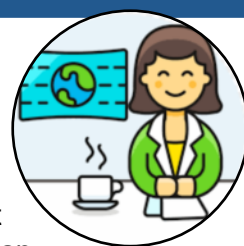




## Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

Hello there. Lots of useful information, as always, in this edition of Career News.

- Most of the college open events have now taken place, although there are still one or two in December - and of course, a few in the New Year. However, college interviews start in January, so applications need to be in as soon as possible. So far, only around 25% of the Year 11s have applied to college, so [click here](#) for a link to FAQs about college and applications and spend just ten minutes over the weekend applying! You can change anything on the application form at your interview, on New Student Day or at enrolment, so don't panic if you don't know exactly what you want to study right now. What you are doing at the moment is reserving your place at one or more colleges. They are filling up fast, so don't delay.
- Psychology is a subject that fascinates students and is always one of the most popular A Level choices - but did you know just what is involved in becoming a psychologist? Find out inside ...
- The final medical and dental conferences for this year are coming up - if you are an aspiring medic or dentist in either Year 10 or 11, you really need to take part in one of these - and the free virtual work experience programmes they offer alongside. Absolutely vital for medical school applications in the future.
- There are various apprenticeship schemes on offer at present - and you can apply for these now (even though you obviously cannot start an apprenticeship until summer next year). BAE Systems application window is open now and the Leyland Trucks vacancies will be released in January - so keep an eye out for details.
- Good luck to Year 11 for the Mock Exams, starting next week. You will get your results in January, in good time for the college interviews and for Mock Interviews with employers in February.
- Take your mind off the recent budget, if you can, and settle down for a read - there's so much in here!



*Have a great weekend*



1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025



# INFORMATION CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY TASTER WORKSHOP

**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mpatel@preston.ac.uk)



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# ART & DESIGN TASTER WORKSHOP



**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> 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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## **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+

 Certificate of completion

 Over 7 hours worth of content

 Complete at a pace that suits you

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# Textiles

A Level – NEW COURSE

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Course

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sustainable  
course using all  
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materials

Live briefs  
giving you real  
opportunities  
to display your  
work

Excellent  
regular trips,  
visits &  
creative talks

Are you creative, curious and passionate about design? Our A Level Textiles course gives you the chance to explore the world of fashion, interiors and surface design while developing your own unique creative voice. If you're in Year 11 and love design, craft or fashion – this is the perfect next step!



# A Level Textiles

## Why choose Textiles at A Level:

- A strong focus on **sustainability** – explore eco-friendly materials, ethical design and the future of fashion.
- Hands-on projects that encourage **experimentation** with fabric, paint, embroidery and mixed media.
- Opportunities to connect your work to **real-world themes**, from culture and identity to environmental responsibility.

## Entry Requirements:

Students studying three A Levels and/or AAQs will be expected to have a minimum of two GCSEs at grade 5 and three at grade 4, including English Language, Mathematics and Art. Those who have not studied Art at GCSE will be asked to bring samples of their work so that the best advice can be offered. Student will be invited on campus for a skills assessment.

## Assessment:

Component 1: Personal Investigation – 60% of final grade.

Component 2: Externally set assignment – 40% of final grade.

Both components are internally assessed and externally moderated. You will also present a portfolio and an exhibition of your work covering both components.

**Exam Board:** AQA

## Future Career Opportunities:

This course provides a clear progression pathway to higher education, including the BA (Hons) Commercial Surface Design at The University of Greater Manchester, as well as a wide range of creative careers in fashion, textiles, interiors and product design.

## Enrichment:

Students within the Art department will have the opportunity to take part in various enrichment activities:

- Day trips to galleries, artist studios and city visits
- Art & Design workshops
- 3D workshops
- Industry guest speakers

## Other courses you may like:

This course mixes well with Graphic Design, Art, Photography, Media and Film Studies. You may study up to two creative subjects. You will have opportunities to work with all of the Arts across the college, with the guidance and expertise of the course leaders.



**More course  
information here**

# How to Become a Psychologist: The Three Steps You Need to Take

Did you know that Psychology is swiftly becoming one of the most popular degree courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate level?

A quick Google search tells us there are thousands of different short courses available in the UK, with even more undergraduate, Masters and conversion degrees available.

However, only a select number will help you to graduate with the qualification you need to become a Chartered Psychologist in the UK – a title which is legally recognised and reflects the highest standard of psychological knowledge. Achieving Chartered Psychologist status is essential for most careers in the sector – from educational psychology to sports psychology, occupational psychology, to forensic psychology and more – and will ensure you reach your full earning potential.



## How to become a psychologist

The pathway to psychology - In order to become a Chartered Psychologist you'll need to follow these three steps:

Step 1: Study a BPS Accredited Psychology Qualification

Step 2: Achieve Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the BPS

Step 3: Gain Further Training in the Field of Psychology You Want to Work In

### Step 1: Study a BPS Accredited Psychology Qualification

No doubt one of your first questions is “what qualifications do I need to become a psychologist?”. With many course options and career paths to choose from, the answer to this question can seem a daunting one. However, in order to become a Chartered Psychologist in the UK, there's only one accreditation you need to look out for: British Psychological Society (BPS) accreditation. The BPS is the representative body for psychology and psychologists and is responsible for awarding individuals with Chartered Psychologist status.

BPS accreditation can be bestowed upon undergraduate, postgraduate and conversion degrees and shows the course has met a set of rigorous criteria set by the Society.

There are many Psychology courses which run without BPS accreditation. However, these courses are usually better suited to students looking to pursue careers more broadly related to how people think, act and feel – such as teacher, counsellor, HR practitioner or social worker. If you are looking to specialise in psychology after graduation, even if you don't know what path you want to pursue yet, ensuring your course is BPS accredited is essential.

## Step 2: Achieve Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the BPS

Once you graduate from a BPS accredited undergraduate or postgraduate conversion course, you'll be eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the BPS. This shows that you've studied Psychology in sufficient breadth and depth to be able to progress to the next step; the Society-accredited professional postgraduate training needed to become a Chartered Psychologist in your chosen field.

As further training is highly specialised and jobs are extremely vocational, it is advisable that, at this stage, you identify what specialism you're most interested in pursuing and look to gain relevant work experience. For example, if you're thinking about specialising in occupational psychology, experience in an HR department could be advantageous. Or, if you're considering a career as a chartered clinical psychologist, securing a role as an assistant psychologist and providing support for people with mental health problems would be extremely worthwhile. GBC status, and graduating with a 2:1 or equivalent degree from a BPS accredited degree programme is normally an essential requirement for assistant psychologist positions.

## Step 3: Gain Further Training in the Field of Psychology You Want to Work In

The final step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist is to undertake BPS accredited postgraduate study or training in the area you wish to specialise in, and if applicable, to register as a practitioner psychologist with the Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC).

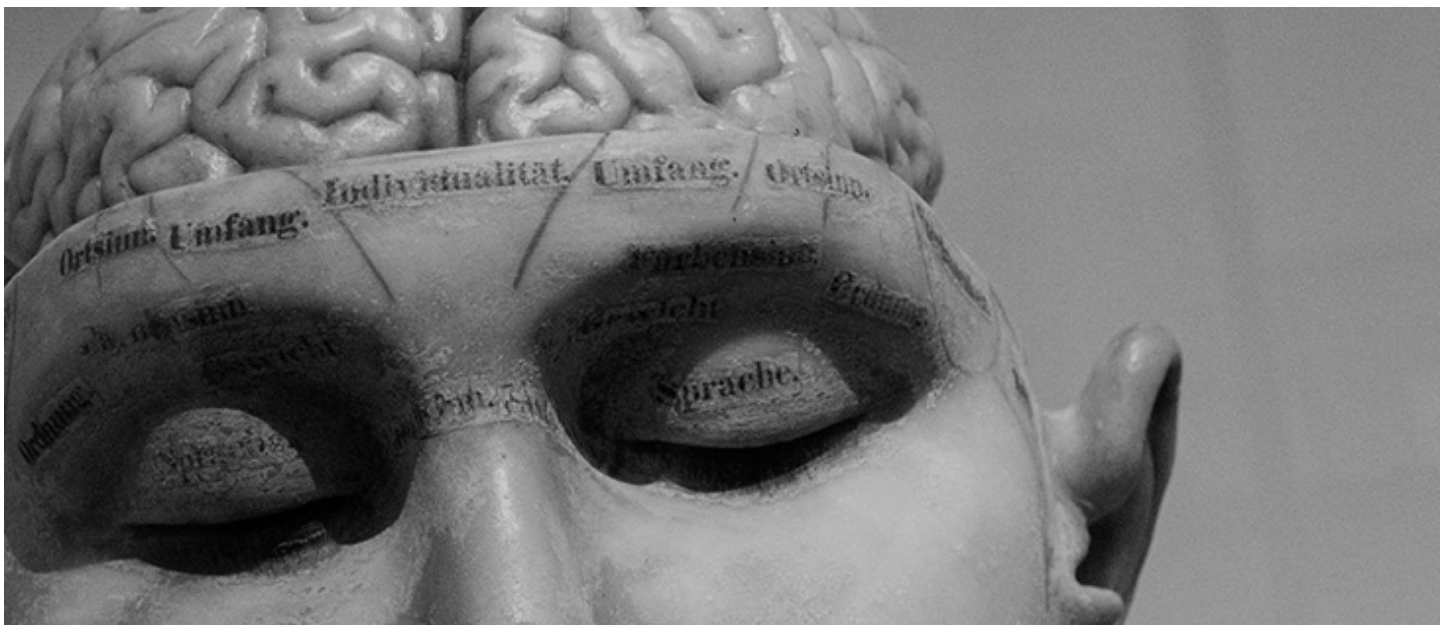
There are a number of different routes you could pursue at this stage, depending on the field of psychology you want to work in:

- **Postgraduate Masters study** in a specialist area, such as Health Psychology, Sport and Exercise Psychology, or Organisational Psychology. The exact nature of the training will vary, but generally you'll need to have previously completed a Psychology MSc or MPhil with an applied research project. Many postgraduate training programmes will also require you to have significant relevant work experience.
- **A postgraduate research degree**, such as a BPS accredited Doctorate in Educational Psychology or Clinical Psychology. Doctorates typically take three to four years (full time) or six to eight years (part time) and are the only pathway available for several specialist psychology disciplines, such as those mentioned above. You could also complete a PhD in another area (such as Social Psychology) which is not accredited by the BPS; this could still lead to a specialist career. It is important to understand whether the discipline you are interested in requires you to follow an accredited route (e.g. Clinical Psychology) or not (e.g. Social Psychology).
- **A BPS qualification**, which normally includes an element of structured supervised practice and is a good option for students who are already working in the area they wish to qualify in, such as Clinical Neuropsychology or Counselling Psychology.

Once you have graduated from your specialist programme, you'll be on course to apply to become a Chartered Member of the BPS - the final stage of your journey.

## How long does it take to become a Psychologist?

Depending on where you are in your psychology journey it can take between 6 and 12 years to become a chartered psychologist. This varies depending on industry and speciality.





# COME ALONG TO OUR APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENING

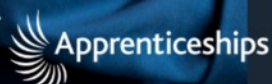
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4:00PM-7:30PM

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## Take part in our fun and creative after-school clubs.

The Sixth Form Bolton is proud to offer two exciting after-school clubs for pupils with a passion for Performing Arts, Media and Music and for those interested in pursuing a career within the creative industries. These interactive sessions will help you learn and develop a wide range of performance and music skills.

**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](mailto: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.



# FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY TASTER WORKSHOP



**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**VISIT THE PROFILE**



# Industrial Cadets: Individual Challenger Experiences

Our current available Individual Challenger activities are listed below. More exciting activities will be added soon.

To register for one of the activities - click on the link below, create an account on our Learning Platform, choose and pay for your activity, start and complete your 3 hour activity in your own time. Suggested age 11-16. On completion you will receive your Industrial Cadets Challenger certificate to download.

Cost: £25

## Carbon Capture - Eco Garden project

This course is aimed at 11 - 16 year olds and can be completed by yourself. The recommended time to complete is 3 hours but it can take longer depending on the detail you put into your project. You can complete it in your own time and it can be completed in multiple sessions as your progress will be saved.

This course is designed to help you create a garden that supports the environment and contributes positively to the fight against climate change. Together, we'll explore the basics of climate change, its impacts, and the importance of natural carbon stores.

You'll learn about carbon sequestration—the process by which plants, soil, and other natural features capture and store carbon dioxide. With this understanding, you'll plan a garden that includes as many carbon-storing elements as possible. We'll also look at other features that can make your garden environmentally friendly, such as supporting biodiversity, conserving water, and providing habitat for pollinators.

To bring your ideas to life, you'll have the option of using recycled or craft materials for hands-on model building, or digital tools to create a detailed online design. This flexibility allows you to explore your creativity in a way that suits your preferences and resources.

By the end of this course, you'll have a clear plan for an eco garden tailored to your space and a deeper understanding of how small, thoughtful changes can make a big environmental difference.

## TinkerCAD Moon Base Project

This course is aimed at 11 - 16 year olds and it can be completed by yourself. The recommended time to complete is 3 hours but it can take longer depending on the detail you put into your project. You can complete it in your own time and can be completed in multiple sessions as your progress will be saved.

This course is designed to help you create a 3D design using a CAD program. You will be able to investigate and learn how to create a 3D moonbase, fit for astronauts, whilst learning more about the best place to setup a base on the moon. Please keep in mind you will need an email address to log into TinkerCAD- this can be your own email or a parent/carer's email.

You'll learn about all the different elements you'd need to consider when building a base such as environmental factors, temperature, design shape, rooms and also think about what materials you could use in space.

To bring your ideas to life, you'll log in to TinkerCAD and go through the different lessons that are assigned to you.

By the end of this course, you'll have a clear understanding of how to use a CAD program whilst deepening your understanding of space.

[sign up](#)





£25 per  
project

For ages  
11 - 16

# Individual Challenger Experience

The Individual Challenger Activities are an exciting way for students to complete a short STEM project from home and gain an Industrial Cadets Challenger award.



## Carbon Capture - Eco Garden Project

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- You'll learn about **carbon sequestration**—the process by which plants, soil, and other natural features capture and store carbon dioxide.
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## TinkerCAD Moon Base Project

- Create a **3D design using a CAD program**.
- Learn how to create a **3D moonbase, fit for astronauts**, whilst learning more about the best place to setup a base on the moon.
- By the end of this course, you'll have a clear understanding of how to use a CAD program whilst deepening your understanding of space.

## How to sign up/find out more

To sign up, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code!



# Gaining Experience Beyond The Classroom

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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

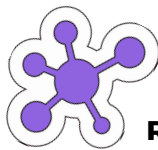


Consider what you already do outside of school - **what does it say about your interests or skills?**

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](http://www.investin.org)



### Why choose the Preston Centre of Sporting Excellence?

- Three different vocational levels for 16 to 19 year olds
- Lessons are delivered at Preston College; sports hall, 3G pitch, fitness suites and classrooms
- High level of competition in football with the opportunity to represent Preston College and Preston North End Community and Education Trust (PNECET)
- Work experience opportunities with PNECET
- Assessed through the completion of a portfolio, formal assignments, presentations, in class tests and practical assessments
- A progression pathway into higher education with the University of South Wales, scholarships or employment
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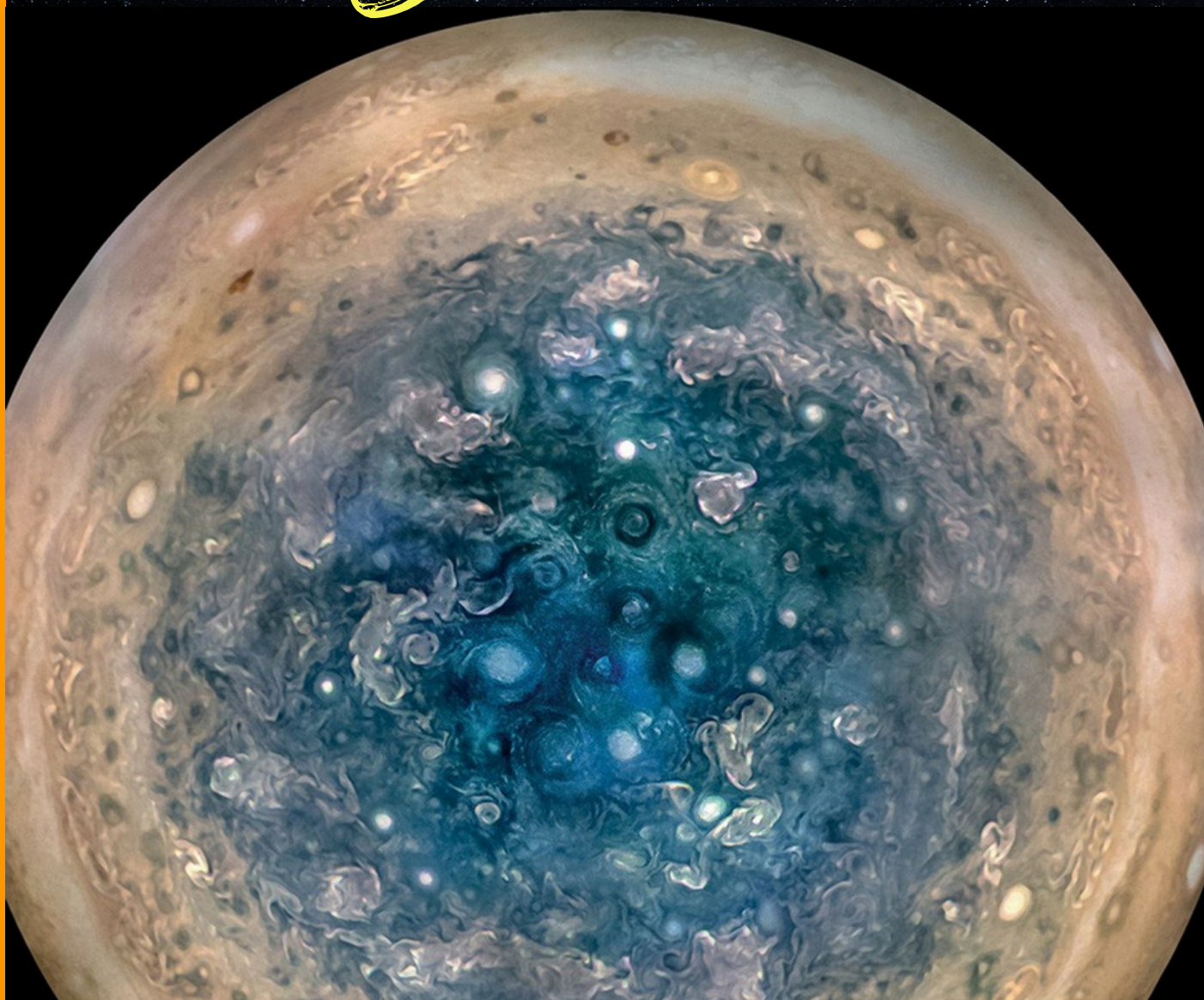
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6 - 14 year olds



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## Future Forward: Deutsche Bank Virtual Insight Evening

Curious about what it's like to start your career with one of the world's leading international banks? Join us for an exclusive virtual insight evening with Deutsche Bank, and discover the exciting apprenticeship opportunities waiting for you.

You'll hear directly from current apprentices about their experiences and day-to-day life at Deutsche Bank, and gain insider tips on how to make your application stand out. Whether you're exploring your options or ready to take your first step into the world of banking and technology, this event is your chance to learn from those who've been exactly where you are now.

### About Deutsche Bank

For 150 years, Deutsche Bank has been a cornerstone of the UK's financial landscape. With major operations in London and Birmingham, the Bank plays a key role in connecting clients to markets and opportunities around the globe.

### Fun facts you'll love:

- Over 7,000 employees across London and Birmingham.
- A truly global workforce, representing more than 100 nationalities.
- Celebrating 150 years in the UK - a testament to innovation, partnership, and progress.
- Committed to sustainability and social impact, helping communities and businesses thrive.

### Opportunities at Deutsche Bank

Deutsche Bank offers a range of apprenticeship programmes designed to give you hands-on experience, professional qualifications, and a direct path into the banking world - all while earning a competitive salary.

### Programmes include:

- Technology, Data & Innovation Apprenticeship – Explore how tech drives innovation in global finance.
- Investment Banking Apprenticeship – Discover the fast-paced world of markets and client solutions.
- Corporate Bank Apprenticeship – Learn how Deutsche Bank supports businesses around the world.

### Event Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction – Meet the Early Careers Team
- Inside Deutsche Bank – Apprenticeship pathways explained
- Hear from Apprentices – Real stories, career journeys & a day in the life
- Q&A Session – Your chance to ask questions directly

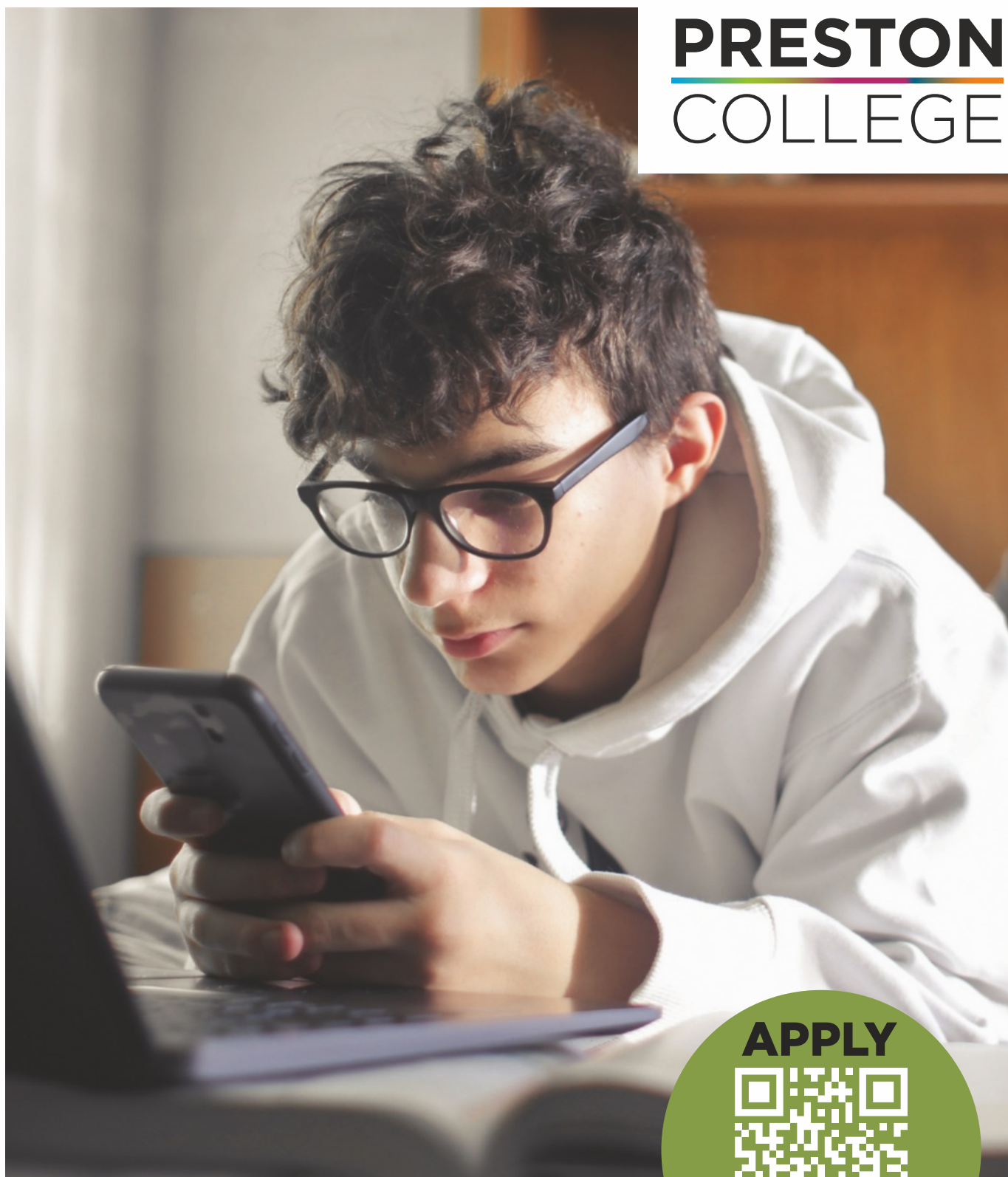
### Why You Should Join

- Get an insider's view into one of the world's top financial institutions.
- Learn about Deutsche Bank's culture, opportunities, and application process.
- Hear directly from current apprentices and recruiters.
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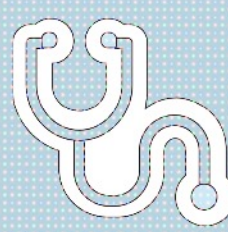
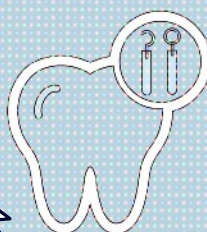
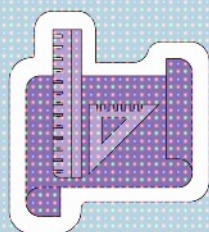
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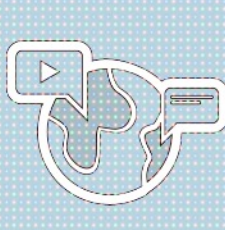
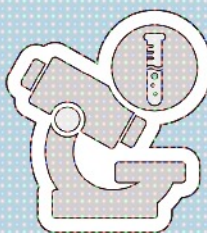
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- Online via zoom
- Led by: Dr Akash Gandhi - GP & lead medicine & dentistry mentor at TheUKCATPeople

Registration link:

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Kind regards,

**Dr Akash Gandhi MBBS MA (Cantab) DGM DRCOG MBA MRCP**

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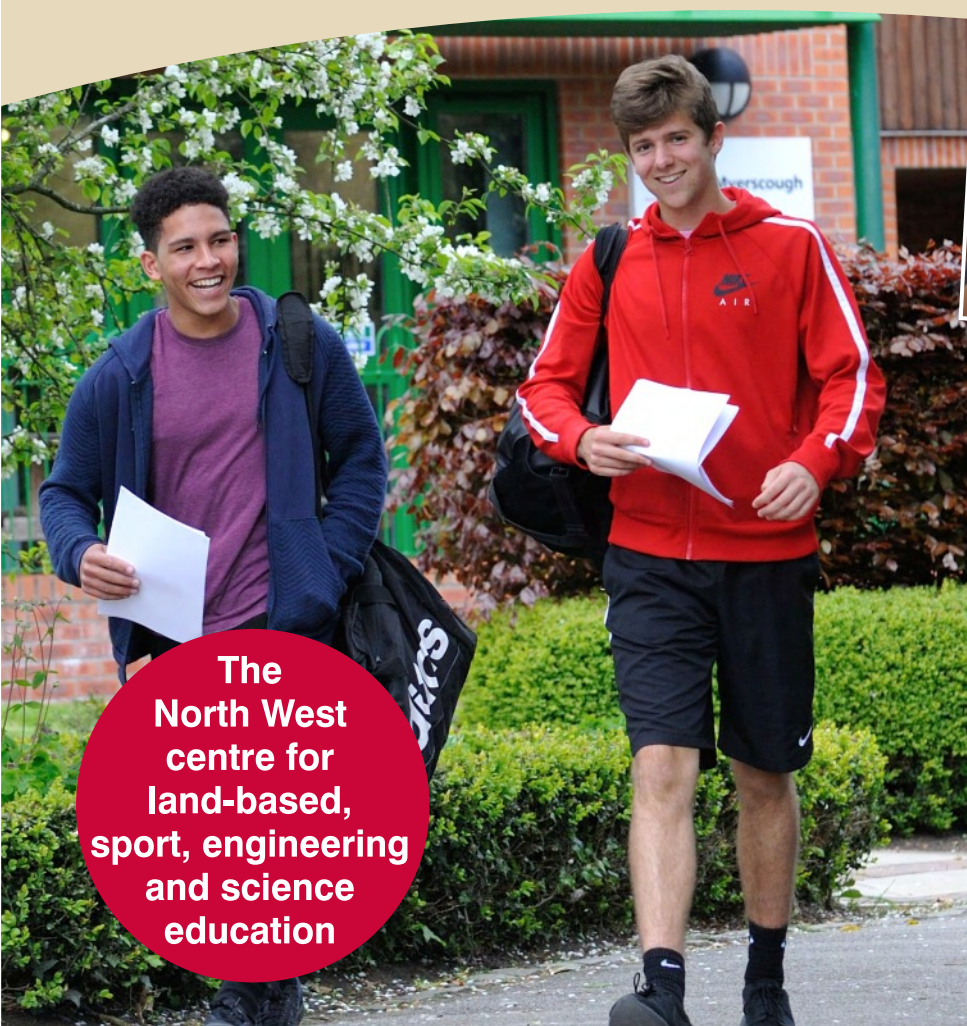
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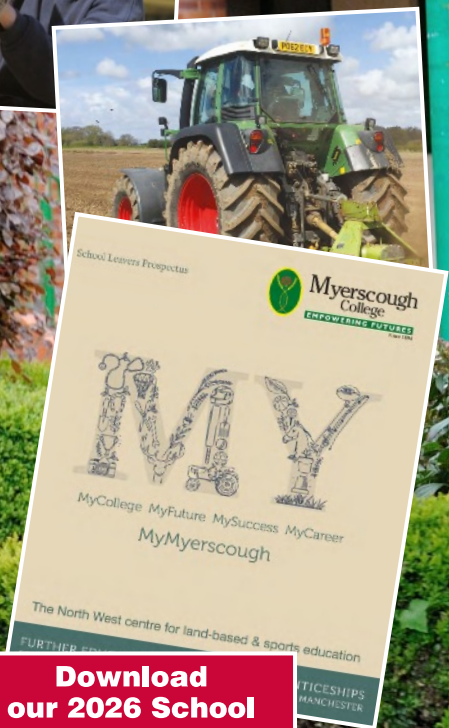
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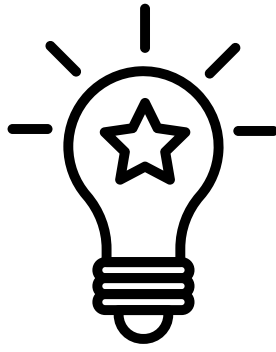
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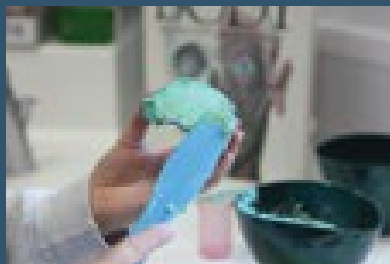
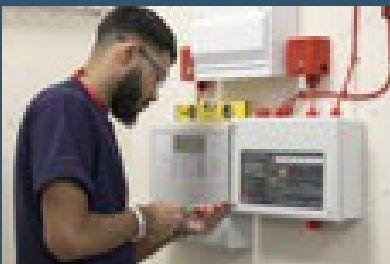
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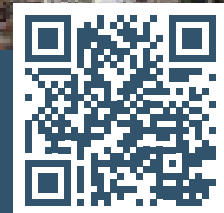
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## Support for students with special educational needs and disabilities

By Verity Lewis, Disability Advice Officer at the University of South Wales

Starting university is an exciting new chapter filled with opportunities and challenges. If you have special educational needs or a disability (SEND), you might feel uncertain about what to expect. However, rest assured, UK universities are dedicated to supporting you every step of the way. This guide will introduce you to the resources, adjustments, and services designed to help you thrive and make the most of your university experience.

### Declaring your disability

Your first step towards accessing support is to declare your disability on your UCAS application or directly to the university. Many students worry this might affect their application, but universities are legally required under the Equality Act 2010 to treat everyone fairly. Declaring your disability

helps universities understand your needs and arrange reasonable adjustments to support your learning and university life from the very beginning.

### The Disabled Students' Allowance

If you have additional needs due to a disability, learning difficulty, or long-term health condition, you can apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) (page 60). This non-repayable grant can cover the cost of:

- non-medical helpers, such as a mentor or note-taker
- travel costs related to your disability
- specialist equipment, like a laptop with assistive software
- other resources tailored to your needs.

It's important to apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) early, as the process can take some time. While it might seem overwhelming at first, universities are here to guide you through it. At the University of South Wales, for instance, you can connect with a Disability Adviser during open days, taster sessions or through their dedicated email inbox, even before you enrol. These conversations ensure you have the support you need in place, ready for when you start your university journey.



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## What to expect at a university open day

By Gavin Spoons, Regional Student Recruitment Officer at Norwich University of the Arts

Open days are the perfect way to experience first-hand what being a student at a particular university is really like. You can gather lots of useful information online and in prospectuses, but nothing beats being in the university environment and having the opportunity to speak to academics and current students. Open days are packed with scheduled activities to help you get a feel for a university and see if it's somewhere you might want to study.

### Campus tours

Arguably the central event of the day, these guided tours are typically led by current students who show you around the campus. You'll explore the university environment, see communal areas such as cafes and libraries, and have a chance to visit facilities related to your course. This gives you insights into your day-to-day life as a student, and you might see work and projects you could do yourself.

### Course talks

Throughout the day, there will be a range of informative talks offering information about the university, specific courses, and student support. Most universities host a welcome talk at the start of the day to highlight the unique aspects of that university.

Course-specific talks hosted by academic staff are also very valuable. These talks share detailed information about the courses you're

considering. They allow you to talk directly to the course leader, their fellow lecturers, and current students. These course talks give you a more detailed look into course content than you will find outside of an open day. They cover the work you will do, and the careers you could progress into.

### Support talks

Finally, there are additional talks and sessions throughout the day to introduce you to other university departments and of... You could find yourself in talks about accommodation options, what is available, student experience receive advice for applications

### Accommodation tours

If you're looking to move away to study at university, you'll want what accommodation options to you. Similar to campus tours, be an opportunity to look around accommodation sites with help from students there to answer any questions. You can see the types of rooms and facilities offered in different sites. Imagining yourself living student is just as important as receive advice for applications

### Plan your day

Open days can be quite intense, with talks and sessions, but there's a lot to gain from them. Universities offer an open day programme after a long open day. This contains a mix of each talk and tour, so you can mix and match. Try to experience as much as you can. It'll help you make informed decisions about your university journey.

The best way to discover the opportunity to about your choice

**Top tip:** You will find the library at a university is available.

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## How to choose the right university for you

By Charlotte Higgins, Marketing Officer at the University of Derby

Choosing a degree to study is a big decision, as is selecting the right university. At the University of Derby, we believe making your choice should take into consideration three key factors.

### Choosing the right degree

It is vital to select a degree that you are passionate about. You will study the subject for the next few years, so it must be an area that you will enjoy. Review courses on university websites and prospectuses that suit your interests.

There are also various types of degrees to be aware of, including a traditional three-year programme, foundation pathways to help you transition to university, integrated masters if you're looking for advanced learning, or even a degree apprenticeship. Whatever you choose, check it suits your preferred learning and assessment style, such as writing assignments or practical assessments.

Sometimes it's easier to research your dream career, then work backwards to discover what you need to study. But don't worry if you are unsure. Career teams at college and university can help you find out. At the University of Derby, we offer tailored support no matter your chosen course or your previous experience. We provide access to services and programmes to help you reach your career goal.

**Top tip:** If you have a specific career in mind, find out if your degree needs to have any specific accreditations from an industry body.

**Example:** If you want to become a professional psychologist, you need to study a degree that is accredited by the British Psychological Society.

### Choosing the right campus

A university's campus is the heart of your learning journey. You're likely to spend time in a range of lectures, seminars, and other learning activities, so make sure the campus has everything you need to succeed. This includes passionate teaching staff who are experts in their field and excellent facilities available for you to use.



**Example:** If you want to become a professional psychologist, you need to study a degree that is accredited by the British Psychological Society.

### Making that all-important decision

Going to university helps you build a strong foundation, academically and personally, providing new and exciting opportunities. Making an informed choice on your subject, location, and potential future career gives you the greatest opportunity to succeed. Just remember to make a decision that is best for you and your future, and will help you to thrive.



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# Students' Guide to University 2025

The key higher education facts for students thinking about university

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## Scholarships: finding financial opportunities and standing out in applications

By Jon Hering, Head of Commercial at Blackbullion

### Introduction

We get it: studying is expensive.

Tuition fees are going up in September 2025, there is an ongoing cost-of-living crisis, and rising inflation affects how much your maintenance loan can help. Heading to university can seem like a pricey way to kickstart your adult life.

That's where we come in.

To date, Blackbullion has released over £25 million in additional funding - grants, bursaries, hardship funds, and scholarships - through our Funding Hub. Our first corporate scholarship launched in April 2023. Since then, we've continued to work with brands like Amazon, Nationwide, and Accenture to help students cover the costs of university.

Even though there are more opportunities out there, the market for scholarships is still small and highly competitive. That's why this article is here to help you find the right opportunities. It will give you the tools to stand out and smash your applications, so you have the best chance to secure additional funding for your degree.

**When to expect scholarships to launch**  
You should be aware of the main funding windows:

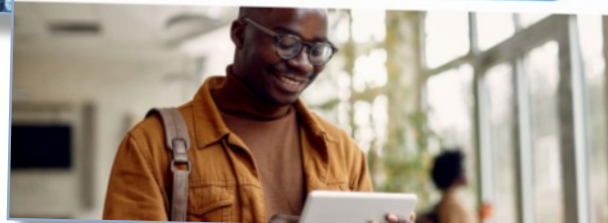
- National Scholarships Week 2025 - running 31 March to 4 April 2025, in partnership with Amazon. Last year, NSW 2024 launched over £800,000 worth of scholarship funding through corporate partners.
- April 2025 - a key period when many scholarships open. Make sure to prepare applications in the spring.
- September 2025 - another wave of scholarships launches in early autumn, giving you a second chance.

### Scholarships as a gateway to careers

Many scholarships provide more than financial aid. They offer internships, mentorship, and work experience. These extras can be pivotal in building your career. Try to seek scholarships aligned with your goals, as these opportunities will make you more appealing to future employers.



Learn more about bursaries, scholarships, and free money on Episode 22 of The Uni Guide Podcast, featuring the author of this article, Jon Hering from Blackbullion.



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For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

- **Saturday 29th November from 9am - 1:30pm**
- **Sunday 7th December from 9am - 1:30pm**
- **Saturday 13th December from 9am - 1:30pm**

[Click here to register](#)

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date:

- **Sunday 30th November from 9am - 1:30pm**

[Click here to register](#)

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/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

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:

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Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

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/>

# APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED TO SOCIOLOGY

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- AND MANY MORE!**



Interested in apprenticeships, but not sure what to do next? Take a look at the employers offering apprenticeships that link to the subject you love.

**[amazingapprenticeships.com](https://amazingapprenticeships.com)**

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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>



# 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](https://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).



[Click here to view or scan the QR code](#)



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

\*\*correct as of April 2025

\*\*\*Apprenticeship achievements - An update for the sector

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# Get Into Medicine.

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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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- Entrance Exam: UCAT
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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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# Allied Healthcare Work Experience

Take your first steps into the world of healthcare careers  
in our Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience.

Meet this month's AHP professional **guest speaker**, from **9 - 10am**, and  
then dive into live work experience sessions.

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**  
**from the safety of your home.**

Witness the journey of two patients from injury to recovery over 6  
months, and experience how many different healthcare professionals  
are involved in a patient's care, from hospital all the way through to a  
community team.



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# CAREER *of the* WEEK

## Airline pilot

**Pilot training is expensive and highly competitive, but offers great career prospects and a rewarding salary.**

As an airline pilot, you'll fly passengers or cargo on long or short-haul flights for leisure, business or commercial purposes.

Flights are typically operated by two pilots: the captain (pilot in command) and the first officer (co-pilot). They take turns flying the aircraft - one acts as Pilot Flying (PF), while the other serves as Pilot Monitoring (PM), handling communications and safety checks.

On longer flights, a third or fourth pilot may be on board to ensure compliance with flight time limits set by bodies like EASA and the CAA.

The captain and first officer work closely as a team, but the captain holds ultimate responsibility for the safety and operation of the flight.

### Responsibilities

As an airline pilot, you'll need to:

- check the flight plan you've received from the flight planning department to make sure all information is in order, including the route, weather and passenger numbers and ensure aircraft weights are all within limits
- decide whether to carry any additional fuel based on the weather information received from flight planning
- use the flight plan to input your route into the Flight Management Computer
- confirm with the refuellers how much fuel you're taking for the flight
- make sure all safety systems are working properly
- brief the cabin crew before the flight and maintain regular contact throughout the flight
- carry out pre-flight checks on the navigation and aircraft systems, as well as a physical 'walk-around' check to inspect the exterior of the aircraft
- communicate with air traffic control before take-off and during flight and landing
- ensure noise regulations are followed during take-off and landing
- understand and interpret data from instruments and controls
- make regular checks on the aircraft's fuel state, technical performance and position, on weather conditions and air traffic during flight
- communicate with passengers using the public address system
- react quickly and appropriately to environmental changes and emergencies
- update the aircraft's technical log at the beginning and end of the flight, noting any technical defects and incidents with the aircraft

### Salary

Salaries depend on the airline, the type of aircraft you're flying and your experience.

Starting salaries for newly qualified second/first officers, working for a small operation, may be around £24,000. In larger companies, this can reach £32,000.

Once you've built up your experience, salaries as a second officer tend to peak at around £58,000, while first officer salaries can reach £75,000. Senior first officers can earn up to around £85,000.

A captain working for a medium-sized airline may earn in the region of £55,000 to £75,000, while those employed by major operators can earn salaries of £100,000 to £150,000+.

The above figures are the base salaries, with most companies offering sector pay on top of this. This is additional money paid for each sector (leg) of a flight, with longer flights paying more than shorter ones.

Some companies run apprenticeship schemes for fully-trained pilots looking for their first job, where salaries may be lower but further training will be paid for by the company. Starting salaries may be higher in other companies, but you'll be required to fund the additional training yourself.

Income figures are intended as a guide only.



**For more information click [here](#)**