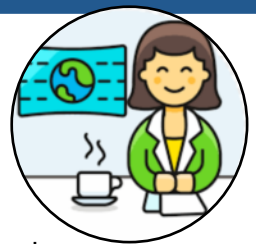




Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

Welcome back. Lots of useful information in this week's issue:

- Tesco Stronger Starts apprenticeships in retail and now in maintenance - well worth checking out.
- STEM Dorado - a monthly magazine for younger STEM enthusiasts - download for free inside. This month the theme is space.
- Preston College have a series of great free half term taster workshops in IT, Art, Media and Graphics - book early as they fill up very fast.
- Take the 5 minute career quiz with InvestIn Education and find out more about the industry you are best suited to.
- Don't miss the webinar with the UKCAT People - aimed at getting students on to the very best medical and dental courses.
- Meet the RAF - and discover more about the vast range of careers and opportunities during this webinar.
- Advice on choosing the right courses at college - go with what you enjoy and you will find it easier to succeed.



Plus much much more. Ignore the snow outside and settle down for a read!



Have a great weekend

24th - 28th November 2025



Find out about Dunelm apprenticeships!

Starting your career with Dunelm opens a world of possibilities!

Dunelm will be opening their apprenticeship vacancies on the 2nd February 2026 for 2 weeks across a range of roles, including Supply Chain, Commercial, Retail and an exciting new Regional Fitting Manager degree opportunity.

See below to learn more about the opportunities available and prepare to apply.

Join the Dunelm webinar on 1st December

Join our **exclusive live webinar** on **1st December** to meet the Early Careers team at Dunelm and learn more about their exciting apprenticeship opportunities. You'll find out about Dunelm's early careers programmes and pick up some hints and tips for your apprenticeship application.

Dunelm is inviting students, teachers & careers advisers, parents & carers and anyone else interested in an apprenticeship to come along. Don't worry if you can't attend live, sign up anyway and we'll send you a link to the recording afterwards.

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE

Virtual Work Experience with Dunelm: Careers, Skills, and Opportunities

In partnership with:



Step inside Dunelm, the UK's favourite homewares retailer, and discover what it's really like to work both in-store and behind the scenes. This Virtual Work Experience programme gives you a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of careers — from retail and supply chain to tech and head office roles — all while building valuable employability skills.

Through interactive activities and expert insights, you'll gain a deeper understanding of how a big business operates and what it takes to succeed in today's world of work. Whether you're interested in customer service, logistics, or digital innovation, this programme will help you find your happy place and take your first step towards a rewarding career.

 This programme is open to anyone aged 13+

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Venue: The Sixth Form Bolton

Course cost: £10 per course to be paid in full in advance

Age group: Year 10 - Year 11 pupils

COURSE 1: PERFORMING ARTS AND MEDIA

Duration: Three sessions

Dates: 4th December, 22nd January and 26th March

Day: Thursday, see overleaf for times

COURSE 2: MUSIC AND MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Duration: Three sessions

Dates: 4th December, 22nd January and 26th March

Day: Thursday, 5pm-6pm

To book your place please contact us on: afterschoolclubs@bolton-sfc.ac.uk



COURSE 1: PERFORMING ARTS AND MEDIA

SESSION 1: PERFORMANCE

Students are invited to watch our Year 1 and 2 Diploma in Performing Arts performance evening, 5pm - 7pm.

Performance 1: Movement in performance

Performance 2: Missing Dan Nolan by Mark Wheeler

Drinks and refreshments will be provided prior to the performances and in the interval.



SESSION 2: ADVANCED DEVISING TECHNIQUES, 5PM-6PM

Elevate your creative skills in theatre by mastering advanced devising techniques. Gain confidence and stand out in any audition with this workshop. Perfect for aspiring actors and directors.



SESSION 3: ADVANCED CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, 5PM-6PM

Unlock the secrets to creating truly authentic, emotionally rich characters using the Stanislavski method. This session is a must for aspiring actors who want to bring their performances to life in theatre or film.



COURSE 2: MUSIC AND MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

WEEK 1: CREATE CINEMATIC SOUNDS - YOUR STORY, YOUR SOUND

Step into the world of movie sound design and create your own foley sounds in a professional studio. Whether it's the crunch of footsteps, a door creaking, or the swoosh of a sword, your imagination will shape the soundscapes of tomorrow's films.



WEEK 2: COMPOSE MUSIC FOR THE BIG SCREEN - BE THE SOUNDTRACK

Become the composer behind a movie's emotional heartbeat. In this session, you'll use cutting-edge technology and professional software to compose original music tailored to a movie clip.



WEEK 3: FROM STUDIO TO STAGE - CREATE AND PERFORM LIKE A PRO DJ

Unleash your creativity and step into the world of live DJ performance. In this hands-on session, you'll craft your own samples, loops, and tracks using Ableton and Akai APC.





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Choosing well: how to pick the right path for you

Do your research

Find out as much as you can about a particular option. If you're looking at courses, what is the course content like? Are there any projects? Does it involve any practical work or does it focus more on theory? Can you speak to anyone who is doing the course? What do people who have taken the course do next?

Get a taster

You can't always get a feel for what something's really like before taking the plunge, but you may be able to try out an option first. If you're thinking of starting a new subject at A-level, can you do some background reading or watch some lectures online? If you have a particular career path in mind, relevant work experience can help you decide if it really is right for you.

Consider the detail

Listing the pros and cons and considering consequences are a good starting point when making decisions.

Think about what you prefer

Put simply, which do you like best and enjoy? In some cases, motivation counts more than ability so choosing something you really like doing and are prepared to stick at can work out well.

Follow your nose

What makes sense on paper doesn't always match real life. Sometimes a quality that you can't quite put your finger on can be the deciding factor, even if it doesn't match your original requirements. Try throwing a wild card into the mix – considering something which is not an obvious option can help question what you think you want.

Consider different points of view

Other people's advice – however well meaning – is often influenced by their own experience which

won't always be the same as yours. When anyone gives you advice, it's worth considering why they may suggest a certain approach. Are they thinking about their own regrets or do they want you to follow in their footsteps? How will your choice affect them?

Take a chance

Making a decision on the spur of the moment, flipping a coin or just being in the right place at the right time (or the wrong place at the wrong time) can account for a large amount of turning points in life. Even the most researched and thought-through decisions don't always work out how you expect – at some point you have to step into the unknown.

Don't just follow the herd

It can be easy to get swept along with what people around you are doing without considering if it's really right for you. If for example all of your friends are taking GCSE history – it can be easy to do the same. Just take a step back – check it's what you really want and make sure you haven't overlooked something that's a much better fit.

Use a mix of methods

When it comes to big decisions it can help to use a mix of methods. If you're choosing a college you could start by considering the detail – where offers the course you want; distance from your home town; entry requirements. Then after attending open days, you may make your selection based on the one that just feels right.

Finally, remember you can usually go back, retrain, or take another route to get to where you want to be – but getting it right first-time round can make things much easier.

[Click here for real life insights into jobs and career paths](#)



INFORMATION CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY TASTER WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in ICT

This will be a practical session based around Cyber Security

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email mpatel@preston.ac.uk



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ART & DESIGN TASTER WORKSHOP



TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Art & Design.

The session is intended to develop your creative print making skills. It will be hands on and cover a number of different forms of print.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email **dheyes@preston.ac.uk**



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FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY TASTER WORKSHOP



MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Media, Film & Photography.

The session will hands on and practical using industry standard software and equipment and is ideal for anybody looking for a career in TV, Film, Photography and Journalism.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email
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GAMES & GRAPHICS TASTER WORKSHOP



MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Games & Graphics.

The session will be based around 3D modelling in Maya where you will be introduced to aspects such as building, texturing, lighting and rendering.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email sroberts@preston.ac.uk



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STRONGER STARTS PROGRAMME OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS!

Tesco's Stronger Starts apprenticeship programme is now open, offering two fantastic apprenticeship pathways for young people, the well-established Retail Apprenticeship and the brand-new Maintenance Apprenticeship.

Stronger Starts is a fantastic opportunity for young people to kickstart a career in retail or maintenance, enjoy a brilliant starting salary, and receive lots of support and coaching along the way.

Read on for more information on the roles, links to apply, tips on applying and our upcoming webinar with the Tesco Early Careers team...

THE ROLES



Maintenance Apprenticeships

Stronger Starts are now offering a Maintenance Apprenticeship! Apprentices will work alongside earning a Level 2 Property Maintenance Operative qualification – equivalent to 5 GCSE passes.

The 18-month programme sets you up with the skills you need for everyday duties in maintenance jobs.

FIND OUT MORE



Retail Apprenticeships

Retail apprentices will work, earn and learn, gaining a Level 2 National Standard in Retail qualification over the course of the programme.

You'll gain hands-on experience of how a store operates, and have the opportunity to experience different roles and tasks across the store.

FIND OUT MORE

VACANCIES & HOW TO APPLY

Applications are now open for vacancies in stores in selected locations across England!

The Stronger Starts apprenticeship programme is a fantastic opportunity for young people to earn while they learn, gain skills and qualifications, receive ongoing support and enjoy long-term career opportunities.

APPLY NOW



MEET THE EMPLOYER



JOIN OUR WEBINAR

Join us and the Tesco Early Careers team on 8th December at 4pm to learn about the apprenticeships available, what is involved, the benefits available, and more.

Don't worry if you can't make it on the day, sign up anyway and we'll send you the recording so you don't miss out.

REGISTER NOW



Visit Tesco's Meet the Employer profile to find out more about the Stronger Starts apprenticeship programme application process and get tips on how to apply.

You can also find out what skills Tesco are looking for, what makes them a great employer, what life looks like behind-the-scenes and more.

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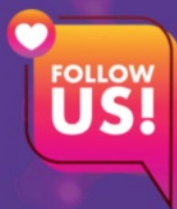
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Why?

Gaining work experience or doing extracurriculars is data-gathering for your future; you will learn what you like and dislike, what motivates you or doesn't. Plus, it's a great way to stand out in future university and job applications! University admissions tutors are looking for applicants who are dedicated to their subject and have taken the time to explore it beyond the classroom.

Work Experience

What counts as work experience?

Any professional environment where you are developing and applying skills is a form of meaningful work experience!



Remember, not all your work experience needs to be industry-specific - any experience provides you with transferable skills!

What?

- **Shadowing**
Observing someone in a working environment
- **Volunteering**
Such as at charity shops, care homes or tutoring
- **Insight days & workshops**
Online or in-person programmes for students
- **Part-time job**
Such as in a cafe/restaurant, shop assistant
- **Formal placements & internships**
Typically more widely available for 18+

Where?

- **Look local**
Research organisations in your local area and enquire about shadowing or volunteering opportunities
- **Use your network**
Ask friends, family, teachers for any relevant connections
- **Look out for formal schemes**
Research opportunities for school students on sites like [Prospects](#), LinkedIn or the [Student Ladder](#)

Extracurriculars

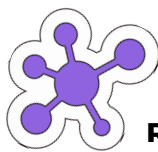


Consider what you already do outside of school - **what does it say about your interests or skills?**

Then, consider how you could develop further the skills required for your dream university course or career.

Socialising

Communication
Empathy



Sport

Leadership
Teamwork

Music or drama

Creativity
Commitment

Reading & writing

Analytical thinking
Attention to detail

What can I do in my free time to develop my skills?

Read or listen to podcasts related to your subject interests

Raise money for a charity or awareness about an issue important to you

Set up a club: STEM, debating, photography, newspaper, documentary...

Create your own portfolio of work, e.g. create a GitHub account to log your coding projects

Produce a journal or research project

Organise an event (marketing, sales & project management)

Manage a budget for a trip or holiday

Talk about your experiences in your applications...



Gaining experiences beyond your studies is only meaningful in your personal statement if you know how to relate them to your chosen course!

THINK: why has your extracurricular/work experience/project contributed to your passion or compatibility for your chosen subject? How did it ignite your spark for that field?

Looking to gain work experience? Check out InvestIN's programmes at www.investin.org



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Start building a stand-out portfolio of work to boost applications to competitive universities & colleges

Find out how to begin your creative career in our latest blog post



View programmes



Insight into the Royal Air Force

Tuesday 25th November - 5pm to 6:30pm

This event is open to all, and as the RAF has over 70 different roles, including medical, engineering, STEM, Law, Business, and much more, it is open to students studying all kinds of disciplines.

Have you ever wondered how Britain protects its skies and keeps us safe? Now is your unique chance to join us and find out how.

The RAF protects the skies of the United Kingdom and is the first point of call when threats arise in the airspace. You might be surprised to learn that just 4% of RAF personnel are pilots. This means that 94% of all other roles are in different sectors.

If you are interested in:

Technology, Cyber, Engineering, Catering, Medical, including Doctors and Nurses, Accounting, HR, Law, then the RAF might well have a role for you.

By joining the RAF, you will receive world-class training, get excellent starting salaries, subsidised food and accommodation, plus the opportunity to travel the globe!

Do you have any hobbies - skiing? Cycling? Boxing? Running? Or perhaps something else. The RAF has you covered and will pay you to enjoy doing the things that you want through their adventurous training.

Even if you have never considered a career with the RAF before, now might be your chance to explore that option. If you share some of these values: communication skills, teamwork, integrity and honesty, motivation and self-confidence, then you are already part way there!

Event Details:

- Date: Tuesday, 25th November
- Time: 5pm - 6:30pm
- Location: Virtual via Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Application Link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RAF_Controller

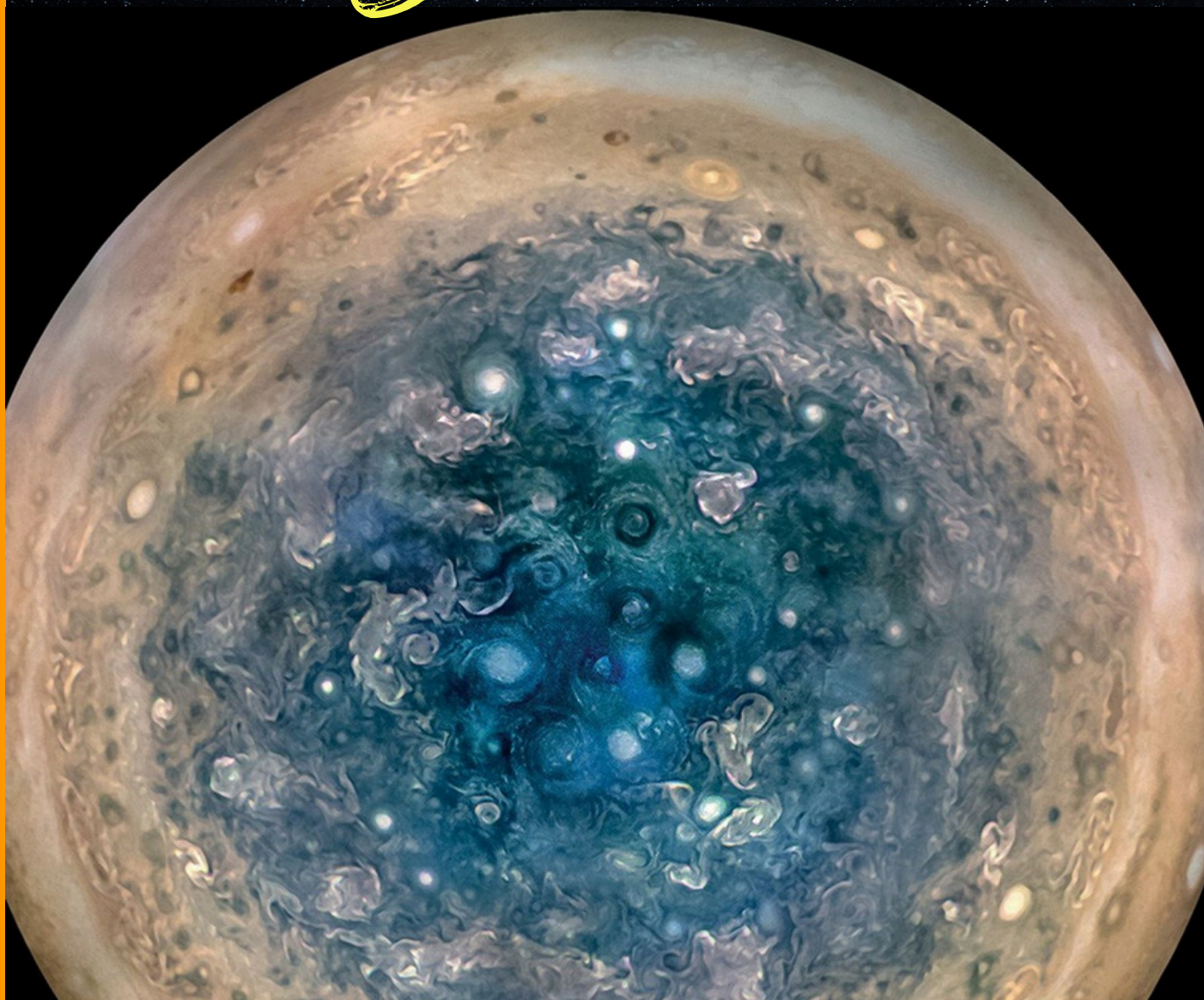
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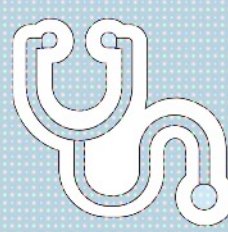
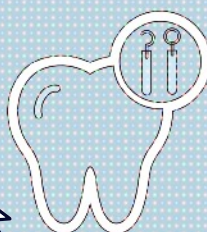
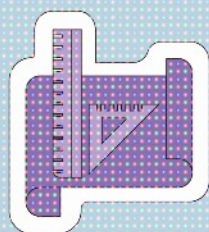
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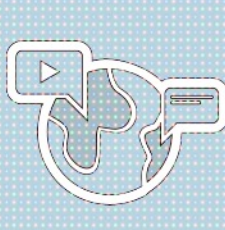
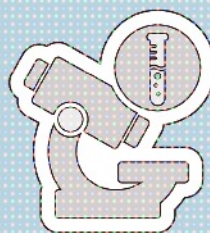


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The UKCAT People

I am getting in touch as many of our partner schools have asked for early guidance for their Year 11, Year 12 and gap year students who are considering Medicine or Dentistry.

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We have supported students from Parklands High School in the past through webinars or 1-1 tutoring, and wanted to share this guidance in case it is helpful for your current applicants.

Free Webinar Details:

- Ultimate Guide To Getting Into Medicine And Dentistry for 2027 Entry
- Wednesday 3 December 2025, 19:00-20:15 UK time
- Online via zoom
- Led by: Dr Akash Gandhi - GP & lead medicine & dentistry mentor at TheUKCATPeople

Registration link:

<https://www.theukcatpeople.co.uk/event-details/getting-into-medicine-dentistry-webinar>

What will we cover?

- Overview of applying to medical & dental school in the UK
- Entry Requirements (GCSE/A-Levels)
- UCAT & 2026 Changes
- Work Experience & Volunteering Requirements
- Personal Statement - Wider Reading & Extra-Curricular Requirements
- Oxbridge Applications
- Q&A for parents & students - have all of your questions answered by the team

The webinar is free to attend and places are limited.

Please do encourage your students to register early as the event usually fills very quickly.

We have been helping students apply for more than thirteen years and now have over 400 unbiased five star reviews on Trustpilot. In 2025 we taught UCAT courses at schools across the country including Queen Elizabeths Boys School, St Pauls, Colfes, Brampton College, Francis Holland and many others. Several of these schools have trusted us with UCAT preparation for more than ten years.

Thank you again for everything you are doing to support your students.

Kind regards,

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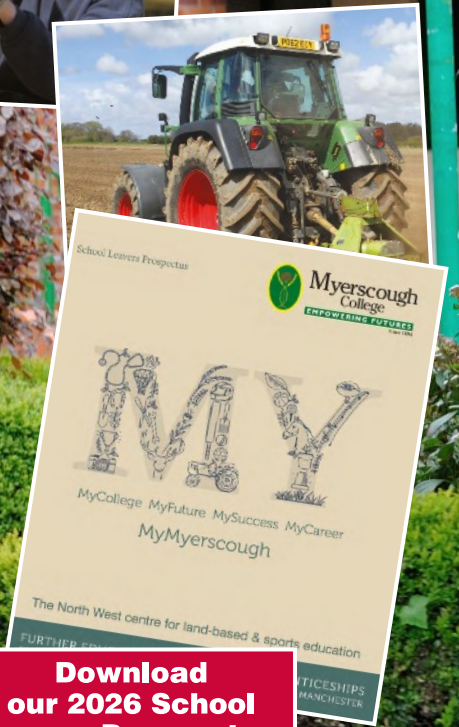
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Fleetwood Nautical Campus – Maritime Open Day

Location: Broadwater, Fleetwood FY7 8JZ

Date: Thursday 27th Nov – 13:30 until 17:00

Registration: <https://fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/maritime-careers-events>

For anyone interested or considering a career at sea, this is the perfect event for you.

Staff at Fleetwood Nautical Campus will be on hand to discuss how you will move through phased learning in both the classroom and at sea, as well as current students to learn about their experiences.

You'll also have the chance to meet with representatives of Clyde Marine Training who can explain how a cadetship works, including the fact that tuition fees are paid by your sponsoring company, and you'll receive a monthly payment while you study.

You can look around of our world class facilities:

- classrooms/workshops
- marine engineering centre
- halls of residence

And see demos in our:

- environmental pool
- bridge simulators
- engine room simulators

With career paths in nautical science (deck), marine engineering and electro-technical, there's something for everyone!

To reserve your place, click the registration link above.

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5-7PM

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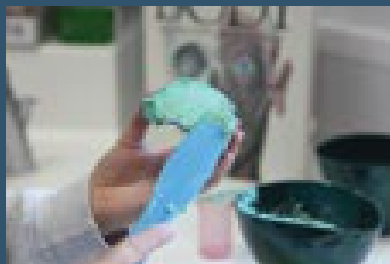
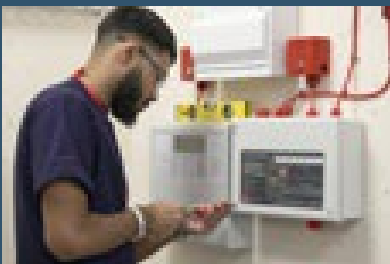
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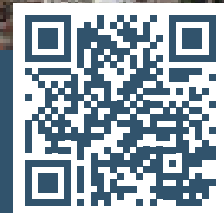
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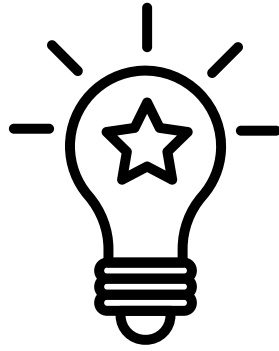
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Monday 3 November 2025
Monday 26 January 2026
Monday 27 April 2026**

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4.30pm - 7.00pm

**Monday 13 October 2025
Monday 10 November 2025
Monday 2 February 2026**



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WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

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to include a 30-minute quiet session 5.00pm-5.30pm*

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Open Day - 10.00am - 1.30pm

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Learn about all areas of retail and how a store works across all areas.

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Develop an understanding of how a business works - on a store and national level.

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Become proficient at using a range of different technologies.

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Develop an understanding of product placement promotional activities.

TEAMWORK

Build your people and teamwork skills by working with a wide variety of colleagues.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Progress your time management skills and learn how to prioritise tasks.

PROBLEM-SOLVING

There will be lots of opportunities to develop your problem-solving skills in retail.

COMMUNITY

Gain knowledge of supporting local communities.



Retail Apprenticeship Where could it take you?



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1

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PROJECT MANAGER

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NOVEMBER 2025



BRITISH ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER

FOR EDUCATORS & CAREERS LEADS

SPOTLIGHT ON

ROYAL ARTILLERY

INTRODUCE YOUR STUDENTS TO THE ROYAL ARTILLERY
- A BRANCH OF THE BRITISH ARMY WHERE TRADITION MEETS CUTTING-EDGE TECH AND ADVENTURE.

WHAT MAKES IT STAND OUT ?



■ **DRONE OPERATIONS:** Use advanced surveillance tech and uncrewed aerial systems.

■ **KING'S TROOP:** Join ceremonial units with horse-drawn gun carriages at royal events.

■ **COMMANDO & PARACHUTE ROLES:** Train with elite forces, including amphibious and airborne deployments.

■ **STEM & LEADERSHIP:** Roles that blend science, engineering, and real-world decision-making.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ➔

WHY SHARE THIS WITH STUDENTS ?

Offers diverse career paths - from tech to tradition. Builds confidence, discipline, and teamwork. Includes apprenticeships, qualifications, and global travel.

CLASSROOM SUBJECTS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOOL SUBJECTS CAN LINK DIRECTLY TO ROLES IN THE BRITISH ARMY BY PROVIDING FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL FOR SPECIFIC CAREERS.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE): FROM THE SPORTS FIELD TO THE GLOBAL MISSION!

TANK CREWMAN ➔

- Tank crewmen operate in confined spaces, lift heavy equipment, and endure long missions.
- Operating a tank requires precise coordination between driver, gunner, and commander.
- Navigating terrain and reacting quickly to threats is vital in armoured vehicles.



STRENGTH TRAINING, AGILITY
DRILLS & REACTION GAMES.



ENDURANCE CHALLENGES,
TEAM WORK & GOAL SETTING.



MOVEMENT PATTERNS,
COORDINATION, RHYTHM.



BALANCE, CORE STABILITY,
POSTURE.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY ➔

- Mounted soldiers need excellent balance and control while riding.
- Household Cavalry perform ceremonial duties requiring precision and discipline.
- Cavalry units rely on strong leadership and cohesion.



ARMY APPLICATION AT A GLANCE - MAKING THAT FIRST STEP

HINTS AND TIPS

APPLYING ONLINE ➔

Any application to join the British Army starts with an online application.

1

Encourage Early Online Registration

Help students understand that the application starts online and requires creating an account with basic personal details.



2

Support Eligibility Awareness

Guide students to check their age, nationality, and qualifications early to ensure they meet entry requirements.



3

Promote Career Exploration

Encourage students to explore different Army roles so they're ready to choose the right application form based on their eligibility.



4

Connect with Army Outreach

Invite Army careers advisors or use official resources to give students insight into the recruitment process and lifestyle.



5

Link Academic Subjects to Army Skills

Reinforce how subjects like Maths, English, and PE develop key skills such as problem-solving, communication, and physical fitness - all valued in Army careers.



Provide Time & Space for Applications.
Offer support sessions or quiet time for students to complete their online forms and ask questions.

GET IN TOUCH

**WANT TO BOOK TALK,
REQUEST MATERIALS
OR ASK A QUESTION?**

Call your local office or email the Army Outreach team at rg-nrcoutreachadmin@mod.gov.uk

FIND A RECRUITMENT CENTRE ➔



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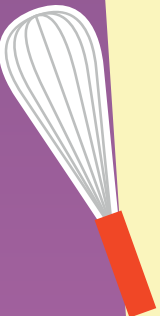


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The technology sector is rapidly transforming every part of our world, from cybersecurity and app design to healthcare innovation and sustainable energy. For students aged 14–18, early exposure to these opportunities can spark curiosity, build confidence, and help them uncover future career paths they might never have considered.

That is why I would like to invite your students to the **Tech Mentor No-Code Hackathon**, taking place on **Saturday 13th December**, from 10am to 4pm.

<https://techmentor.org.uk/national-hackathon-competition>

The Tech Mentor No-Code Hackathon is a hands-on, team-based event where students will have the chance to:

- Build their own app to solve a real-world challenge, with no code needed.
- Develop essential skills like problem-solving, teamwork, and creativity.
- Create a portfolio of work they can showcase for jobs, apprenticeships, or university applications.
- Explore the wide variety of career opportunities in tech, from app development to green energy.
- Work in a safe, supportive environment where mistakes are part of the learning process.

The event is open to students aged 14–18 (Years 10–13) and is designed to be accessible to everyone, regardless of their experience with technology. Here's what they can expect:

- The hackathon will be fully online via Zoom, running from 10am to 4pm (UK GMT).
- Students will work in teams to tackle a surprise real-world challenge using no-code platforms.
- They'll be guided by experienced mentors who will support them throughout the day.
- Each participant will receive a certificate of participation
- The cost is £15 per student, which covers platform and administration costs.

Winners from this hackathon will be invited to the National Finals on 11th July 2026, where they'll compete for:

- **1st Place: £1,000 for the winning team and £100 to each winning team member's school.**
- **2nd Place: £750 cash prize for the team.**
- **3rd Place: £500 cash prize for the team.**

Students will be allocated to random groups on the day to keep the competition fair and enhance your networking experience! This is a chance for you to meet likeminded students beyond your school environment and start building your Tech Network!

Spaces are limited, so I encourage you to share this opportunity with your students and encourage them to register early to avoid disappointment.

Register now:

<https://techmentor.org.uk/national-hackathon-competition>



APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED TO MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER
- AVIATION OPERATIONS
MANAGER
- CABIN CREW
- INTELLIGENCE ANALYST
- INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT
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- TEACHER
- TRANSPORT PLANNER
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WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

10 key facts you need to know



An apprenticeship is a real job

Available to individuals aged 16+ (with no upper age limit).*



Apprentices are paid a salary

All apprentices will earn a salary, which will vary depending on the role, but must be at least the National Minimum Wage for apprentices, which is currently £7.55 per hour.**



Duration of apprenticeships

Most apprenticeships typically take between 8 months and 6 years to complete.



Apprenticeships levels

Apprenticeship levels range from level 2 (foundation and intermediate) through to level 7 (master's level).



Apprentices do not pay for their training

Apprenticeship training costs are paid for by the employer and/or the government.



Apprentices receive paid off-the-job training (OTJT)

Each apprenticeship now has its own minimum paid OTJT, which apprentices spend gaining valuable skills and qualifications.



Apprentices will spend the majority of their time on-the-job

Most of an apprentice's paid time will be spent on-the-job, working with colleagues to learn new skills and gain experience of the workplace.

700

There are hundreds of apprenticeship standards

There are now nearly 700 apprenticeship standards. Find out more about them here: amapps.uk/a-zstandards

70%

The range of occupations is huge

According to Government statistics, nearly 70% of occupations can now be entered via an apprenticeship.***



There are thousands of apprenticeship roles

New apprenticeships are advertised throughout the year, covering a wide range of job roles.



Linked resource

Explore our other new and recently updated Rapid Reads (see link below).



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*some standards only funded for those aged 22+ if eligibility is met

**correct as of April 2025

***Apprenticeship achievements - An update for the sector

MENTORVERSE

Your aspiring medical and dental students in years 10-11 are eligible to attend a **FREE LIVE VIRTUAL 'Get into' Conference** on:

Get Into Medicine:

- **Saturday 22nd November from 9am - 1.30pm**

Get Into Dentistry:

- **Sunday 30th November from 9am - 1.30pm**

Once students have attended, they will be awarded with a certificate from the Presidents at Mentorverse to acknowledge that they are a student who has gone one step further than others.

The Get into conference is a significant turning point for aspiring medical and dental students. It will unlock exclusive opportunities, such as scholarships and prizes, and help them make a highly competitive application.

Students and parents can register using this link:

Medicine: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

The **Get into Conference** is a comprehensive guide to the medical and dental application process. Dr Kennedy, Dr Safiyyah and I will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools
- Personal Statements
- Interview Schools
- National Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- UCAT Exam
- Accessing Scholarships

We strongly encourage all students to make the most out of this free opportunity.

Spaces are competitive and limited, so students should register as soon as they can using the link below.

Registration Links:

Medicine: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

Getting into medicine/dentistry may seem impossible to many students, but we're here to break down the entire process into actionable steps.

Previously successful Medical students: <https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>

Previously successful Dental students:

<https://dental-mentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>

From Secondary School Student to Medical Scholarship Student: a step-by-step guide on getting into medical school successfully: <https://medicmentor.org/become-a-medic-mentor-student-2/>

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LIVE!

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Get Into Medicine.

CONFERENCE

One of our doctors (Chief Mentors) will take you step-by-step through your application to medical school.

This includes:

- Application Timelines
- Interview Training
- Personal Statements
 - CV Building
 - UCAT Exams
 - Extracurriculars
- Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes, Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

You'll also hear from a recently successful applicant on what it takes to make your candidacy to medical school stand out!

Understanding the pivotal role that work experience plays in shaping a student's perspective on their future career, we're delighted to extend an invitation to your students to participate in our FREE 6-month medical or 4-month dental virtual work experience programme.

Aiming to provide students with insights into the medical and dental fields, this free virtual work experience empowers students to make informed decisions about their future.

Students aged 14 and above are eligible to apply for a placement for FREE through these links:

Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Virtual work experience has been recognised by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as a valuable substitute for in-person shadowing. This endorsement is underpinned by the Health Education England Discovery report, which highlights the positive impact of virtual work placements.

This virtual experience not only serves as a dependable alternative to traditional shadowing but also plays a pivotal role in equipping students with the necessary skills for their in-person work placements. In 2024, these 6-month medical and 4-month dental work experience programmes facilitated over 30,000 secondary school students in accessing complimentary work experience opportunities. Through structured instruction and direct engagement with healthcare professionals, students are well-prepared for their future endeavours.

Crafted in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust and built with the flexibility of an E-learning format, participants can navigate their placements at their own pace, exploring vital topics like ethics, procedures, and broader team roles. This virtual experience not only enhances students' UCAS applications, but also strategically prepares them for the practical challenges and opportunities ahead.

Taking part in the Virtual Work Experience will provide:

- **Comprehensive Insights:** The programme covers a range of specialities, providing a deep understanding of medical and dental practices. Each month, a new focus area is introduced, allowing participants to delve into different aspects of the field.
- **Flexible Participation:** Tailored for students from years 10-11, the programme accommodates various schedules by being virtual. Participants have one month to complete each specialty, ensuring flexibility and ease of participation.
- **Recognised Certification:** Upon successful completion of all sessions, students will receive a certificate from Medic Mentor and UHB, validating their active participation which they can include in their UCAS and apprenticeships applications.

***The new speciality on General Practice or
Public Health & Oral Pathology is available now.***

Registering for these programmes is simple - students just need to complete the free online application form:

Aspiring Medics: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shrGJUAtigzZzDwTN>

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CONFERENCE

One of our dentists (Chief Mentors) will take you step-by-step through your application to dental school.

This includes:

- Application Timelines
- Interview Training
- Personal Statements
 - CV Building
- Entrance Exam: UCAT
 - Extracurriculars
- Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes,
- Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

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MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

The Medical Schools Council acknowledges virtual work experience as an equal alternative to in-person shadowing based on a discovery report conducted by Health Education England. I encourage students aged 14 and over, interested in medicine to participate in our FREE National NHS Virtual Work Experience programme. We are pleased to offer a variety of medical specialties, with a focus this month on palliative care. This enables your students to gain a well-rounded perspective of working within the NHS.

This opportunity is for students in Years 10-11.

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Developed in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, this Virtual Work Experience has proven to be transformative for thousands of secondary school students over the past year. It also provides a strong foundation of knowledge for students who are preparing to undertake future in-person placements.

We've designed a 6-month medical e-learning work experience programme, focusing on one specialty each month, allowing students to set their own pace of learning. From structured teaching to direct interaction with doctors and healthcare professionals, our programme ensures students not only observe procedures but also gain a broader understanding of roles within the medical field.

Covering everything from confidentiality and ethics workshops delivered by the GMC to clinical procedures, our virtual work experience provides a crucial overview, thereby enhancing your students' UCAS applications.

Signing up is easy – students simply need to fill out the free online application form:

Why the Medic Mentor Virtual Work Experience is the largest In the UK...

- There are 6 Sessions in total providing the longest and most in-depth work experience available
- It covers 6 different areas of medicine whereas other work experiences only cover 1 or 2
- It is e-learning based so students can complete it in their own time around school work
- Students have 30 days to complete one session and then the next session drops
- Students are provided a certificate of completion once all 6 sessions are done
- Involves real doctors, clinical settings and high fidelity simulations
- Takes students on a complete patient journey
- Students get an insight into the multidisciplinary team
- Includes a free reflective journal (great for personal statements)
- It's completely free!
- *Why not sign up today?*



**University Hospitals
Birmingham**
NHS Foundation Trust



Follow multiple patients over a 6-month period, as they go from their initial injury to recovery. It is amazing how many different healthcare professionals are involved in a patient's care. This incredible opportunity showcases a variety of professionals in one day. It gives students a chance to see them in action in various settings from the ward to the community. It is also a fantastic opportunity to see them work together in a multidisciplinary team.

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and also each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching. This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and their healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community. For this reason we recommend that students attend one work experience a month for 6 months to not only gain a deeper knowledge of multidisciplinary teams in general but also their chosen careers.

Register here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Please ask students to check their spam folders and mark their attendance on the day in order to receive their Work Experience Certificates.

This programme is suitable for students in year groups 10/11 who are interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

The sooner students begin work experience, the better. During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make an informed career decision and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students will receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the full 5-month programme will also be awarded Highly Commended References.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

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After a compelling talk from our guest speaker about their career and
what they do day to day, you will **dive into live work experience sessions**
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months, and experience how many different healthcare professionals
are involved in a patient's care, from hospital all the way through to a
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Early years teacher

Early years teachers work in settings including nurseries and preschools and play an important role in the early development of young children.

As an early years teacher (EYT), you'll work with children aged 0-5 years, nurturing and supporting their learning and development. This will usually be in a day nursery, preschool or playgroup, but you could also work within the reception year/early years foundation stage (EYFS) of an independent school, academy or free school.

Your aim will be to provide a safe and secure environment for children, in which you'll use resources to plan activities and help them to meet early learning goals within knowledge, skills and understanding. You'll need to record observations and summarise achievements and liaise with parents, staff and other educational professionals.

EYTS is a specialist qualification for working with children in early years settings. It is different from qualified teacher status (QTS), which is a legal requirement for teaching in primary and secondary maintained schools. This means you cannot work as a class teacher in a maintained school with EYTS alone.

Find out more about being a primary school teacher.

Responsibilities

As an early years teacher, you'll need to:

- motivate and stimulate children in their learning
- provide pastoral care and support to children within a secure learning environment
- aid the development of a child's personal, social, language and physical coordination abilities
- develop and produce visual aids and teaching resources
- encourage mathematical and creative development through stories, songs, games, drawing and imaginative play
- help children develop curiosity and knowledge
- work with others, including teaching assistants and nursery nurses as well as volunteer helpers, to plan and coordinate work both indoors and outdoors
- share knowledge gained with other practitioners and build and maintain relationships with parents
- observe, assess and record each child's progress
- ensure the health and safety of children and staff is maintained during all activities, both inside and outside the setting
- attend staff meetings and staff training days
- keep up to date with changes in the curriculum and developments in best practice

You'll need to make sure the activities you plan and carry out in any setting meet the requirements of the relevant educational framework:

- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) in England
- Curriculum for Excellence (Early Level) in Scotland
- Curriculum for Wales - Early years
- Early years education in Northern Ireland

Salary

Starting salaries are usually in the region of £22,000 to £26,000, depending on setting and location.

With experience, this can rise to between £30,000 and £40,000, particularly in supervisory or management roles.

Pay is not nationally regulated in the same way as for teachers with QTS, so earnings can vary widely. Keep up to date with education press and news from the Department for Education (DfE) in case there are any changes.

Pay and conditions are set by individual employers, so vary depending on the setting in which you work.

Income figures are intended as a guide only.



For more information click [here](#)