



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:

- Open events galore at local colleges, including one at Fleetwood Nautical College for anyone considering a career at sea.
- Bolton Sixth Form are offering an after school Art Club, covering photography, fine art, textiles and graphic design - perfect for anyone studying GCSE Art or for anyone who needs a portfolio to access a creative college course.
- For those thinking of a career in the armed or uniformed services, we have Carolyn from MPCT in school on Monday 13th October to talk about next steps and how MPCT can help with fitness, applications or interviews. See Miss Berry for more details (top office).
- Young Professionals have a series of brilliant events on offer, including an in-person business, law and finance work experience day in Manchester and virtual work experience with Browne Jacobson - both in the half term holiday - plus an event for parents/carers to enable them to best support pupils to get into prestigious careers - not to be missed!
- Westholme School invite you to their performance of 'Miss Saigon' in November - and of course, our own pupils are performing 'Legally Blonde' next week on Thursday and Friday evening. Tickets still available.
- Channel 4 have an amazing virtual work experience programme that pupils can work through at home, at their own pace, whilst gaining badges and certificates for their efforts to show to prospective employers in the future.
- If you missed the previous Tech Mentor Hackathon, there's another chance to get involved. Winners will go to the grand finals in June and stand to win awesome cash prizes! Check out the links inside to take part.
- Apprenticeships are high on the Government's agenda at present - have a look at the article explaining EPA - End Point Assessment, the way that an apprenticeship is assessed. This is essential reading for anyone planning to take an apprenticeship. I would always recommend having a full time college course in place as a back up option.
- We had Preston College in for a lunchtime drop in this week - next week sees assemblies and lunchtime drop-in sessions from both Runshaw and Cardinal Newman Colleges - don't miss the chance to chat to staff about applications, courses, progression routes, bus passes, interviews



Have a great weekend!



13th - 17th 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



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

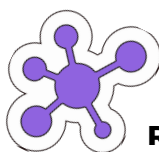


Consider what you already do outside of school - **what does it say about your interests or skills?**

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



PRESTON
COLLEGE

YEAR 10 & 11

OPEN EVENTS



SCAN TO



REGISTER

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.



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

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

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

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Chorley Library, PR7 1EB



Monday 1-4pm

Usually I'm there, but
best to check!

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PRESTON COLLEGE



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E info@preston.ac.uk



www.preston.ac.uk/apply

APPLY NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 2026!



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

**FLEETWOOD
NAUTICAL
CAMPUS**



MARITIME CAREERS OPEN EVENTS 2025-26

2025

THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2025 - 13.30 - 17.00

2026

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2026 - 10.30 - 14.30

THURSDAY 16 JULY 2026 - 13.30 - 17.00

**Fleetwood Nautical Campus
Broadwater
Fleetwood
FY7 8JZ**

**<https://fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/>
<https://careersatsea.org>**

You can look around our world class facilities:

- marine engineering centre
 - environmental pool
 - bridge simulators
 - engine room simulators
 - electro-technical lab
 - halls of residence
 - firefighting demonstrations
- and more!

You'll also be able to meet with shipping/training companies offering sponsorship opportunities, talk to our tutors and hear our current students talk about their experiences.

Register today!



*We look forward to
welcoming you!*

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

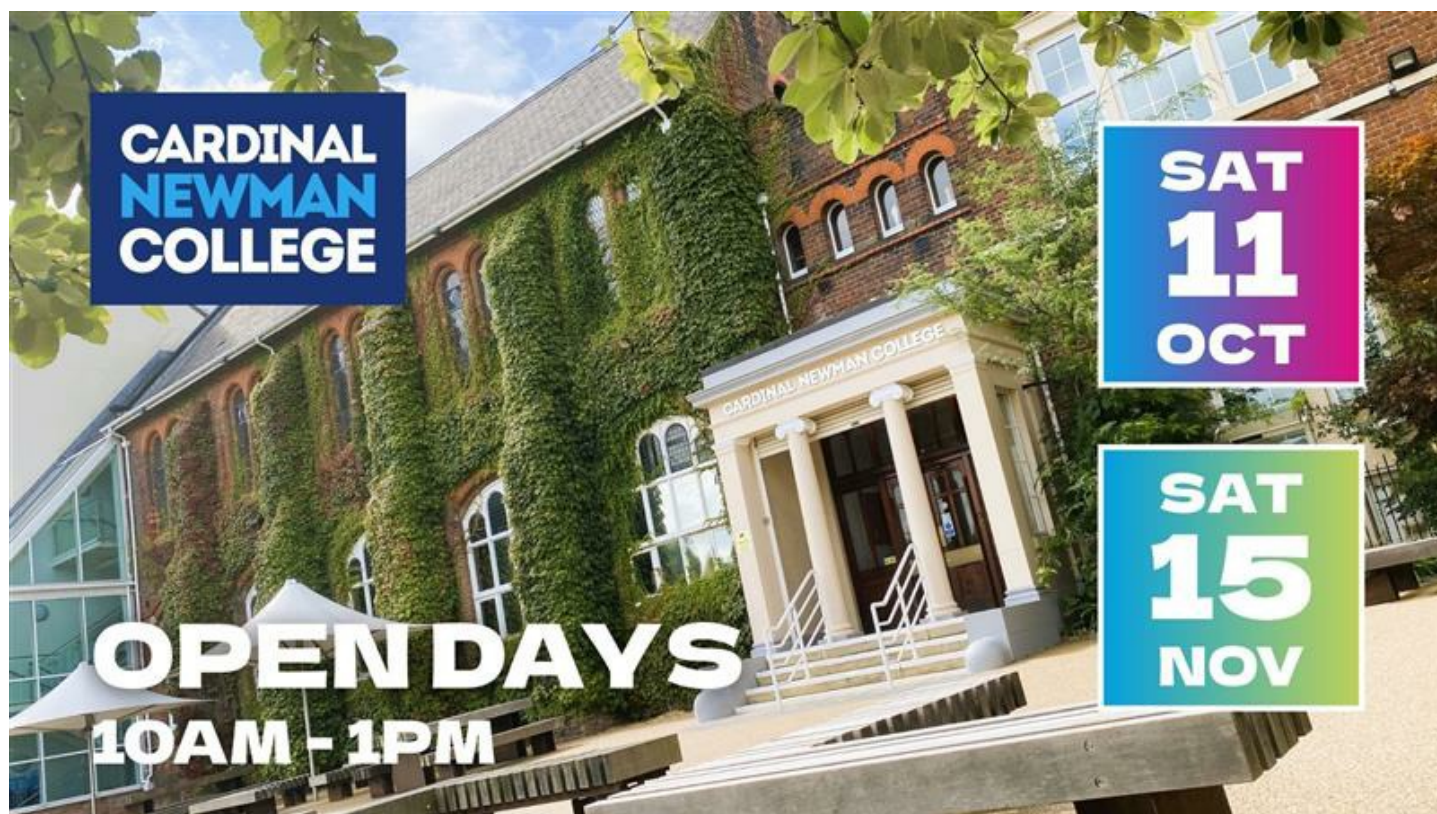
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**St John Rigby
College**



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



Lancashire and
South Cumbria

Careers
in health and social care



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

BOOK NOW – burnley.ac.uk



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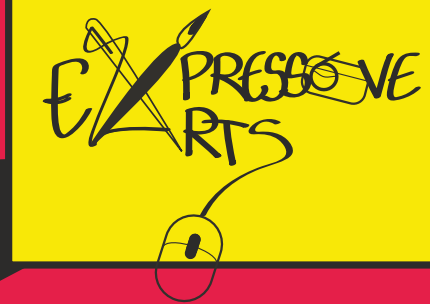


ART CLUB

2026

**AN 8 WEEK PROGRAMME
THURSDAY EVENINGS
4.30-5.30PM**

AT THE SIXTH FORM BOLTON



You will work with specialist tutors who will support your creative making teaching you a variety of subject specific techniques and processes from digital photography and studio techniques, through to painting and drawing, fine art textiles techniques and digital image manipulation and animation techniques.

5 & 12 FEB: PHOTOGRAPHY

26 FEB & 5 MAR: FINE ART

12 & 19 MAR: TEXTILE DESIGN

26 MAR & 2 APR: GRAPHIC DESIGN

SIGN UP HERE

afterschoolclubs@bolton-sfc.ac.uk

**COST
£20.00**



Each week will build on the last, we encourage you to use the themes you are working with in either your current coursework or exam project for GCSE BUT if you are not studying GCSE Art & Design you can still join ART CLUB and complete the 8 week program using your own theme 😊

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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Post-16 technical education

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.

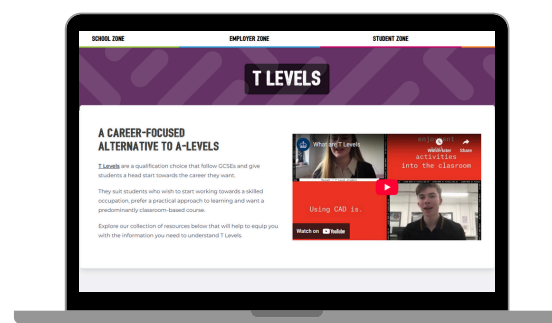


Linked resource

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





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- 90% of our learners progress into military or civilian roles.
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BOOK YOUR PLACE



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call **0330 111 3939**

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

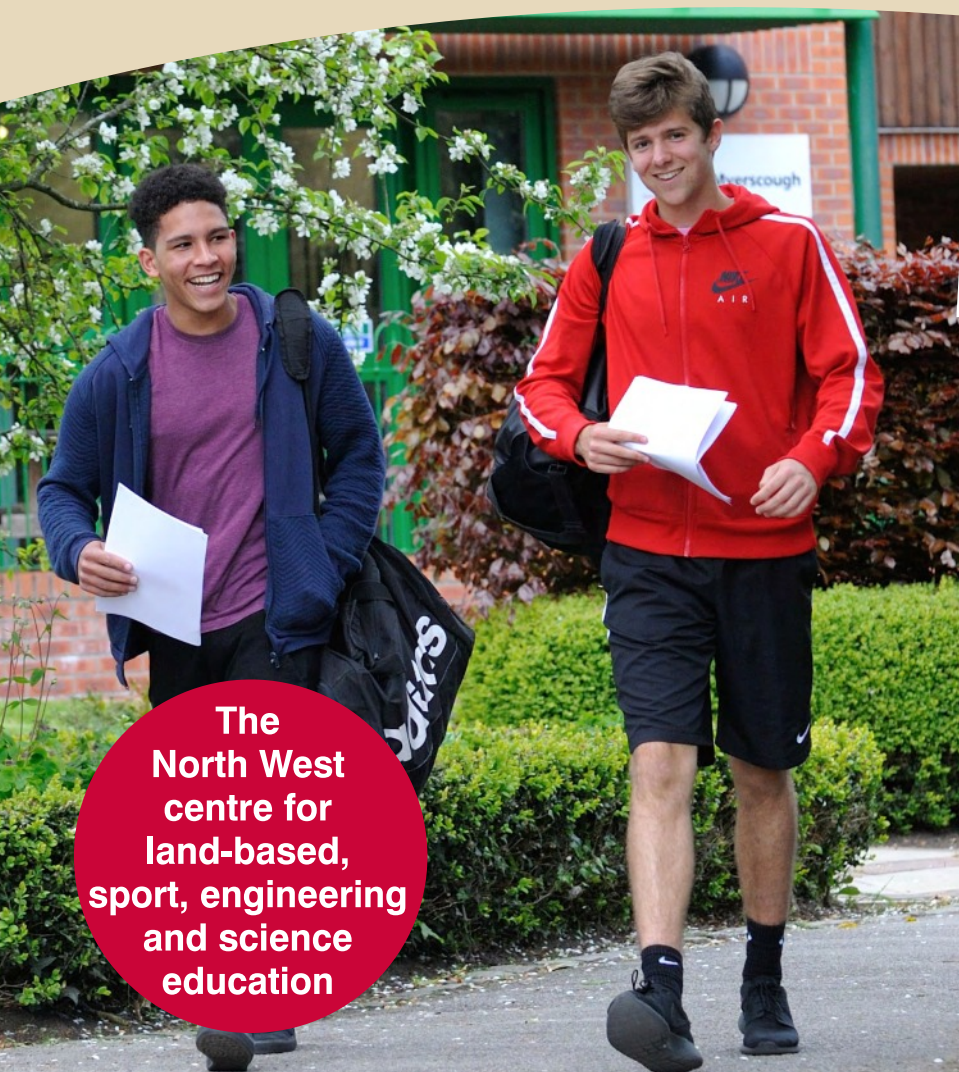
Monday 13 October 2025
Monday 10 November 2025
Monday 2 February 2026



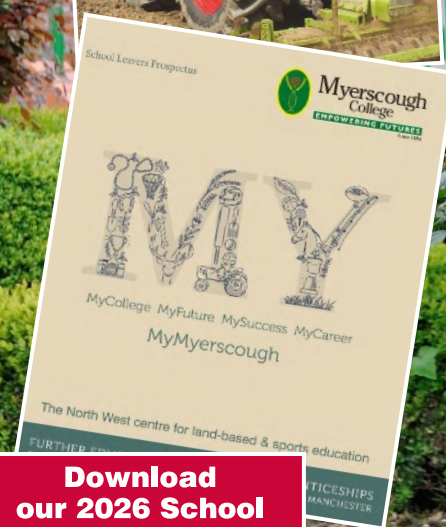
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Course Advice Morning



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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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Training 2000



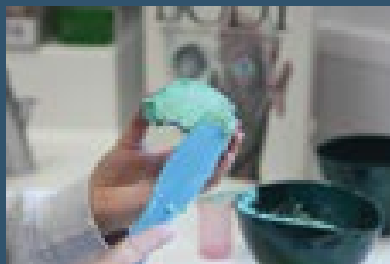
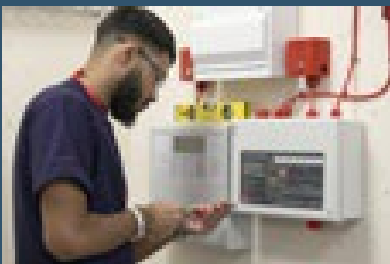
Apprenticeship open evenings

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

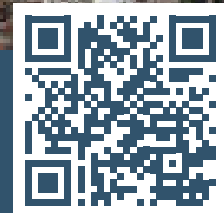
Where: Furthergate Business Park, Harwood Street, Blackburn, BB1 3BD

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



Book your place:

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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 Young Professionals Work Experience Day in the October Half-term at the Manchester Deansgate Hotel

Wednesday 29th October 9:30am - 1pm & 1pm - 5pm

Explore Different Career Pathways in Business, Finance & Law with Leading Employers!

We are pleased to invite you to the **Young Professionals Manchester Work Experience Day**, an exclusive opportunity for school and university students to connect with **leading employers**, explore career options and gain valuable insights into different industries.

We know how overwhelming it can be when looking to apply for work experience, apprenticeships and graduate schemes. This is why Young Professionals is putting on a unique work experience day to help you fully prepare for the world of work. This will all be led by some of the world's leading employers and the Young Professionals team.

What to expect on the day:

- Degree Apprenticeship and Graduate masterclass – everything you need to know to stand out in the crowded job market
- Mock assessment centre exercise where you will work in groups and pitch an idea to professionals
- Interview practice and techniques to help you land an opportunity/job
- How to craft the perfect CV that will get your foot in the door to a leading company
- Commercial awareness workshop to help you stay ahead and up to date with core industry knowledge on the sectors you want to go into
- Networking with direct hiring managers and the opportunity to do your 30s elevator pitch to industry professionals

Event Details

- **Date:** Wednesday, 29th October
- **Venue:** The Manchester Deansgate Hotel
- **Session:** 9:30am - 1pm (Business Session) & 1pm - 5pm (Law Session)
- **Who Can Attend?** Year 11

Some of the Employers Attending

This conference will feature representatives from:

- **Business Session - KPMG, BDO, CIMA, Wates, RAF + more**
- **Law Session - Stephenson Harwood, CMS, Reed Smith, DWF, Pinsent Masons, TLT + more**

These leading organisations represent a diverse range of industries and offer unique insights into career opportunities. This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with several industry experts and gain first-hand insights into potential career paths.

Spaces are limited, so register now to secure your place! **If you want to attend both sessions, you can apply via each link separately below**

Register Now for Business: 9:30am - 1pm

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP_Manchester_25

Register Now for Law: 1pm - 5pm

https://www.research.net/r/YP_Manchester_Law

QEGS SIXTH
FORM

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 20th November 2025 | 5.00pm-7.00pm



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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Young Professionals Parent / Guardian Information Evening

Thursday 16th October, 6pm - 7:30pm

This online event is for parents and guardians who want to understand more on how they can best help their child in their future career choices once they leave school. We will be joined by some of the world's biggest employers in law, business, finance, accounting, and STEM.

We are excited to invite you to an exclusive online parent/guardian event designed to provide valuable insights into how you can support your child in making informed career choices when they leave school/university.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn how to help your son or daughter gain a foothold in the world of work with the many major brands (mentioned below) from various sectors who will be joining us for the event.

This event will touch upon applying to corporate roles and the application process, commercial awareness and how young people can develop these skills as well as highlighting degree apprenticeships, what they are and key deadlines to make applications.

There will also be breakout room sessions with sector-specific panels and workshops that you and your child can participate in throughout the evening. Please note that to join the breakout rooms, you will need the Zoom app on your laptops or phones.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, 16th October 2025
- **Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Zoom

Employers Involved:

- **Law:** Mishcon de Reya, Clifford Chance, A&O Shearman, University of Law
- **Business/Finance:** KPMG, PwC, BDO, CIMA, RSM
- **STEM:** Wates, RAF, The Army, National Grid

This event will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the career and work experience prospects for your child in sectors such as Finance, Data, Technology, Law, Engineering, and different Corporate Functions.

The whole session will be led by the direct hiring managers at these global firms, so you'll learn from the very best on how to support your child as they transition from education to the professional world with leading brands.

We would encourage you to join this event with your child to get the most out of this session.

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October Law Work Experience

Tuesday 28th October from 9:00am - 4:15pm

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to significantly increase their legal career prospects by getting an insight into the legal profession and hearing from the incredible, exclusive speakers we have lined up.

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If you're an aspiring solicitor/ barrister/legal professional, there's one event that you absolutely cannot miss this year - the Browne Jacobson Law Virtual Work Experience on Tuesday, 28th October, from 9:00 am to 4:15 pm.

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It's simple: your career prospects will increase with attendance. This event is packed with unrivalled legal insights, an incredible lineup of exclusive speakers, and hands-on career advice from the most prestigious legal figures in the UK. Whether you're planning to work in private practice, join an in-house legal team, or carve your path as a barrister, this event covers everything you need to secure the career of your dreams.

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Star-Studded Line-Up:

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Other Speaker Line-up

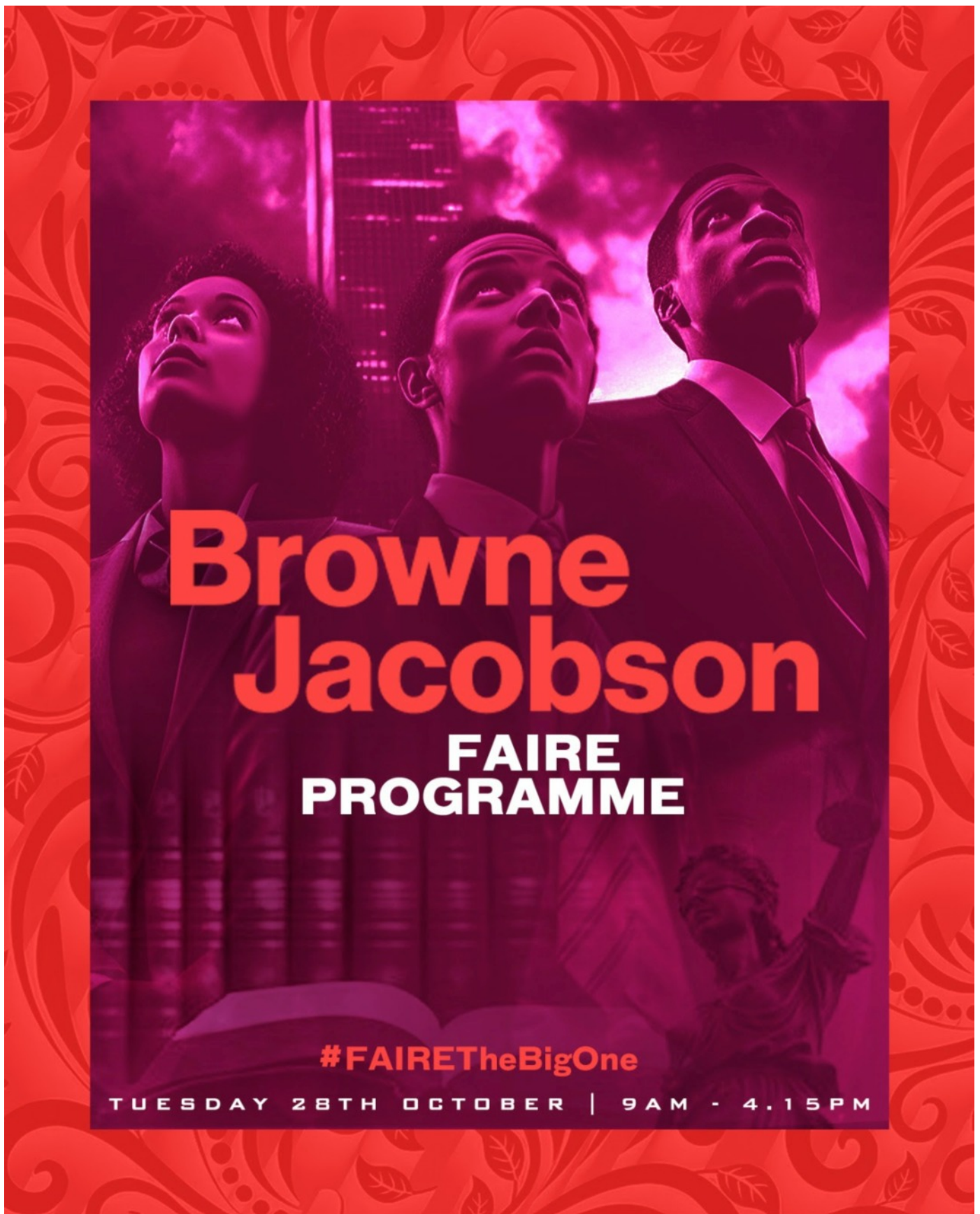
- Jonathan Tardif, Head of Commercial Disputes at Browne Jacobson – an unparalleled opportunity to hear directly from one of the UK's best litigators (and how to 'win' when on a huge case)
- Barbara Mills KC, Chair of The Bar Council and Deputy High Court Judge – hear from one of the leading barristers in the UK who specialises in high conflict cases featuring allegations of severe abuse
- Mark Evans, the brand new President of the Law Society of England & Wales, and widely recognised as one of the most influential legal figures in UK law
- Nirmal Shant KC HHJ, a Specialist in criminal and fraud cases, has worked with some of the most dangerous criminals in the UK. One of the most influential South Asian women in law and an incredibly successful High Court Judge
- Dr Sally Penni MBE, Criminal and Employment Law specialist, published author, and diversity advocate for women in the legal profession
- Caroline Green (Senior Partner, Browne Jacobson) A rare opportunity to hear from the leader of a UK Top 50 law firm and commercial solicitor who has advised the likes of Louis Vuitton, and many other leading luxury brands for almost 40 years.

Plus, you'll gain insights from a panel of SQE trainees on how to successfully tackle the Solicitors Qualifying Examination, hear from an ex-Google DeepMind lawyer on how to navigate a legal career as a neurodivergent individual, and build a personal brand that will help you stand out.

What Makes This Event Different?

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From in-house legal advice to barristers' insights and a special personal branding session, you'll gain practical knowledge, understand what legal employers are looking for, and most importantly, it'll help you create an application which stands out in some of the UK's most competitive recruitment processes.



Why Attend?

This event is your direct access to the brightest minds and most successful people in law and a chance to gain actionable advice on navigating your legal career. Whether you're aiming for a law firm, chambers, or an in-house role, the Browne Jacobson FAIRE Virtual Insight Event is designed to help you get there faster, smarter, and with confidence.

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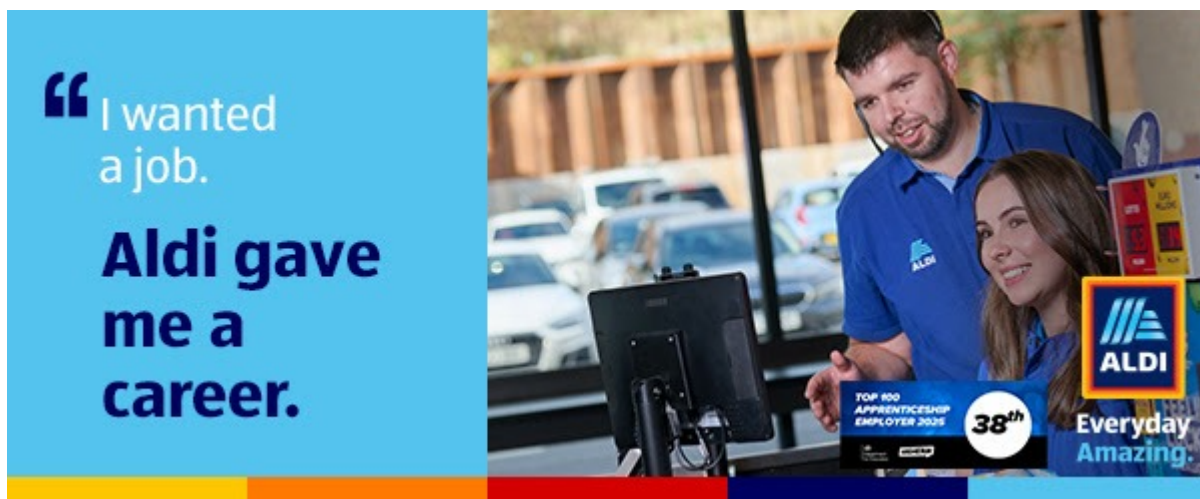
Different subjects, but the same four themes explored in every single one:

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- 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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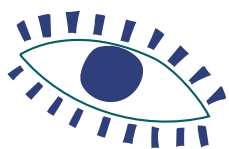
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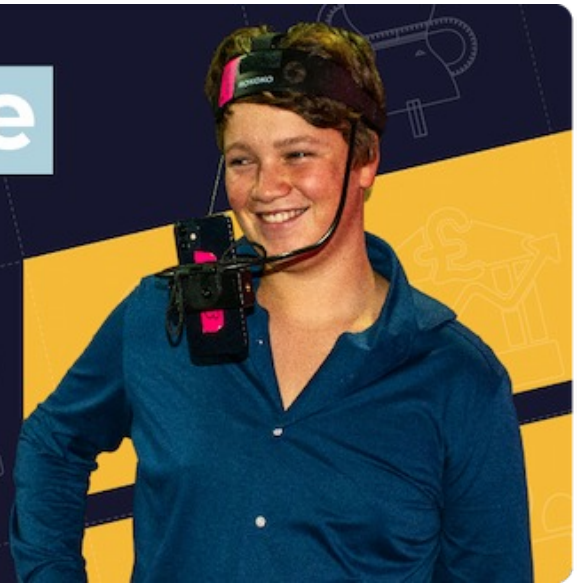


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Taking place at UCL in London, our in-person programmes allow students to fully immerse themselves in the day in the life of a professional in London.



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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 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 an open day. 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.

The best way to discover the opportunity to about your choice

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

Example: At dedicated to be ready to your source

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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.

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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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:

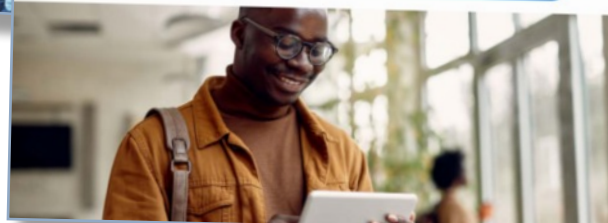
- National Scholarships Week 2025 - running 31 March to 4 April 2025, in partnership with Amazon. Last year, NSW 2024 launched over £800,000 worth of scholarship funding through corporate partners.
- April 2025 - a key period when many scholarships open. Make sure to prepare applications in the spring.
- 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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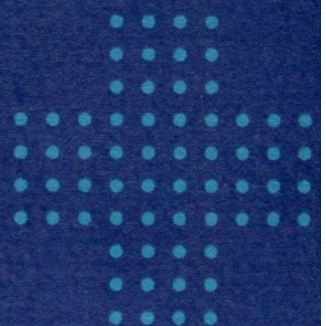
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The tech industry is filled with various opportunities, covering everything from cybersecurity and app development to game design, healthcare, and sustainable energy. For students aged 14-18, diving into these fields early can ignite their passions, build essential skills, and set them on the path to a successful future.

With this in mind, I'd like to formally invite your students to the Tech Mentor No-Code Hackathon on **Sunday 9th November** from 10am-4pm.

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The Tech Mentor No-Code Hackathon is a hands-on, team-based virtual 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.

And this is all from the comfort of their own home! This event is open to students aged 14–18 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!

If your students are unable to attend, we also have Hackathon's available on Saturday 13th December 10am-4pm and Sunday 11th January 2026.

Spaces are limited, so register early to avoid disappointment:

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END POINT ASSESSMENT EXPLAINED

What happens at the end of an apprenticeship?

What is End Point Assessment?

End Point Assessment (also commonly referred to as EPA) is the final stage of the apprenticeship programme. The purpose of EPA is to confirm that the apprentice has met all of the knowledge, skills and behaviour requirements set out in the apprenticeship standard.

What is an apprenticeship standard?

Each apprenticeship has a standard which sets out the main purpose of the apprenticeship, the job roles linked to the standard and the expected knowledge, skills and behaviours that the apprentice should have achieved. There are approximately 700 different apprenticeship standards available. You can view the current and planned apprenticeship standards on the Skills England website(see link below).



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How does EPA work?

To reach EPA, the apprentice will have completed a series of activities and tasks with their employer and training provider. They will then jointly agree that the apprentice is ready to move forward for their End Point Assessment. This stage is called 'the gateway'.

End Point Assessment methods

This short film (4 minutes) explains the different types of assessment methods (see link below).



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What are the EPA requirements?

The process of EPA is different for each apprenticeship standard. It could include a range of different activities such as:

- Presentation of a portfolio
- Professional discussion
- Test
- Practical demonstration

The whole process of EPA is co-ordinated and conducted by a third-party organisation that is not connected to the employer or training provider. This organisation is called the End Point Assessment Organisation (EPAO).

END POINT ASSESSMENT EXPLAINED

What happens at the end of an apprenticeship?

Additional support

If you require additional support to complete your EPA, your training provider will be able to make appropriate arrangements for you. These could include:

- Extra time allowance
- A scribe
- A reader
- A personal support worker to attend
- British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter
- Assistive technology



Linked resource

Find out more about the additional support available to apprentices in this useful guide (see link below).



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What happens if you don't pass?

If you have not passed any elements of your EPA, then you will usually be able to re-take the parts that you need. This can sometimes limit the overall grade that you can achieve.

What happens on completion of EPA?

When you have successfully completed your EPA, you will have achieved your full apprenticeship. You will receive a grade of either pass / merit / distinction (this varies between different apprenticeships). You will then receive your apprenticeship certificate, issued to you by the Department for Education.



What is changing?

The Government is reviewing the way that apprenticeship End Point Assessment is conducted, making it more streamlined and simplified. From April 2025 all apprenticeship standards and associated assessment plans will be reviewed and updated. This is expected to take up to 18 months to complete. Further details on End Point Assessment can be found on the government website (see link below).



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dedicate extensive time and resources to grow essential ingredients such as cocoa beans and sugar, as well as dairy farmers who produce the fresh milk.

CHOCOLATE MANUFACTURERS then transform them into the delicious chocolate bars we enjoy. **AGRICULTURAL & SUSTAINABILITY EXPERTS** oversee farming practices to ensure sustainable and high-quality harvests.

FOOD SCIENTISTS develop unique flavour combinations and production techniques, while **QUALITY CONTROL SPECIALISTS** rigorously test each batch for consistency and safety. In modern **CHOCOLATE FACTORIES**, **PRODUCTION MANAGERS** work alongside **MACHINE OPERATORS** to efficiently roast, grind, and refine the cocoa beans, mix in sugar, milk, and other ingredients, then pour the chocolate into molds. **ENGINEERS** design and maintain sophisticated equipment for precise measurements and rapid production.

Meanwhile, **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TEAMS** experiment with new flavour profiles and healthier alternatives, responding to evolving consumer preferences. **PACKAGING EXPERTS** create eye-catching wrappers and boxes, ensuring they are fully recyclable, collaborating with **MARKETING TEAMS** to attract consumers and develop advertising. **LOGISTICS EXPERTS** ensure efficient distribution, and **SALES TEAMS** work with retailers to keep store shelves stocked with a variety of chocolate bar options. Finally, when you unwrap and enjoy that rich, smooth chocolate bar, remember the intricate network of professionals who made that moment of chocolatey bliss possible.

From cocoa bean to chocolate bar, it takes a complex system to bring that delectable chocolate treat to you.

BET YOU THOUGHT IT WAS JUST COCOA AND MILK!

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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 25th October from 9am - 1.30pm**
- **Sunday 26th October from 9am - 1.30pm**

Get Into Dentistry:

- **Saturday 18th October from 9am - 1.30pm**
- **Sunday 19th 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:

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

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

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

Previously successful Dental students:

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

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

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LIVE!

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Get Into Medicine.

CONFERENCE

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

This includes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Taking part in the Virtual Work Experience will provide:

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

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

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

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

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Get Into Dentistry.

CONFERENCE

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

This includes:

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

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MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

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

This opportunity is for students in Years 10-11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**University Hospitals
Birmingham**
NHS Foundation Trust



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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Cookie cutter bird feeders

Make these simple lard and seed bird feeders.



You will need:

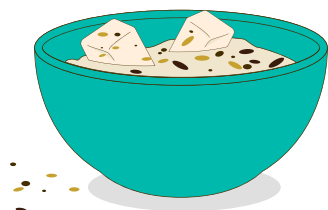
- One part lard at room temperature
- Two parts wild bird seed

Cookie cutter bird feeders

Get busy in the kitchen!

1

Cut the soft lard into pieces and put it in a **bowl** with the bird seed.



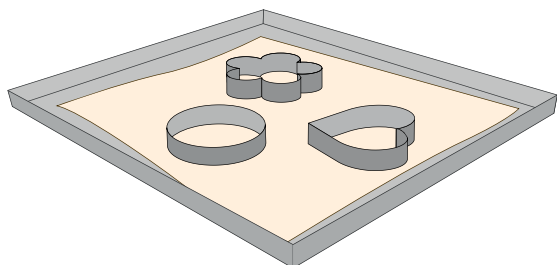
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Get your hands dirty! Mix everything together.



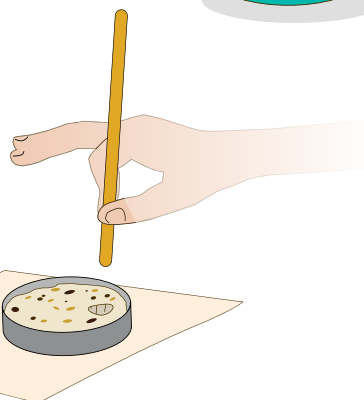
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Place some **cookie cutters** on a **baking tray** lined with **greaseproof paper**.



4

Firmly press the mixture into the cookie cutters and poke a hole in each one.



5



Put them in the fridge to set.

6

Pop them out of the cookie cutters, thread **ribbon** through them and hang them up outdoors.



Try adding mild, grated cheese to your mix too!

Hang your feeders near a window and watch the birds tuck in!

Feel free to copy and share this for personal and educational use – and don't forget there are loads more brilliant activities to download on our website!

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CAREER *of the* WEEK

Choreographer

You'll create dance routines for live shows, on stage, events, TV, films, music videos, fashion shows, corporate events and even on ice.

This usually involves planning the whole performance, from teaching the steps to the dancers to working with costume designers and directors to achieve the desired outcome. You might create your own dance pieces or interpret a director's instructions depending on the brief provided.

You'll need a high level of dancing ability, the patience to teach others and to know what looks good to a wider audience, as well as the communication skills needed to make sure that your directions are coming across clearly to your dancers.

The most successful choreographers run whole shows by themselves, playing out storylines and themes through meticulous planning of dances, costumes, music and visuals, to engage the audience. Choreographers often run their own dance schools, which also involves balancing their own accounts and managing costs.

Types of choreography

Choreographers usually specialise in one style of dance, such as:

- classical ballet
- contemporary dance forms such as jazz, hip-hop, street or freestyle
- musical theatre
- ballroom and Latin American, such as salsa
- highland or Scottish country (ceilidh) dancing
- cultural, such as Irish, Indian, African or belly dancing
- ice dancing
- disability dance

Responsibilities

Depending on your area of specialism, you'll need to:

- develop ideas and create and develop routines to produce a well-polished performance
- plan movements to fit to music, guided by artistic and musical directors
- discuss ideas and plans with producers, costume designers, and musical and artistic directors
- choose music suitable for the concept or subject you have been tasked with
- audition, teach and rehearse dancers
- for some forms of dance, you may be required to record the steps using a notation system, such as Labanotation or Benesh
- work with other professionals to choreograph fight scenes or theatrical stunts
- be able to work on more than one show at a time
- meet regularly with producers, musical and artistic directors, and costume designers

If you're freelance, you'll also need to promote and market yourself, find new work and deal with your own tax and accounts.

What to expect

- You're likely to be working on more than one production at a time.
- You may mainly work in dance studios and rehearsal rooms, but also in theatres, film and TV studios, nightclubs, halls and holiday centres.
- There may be a lot of travel, possibly including overseas. There will likely be more travel involved the higher up the chain you get, as popular shows often tour a country or even a continent.
- You must keep up your fitness levels and stamina throughout your career.
- You might have to spend long periods away from home.



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