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JANUARY 2026 ISSUE

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

9 - 15 FEBRUARY 2026

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*Take
a great
Opportunity*

THE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SHOW

WEST MIDLANDS

CBS ARENA, COVENTRY

10-11
MARCH
2026



Want to visit?

The National Apprenticeship Show covers all levels of Apprenticeships, from entry level to higher and degree. This FREE event offers visitors a chance to engage, face-to-face, with some of the regions top Apprenticeship employers and providers.

Opening Dates & Times:

Tuesday 10 March 2026 10:00 – 14:30

Wednesday 11 March 2026 10:00 – 14:00

School/College Groups:

NAS Media offers a travel bursary scheme for students in Years 12, 13 and 11 from Schools and Colleges, you can register your group visit [here](#).

Please be aware that these events are very popular and funding is provided on a first come, first serve basis.

Parents/Carers/Individuals Dedicated Evening Opening:

Tuesday 10 March 2026 15:30 – 18:00

Register to attend [here](#)

 Coventry Building Society Arena CV6 6GE

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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

9 - 15 FEBRUARY 2026

SIGN UP TO OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE LATEST #NAW2026 NEWS

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026: 9 – 15 FEBRUARY 2026

A week-long celebration that brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy

Search apprenticeships

37,905 apprenticeships currently listed

What

Enter a job or company

Where

Enter a city or postcode

Search

[Browse by your interests instead](#)

A wide range of events taking place across the week



[VIEW OUR EVENT MAP](#)



Browse apprenticeships before you apply



HM Government

Use this search to browse which apprenticeships are available based on your interest and location.

Select an interest

Enter your postcode

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BECOME AN APPRENTICE
CREATE AN ACCOUNT HERE

'Find an apprenticeship' is an online government service which allows you to search, save and apply for apprenticeship opportunities.

The service is used by thousands of employers to advertise their current apprenticeship opportunities, making it easier for you to find the right apprenticeship for you.



Amazing Apprenticeships

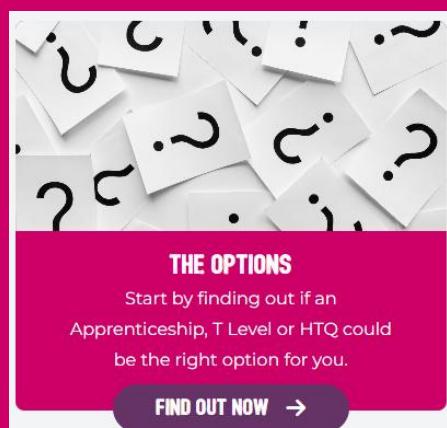
STUDENT ZONE

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Apprenticeships are real jobs with real employers, allowing you to work, earn a salary and gain valuable qualifications and experience.

With over 700 different apprenticeship standards covering everything from accountancy to zoo keeping, there is an apprenticeship out there for everyone.

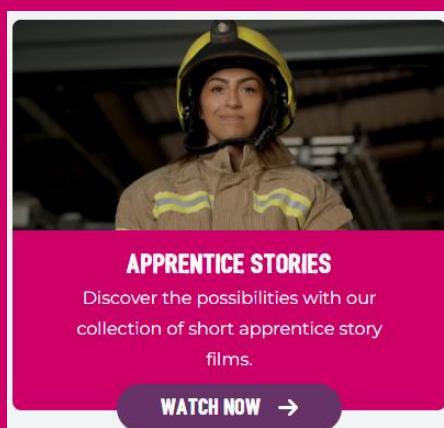
Explore the resources below to discover everything you need to know about apprenticeships and why we believe they are amazing!



THE OPTIONS

Start by finding out if an Apprenticeship, T Level or HTQ could be the right option for you.

[FIND OUT NOW →](#)



APPRENTICE STORIES

Discover the possibilities with our collection of short apprentice story films.

[WATCH NOW →](#)



APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES

Go behind the scenes and explore some amazing apprenticeship employers.

[EXPLORE NOW →](#)



Amazing Apprenticeships

PARENT & CARER ZONE

EXPLORE THE OPTIONS TO SUPPORT AND ADVISE YOUR CHILD

As a parent or carer, you want to be able to guide and advise your child towards the best opportunity for them. So, where do you start? There are many options available including apprenticeships, T Levels and HTQs.

Being open-minded about the range of opportunities and equipping yourself with knowledge and information is the best way to build your confidence, and ultimately to support your child to make the best decision for them.

Through this [**Parent Zone**](#), we aim to help you to explore those options.

Navigate: National Apprenticeship Week Parent and Carer Webinar 9th February 2026 18:30 - 19:30

Join us during National Apprenticeship Week 2026 for this special parent and carer webinar. Apprenticeships offer exciting and practical routes into rewarding careers. This session is designed to help parents and carers feel confident supporting the young people in their lives as they explore these options.



[**REGISTER NOW**](#)

HIGHER & DEGREE VACANCY LISTING

Explore thousands of higher & degree vacancies

Explore 2,400 Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies in the **January 2026** edition of the Higher & Degree listing. Discover vacancy details from over 80 employers, including:

- Vacancy locations
- Salary information
- Direct application links

Download the Higher & Degree listing in PDF format or find out more about the listing, who it is for and how to best use it in our FAQs below.

The next edition of the Higher & Degree Listing is due for release in **April 2026**. [Register here](#) to be one of the first to receive it!

[DOWNLOAD NOW](#)



Find an apprenticeship

APPRENTICESHIPS



Find an apprenticeship

Find an apprenticeship in
England.

You can apply for
apprenticeships
in Scotland, Northern
Ireland and Wales.

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Employment Opportunities

Check out the latest opportunities with leading Employer's across the UK, from school leaver roles to Apprenticeships. [Contact our Student Support team](#) for help with your apprenticeship applications!

Degree Apprenticeships Apprenticeships Work Experience



**UNIFEST
2026**



🎉 Applications Are Open! 🎉
⭐ Apply Here ⭐

What is UniFest?

UniFest is our Year 10 summer school which offers you the chance to explore university life, meet current university students and staff and make new friends. With five summer school events to choose from at different universities across the West Midlands, you will have an action-packed, fun experience.



UNIFEST
2023

UniFest 2023 Highlights

▶ WATCH ON YOUTUBE

UNIFEST

2026

Who is UniFest for?

UniFest is for learners in Year 10 at non-selective, state-funded secondary schools in the West Midlands who are from backgrounds and communities that are less likely to consider university as an option. To apply for a place, you will need the support of your school and the consent of your parents or carers, and you should be able to answer "Yes" to at least one of the following:

- I live in an area where not many young people go to university
- I am a young carer
- I have a disability or learning difficulty
- I am in the care of my local authority
- I receive Free School Meals /FSM6/ Pupil Premium
- My parents or carers did not go to university

What will I do?

That depends on which UniFest event you choose! Some events explore university life and study in general, and others focus on specific careers or study options. All UniFest events include lots of hands-on sessions and a fun programme of social activities.

Is UniFest free?

Yes! UniFest is funded by universities and schools and is **totally free of charge**. For residential UniFest events, meals, accommodation and activities are all paid for (although you may want to bring a little pocket money with you). The universities will help you plan how to get to and from events. If travel costs will make it difficult for you to attend, please get in touch by emailing aimhigher@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

What happens if there are more applicants than places?

UniFest is very popular and there are often more applicants than places. We ask for information about your family background and advise you to choose several events so that we can offer places as fairly as possible. If you have any questions about eligibility, please email us: aimhigher@contacts.bham.ac.uk.



The Access to Birmingham (A2B) programme helps University of Birmingham applicants with little or no higher education experience to explore what studying at university involves.

The University of Birmingham has a long history of welcoming students from a wide variety of social and cultural backgrounds. We were one of the first universities to set up a fair access scheme for local students in 2000 and are proud to be able to offer you the support of our A2B scheme if you are studying at one of our partner institutions.

Apply to A2B

Applications for the 2025/26 A2B scheme are open until 13 November 2025 for Medicine and Dentistry and 12 February 2026 for all other applicants.

Completing the programme will bring you a range of benefits including an alternative offer and funding. We encourage you to explore our programme information and eligibility and consider applying.

[APPLY NOW](#)

Benefits of taking part in the programme

Once you complete A2B successfully, you will receive two offers from the University of Birmingham, the standard offer and a [Pathways to Birmingham offer](#).

The Pathways to Birmingham offer is typically a reduction of up to two A level grades (e.g. BBB rather than AAB).

As well as the Pathways to Birmingham offer, you will also benefit from:

- Financial support
- Continued support and guidance from an experienced and dedicated A2B team
- Preparation for the transition from school to university study
- The opportunity to make new friends at a special induction event before you start university
- Becoming a Birmingham Scholar upon starting university
- Practice interviews for courses where relevant (Medicine, Dentistry, Social Work, Nursing, and Physiotherapy)

[EXPLORE THE BENEFITS](#)



Are you interested in going to university? Not sure on what subject you want to study?

Our UK Summer Schools offer you the chance to experience what university life is like.

From academic taster sessions to social activities, you'll get the chance to meet like-minded young people from across the UK and explore a subject of your choice at a leading UK university.

How to apply

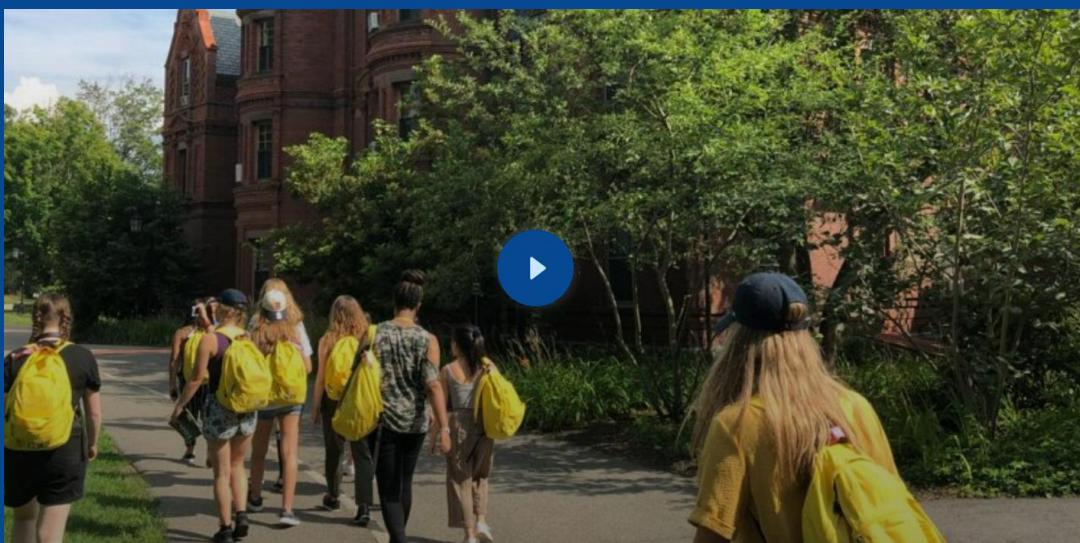
Applications for the UK Summer Schools 2025 are now open!

Find out more about individual programmes – including courses, university partners and dates using the links below.

[Find out more about an individual programme](#)



[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)



COLLEGE & SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

BIRMINGHAM CAREERS SERVICE
guiding young people

LOCAL COLLEGE AND SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

2025/26

**CLICK ON THE LINK
BELOW TO ACCESS
INFORMATION ON
UPCOMING OPEN DAYS.**

**FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION
AND DATES HERE**

opendays.com

university + college open days

Opendedays.com is a web site providing students with university and college open day information.

The most comprehensive open days web site in the UK.

Easily accessible listings of all university and college open days throughout the UK.

DETAILS PROVIDED

Open day dates, booking information, travel details, monthly calendars and mini prospectuses for over 300 universities and colleges in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

EASY TO USE

It is easy to find the information you seek either through a comprehensive search facility or browsing the open day calendar.

ONLINE BOOKING

You can also save details of open days/institutions that interest you and use our 'Online Booking System' to book your place at an open day!

ADVICE SECTION

Higher Education opportunities, What To Do At Open Days, UCAS Forms and Gap Years.

Remember our website opendays.com and tell your friends about the service.



UCAS

[Home](#) / Applying / Before you apply / What and where to study

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

University open days are a great way to explore the campus and decide whether studying there is a good fit for you.



Search for an open day

Find an open day for the uni or college you're interested in.



All about open days

An open day is the best way to get a real taste of uni life. Here's everything you need to know to plan and get the most out of your visit.



Virtual tours

Here's a list of virtual tours and videos from universities and colleges, so you can see what it's like on campus and what facilities are available.



Explore your options at a UCAS event

Not ready to narrow down which open day to go to? At a UCAS Discovery event, you can discover all your options under one roof. We can help you find out about traditional degrees, apprenticeships, careers, and more.

[Find out more](#)



Disabled students

Open days are an ideal way to experience the campus and facilities first-hand. Get the most out of it by doing some prep in advance – our advice will help you get started.



Postgraduate open days

Interested in a postgraduate course? An open day can be a great way to look at the facilities and find out about the course.



Preparing for a UCAS event

How should you prep for a UCAS event? Find out what to take, what questions to ask, and more.

UniTasterDays

How can UniTasterDays help with your university decisions?



UniTasterDays is a directory of university events for school groups and individual students.



**SEARCH FOR UNIVERSITY EVENTS,
BROWSE ON DEMAND WEBINARS,
ACCESS RESOURCES AND MUCH MORE**

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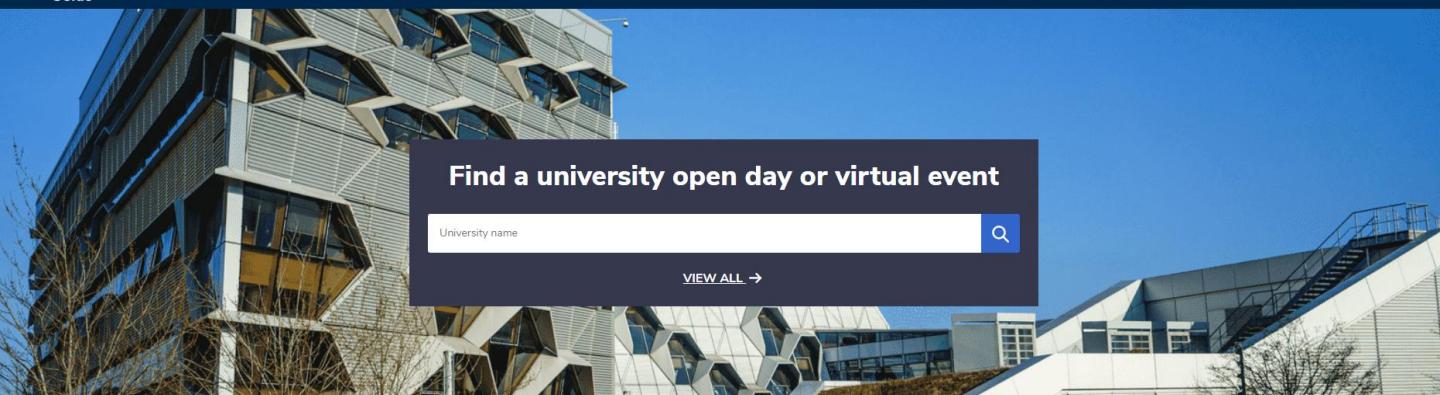


Complete University Guide

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Find a university open day or virtual event

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Find a course

Search by subject, course, or region to find the right course for you

[GET STARTED →](#)



Find a university

Search for universities to find out about facilities, courses, and more

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Find an open day

Search for and book open days to help you make the right choice

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What do you want to study?

If you have a subject in mind, your shortlist will only include universities that offer this subject



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the next step

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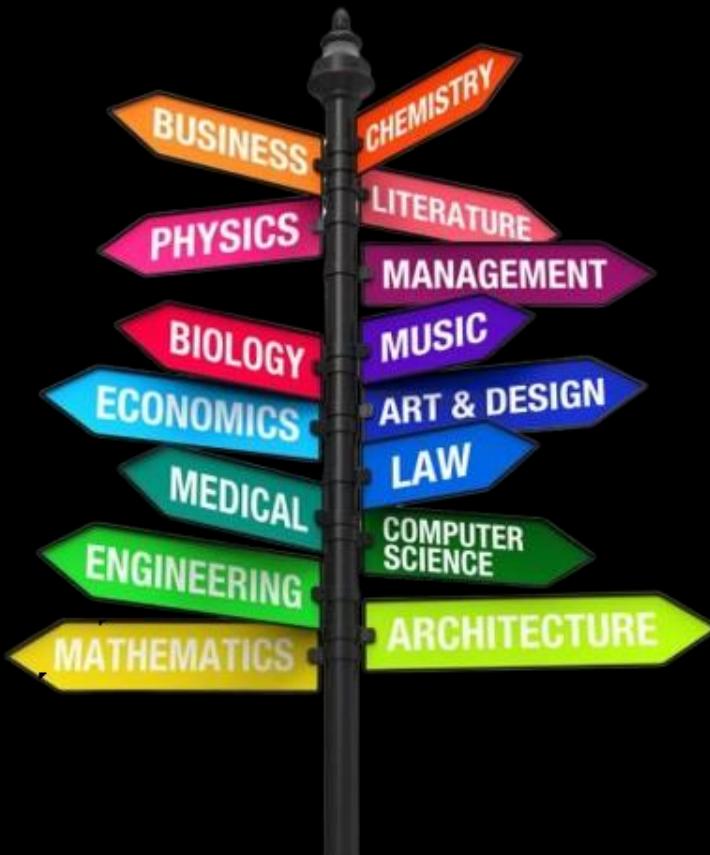
We provide careers information, advice and guidance. We can help you to make decisions on learning, training and work at all stages in your career.

The best career websites by school subject area.

Not sure where your chosen GCSE's or A Levels will lead you after school and college?

Check out the various careers websites vis the link below to see the potential links between school and the world of work...

Where can my subject choice take me?





The UK's leading early careers support service - specialising in diverse talent

We help students into apprenticeships through careers events, 1-to-1 mentoring, and quality resources.

[REGISTER NOW](#)[FREE EVENTS](#)



WORK EXPERIENCE 2026

YEAR 10

29th JUNE – 3rd JULY 2026 (5 DAYS)

YEAR 12

22nd JUNE - 26th JUNE 2026 (5 DAYS)

For any queries regarding Yr10 work experience please
contact Mrs Newton at
b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

For any queries regarding Yr12 work experience please
contact Ms Jacques at
a.jacques@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

More information and WEX documents and form
can be found on the [Work Experience page](#)

Discover your next work experience programme

Try searching for subjects, companies, or industries



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Step inside one of the world's leading construction and agricultural machinery manufacturers and explore career...

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Lift Off - with the Civil Aviation Authority

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

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Virtual work experience in aviation & aerospace regulation. Live talks with industry experts, quizzes & activities to explore...

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Social Care Work Experience

STAFFORDSHIRE AND STOKE-ON-TRENT ICS

VIRTUAL START NOW

Eligibility criteria

Uncover the world of social care with Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICS. Discover the rewarding careers in this vital...

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The psychology of males: what's going on inside the male mind?

PSYCHOLOGY

UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND

BSc (Hons) Psychology with Dr Becci Owens



Accountancy and Advisory Services

MOORE KINGSTON SMITH GROUP SERVICES

VIRTUAL START NOW

Ready for a future that counts? Check out exciting career opportunities in accounting, business advisory services and beyond with...

Start



Engineering Work Experience with ICE

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

VIRTUAL START NOW

Eligibility criteria

Be a part of building a better world through civil engineering!

This programme is eligible to students aged 14+



STEM Work Experience with the Institute of Acoustics

INSTITUTE OF ACOUSTICS

VIRTUAL START NOW

Eligibility criteria

Discover acoustics careers. Engage in interactive activities & hear from pros. Unlock your potential in this programme.

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PROMOTED

The World of a Housing Developer & Social Landlord

ASTER GROUP

VIRTUAL START NOW

Eligibility criteria

Want to learn about the range of rewarding careers available at Aster Group? Come with us as we embark on a journey through the...

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Banking and Finance with Leeds Building Society

LEEDS BUILDING SOCIETY

VIRTUAL START NOW

Discover what it's like to work at Leeds Building Society!

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Technology Work Experience with Siemens

SIEMENS

VIRTUAL START NOW

Join Siemens Virtual Work Experience: Explore company functions, employability skills, interactive quizzes & activities.

Start



Building Your Future: Real Estate Work Experience

JLL

VIRTUAL START NOW

Explore the world of real estate & exciting opportunities. Quizzes, activities and self-paced content await in this virtual...

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DRAX

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In this Sprint, you'll develop your understanding of the carbon capture process and explore how energy can be...

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140+ Work Experience Ideas (Ideal for Year 10 and Year 12)

When it comes to applying for jobs and university, you need to find a way to make your application stand out. When you're fresh out of school or university, this can be difficult as you will often not have much to put onto your university application or CV.

Something that can help to make you stand out from the crowd is having experience, particularly in the area that you want to go into. While work experience can be an important part of your application, it can be difficult to know how to get it.

General work experience ideas

Getting work experience can be incredibly important and useful regardless of what you want to do in the future. Even if you're not sure what you want to study or don't have any particular career that you're interested in, getting work experience is still worth your time.

FIND OUT MORE HERE