



OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

MARCH 2026 ISSUE

WORK EXPERIENCE SPECIAL

LOOK INSIDE FOR SOME AMAZING WORK EXPERIENCE
LINKS AND RESOURCES!



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**How to find work
experience**

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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

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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



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Explore and find your perfect careers or boost your CV with powerful certificates.

2

SO THAT

You can learn from the best in class.

3

<https://www.springpod.com/>

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TOP 9 BENEFITS OF WORK EXPERIENCE

1

Get Work
Ready

2

Improve Career
Management Skills

3

Personal
Growth

4

More
Employable

5

Prove Your'e
Motivated

6

Grow Your
Networks

7

Develop
New Skills

8

Help Better
Prepare for Interview

9

Gain Industry
Insights

WORK EXPERIENCE TOP TIPS FROM YOUTH FRIENDLY EMPLOYERS

Tips for looking for work experience



1

BE THOROUGH

Ensure your CV is as thorough as possible, even if only with education information and a brief overview about your own strengths. Make sure you spell check!



2

NETWORK

Approach employers at schools careers fairs and ask them what schemes they operate, is there a specific time of the year, what do they look for and how do you go about applying/ being considered. If you have family or friends of family that work at a company, ask them if they offer work experience in the department they work in.



3

BE OPEN TO OPPORTUNITIES

Never turn down an opportunity, even if you think it is not in an area that interests you particularly. There may be related jobs within that business that you were not aware of that capture your interest.



4

RESEARCH

Do your research on what's available and what you need to be able to apply. Research the company, google them, particularly understand their social values and what investment and opportunity they are offering to make in you!





FUTURES FOR ALL



Work Experience Finder

Search by company, industry or key word



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It's easy to get started

1 Discover work experience

Browse, search and filter our opportunities to find what suits you.

2 Register, sign in and apply

To apply, you need an account – it's quick, free and simple to sign up.

3 Application review and decision

Once your application has been submitted your teacher will review it before it's sent to the employer who will let you know if you're successful!



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<https://finder.futuresforall.org/>



thinkstudent.co.uk

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.

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Social Care Work Experience

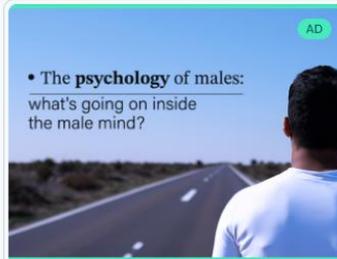
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Eligibility criteria

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



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INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

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

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STEM Work Experience with the Institute of Acoustics

INSTITUTE OF ACOUSTICS

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This programme is eligible to students aged 14+

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The World of a Housing Developer & Social Landlord

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ASTER GROUP

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

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Technology Work Experience with Siemens

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

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

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DRAX

VIRTUAL COMING SOON

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

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THE BIGGEST NATIONAL

CAREER EVENTS!

#NCW2026

2ND-7TH MARCH 2026

National Careers Week

NCW

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR #NCW2026**

#NCW2026

VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR.

Information for Students

Tens of thousands of students across the country took part in Careers Week last year, having an opportunity to access the Virtual Careers Fair and take part in other careers activities.

The careers fair had close to 100 exhibitors last year for you to look at and investigate. You don't just have to be in school to access the Virtual Careers Fair though.

After the 2nd March, you can visit:

ncw26.co.uk

AFTER 2nd MARCH VISIT:

<https://ncw26.co.uk/>

**FOR MORE DETAILS ON THIS YEAR'S
VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR**

National Careers Service

Helping you take
the next step

FIND OUT MORE [HERE](#)

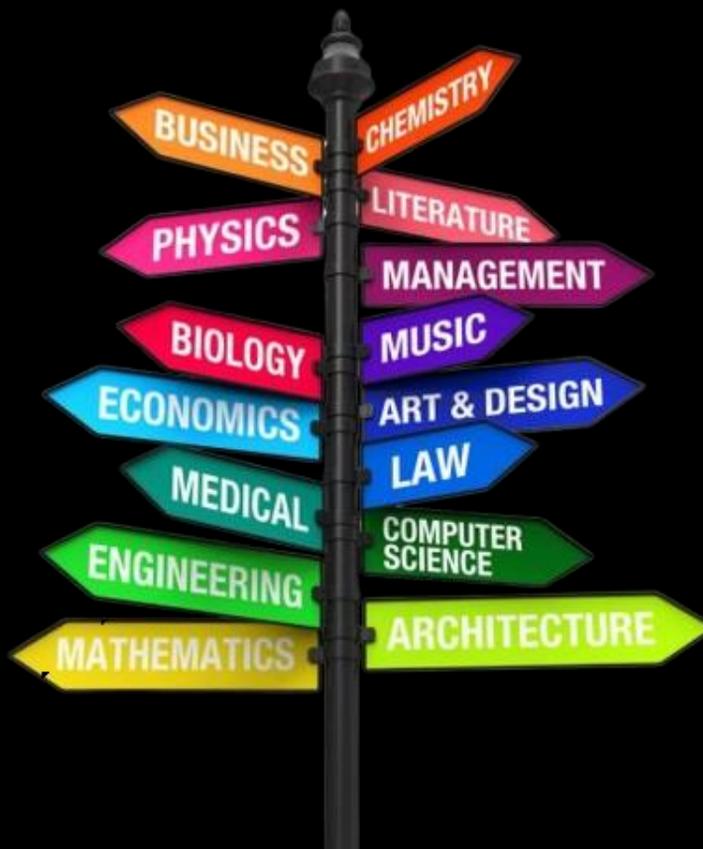
We provide careers information, advice and guidance. We can help you to make decisions on learning, training and work at all stages in your career.

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](#)



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SUBJECT DISCOVERY FAIR

From finance to nursing, law to creative arts, and engineering to teaching, get all your questions answered by the experts!

Wednesday 18 March, 4pm - 6:30pm



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sign up





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Arts and Humanities masterclasses

Register to attend one of our Arts and Humanities masterclasses and get an insight into a wide range of topics in this area.

Before attending a masterclass, please ensure you have read and are happy to comply with our code of conduct.

If you have a question about the masterclasses, please email masterclass@contacts.bham.ac.uk



Boost your languages

Expand your A Level language skills with fun, interactive sessions in German, Spanish, and French.

Wednesday, 4 March 2026 (13:00 - 15:00)

📍 Alan Walters Building



The moral of An Inspector Calls

Explore the concept of morality in An Inspector Calls through the medieval play Everyman.

Wednesday, 4 March 2026 (13:00 - 15:00)

📍 Main Lecture Theatre, Arts Building



Lorca's Yerma: From page to stage

This Drama Masterclass explores Federico Garcia Lorca's play Yerma and the interpretative processes involved in preparing the play for performance.

Wednesday, 4 March 2026 (13:00 - 15:00)

📍 Room 201, 2nd Floor, Arts Building



How writers use language and what to say about it

This English Language workshop will help you understand how to analyse authors' language by exploring key texts and practical examples.

Wednesday, 11 March 2026 (13:00 - 15:00)

📍 Main Lecture Theatre, Arts Building



Politics and/as performance

This hands-on Drama Masterclass focuses on political performances and politics as performance.

Wednesday, 11 March 2026 (13:00 - 15:00)

📍 LG03, Teaching and Learning Building



Pleasure or pain? How to run a dystopia

This English Literature Masterclass will look at the different forms of control Huxley and Orwell imagined in their dystopias.

Wednesday, 25 March 2026 (13:00 - 15:00)

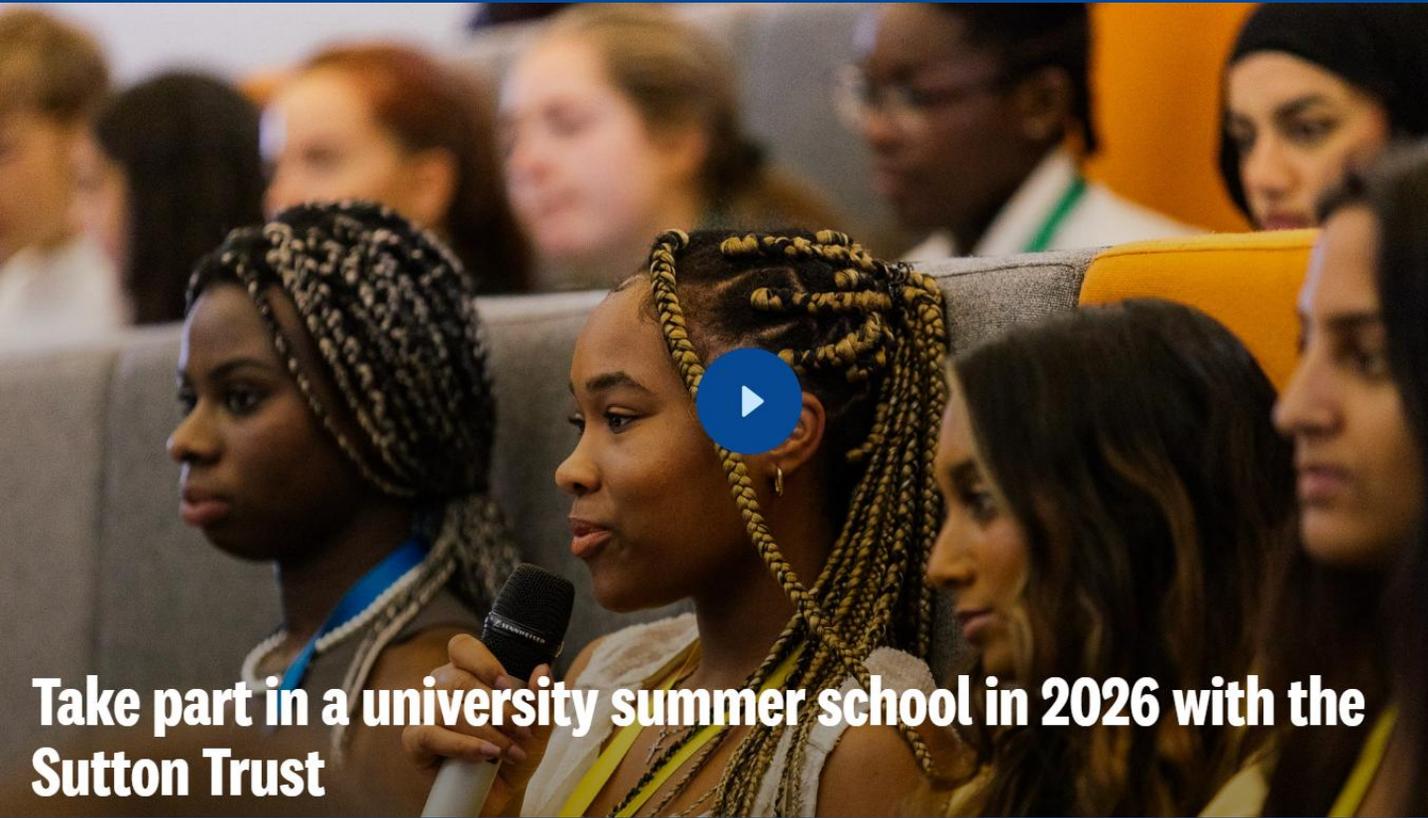
📍 Lecture Theatre 1, Room LG18, Teaching and Learning Building





Sutton Trust UK Summer Schools

Giving you the chance to experience what university life is really like through a free summer school programme



Take part in a university summer school in 2026 with the Sutton Trust

Applications for 2026 UK Summer Schools are now open

Apply today for a UK Summer School.

Most applications close on 5 March (although please note applications for University of Cambridge summer schools have now closed).



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 Highlights

[▶ WATCH ON YOUTUBE](#)

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.



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Applications for our September 2026 apprenticeships are now live, closing 8th March 2026.

[Current opportunities](#)

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 you 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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Browse apprenticeships before you apply

APPRENTICESHIPS



HM Government

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

Select an interest

Enter your postcode

SEARCH

**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 →](#)



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.



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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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