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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Black History Month 2026 in the UK takes place throughout October with the official theme "Honouring our Communities." Celebrating Black History Month means shining a light on achievements, recognising contributions, challenging inequality, inspiring future generations, and promoting greater understanding, inclusion and representation.

On 7th October, join Sanctuary Foundation for a special Great Big Live Assembly to celebrate Black History Month - a fast-paced, fun, and inspiring 10-minute event designed especially for secondary school children across the UK! The event will feature inspiring Black role models and guest contributors and a spotlight on this year's Black History Month theme: "Honouring Our Communities". This year's focus highlights the everyday, often unseen contributions of Black individuals who shape, support, and sustain British society. It recognises people such as volunteers, teachers, NHS nurses, carers, and community leaders who hold communities together. The assembly will be streamed live on YouTube. Can't make it live? No problem! Sign up and they'll send you a link to watch on catch-up.

This iCAN Pulse webinar, taking place on 26th October at 5pm, will bring together Black leaders from across the UK and US insurance markets to share their career journeys, the people and communities that have shaped them, and the responsibility leaders have to support those coming behind them.

ICAEW features a series of videos showcasing some of their most inspirational black members. They share their experiences and insights on issues such as leadership, skills and intersectionality in the profession. The videos are from a range of presenters, including senior professionals such as Ololade Adesanya, a Director at EY.

BHM Heroes is a broader collection covering people from sport, medicine, the military, arts and other professions. Profiles include Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Samantha Tross, F1 Racer Lewis Hamilton, and Footballer Marcus Rashford.

OuterCircle is an apprenticeship organisation helping young people access and succeed in apprenticeships. They arrange events, have current apprentices who act as mentors and an online community to help you succeed. Many of their members are from ethnically diverse backgrounds and can share their real, recent experiences of applying to (and securing!) apprenticeship opportunities.

If you have any questions or need support, please email Stephen.King@madeley.set.org

JOB OF THE WEEK

Social Worker

They are a trained care professional who helps individuals, families, and communities cope with difficult life challenges, improve their well-being, and protect vulnerable people from harm.

Social Workers usually work for local councils and sit within an adult or childrens team, depending on who they support. In England, they must be registered with Social Work England to legally work in the role.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

A disproportionately high percentage of Black African and Black Caribbean workers are employed as nurses, healthcare assistants, and social workers. For example, public sector statistics show that children's social care and NHS non-medical bands feature some of the highest representations of Black staff across public services.
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The UK Parliment Work Experience programme is ideal for students who want to gain more experience in the world of work. This programme is delivered remotely via Waypoint, a platform provided by SixtyLearn, enabling more young people to gain insight into careers at Parliament. This programme gives you the chance to explore Parliament as a workplace, try realistic tasks inspired by real roles, get personalised feedback to help you grow, and learn about the teams that make Parliament happen!

Free webinar for Year 12 and 13 students and parents: What Top Universities Are Really Looking For. Former Head of Careers Kate Grace will discuss how admissions tutors read personal statements and what builds a truly competitive application. It runs Wednesday, 30 September, from 7 to 8 pm. Slides and a replay will be sent to everyone who registers.

If you are interested in applying for the RPC Solicitor Apprenticeship and would like to find out more, you can attend their virtual insight evening which will run from 5 pm – 7.30 pm on Wednesday 14 October 2026. It's a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into their work and clients, get to know their people, hear about the apprenticeship study course from The University of Law and ask their apprentices first-hand about their experiences. Their early talent team will host the event and will be on hand to answer questions and provide advice on how to apply.

The National Cyber Force is a partnership between defence and intelligence, responsible for operating in and through cyberspace to counter threats, disrupting and contesting those who would do harm to the UK and its allies, to keep the country safe and to protect and promote the UK's interests at home and abroad. Working in cyber provides you with the chance to use your skills to their full potential and play your part in keeping the country safe. The Government's agencies need both technical and non-technical people, with both providing their own individual knowledge and experience. By joining this insight event on Tue 20th Oct 4:30PM - 6:30PM, you'll learn about how you can get involved in vital work to keep the country safe.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

AstraZeneca is a global pharmaceutical company that researches, develops and produces medicines used by patients around the world. Young people interested in science don't have to become doctors: its early careers opportunities cover science, engineering, manufacturing, digital technology, data and business. UK routes include apprenticeships, work experience, undergraduate placements and graduate programmes, offering different ways to begin a career within healthcare and life sciences.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

LSE is a specialist university focused on social sciences. Courses cover areas including economics, politics, law, geography, international relations, sociology, management and finance. Its central London location creates opportunities to engage with businesses, government, charities and international organisations. LSE could particularly suit students who are interested in understanding how society, politics, economies and organisations work and enjoy discussing important global issues.

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