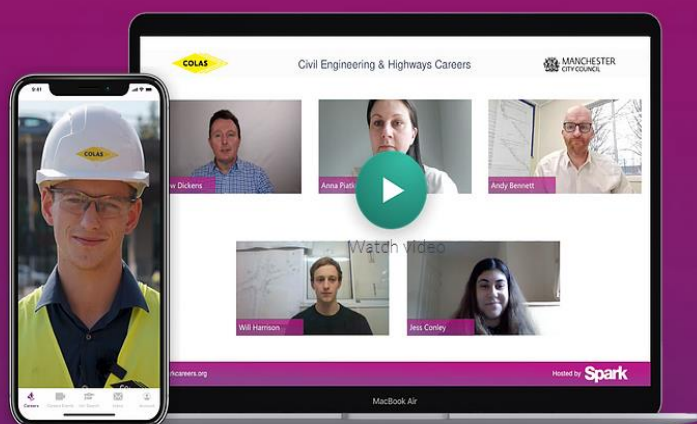
Students get to engage with employers in live online events and learn about careers on any device wherever they are.

## The Employer Engagement App

A unique careers app providing live employer engagement to help young people flourish and achieve.

- ✓ Engage with major employers in live events
- ✓ Delivers Gatsby 5 Employer Encounters
- ✓ Unique access to careers information

[TO REGISTER](#)



Before you register please email Mrs Newton  
for your sign up code:  
[b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)



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## It's time to apply for student finance!

If you'll be studying a full-time undergraduate course this year, then it's now time to get your student finance sorted.

Postgraduate and part-time undergraduate student finance applications will open in the summer. EU tuition fee support applications are expected to open at the end of April.

It's quick and easy to apply online – it should only take you around 30 minutes. New students just need their passport and National Insurance number to hand and they're all set.

[Apply now!](#)

**STUDENT FINANCE**  
*how and when to apply*



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#gamescareersweek

26th March - 2nd April 2021

## Games Careers Week is launching on 26 March 2021

with online events aimed at reaching millions of parents, learners, teachers and job-seekers. Existing events such as the Games Education Summit and Grads in Games Awards will be joined by many new online events such as Into Games Masterclasses, Microsoft's DigiGirlz day, careers talks and other events from studios like Sumo Digital, Fabrik Games and Playground Games, events at universities like Staffordshire and Bournemouth, a new online careers fair, as well as an exhibition and career talks at the National Videogame Museum.

For more information and to register your interest:

<https://gamescareersweek.org/>





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## Work Experience

Year 11 & Year 12

There are a number of organisations who provide an insight into their business for GCSE and A level students. **Work experience** can range from 1 day to 2 weeks and is a great opportunity for students to get exposure to these organisations. It will help in future applications.

**Who offers work experience for school students?**

There are a large number of companies offering **work experience** days and weeks to 16-18 year olds. There is strong representation from the finance industry and investment banks such as Credit Suisse, from professional services firms such as Ernst & Young, from legal firms such as Pinsent Masons and Old Square Chambers and from media companies such as The Guardian.

Please click on the links below to access details of each work placement.

Information on: [WRITING YOUR CV AND COVERING LETTER](#)

Information on: [HOW TO EXCEL IN INTERVIEWS](#)

Banking

Media

Law

Science

Medicine, Dentistry, Vets

Miscellaneous

Professional Services

Summer School

For more details and how to apply:

<https://www.studentladder.co.uk/work-experience/>





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## LEARN SOMETHING NEW

### Why study a free course on OpenLearn?

Our courses have been proven to increase confidence and develop the skills needed to enter Higher Education and succeed with learning. You can choose an **OpenLearn** course from a wide range of subjects. Some are based on Open University course materials. Others are written specifically for **OpenLearn**.

OpenLearn

### What are the advantages?

- **OpenLearn free courses are available immediately**
- Our courses do not have a start and end date. You can start right away or at a time that suits you.
- **You can work through at your own pace**
- You can spend as long as you like on an **OpenLearn** course, plus, if you sign up you can track your progress and work towards a **statement of participation**.
- **There are around 1000 courses to choose from**
- The courses always focus on a specific area of learning. Some focus on important and fascinating academic subjects, whilst others help you develop skills needed for study or work.
- **You can try out what's on offer from The Open University**
- If you're interested in taking an Open University course but are not sure what to study or if distance learning is right for you, then **OpenLearn** lets you get a feel for what's on offer.



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## NEW FEATURE!!

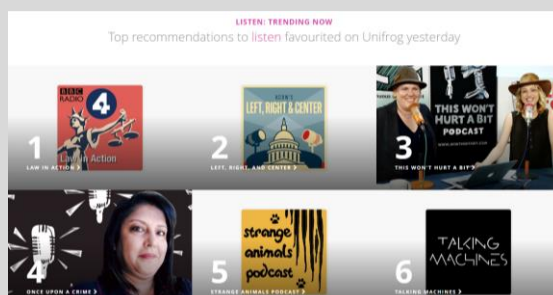
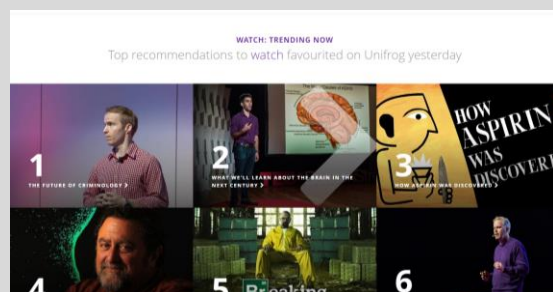
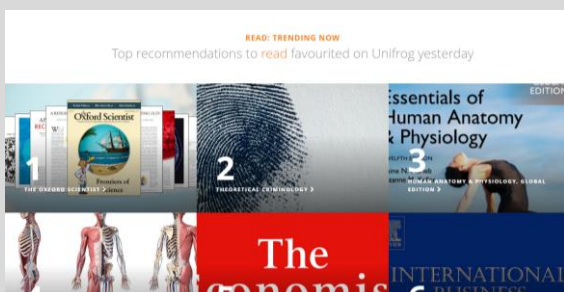
Make sure you check out the new **READ, WATCH, LISTEN** tool on the **UNIFROG** student page for a wide range of resources.

### Read, Watch, Listen

✕ Profiles favourited

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**“TRENDING NOW” GIVES YOU LINKS TO THE TOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS WEEK....**





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## WHAT IS UNIFEST?

UniFest is an opportunity for you to learn more about higher education and to gain insight into what life is like as a university student. Although we are unable to offer residential events this year, our six partner universities have prepared an exciting range of activities to inspire and motivate you to explore your future options. You'll have the chance to see what university is really like, speak to university students and staff, and receive advice and guidance on careers.

For more details: <https://prezi.com/view/a1abljuEDR8afY9qI2kL/>

## WHAT WILL I GET OUT OF IT?



You will learn about university courses and career options, while taking in part in virtual campus tours, quizzes and talks to expand your knowledge of higher education. You'll improve your communication and team working skills as you interact with fellow students and university staff, with the opportunity to ask any questions you might have along the way.

You'll boost your self-confidence as you take part in new and challenging activities – you may even find a new passion! See where your interests can take you and begin your journey to higher education. One final bonus – taking part will help boost your college, sixth form or university applications too!



Before applying for UniFest 2021, please ensure you have read the [UniFest Application Information](#)

**APPLY FOR UNIFEST  
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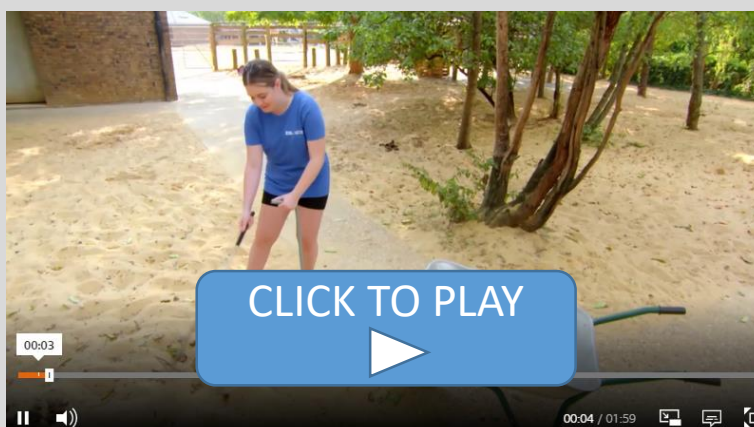
## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

### WHERE COULD YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT TAKE YOU?

Looking for job inspiration? Check out the job profiles in the link below to help you get started. Hear from people who are using subjects that interest you, see how much you could get paid for different roles and find out what qualifications you might need to follow in their footsteps.



From jobs inspiration and skills for work, to CVs, cover letters and interviews, check out the **taster film** below for an idea of what you can expect.





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## Rosalind Franklin Women in STEM Conference for Year 12 students

**Newnham's annual Rosalind Franklin Women in STEM Conference brings together sixth formers to discuss some of the big scientific issues facing society.**

*(The event is named after Rosalind Franklin, co-discoverer of the double helix structure of DNA, and herself a graduate of Newnham College.)*

**The 2021 Rosalind Franklin Conference will take place virtually from 2-6pm on 9 April.**

This year's theme is **Bioelectronics** – see below for a summary of this field from Professor Roisin Owens.

The virtual conference will include three live talks from academics working on different aspects of Bioelectronics, as well as a panel talk and admissions/student life session. Students who are selected to take part will also have access to further pre-recorded taster lectures and other resources.

The live aspects of the conference will be run using Zoom webinar software.

For more details on eligibility and how to apply:

[APPLY HERE](#)



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for schools

## VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Speakers for Schools is proud to announce the launch of the Speakers for Schools Virtual Work Experience (VWEX) programme. To address the need for high quality work experience, in communities which often have a disconnect between the aspirations of young people, and the presence of outstanding employers.

**For more information :**

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/vwex/>

**Start Your Journey**



**REGISTER AS A YOUNG PERSON**

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/students/Take-Part>





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Welcome to issue 39 of

## CATALYST

Aimed at young people and educators, we are proud to bring you cutting edge STEM research that sparks learning, teaching and debate.

 Explore this issue

### About Catalyst

#### What is Catalyst Magazine?

Catalyst is a unique international science magazine that provides STEM insight with articles on cutting-edge science, research and interviews, prepared by researchers in academia and industry.

What have the oceans got to do with the weather?

To climate change or not?

Fire and the crazy world of air around us.

Iron woman: searching for iron at the end of the earth.

Save the world - the best way you know how.

Calling all climate champions!

Protecting the bogs, for peats sake!

How will tomorrows lithium-ion batteries be better than todays?

Why is that man in a wetsuit going into the sea holding a garden rake?

How to eat healthily for the planet and for your body?

Protecting a Scottish town from coastal and river flooding





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# SPRINGPOD

## Virtual Work Experience Programmes

Find the perfect virtual work experience programme for you.



FOR MORE DETAILS ON ALL THE WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES  
AVAILABLE THROUGH SPRINGPOD VISIT:

<https://bit.ly/3nmtmY7>



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## YEAR 12...STILL LOOKING FOR A WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT?

There are currently 130 virtual WEX opportunities available on the [\*\*UNIFROG\*\*](#) **Special Opportunities** tool. You can filter via country and then subject area to create a shortlist of up to 10 opportunities.

### Special opportunities

Make your first shortlist

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### Virtual WEX placements

On the Special  
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## LOOKING FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP

Register with **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SERVICE** to receive regular updates on current opportunities. Create an account and you can specify the types of apprenticeships you are interested in.



You can also search [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk) and have access to over 2000 new opportunities including apprenticeships, employment, training and much more.



[www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/find-an-apprenticeship](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/find-an-apprenticeship) allows you to browse for a wide range of apprenticeships.



[www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com) gives you more information on anything you wanted to know about apprenticeships.



[www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk](http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk) links to blogs, vacancies and how-to-guides.



[www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk) Careers information and tools for 11 – 19 year olds all in one place.

Many employers also have a dedicated section on their websites related to recruitment where they post apprenticeship information.

These are sometimes posted before they are on the National Apprenticeships site so it's well worth looking around.



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## **UNIQ 2021 – Applications now open for Oxford’s access programme for year 12 students.**

As an access programme, UNIQ aims to encourage and support more students from backgrounds that are underrepresented at university. UNIQ is carefully designed to break down the barriers that can discourage some students from applying to Oxford– such as a lack of confidence or encouragement, absence of role models, outdated perceptions of Oxford and its students, or myths around our interview process. We have strong evidence that UNIQ works.

Every year about a third of UNIQ students who apply to Oxford get offered a place. Last year all UNIQ courses were delivered 100% online and 231 of our online UNIQ students have now received offers from Oxford.

**Applications to UNIQ are now open!**  
Learn more about how to apply to UNIQ this year.





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## VIRGIN MEDIA APPRENTICESHIP



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At Virgin Media we have loads of great apprenticeship opportunities that cover all sorts of roles across our business, so whether you want to work on a more technical, engineering or business side of our business there's a scheme for you. Each of our schemes lets you 'learn while you earn' by gaining first-hand experience through exposure to our leading business practices and being paid a decent wage while you're at it!

Want to hear more about apprenticeships? Join us for a live interactive webinar by registering for your invite here [Online Webinars](#)

How to apply?

Our application process has a few stages. Each step gives us a chance to get to know you better and make sure you're right for the scheme – and, more importantly, to make sure you have all the information you need to decide if we're right for you too!

1. Application form: Our simple online application form gives you the chance to tell us a little bit about yourself and the Apprenticeship Scheme that you're interested in.
2. Situational Judgement Test (SJT): This may sound daunting but don't worry! This basic test helps us to understand a little more about the work situations you're most suited to, and perhaps those that you may not be.
3. Telephone Interview: Let's talk about the role! This step gives us the chance to discuss life at Virgin Media and your suitability for the role. It also gives us the chance to learn a bit more about your aspirations and motivations!
4. Coaching call: It's good to talk! This call gives us a chance to have a quick one-on-one chat with you to help you prepare for the final stage so that you can really shine at the Discovery Centre.
5. Discovery Centre: The final stage of our recruitment process allows us to get to know you in person and introduce you to our fun company culture – while you meet what could be future friends and colleagues.

Not sure what Apprenticeship might be right for you? Don't worry, we've got a tool for that! Take our quick [Match Me Quiz](#) to help you see which Virgin Media Apprenticeships your strengths and skills are best suited to.

Already know what apprenticeship you're looking for? Great! You can take a look at our live roles by clicking on this link ... [Apprenticeship Schemes](#)

Ready to apply?

Before you apply practice our Situational Judgement Test (SJT). You can do this as many times as you want before you do the real one - [SJT Practice](#). Then when you are ready to start your application head over to our [application portal](#)

Interested in a scheme not yet live? If you're interested in any of our other apprenticeships you can [Register Your Interest](#) now and we'll let you know when you can begin your application.



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**Your future.**

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## Working in the NHS

Find out about working in the NHS

## Find your career

Try our quiz and find your ideal health career



**We are you at your very best. We are the NHS.**

We are recruiting now.





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**WMP student officer programme is the new way to become a police officer.**

**Are you interested in a career in policing?**

Do you want a career where you know that This Work Matters?

PCDA – the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship – currently open for recruitment - This is our main entry route onto our student officer programme.

**Policing is such a varied career.**

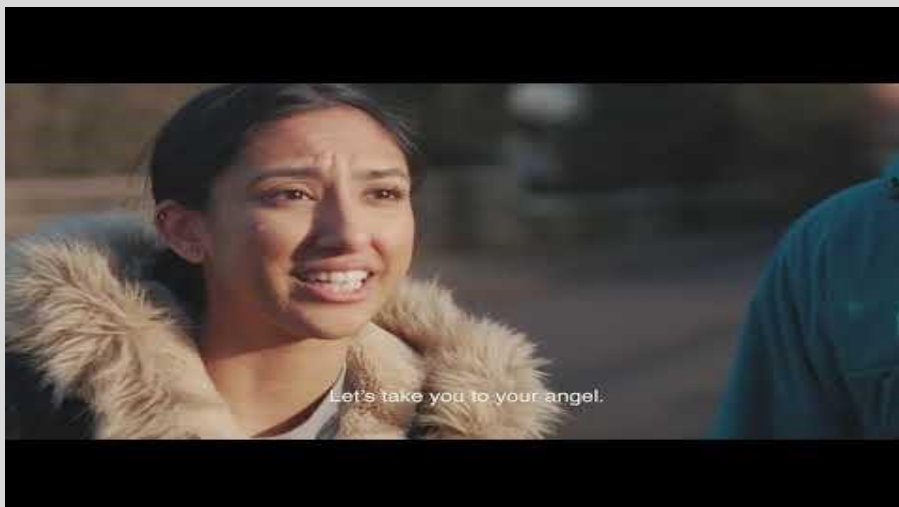
Joining us can take you from a marked response car, into an investigations team supporting victims of abuse, through to attending a community meeting on a local estate.

The things that people remember, regardless of what role you play, are the **everyday human skills** a police officer uses when we reach out and offer support to those who need it.

Policing is about protecting people, preventing crime and helping those in need but it's also about showing kindness, empathy and friendship.

That's why **This Work Matters**.

We need your skills. **You're made for this.**







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## Become a **FORTEM** Management Trainee



**FORTEM**

People who care

Closing Date:  
16th April

### Who are FORTEM?

Fortem provides specialist property solutions tailored to keep homes and buildings running smoothly. We have an established track record of improving communities and creating better places for people to work and live.

Fortem is a rapidly expanding company looking to identify, develop and nurture future leaders.



### The Opportunity

This is an exciting opportunity to learn every aspect of our thriving business, from pre-construction and commercial to operations and HR; the Fortem Trainee Scheme will pave the way for your future career.

We're looking for Generalist Trainees, an Estimating Specialist and a Pre-Construction/Planning Specialist who are passionate, impressive, and genuinely committed to building a varied and successful future.

### What?

A structured training programme allowing you to develop into a fully-rounded individual with access to main board directors as personal sponsors throughout your traineeship.

### Why?

Along with a great starting salary which increases year on year, you will be provided with a company car, countless career development opportunities, networking events, staff discounts, pension scheme and many more! For these successful applicants who have not undertaken further education, we offer the opportunity to undertake a degree fully funded by Fortem.

### Who?

We're looking for school and college leavers, graduates, mature applicants and those seeking an exciting new opportunity.

### Where?

This is a national role so you will have the opportunity to travel and work in all of our branches and our head office. Accommodation will be provided, travel costs covered, and you will be supported by a dedicated team.

### Apply here:



Call:  
01462 446220



Email:  
[Claire.Holland@fortem.co.uk](mailto:Claire.Holland@fortem.co.uk)



Apply via our website:  
[www.fortem.co.uk/opportunities](http://www.fortem.co.uk/opportunities)





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## **Rockley College Virtual Open Event 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

Rockley College has been offering further education courses in Sport and Outdoor Adventure for over 12 years now and we have seen many students either pursue a career in the outdoor and leisure industry, or continue their education at university.

We feel that the combination of our fantastic location on the beach, our exceptional teaching staff and variety of courses, are just some of the things that sets us apart from other colleges.

Find out more about what we have to offer at our free virtual Open Event on 25th March, 6.30pm. Chat to our lovely teachers and find out about all our Sport and Outdoor Adventure courses.

### **Book onto our Open Event**



### **College Case Study**

A former student at Queen Elizabeth School, Amelia Clarke studied the BTEC Level 3 Sport (Outdoor Adventure) course at Rockley College. She is currently studying Physical Education and Sports Coaching at the University of Chichester. Find out what she thought about her time at Rockley College<sup>2,1</sup>

**[Read more](#)**



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Browne Jacobson are a top 50 law firm with offices all over the UK and revenues of £50million. These two days in the Easter Holidays are going to provide students with a really great insight into how a law firm works and makes money, the different departments they have, and an opportunity to talk with lots of different solicitors.

### **Law Virtual Work Experience:**

- Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th April, 9am - 4pm each day
  - Partner welcome talk
- An insight to law, their different departments and areas of work (including non law routes)
- Breakout rooms with solicitors in talking about different areas of law
  - Workshops & interactive sessions
- Open to all Y11, S4, Y12 / S5, Y13 / S6 & Y14 students

### **Application Link:**

<https://www.research.net/r/Law-WEX>

**brownejacobson<sub>LLP</sub>**

### **Virtual Law Work Experience 6th & 7th April 2021**

An insight to a top 50 law firm, 5 UK offices,  
1,000+ employees, £50m turnover

Interactive workshops with real solicitors working  
across different areas of law

Breakout rooms and sessions covering off  
specific areas of law and their different  
departments (Legal, HR, Tech & more!)

Learn how a law firm operates, what a week in  
the life of a solicitor looks like, what career paths  
exist in law firms for those wanting to work in law  
but not as a solicitor

Open to all 16 - 18-year olds across the UK

**DM us for your application link!**



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## The Young Professionals App

Everything you need to find an apprenticeship or work experience scheme, all in one place.

### One Simple Platform

One brilliant app that will allow you to unleash your career potential. Search for your ideal job, employer and key location quickly and easily

### Kick Start Your Career

View hundreds of job opportunities from leading employers who will help you turn your first job into a rewarding career

### Personal Profile

Create your own profile to showcase you to potential employers! Take your video, upload your skills and get yourself discovered!



### Targeted Notifications

Receive notifications about all of the jobs that match your choices and your job match profile

### Keeping up to Date

Pick your favorite employers and follow them to grab the best opportunities as soon as they are listed. Connect directly with the key decision makers and fast track your interview process

### You are in control!

Post out relevant content, videos and images to your fans and help you grow a good professional profile to kick start your early career!

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A helpful guide for  
young people.



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