



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

Welcome back to another packed edition of Career News. In this week's issue:

- Lots of open events at various local colleges - make sure you visit as many as possible in the next few weeks so you can check out the courses and combinations open to you. The Careers Calendar (also available on the school website) has all the dates of open events.
- There are a number of lunchtime drop-in sessions coming up in school – keep an eye on the daily bulletin for more information and go along and chat to college staff.
- Young Professionals have another really good event with Lloyds Banking Group - it's free, you will receive a certificate to add to your CV and you will get some great advice and information on their apprenticeships.
- There is a comprehensive article on T Levels: what they are, how they are graded, who offers them and so on.
- Virtual work experience opportunities with The Environment Agency and Defra, Medic and Allied Health Mentor, InvestIn Education, Virgin Media and Channel 4, to name just a few. Taking part in any of these will make you stand out at interviews for college, university or apprenticeships.
- Take a look at the apprenticeship programmes at Aldi, a Top 100 Apprenticeship Employer.
- Fleetwood Nautical Campus have an open day coming up, so if you have ever considered a career at sea, don't miss this event. Career paths include nautical science, marine engineering and electro-technical engineering.
- For anyone thinking of university in the future, have a look at the video subject guides from Uni Taster Days. They cover what a degree subject involves, careers it may lead to and application hints and tips from current students.
- Applications are now open for the Centre of Sporting Excellence (PNECET - Preston College and Preston North End Community and Education Trust). This is one of the longest established sports courses delivered in top class facilities and with a clear progression into HE with the University of South Wales, scholarships or employment.
- Spotlight on accountancy as a career this week, with the Career of the Week being Forensic Accountant. This involves investigative skills to uncover irregularities in financial documents and possibly giving evidence in fraud cases in court. Al Capone was eventually jailed for tax evasion, rather than his other grisly gangster activities!



Have a great weekend!



6th - 10th October 2025



CAREERS CALENDAR

College Open Events 2025-26



Blackburn
College

Tuesday 23 September 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 1 October 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Saturday 15 November 10.00am - 1.00pm

Tuesday 3 February 2026 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 16 April 2026 4.30pm - 7.30pm

www.blackburn.ac.uk



Wednesday 15 October 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday 18 November 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Monday 15 December 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Monday 9 February 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Thursday 12 March 5.00pm - 7.00pm

www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/register-open-events



Wednesday 8 October 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Saturday 22 November 10.00am - 1.30pm

Quiet Time: The first 30 mins are reserved for students with special educational needs, sensory or social challenges.

www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk

**CARDINAL
NEWMAN
COLLEGE**

Saturday 11 October 10.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday 15 November 10.00am - 1.00pm

Saturday 7 February 2026 10.00am - 1.00pm

www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/about-us/college-open-events



Myerscough
College
Opportunities for all to succeed

Saturday 4 October 10.00am - 12.30pm
Saturday 15 November 10.00am - 12.30pm

Saturday 7 February 2026 10.00am - 12.30pm
Saturday 18 April 2026 10.00am - 12.30pm

www.myerscough.ac.uk/

Dates are subject to change - please check college websites before travelling



Wednesday 1 October	4.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday 8 November	10.00am - 2.00pm
Thursday 5 March 2026	4.00pm - 7.00pm

Register for events and updates at: www.preston.ac.uk



Saturday 20 September	10.00am - 2.00pm
Saturday 15 November	10.00am - 2.00pm

There are personal guided tours available in October - check website for details.

Register at: www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent



Saturday 4 October	10.00am - 1.30pm
Thursday 16 October	4.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 6 November	4.30pm - 7.30pm

* Application deadline: February 2026

sjr.ac.uk/about/open-evening/



Monday 6 October	4.30pm - 7.00pm
Monday 3 November	4.30pm - 7.00pm
Monday 26 January 2026	4.30pm - 7.00pm
Monday 27 April 2026	4.30pm - 7.00pm

www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk

- School for the Arts
- Centre of Excellence in Construction & Engineering
- Centre for Advanced Technical Studies



Saturday 27 September	9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 22 October	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 13 November	5.00pm - 8.00pm

www.winstanley.ac.uk

You are advised to attend as many open events as possible in order to make an informed choice once you leave Parklands. Don't assume you will like a college just because your friend/cousin/neighbour did!

For those who are intending to take up an apprenticeship position, or a place in the armed services - you must have a full-time college course in place as a back up option. You do not want to be stuck at home when everyone else is at college because you didn't apply.

You can apply to as many colleges as you want - have your interviews and accept all your places. You only decide which one you are enrolling at on the day you receive your GCSE results in August 2026.

Gaining Experience Beyond The Classroom

INVESTIN

THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE

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

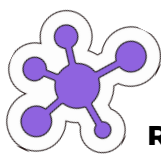


Consider what you already do outside of school - **what does it say about your interests or skills?**

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



Broadening Horizons Careers Event

Tuesday 4th November, 9:00 am – 3:00PM

Check out **“Broadening Horizons”** at **Inspire Youth Zone,**
Chorley!

Come along for your chance to see what’s out there career
wise.

We’ll have different companies running fun, hands-on
workshops where you can try new things, learn new skills,
and maybe even find a career you’re into. From creative
challenges to problem-solving activities, these workshops
are all about thinking differently.

It’s a cool opportunity to step outside the classroom and
get a feel for what your future could look like!

Email **Josie.cawdry@inspireyouthzone.org** to book your
free place.



This is in half term - but you can register to attend anyway - email Josie to book your place

INVESTIN THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE

Discover a career in STEM



Discover a career in STEM

Figuring out whether STEM is the right career path isn't easy. Work experience can be hard to find, and reading about jobs online only goes so far. Our weekend programmes give students the chance to experience a STEM career in real-life.

Programmes are running for ages 15-18 this November at UCL, London or Live Online. Meet professionals in STEM and gain essential skills and experience for future applications.

VIEW PROGRAMMES

Highlights from our Weekend programmes

Engineering: Design a mission to Mars including the lift-off, journey and arrival utilising aerospace and civil engineering concepts.

Medicine: Take part in a suturing activity with a live demonstration from a senior surgeon and the opportunity to stitch up a wound on dummy skin.

Computer Science: Develop the front end of an application for a start up, creating layouts with HTML, CSS and JavaScript.

Psychology: Coaching by clinical psychologists on how to effectively connect with patients during therapy.

VIEW & REGISTER

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REGISTER NOW

Programmes available:

✓ Medicine 

✓ Engineering

✓ Veterinary

✓ Psychology

✓ Computer

✓ Investment banking

✓ Forensic

✓ Dentistry



YEAR 10 & 11

PRESTON
COLLEGE

OPEN EVENTS



SCAN TO



REGISTER

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 4PM - 7PM
SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 10 - 2

www.preston.ac.uk/fe-open-events

SEE FACILITIES MEET STUDENTS & STAFF EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

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
- Dedicated recruitment team to support any application or interest



Scan the QR code to complete our
expression of interest form or for further information

 john.lee@pne.com

**Applications for entry September 2026
open on October 1st 2025**

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

You are invited to our

Open Event

Saturday **15 November** 10am - 2pm



Important Notice regarding interviews for Runshaw College

Year 11s will be invited into Runshaw this year, for their college interviews.

Students will be welcomed at reception, have their interviews in designated 15 minute timeslots and they will then have the opportunity of a tour of the college campus, with parents/carers, who may themselves have questions.

Parklands interview date is: Monday 9th February

Once the students apply, they will be emailed the date and time of their interview. Depending on how big the year group is they will be split into sessions/appointments from **4:30pm - 8pm**.

If the student cannot attend on their designated evening, they will be invited in on a date and time that suits them up until July.

Please note: Interviews for Wigan & Leigh College and Preston College will still be held in school.

- **Wigan & Leigh College: 21st January 2026**
- **Preston College: 23rd January 2026**

with follow up interviews if necessary, in school, including for apprenticeships.



YOUTH FUTURES DROP IN

ARE YOU 16 OR 17 AND NOT IN SCHOOL OR WORKING?

We can help you with;

- Your next steps
- Getting into education
- Finding work
- Building your confidence
- Boosting your skills

Let's work together to figure out your next steps!

DROP IN



Chorley Library, PR7 1EB



Monday 1-4pm

Usually I'm there, but
best to check!

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The Merchant Navy is a term used to describe commercial shipping. A non-military service, the Merchant Navy is part of a global economy that impacts our daily lives from the food we eat to the things we own and use every day.



95%

of all goods arrive in the UK by ship



An officer trainee is a fully funded three year programme, which leads to both an academic and professional qualification known as a certificate of competency, issued by the Maritime Coastguard Agency.

A cadetship is sponsored by either a shipping company or charitable organisation and will cover all aspects of training, including college fees, travel costs and a monthly bursary payment towards living costs.

All officer trainees are enrolled on approved courses at a UK maritime college, that lead to a professional qualification as well as a nationally recognised educational qualification.

These include:

- Higher National Certificate/Advanced Certificate
- Higher National Diploma/Advanced Diploma
- Foundation Degree (FD) or Scottish Professional Diploma (SPD)
- Bachelors or Honours degree

Entry requirements for Officer Trainee Training are a minimum of 4 GCSEs, grades 4-9 in Maths, English and at least one science-based subject.

The content, duration and timings of each of the programmes will vary according to the particular course, but the core knowledge required for MCA certification requirements for onboard training are the same for all. Cadet training in the UK is broken down into periods, commonly referred to as phases, of which there are five, alternating between college learning and sea time.



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.

Clyde Marine
Training

OPEN EVENTS 2025



SCAN TO BOOK



Saturday 4th Oct
10.00 - 13.30



Thursday 16th Oct
16.30 - 19.30



Thursday 6th Nov
16.30 - 19.30



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.sjr.ac.uk

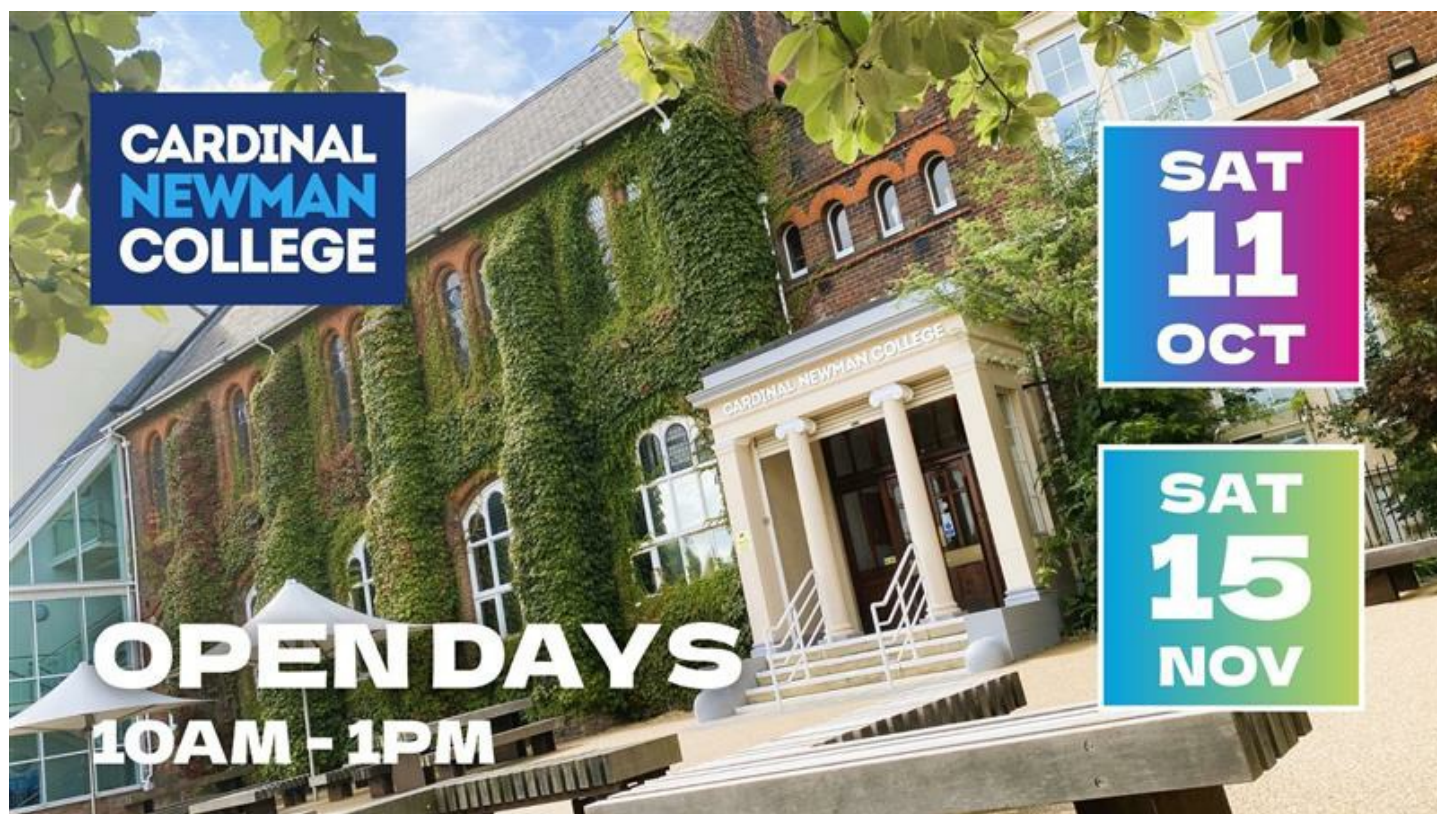
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**St John Rigby
College**



Our Open Events this year are: **Saturday 11th October, Saturday 15th November** with a final event on **Saturday 7th February** - all from 10am - 1pm

There will be a lunchtime drop-in session at Parklands on Friday 17th October, 1.30 - 2pm



T Level Information Event for Parents/Carers & Educators

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Scan the QR code to register today!

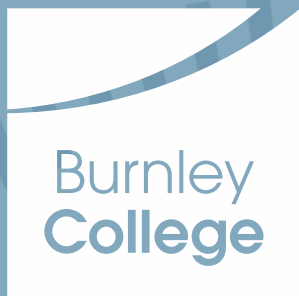


Join us on for our
'Spill the Tea on
T Levels at Tea Time'
Webinar Live on
Microsoft Teams,
**Thursday 16th October,
7.00-8.00pm**

Learn more about
T Levels in Health and
how they could support
your child's bright future!
An opportunity not to be
missed - aimed at **parents
and school staff.**

With **testimonies** from
Health T Level students and
NHS and Social Care staff
plus a **15 minute Q&A!**

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



Sixth Form Centre

OPEN EVENING

September

Wed 17

October

Thurs 2

November

Tues 18

2026

February

Tues 10

5.30pm to 8.30pm

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BOOK NOW





- **Are you aged 14-16?**
- **Are you curious to learn what Virgin Media O2 is all about?**
- **Are you passionate about STEM?**

Virtual Work Experience Week

27th – 30th October 2025



Apply now!

Click or scan the QR code to apply with code **VMO2C3**

Our four-day programme will immerse you in the world of telecoms, help boost your potential and enhance your knowledge of Virgin Media O2 and our offerings.

You'll hear from business leaders what it's like to work in a dynamic industry, learn the latest from the world of broadband, TV, fixed line and mobile and gain insight into our purpose 'See What You Can Do!'

Explore our graduate, industrial placement and apprenticeship opportunities whilst working on a dynamic project that will help you earn your Bronze Industrial Cadets accreditation.

Hear first-hand testimony and tips from graduates, interns, apprentices and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) ambassadors! Delve into the importance of hands-on problem-solving and critical thinking skills, company and sector research.

Take control of your future and make a difference in the world around you.



WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

Post-16 technical education

What are T Levels?

T Levels are qualifications combining classroom learning, alongside an industry placement. They are designed for young people as an option following GCSEs (post-16) and are taught in schools and colleges.

KEY FACTS



- They last for 2 years.
- They are equivalent to three A-levels.
- They attract UCAS points.
- They have been created alongside employers.
- They include an 'industry placement' of at least 45 days.
- For anyone not quite ready, there is a pre-T Level foundation year.
- Students will receive a nationally recognised qualification.

How is a T Level structured?

80% of the qualification is classroom-based and 20% is spent undertaking an industry placement with an employer in the workplace. Your training provider will be responsible for finding the employer(s) that will provide your 45-day industry placement.

Which T Levels are available?

There are currently 21 T Level subjects available.

Digital:

- Digital Software Development
- Digital Data Analytics
- Digital Support and Security

Education and Early Years:

- Education and Early Years

Construction and the Built Environment:

- Building Services Engineering for Construction
- Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction

Health and Science:

- Health
- Healthcare Science (last enrolments Sept 25)
- Science

Business and Administration:

- Management and Administration

Legal, Finance and Accounting:

- Accounting
- Finance
- Legal Services

Engineering and Manufacturing:

- Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control
- Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing

Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care:

- Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- Animal Care and Management

Creative and Design:

- Craft and Design
- Media, Broadcast and Production

Sales, Marketing and Procurement:

- Marketing (from September 2025)





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How can I find out which providers offer T Levels?

The government has created a really useful website where you can enter your postcode and search for T Level providers that are local to you.

Here's what you can do:

-  Visit the website:
tlevels.gov.uk/students/find
-  Enter your postcode.
-  Look through the list of providers in your local area.
-  Visit provider websites to find out more about their T Level courses and any upcoming open days.

What is the difference between T Levels and apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are real, paid jobs, suitable for students who know which job role they want to pursue. T Levels are largely classroom-based (80%) and contain a substantive industry placement (approximately 20%).

How are T Levels graded?

Students who complete their T Level receive a nationally recognised certificate which shows their overall grade and a breakdown of what they have achieved. Students who meet all of the requirements of their T Level are awarded an overall grade of either Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*. Students who do not pass all elements of their T Level receive a T Level statement of achievement, which will show the elements they have completed.

What is the T Level Foundation Year?

The T Level Foundation Year is a one-year, level 2 study programme intended for students who have the 'potential to progress' onto a T Level programme. This is a great option for someone who would benefit from additional study time and preparation before doing a T Level. It provides relevant knowledge, practical and study skills along with English, maths and digital skills. Check with the T Level provider if they offer this.

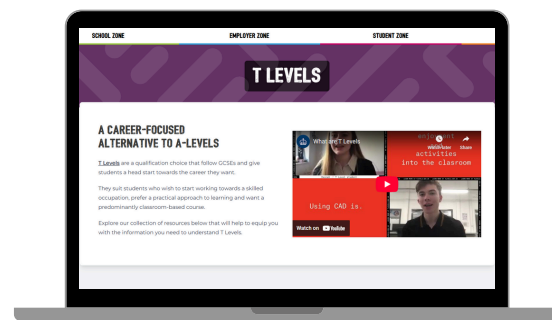


Linked resource

Find out more about the differences between T Levels and apprenticeships in this guide (see link below).



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



[Find out](#) more about T Levels





The MPCT Way

At the college, students follow a weekly routine of activities and curriculum. This includes vocational and skills training, physical training, military training days, and assessments.

The MPCT curriculum has been designed to develop our student's physical fitness, essential skills, and self-confidence. The academy operates a 'roll on, roll off' joining process with no set deadline by which to apply, allowing new recruits to join on a weekly basis.

Physical Training

You will be expected to participate in physical training every day at MPCT. This makes up for 50% of the course at MPCT, and will support learner preparation and progression into the military. Being fit and healthy is an essential part of military life and civilian employment. Daily physical training helps you to concentrate and focus during lessons, and you'll become more physically and mentally robust.

Education

Regardless of where you learn, you will conduct daily fitness training, weekly military training and citizenship lessons. You will also take part in monthly careers education sessions, supported by military and civilian recruiters and employers.

Military Training

Our courses are designed to give learners the skills needed to start their journey towards a rewarding career in the British Armed Forces or to progress on to further education or training. Problem-solving and leadership skills are essential in the Armed Forces and civilian employment. Learners will take part in a range of problem-solving activities both in the field and in academic lessons. The ability to work effectively as a team member will be essential to your success.

Find out more - get in touch: 0303 003 3677

OPEN

EVENTS

**AT THE
COLLEGE FOR
TECHNICAL
EXCELLENCE**



PARSONS WALK CAMPUS
(WN1 1RR)

4.30pm - 7.00pm

Monday 6 October 2025
Monday 3 November 2025
Monday 26 January 2026
Monday 27 April 2026

LEIGH CAMPUS
(WN7 4JY)

4.30pm - 7.00pm

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



Open Day

10:00 - 12:30 on Saturday 11th October

Students have the opportunity to tour our purpose-built building, attend a talk from the Head of School, Peter Tiltman and speak with staff and current students to learn more about life at LUSoM.

Click here to book: <https://bit.ly/3ZZ0RWs>

LUSoM Maths Revise

16:30 - 17:30 from Wednesday 1st October - Wednesday 10th December

A 10-week revision programme designed to aid the start of your students Y11 GCSE maths revision. Students can join online each week to run through different GCSE topics with our Maths teachers.

Click here to join: <https://bit.ly/45gx532>

LUSoM Extend

First session: 16:30 - 18:00, Thursday 25th September

Meeting at LUSoM once a month from September till March (excluding December), the Extend programme covers material beyond the GCSE syllabus and explores some incredible uses that maths and science can have once studying at a higher level.

Click here to book: <https://bit.ly/4l9yzRA>



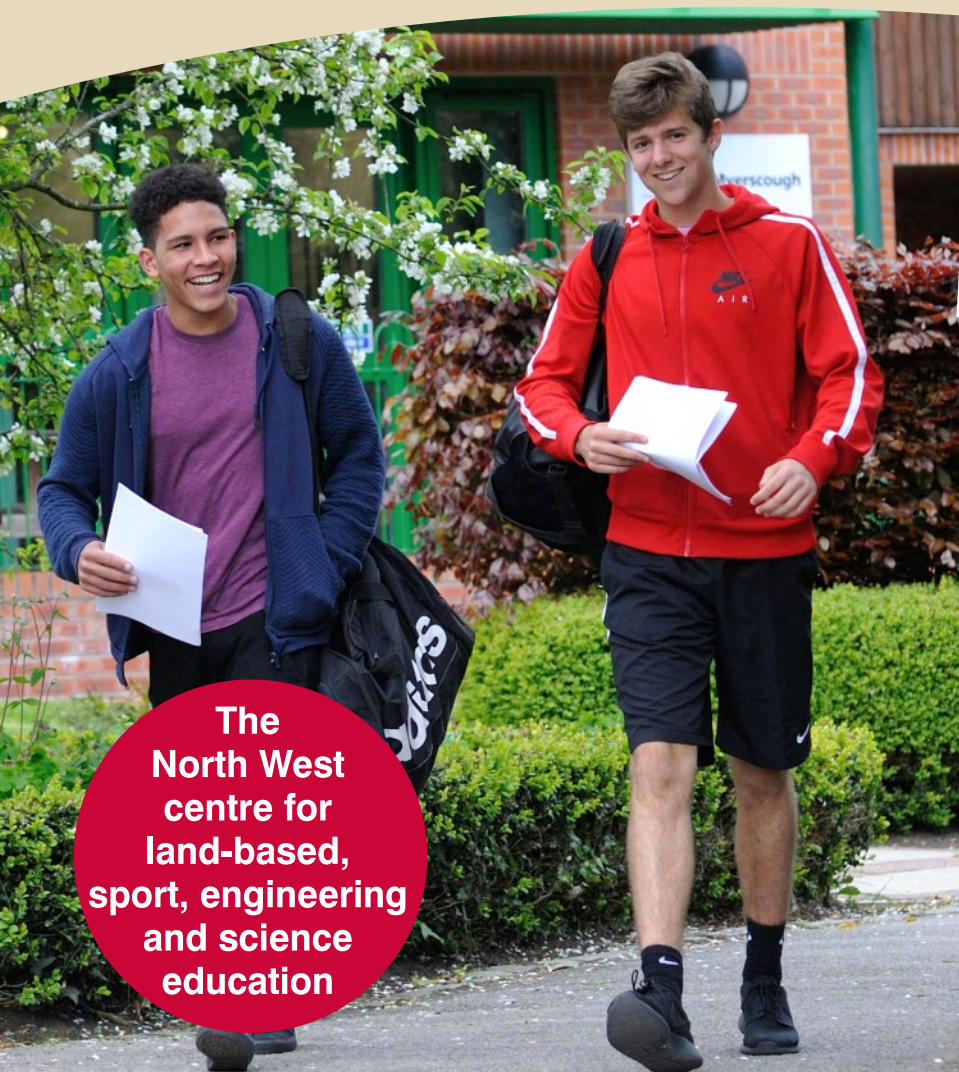
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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS



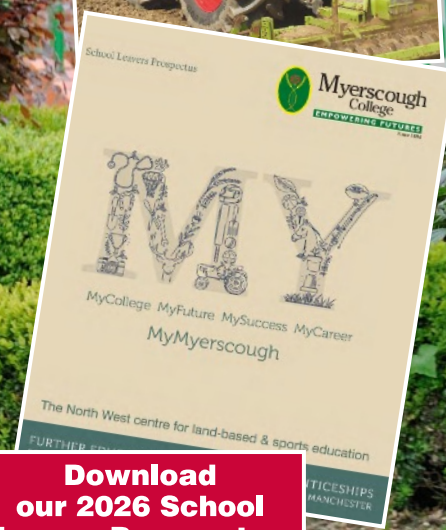
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- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ University Degrees

Course Advice Morning



The
North West
centre for
land-based,
sport, engineering
and science
education



**Download
our 2026 School
Leaver Prospectus**

Saturday 4th October 2025
Saturday 15th November 2025

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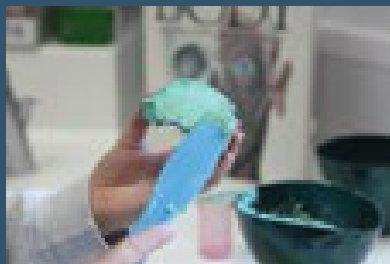
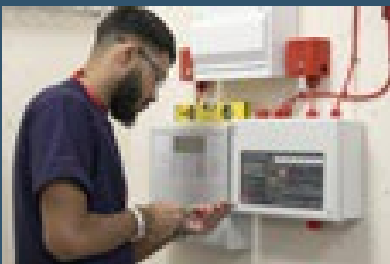
Apprenticeship open evenings

Explore our site, discover our facilities and talk to staff and students about the courses you want to study at our Apprenticeship Event.

**Wednesday 28th January &
Thursday 29th January 2026**
between 4.30 - 7.30pm

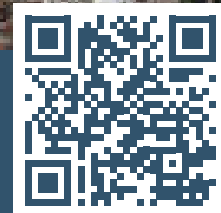
Where: Furthergate Business Park, Harwood Street, Blackburn, BB1 3BD

Accountancy | Business | Dental | Engineering | Fire & Security | Optical | Scaffolding



Book your place:

www.training2000.co.uk/events



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Open Day



Excellence At Every Stage

Give your child the gift of a bright future at Kirkham Grammar School. Come and experience it for yourself at our Whole School Open Day!

Sunday 5 October 2025

Two Time Slots Available: **1pm - 3pm** | **2pm - 4pm**



KIRKHAM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**Scan & Reserve
Your Place Now!**





Winstanley College

EXCELLENCE SUPPORT INSPIRATION



- **Saturday, 27 September:** 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
- **Wednesday, 15 October:** 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Thursday, 6 November:** 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Booking link:



All Year 10 and 11 students and their families are invited to attend.

See our website for more details - www.winstanley.ac.uk

Any queries please email admissions@winstanley.ac.uk or call 01695 628610



The Environment Agency and Defra's first virtual work experience (VWEX) programme is now LIVE!

Educational specialists have developed the Environment Agency and Defra's first virtual work experience (VWEX) programme. VWEX provides an accessible and inclusive alternative to in-person work experience for young people from all backgrounds. The programme will introduce young people to the Environment Agency and specifically the Environment Agency's work in Flood and Coastal Risk Management (FCRM). Participants will learn about:

- skills they can build and the difference they can make in creating better places for people and wildlife
- various early career pathways the Environment Agency offers as an organisation
- the Environment Agency's values and commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion and the benefits of working with the organisation

The Environment Agency partners with Springpod to offer this virtual work experience. The programme includes 8 modules of content designed for the target audience of 13 to 18-year-olds (although there is no upper age limit). Young people will engage with inspirational content, pre-recorded speaker sessions, quizzes and tasks to develop their understanding of the Environment Agency and FCRM. Successful completion of the programme generates a certificate which can be added to a young person's CV and shows dedication to protecting their environment and starting their career.

This virtual work experience is now live! Young people can undertake the programme on Springpod's Environment Agency landing page [Environment Agency Opportunities - Your Environment. Your Career | Springpod](#) or the [Defra Microsite Defra | Hub powered by Springpod](#).

HOW DO YOU MAKE A CHICKEN SALAD?

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BUYERS carefully select the best grade crops which are harvested when the quality is just right and they are then cooled for to keep them fresh. The crispy salad and cooked chicken are sent to the salad manufacturer where they are checked by the **QUALITY TEAM** to ensure they are the right quality. Tasty dressings are developed by **FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS** who work with the **PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TEAM** which creates new recipes with **NUTRITIONISTS**. The Product Developers also work with **FOOD PACKAGING RESEARCHERS** to present the chicken salad in a way that appeals to potential consumers. The **PRODUCTION MANAGER** works with **TEAM LEADERS** to ensure that **PROCESSING OPERATIVES** prepare the chicken salad appropriately. Preparation is monitored by **QUALITY TEAMS** working for the **QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER** to ensure good food hygiene and safety procedures are being maintained. The whole process is managed by the **TECHNICAL MANAGER**.

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- Develop practical skills you can use in everyday life and future careers
- Work on team projects that make a real impact
- Ask professionals your questions about mental health roles and pathways

What You'll Gain

Skills Builder:

- Digital teamwork and collaboration
- Creative campaign development
- Research and communication skills
- Problem-solving and project planning

Career Awareness:

- Understand a range of roles in mental health, from counselling and therapy to digital wellbeing and community outreach
- Learn what day-to-day work looks like in these roles
- Explore pathways

Please note: Application deadlines may be brought forward if we receive high volumes of applications therefore we encourage students to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



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Green Careers Week

3 November -
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Tomorrow's Engineers Week

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14 November 2025

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9 February -
15 February 2026

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National Careers Week

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British Science Week

6 March -
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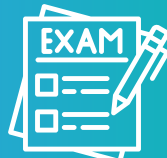
International Women's Day 2026

8 March 2026




PRIDE Month

1 June -
30 June 2026



Results Day

T Level, A-level & BTEC:
13 August 2026
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Subject Guide Videos



These impartial videos have one key aim. To support students who are considering university to make informed future subject decisions. They feature guest speakers from a range of different universities, who are always experts in the subject being explored.

Including the UK's first video subject guide!

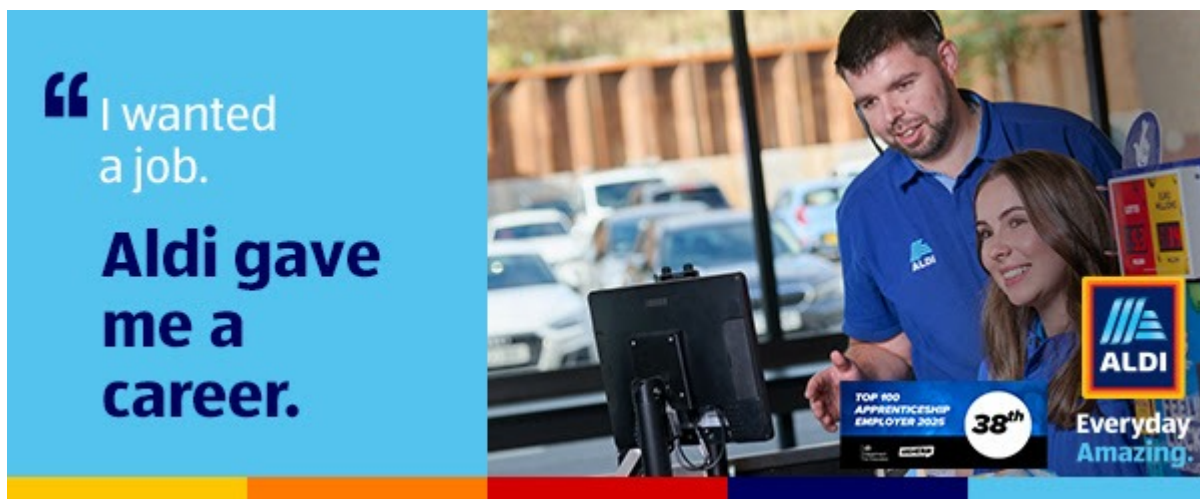
Different subjects, but the same four themes explored in every single one:

- Why students may wish to consider the subject
- What to expect if they study it
- An overview of the careers it may lead to
- Application tips if they go on to apply

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- Chance to complete Functional Skills qualifications in English and Maths

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WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

Open Evening - 5.00pm - 8.00pm

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

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Open Day - 10.00am - 1.30pm

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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

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

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

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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.



Army Basic Training & Job Role Information Day

Saturday 25th Oct 2025, Reserve Centre, Kimberley Barracks, PR1 6PR.

Arrive between 1000 and 1145 (at a time that suits you) bring family and friends.

Parking will be at the entrance or inside the centre (pull up at the gate).

A great opportunity to look at the kit and equipment you could use during basic training. Also speak to Artillery and Logistics soldiers about their job roles. Your recruiting staff will be present and you can receive a full application update face to face -or how and when to apply in the future if you have not done so already.



You are invited as an Army applicant, family and friends are also welcome.

If you are a student in years 10 and 11 or FE education, you are welcome to attend.

It will run from 1000 through to a 1245 finish. You will be there for roughly an hour.

15-minute presentation each hour about basic training and the following stands to visit.

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Weapon Systems
Personal Kit and Equipment
RA and RLC specialist role recruiters
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If in the application process reply by email to your recruiter. All others phone to give your name, with the number of people attending to book your place. Any questions please get in touch.

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5-7PM

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15TH DECEMBER

9TH FEBRUARY

12TH MARCH

12TH MAY

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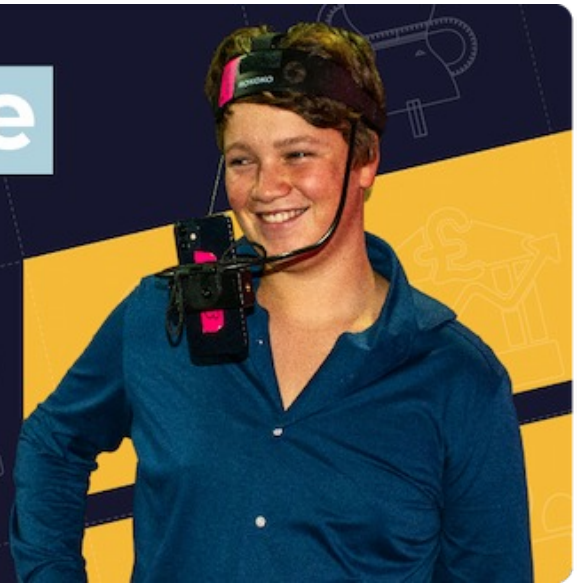


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The Ultimate Career Taster

We're excited to let you know that our weekend programmes are now open for registration!

Taking place this November, our one-day masterclasses give students a practical, inside look of working in their chosen field. Students can choose from 15 different industries and spend the day discovering what it's really like to work in that field and, crucially, how to break in.

During each programme, students will:

- Meet and learn from experienced professionals
- Take part in interactive career simulations
- Receive expert career coaching
- Gain a certificate and talking points to boost university applications

VIEW PROGRAMMES



In-Person

Taking place at UCL in London, our in-person programmes allow students to fully immerse themselves in the day in the life of a professional in London.



Online

Our online programmes are delivered live by our industry experts. Nothing is pre-recorded and all our content is carefully curated to be interactive and engaging.

VIEW and REGISTER

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Responsible for food quality



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- Business
- Games

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- Being active

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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 Spoor, 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 course 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 day of open days. This contains a mix of each talk and tour, so you can experience it all in one go. Try to experience as much as you can. It'll help you make informed decisions about your university journey.

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.

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 board.

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.

The best way to discover the opportunity to about your choice

Top tip: You will library during the library at a university

Example: At dedicated to are ready to your source

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continuing
Choose a new exciting
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Top tip: opt to receive

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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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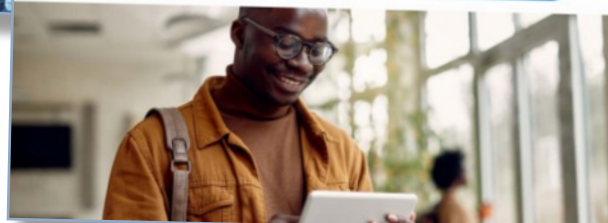
Students' Guide to University 2025

The key higher education facts for students thinking about university

Produced in collaboration with HELLO



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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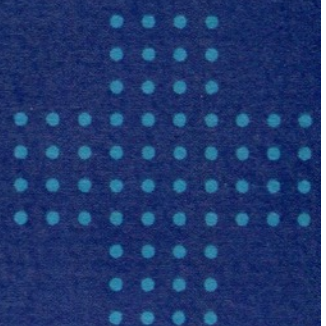
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BRITISH ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER

FOR EDUCATORS & CAREERS LEADS

This newsletter brings you the latest updates, resources, and opportunities from the British Army to help students explore diverse career paths and develop valuable skills. We're here to support your work every step of the way. - **British Army Careers Team**

WHAT'S NEW



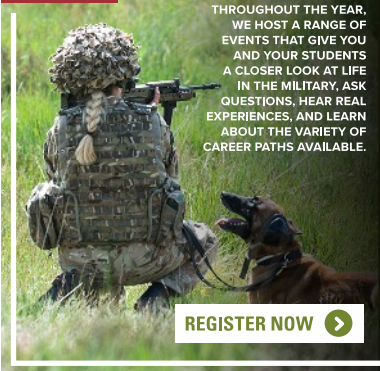
In this inspiring episode of Future You, Lt Sophie Farrelly shares her remarkable journey from university student to troop commander in the British Army. Discover how a sixth form scholarship sparked a career filled with global deployments, leadership challenges, and life-changing opportunities—from humanitarian missions to ski racing in Norway. Lt Farrelly breaks down the Army's generous bursary schemes, busts common myths, and highlights the personal growth and support available within military life.

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7TH
16:00 - 17:00

BRITISH ARMY INSIGHTS: WHAT PARENTS & GUARDIANS NEED TO KNOW

Created to give parents and guardians an opportunity to gain a clear picture of what life in the Army is really like for young people.

OCTOBER
21ST
18:00 - 19:00

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.

GEOGRAPHY:



Geography is crucial in military operations, aiding in logistics, map reading, terrain analysis, and climate impact assessment.

INFANTRY SOLDIER

- Use topographic maps and GPS to move through unfamiliar terrain, avoid hazards, and reach objectives.
- Understands terrain to choose good cover and plan attacks.
- Informs route selection, timing, and risk assessment in operations.

DRIVER

- Plans and selects the safest and most efficient paths, avoiding obstacles like rivers, mountains, or conflict zones.
- Understanding distances, terrain types, and infrastructure to deliver supplies safely.
- Adapts for weather, terrain, and local geography to maintain vehicle performance and safety.

ARMY APPLICATION: AT A GLANCE

To support students interested in joining the Army, it's useful to understand the key steps. After applying, students are assigned a recruiter and attend an Army Briefing to learn about Army life and then they go through a medical review. Once completed students will attend a two-day Assessment Centre, which includes medical checks, physical and mental tests, team tasks, and a career discussion. If successful, they undergo background checks before receiving a job offer and a start date for training.

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LLOYDS BANKING GROUP

Lloyds Banking Group

Nail Your Apprenticeship Application Event with insider tips to stand out!

Tuesday 7th October, 5pm - 6pm

We have a fantastic virtual event on Tuesday, 7th October, 5pm - 6pm with one of the world's biggest banking institutions, Lloyds Banking Group. This event is for anyone who might be looking for an apprenticeship or work experience program this year.

Are you ready to take your first step into the world of banking and finance? Whether you're considering apprenticeships, work experience, internships or graduate schemes - this session is your launchpad.

Lloyds Banking Group is one of the world's biggest financial services companies with over 30 million digital customers. Find out how they help Britain prosper, what makes their culture inclusive, and how their well-known brands are driving real change.

What to expect:

- We'll show you how to write applications that grab attention, ace assessment centres, and navigate the recruitment process with confidence.
- Learn how to make your CV pop, answer interview questions like a pro, and research companies so your application hits the mark.
- You'll hear from a current apprentice who's been through it all—sharing real stories, honest advice, and what helped their application shine.
- Hints and tips on making an impactful application
- How to prep for assessment centres- mini exercise/examples of what they can get asked
- The recruitment process/dates

In addition, all who attend this virtual event will be the first to hear about and apply for over eight in-person events at their offices all across the UK. These events take place on Saturdays, so they don't impact time out of school or university. In-person opportunities are very rare, especially at huge banks, so this will be your head start to getting your foot in the door!

Your future starts now. Let's unlock it - together.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Tuesday, 7th October
- **Time:** 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- **For:** Year 11 students
- **Location:** (Zoom link provided upon registration)

Register now to secure your place!

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MENTORVERSE

Following the resounding success of our first event, we're delighted to invite your students to join the next **Tech Mentor No-Code Hackathon** on **Saturday 11th October**, 10am - 5pm – a national no-code competition created to inspire the next generation of tech leaders.

At the No-Code Hackathon, students will have the opportunity to build their own app and tackle real-world challenges. This competition supports the government's initiative to upskill young people in tech and offers students a hands-on, exciting, and career-relevant experience, while also giving your school a chance to shine on the national stage. The winning team will earn a spot in the national finals.

[Find out more here](#)

Students can enrol individually online if interested. Spots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

What is the National No-code Hackathon Competition?

This event offers students a unique opportunity to cultivate essential IT skills, explore diverse career paths in technology, and collaboratively build an app based on an undisclosed challenge using no-code platforms like Lovable. With each session featuring a fresh and engaging real-world theme, we strongly encourage past participants to return and tackle new challenges.

- No coding experience needed- just enthusiasm, creativity and access to a computer. You will develop technical skills through experiential learning on the day, using no-code app building platforms. Our experienced tech teams will explain how to use these at the start of the day.
- Open to students aged 14 - 18
- Fully online (Zoom) 10am - 4pm UKGMT
- Team-based format
- You will learn how to create apps for various real world applications, from health to education and much more!
- Learn different careers in tech on the day
- Develop your team-working and interpersonal skills
- You will gain a certificate of participation and a chance to go through to the finals!
- £15 registration per student (this helps us cover the cost of the platforms and admin for hosting the competition)
- Pre-event video briefing provided

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 into 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!

This is an ideal opportunity for students in Years 10-11. Spaces are limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment.

[Register here](#)

We hope to see your students at the National No-code Tech Hackathon Competition in October!

Explore the success stories within Mentorverse:

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



LIVE VIRTUAL

Online Tech Hackathon

MENTORVERSE

National No-Code Hackathon Competition For Students

Are you ready to solve real-world problems, build your own app and compete for a national prize? All without writing a single line of code?

Welcome to Tech Mentor! The UK's most exciting no-code hackathon competition for secondary school students aged 14 to 18.

Join the Competition

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 4th October from 9am - 1.30pm**
- **Sunday 5th October from 9am - 1.30pm**

Get Into Dentistry:

- **Saturday 18th October 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/>

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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>

Aspiring Dentists: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shr1YAbWctfkXarfQ>

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Get Into Dentistry.

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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
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- Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes,
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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?*



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ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

I am delighted to extend an invitation to your students in years 10-11 year groups for our upcoming Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience session on Sunday 5th October, 9am - 5pm, focusing on Pain Management and Mental Health.

5th October: Communication & Fractures

We will be meeting Aizah who is now pregnant and has been diagnosed with Gestational Diabetes.

She has some mild Learning Difficulties and is a patient of Asian ethnicity with refugee status. With English as a second language it is causing some difficulties that can be rectified with support when it comes to speaking to understanding the medical advice she is given. She has no extended family here in the UK besides her husband.

Dominic suffered a leg injury while playing football, first responder Kate arrives on the scene to assess the situation and administer primary care. Further assessment confirms a fracture and Dominic will require physiotherapy to recover full mobility.

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.

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.

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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10 things you never knew about accountancy



Written by: ICAEW Last updated: 31 Dec 2024

Think accounting is dull? Think again – here are just a few fascinating facts about one of the world's oldest and most important professions.

1. Accountancy is a truly ancient profession: as far back as 7,500BC – and long before the earliest-known writing – clay tokens were used to represent grain and other goods being traded in Mesopotamia.
2. The first published explanation of double-entry bookkeeping was set down in 1494 by mathematics teacher and monk Luca Pacioli in his book *Summa de Arithmetica*. In 2019, a first-edition copy was auctioned by Christie's in New York, fetching \$1,215,000.
3. And talking of bookkeeping, it's the only word in the English language to have three sets of consecutive double letters.
4. Accountants, bankers and financial professionals have their own patron saint in the Christian faith: Saint Matthew, who worked as a tax collector for the Romans before becoming one of Christ's 12 apostles.
5. The worlds of music, entertainment and literature would be very different if some stars had stuck with their accountancy careers: Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger, Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant, comedian Eddie Izzard and author John Grisham all started out studying accounting.
6. A career in accountancy could take you far – even as far as the FBI. Forensic accountants have been a key part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since it was founded in 1908. Today it employs some 600 agents who specialise in investigating financial crime.
7. It was US government agents who famously brought down gangster Al Capone in 1920s Chicago. When other efforts to prosecute his many crimes failed, Internal Revenue Service special agent Frank J Wilson and his team scoured two million documents to find the evidence that eventually saw him jailed for tax evasion.
8. At the same time, some 750 miles away in Philadelphia, another accountant was busy inventing bubble gum. Walter Diemer was working for a confectionery company and experimenting on the side when he accidentally stumbled across the perfect recipe. He reputedly never received any royalties for his invention.
9. Accountants play a starring role in the Oscars each year: since the 1930s, PwC has overseen the vote, hand-counting thousands of Academy ballots to determine the nominees and eventual winners. The independent firm was brought in after a public outcry in 1934 when Bette Davis failed to be nominated.
10. Join ICAEW and you'll be in good company: with 36,084 students and 166,3398 members (December 2022), it is the biggest professional accountancy body in the UK and Ireland.



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CAREER *of the* WEEK

Forensic accountant

A career as a forensic accountant will suit you if you're looking for a specialist role that requires an investigative approach to accountancy.

As a forensic accountant, you'll use your accountancy skills to investigate financial discrepancies and inaccuracies such as fraudulent activity, financial misrepresentation, or misconduct and disputes.

The role involves a combination of accounting, auditing and investigative skills. You will conduct detailed investigations to uncover information, identify irregularities in financial documents and reports, calculate the exact losses, and trace and recover illegitimate funds. You'll provide reports of your findings, offering reconstructions and insights into how activities were carried out, and will also provide evidence at court as an expert witness.

A common misunderstanding is that forensic accountants spend much of their time carrying out research in order to uncover criminal activity. In reality, they can perform a range of work, such as:

- fraud, regulatory and cybercrime investigation
- commercial litigation
- dispute resolution
- resolving and settling insurance claims
- financial risk management
- loss of profits calculations
- business interruption
- matrimonial work
- personal injury
- professional negligence
- valuations

Companies also employ forensic accountants to focus on preventative activities, which aim to minimise the risk of financial problems and enhance their reputation for good practice.

Responsibilities

As a forensic accountant, you'll need to:

- deliver forensic accounting and investigation services to a range of clients
- conduct background research on the economy, businesses and individuals
- perform forensic research to trace funds and identify assets for recovery
- extract data from financial records
- create and manipulate spreadsheets
- conduct forensic analysis of financial data
- prepare detailed calculations and business valuations
- assess the potential impact on profitability, value or income
- undertake interviews to uncover and verify information
- prepare forensic accounting reports from financial findings
- collaborate with colleagues and other professionals related to your area of work
- prepare analytical data for court and collaborate with legal teams to help with mediation and settlement negotiations
- attend court where required to give expert testimony
- understand the wider economic and legal implications of a case
- travel abroad, when necessary, to conduct investigations
- help with business development and marketing



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