



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:

- There is a fantastic free work experience opportunity with Channel 4 - you have until 19th December to complete the programme, with the chance to earn badges and certificates.
- InvestIn Education are highlighting careers in the creative industry as well - scan the QR code for more details and to view programmes.
- Cardinal Newman College have some new qualifications coming online from September 2026: Cyber Security & Networks and Information Technology advanced nationals (single A Level equivalent).
- Date for the diary: Alliance Learning open evening, 12th February. Well worth a visit to see the amazing facilities, check out current vacancies, discuss career options and meet with some of the apprenticeship employers.
- Lots of information about apprenticeships, including EPA, foundation apprenticeships and much more.
- Virtual work experience with Medic, Dental and Allied Health Mentor in conjunction with the NHS - don't miss it!



We had assemblies with Runshaw and Newman Colleges this week, as well as follow up drop-in sessions. We also welcomed Staff Tasker who met with a group of students to talk about the roll on roll off programme at MPCT, aimed at boosting fitness, confidence and resilience prior to joining one of the armed or uniformed services.

College applications need to be in by Christmas, due to interviews taking place from January. You can change your mind at any time about the course or subject(s) you have chosen - at this point, you are merely reserving places at colleges. This year, most colleges were oversubscribed, and places on popular courses fill up rapidly.

I have created 'The Ultimate Guide to College Applications' - this will be available on the school website and has answers to all the frequently asked questions, plus links to all the colleges, apprenticeship and training providers.



Have a great weekend!



20th - 24th October 2025

PRESTON
COLLEGE

YEAR 10 & 11

OPEN EVENTS



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SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 10 - 2

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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**

CYBER SECURITY & NETWORKS

ADVANCED NATIONAL
(SINGLE A-LEVEL EQUIVALENT)

This qualification will give you a thorough understanding of cyber security threats and how networks operate, preparing you to progress to further study. It will also equip you with the practical skills to audit measures used on networks to protect against cyberattacks and demonstrate how these can be improved.

You will have the opportunity to demonstrate your capability in:

- assess for risks to networks, devices and applications and creating risk assessments
- explore the options, tools and techniques to tackle problems and use critical thinking skills to select the most appropriate solution
- audit the measures used to prevent cyberattacks
- design policies that control access to systems and educate users in cyberattack prevention

You will spend time outside of lessons learning about the latest cyber security threats and the measures used to prevent cyberattacks.

You will be assessed with two external exams and three internal coursework assessments over the course of two years.

Study with Computing: Application Development and/or IT Data Analytics

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Network Administrator
- Cyber Security Analyst (Entry-Level)
- IT Support Specialist
- Security Operations Centre (SOC) Analyst

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ADVANCED NATIONAL
(SINGLE A-LEVEL EQUIVALENT)

This qualification will equip you with the confidence to use practical IT knowledge and skills relevant for future study in an IT role or a wide range of other career pathways. You will develop practical skills for gathering, storing, analysing and accessing data as well as visualisation and presentation.

You will develop skills in the advanced use of spreadsheets and databases, explore the Internet of Everything and work with digital marketing. Data is all around us in today's digital world and no matter your career path the ability to work effectively with IT tools to use data to guide a business will make you an invaluable asset to any organisation.

You will have the opportunity to demonstrate your capability in:

- planning, developing and reviewing spreadsheet data models that meet the needs of a client
- developing creativity through opportunities for planning creative solutions that meet the needs of different clients or end-users
- developing skills of project-based working in the internally assessed units You will be required to complete individual tasks that combine to form a larger project
- managing different aspects of a project effectively to ensure the success of the whole project

You will spend time outside of lessons learning how to use different software packages to create solutions to problems.

You will be assessed with two external exams and three internal coursework assessments over the course of two years

Study with Cyber Security & Networks and/or Computing: Application Development

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Data Analyst
- Business Intelligence Analyst
- Reporting Specialist
- Junior Data Scientist

**CARDINAL
NEWMAN
COLLEGE**

OPEN DAY

10AM - 1PM

*Apply Online
Today!*

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15
NOV**

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

**ENERGISING
FUTURES**

Creepy, crawly, cool careers for Halloween!

Radiographers

use x-ray and other machines to see inside our bodies.

Entomologists

work with insects to prevent the spread of disease, increase pollinators and determine time of death.

Top essential skill

Special effects make-up artists

use materials to create realistic-looking wounds and terrifying monster faces!

Astronomers

study the Universe including the planets, stars and moons.

Haematologists

diagnose and treat patients with blood, bone marrow and lymphatic system disorders.

Which job would
you like to do?



COME ALONG TO OUR APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2026
4:00PM-7:30PM

**Business Administration | Leadership and Management
Engineering Operative | Engineering Fitter
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Engineering Design Technician
Mechatronics Maintenance Technician
Maintenance Operations Engineering Technician**

- Find out everything you need to know about Apprenticeships
- Have a tour of our specialist facilities
- Check out our current Apprenticeship vacancies
- Discuss your career options with our team
- Meet some of our Apprenticeship employers

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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

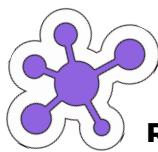


Consider what you already do outside of school - **what does it say about your interests or skills?**

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...

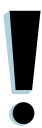
Create your own portfolio of work, e.g. create a GitHub account to log your coding projects

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



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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Fleetwood Nautical Campus – Maritime Open Day

Location: Broadwater, Fleetwood FY7 8JZ

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

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

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

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

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

You can look around of our world class facilities:

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

And see demos in our:

- environmental pool
- bridge simulators
- engine room simulators

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

To reserve your place, click the registration link above.

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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



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College**



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OPEN EVENING

Tue 18 Nov

5.30pm – 8.30pm

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26 MAR & 2 APR: GRAPHIC DESIGN

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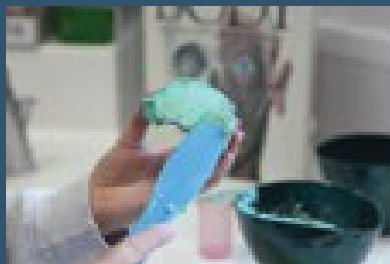
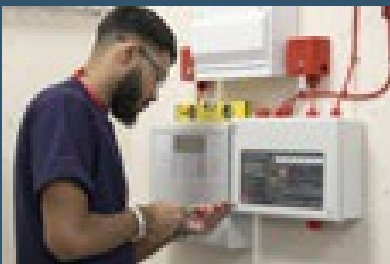
Apprenticeship open evenings

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

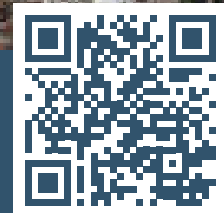
Where: Furthergate Business Park, Harwood Street, Blackburn, BB1 3BD

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Book your place:

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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



Saturday 4th October 2025
Saturday 15th November 2025

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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

INVESTIN THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE



Love creative subjects?

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MEDIA



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Join an InvestIN weekend programme this November to:

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View programmes

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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

From Accounting to Zoology - and 100's of subjects in between. You can browse any of the videos, search by keyword, or filter by subject.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Browne Jacobson

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.

This free event is open to all students at school, college, or university looking to pursue a career in law.

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.

Why is this THE must-attend lawcareers event of the year?

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.

In addition, you will be the first to hear about the brand-new Barrister Apprenticeship programme. Browne Jacobson will be one of the first UK law firms to offer this route, and they will launch their applications at the event!

Star-Studded Line-Up:

We're thrilled to announce our keynote speaker, Ellie Reeves (Rachel Reeves' younger sister, the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer), a British barrister and politician who has served as Solicitor General for England and Wales since September 2025. Eleanor was also the chair of the Labour Party and has held many other high-profile positions within the political and legal landscape.

Other Speaker Line-up

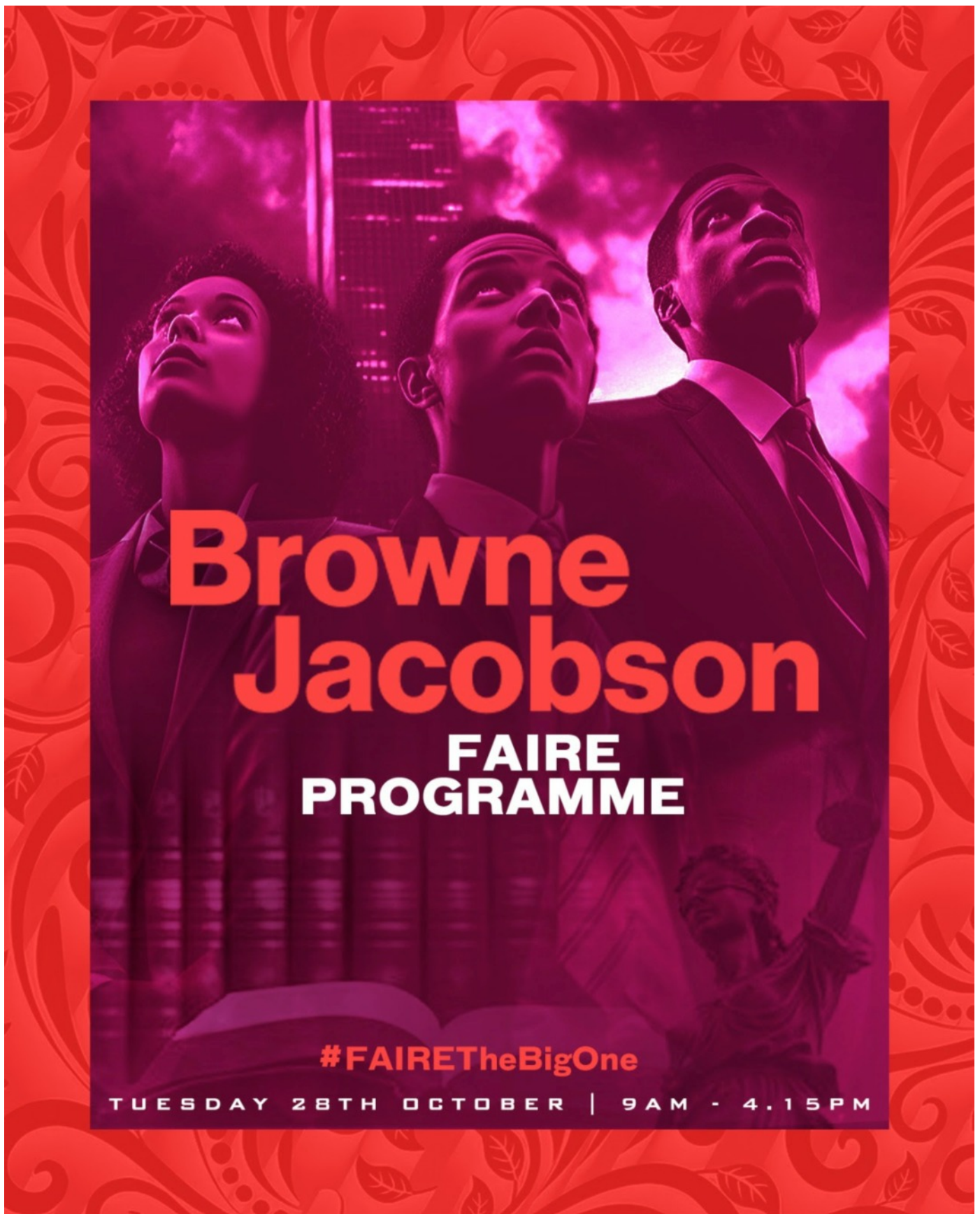
- Jonathan Tardif, Head of Commercial Disputes at Browne Jacobson – an unparalleled opportunity to hear directly from one of the UK's best litigators (and how to 'win' when on a huge case)
- Barbara Mills KC, Chair of The Bar Council and Deputy High Court Judge – hear from one of the leading barristers 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?

No other event offers such a live, comprehensive, real-world look into EVERY area of the legal profession, led by top-tier professionals.

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.

Can you really afford to miss this? Reserve your spot today and make this the career-defining moment of your journey into law!

Register now to secure your spot:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BrowneJacobson-VWEX-2025>

crafts in Entrepreneurship

Exploring craft careers and business skills

Discover how you can set up your own business and thrive as a craft entrepreneur!

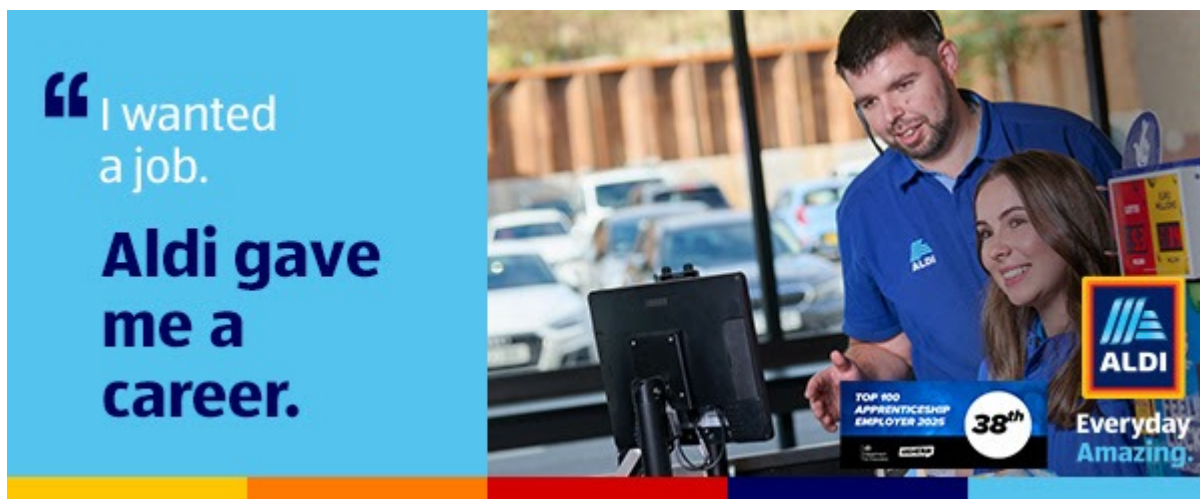
Some examples of exciting crafts for entrepreneurship!

- **Ceramicist:** Start your own pottery studio and sell your creations.
- **Weaver:** Launch a business making and selling textiles, from rugs to clothing.
- **Stone Carver:** Create and sell custom sculptures and architectural features.
- **Signwriter:** Start a sign-making business, showcasing your artistic talent.
- **Shoemaker:** Craft bespoke footwear and launch your own shoe line.
- **Glass Artist:** Establish a glass studio to create and sell beautiful glass pieces.
- **Ironworker/Metalworker** – Design and forge metal railings, gates, structural supports, and decorative ironwork.

Turn your craft skills into a thriving business and embrace your entrepreneurial spirit!

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- Grade 4+ in GCSE English and Maths needed
- 3-year programme
- Achieve Level 2 Retailer and Level 3 Team Leader qualifications (equivalent to 2 A-level passes)
- Ideal for students with big ambitions – fast track to a rewarding career in management

Aldi Apprenticeship Salaries

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Molly, Apprentice of the Year Winner 2024

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

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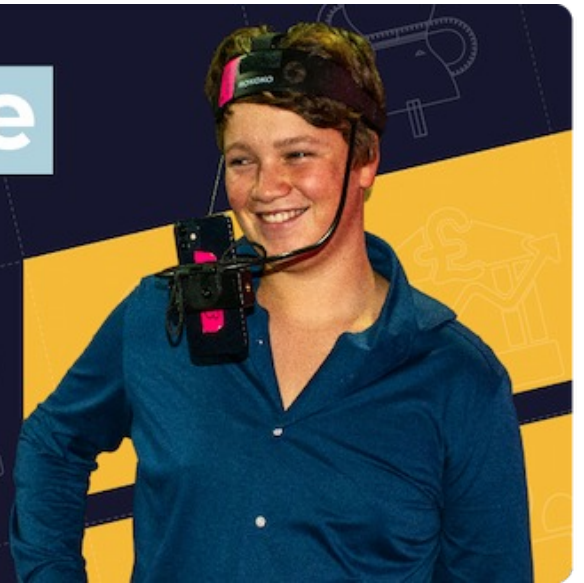
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this autumn

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VIEW and REGISTER



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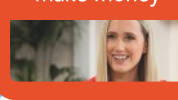
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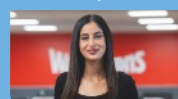
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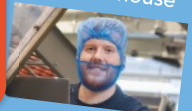
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Support for students with special educational needs and disabilities

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

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

Declaring your disability

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

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

The Disabled Students' Allowance

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

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

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



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What to expect at a university open day

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

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

Campus tours

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

Course talks

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

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

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

Support talks

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

Accommodation tours

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

Plan your day

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

The best way to discover the opportunity to about your choice

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

Example: At dedicated to be ready to your source

Choosing the right degree

University of Derby is available to our students. Support your university

Student events continue. Choose a new exciting experience

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:

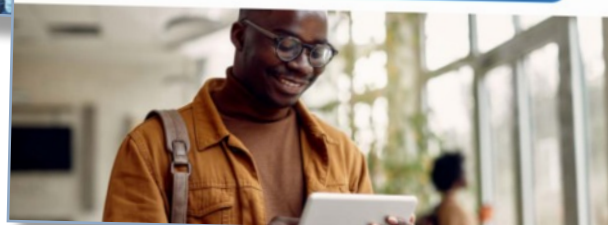
- National Scholarships Week 2025 - running 31 March to 4 April 2025, in partnership with Amazon. Last year, NSW 2024 launched over £800,000 worth of scholarship funding through corporate partners.
- April 2025 - a key period when many scholarships open. Make sure to prepare applications in the spring.
- 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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5-7PM

15TH OCTOBER

18TH NOVEMBER

15TH DECEMBER

9TH FEBRUARY

12TH MARCH

12TH MAY

18TH JUNE





Wates STEM Virtual Work Experience Event

Thursday 30th October, 10am - 12:30pm

We're delighted to share an incredible STEM virtual work experience opportunity for students during the October Half-Term break on Thursday 30th October, 10am - 12:30pm.

The event will highlight opportunities and insights across:

- Engineering & Technical Roles: From building services engineering to surveying and construction support.
- Skilled Trades: Carpentry, joinery, plumbing, electrical installation, groundwork, plastering, and maintenance.
- Business & Professional Services: Customer service, business administration, and accounting.

Are you ready to launch your career with one of the UK's leading property development and construction companies? Wates, a £2 billion industry leader, is offering opportunities across the UK, providing ambitious students like you with the chance to gain real-world experience and build a successful career.

Explore Exciting STEM Opportunities Across the UK

These are available nationwide, including key locations such as London, Cambridge, Crawley, Leeds, Manchester, Milton Keynes, and Redditch.

About Wates

Wates is a family-owned construction powerhouse with over 4,500 employees working on complex projects in education, healthcare, residential, commercial, and emergency services. Their apprenticeships offer hands-on experience while working on industry-leading projects and provide a clear pathway for career growth.

Event Details:

- Date: Thursday, 30th October
- Time: 10am - 12:30pm
- Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Why Attend?

- Gain insider insights into careers and apprenticeships at Wates
- Discover the range of roles available and find your perfect career path
- Hear from industry experts and current apprentices about their experiences
- Take part in STEM workshops to develop your skills and understanding of the sector
- Learn how to stand out in your corporate applications

Don't miss this chance to learn from industry leaders and explore how Wates can help you build a rewarding career in construction, engineering, and business.

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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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- ★ Where you **earn** while you **learn**
- ★ Blending **classroom** and **on-the-job** experience

IS AN APPRENTICESHIP FOR YOU?

- ✓ Apprenticeships take between **1 & 4 years** to complete
- ✓ Is it the **best way** to get into your chosen **career**?
- ✓ Do you like the idea of **mixing work** with **study**?
- ✓ Would you like to **earn** while you train?

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

- ⊕ A widely **respected** qualification
- ⊕ Practical work **experience**
- ⊕ A boost in **confidence**
- ⊕ At least **£3.30** per hour

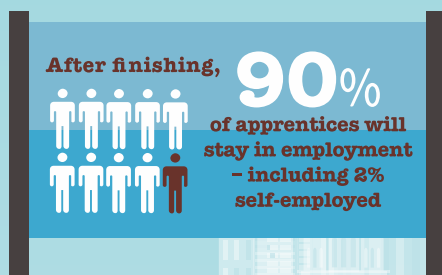
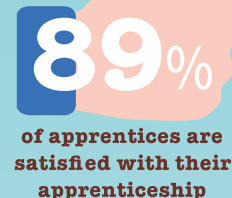
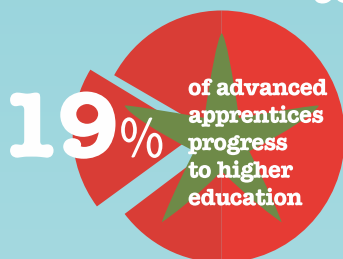
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END POINT ASSESSMENT EXPLAINED

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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FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS



Explore this exciting new apprenticeship programme

What are foundation apprenticeships?

Foundation apprenticeships help young people gain technical knowledge and skills while earning a wage. They are designed for young people typically aged 16 to 21 (or 22-24 meeting the eligibility criteria) who want hands-on experience in key sectors like construction, digital and social care. These level 2 apprenticeships combine technical knowledge and skills with workplace learning, helping the apprentice to decide their next career steps.

Which standards are available?

The [first foundation apprenticeships](#) focus on industrial strategy and government mission areas, including:

Engineering & manufacturing

- Building service engineering
- Engineering and manufacturing

Construction

- Finishing trades
- Onsite trades

Digital

- Hardware, network and infrastructure
- Software and data

Health

- Health and social care

Where can you find vacancies?

As foundation apprenticeships are a new programme from 1st August 2025, it may take some time before we start to see lots of vacancies become available. Vacancies will start to appear on the Government's [Find an Apprenticeship website](#), as well as other jobs sites, employer websites and social media.

Who can be a foundation apprentice?

Foundation apprenticeships are only available for young people who are:

- aged between 16 and 21 (or 15 years of age if the apprentice's 16th birthday is between the last Friday of June and 31st August)
- aged between 22 and 24 years old, who either
 - hold an Education, Health and Care plan
 - have been, or are, in the care of their local authority
 - are in prison or a prison leaver

KEY FACTS



Foundation apprenticeships

- typically last for 8 months.
- support progression to more specialised apprenticeships (level 2 or 3) or direct entry to employment.
- help apprentices to develop employability skills and behaviours common to the workplace.
- are paid positions where the apprentice must be paid at least the National Minimum Wage for Apprentices.
- are currently available in 4 sectors, covering 7 different job roles.
- are for young people aged 16-21 (or 22-24 meeting eligibility criteria).
- have their own apprenticeship standard and assessment plan.

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- **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/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

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

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

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

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

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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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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>

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
 - Extracurriculars
- Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes,
- Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

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YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

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

This opportunity is for students in Years 10-11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**University Hospitals
Birmingham**
NHS Foundation Trust



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Allied Healthcare Work Experience

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

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

After a compelling talk from our guest speaker about their career and
what they do day to day, you will **dive into live work experience sessions**
from the safety of your home.

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



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CAREER *of the* WEEK

Town Planner

Town planners plan and design buildings, parks and roads to make places attractive, sustainable and convenient for people to use.

As a town planner or planning officer, you'll be involved in the management and development of cities, towns, villages and the countryside. Your aim will be to balance the conflicting demands of housing, industrial development, agriculture, recreation, transport and the environment, in order to allow appropriate development to take place. It is a highly interdisciplinary profession that allows you to interact with many different sectors and people.

Regeneration within towns and cities forms an important part of planning and part of your role will be to take into account the often competing views of local businesses and communities.

If you work within a rural area, you'll need to ensure that development is sustainable and that the right balance of development is achieved to preserve the countryside. You'll also aim to make a positive contribution towards tackling the effects of climate change.

Responsibilities

As a planner, you'll need to:

- cover a broad area of work using many different skills
- choose whether to specialise in a particular area, such as protecting the historical environment or urban design, or to work across a variety of areas
- develop creative and original planning solutions to satisfy all parties
- consult with stakeholders and other interested parties
- negotiate with developers and other professionals, such as surveyors and architects
- research and design planning policies to guide development and provide essential advice
- assess planning applications and monitor outcomes as necessary, while checking that laws and regulations are adhered to
- research and analyse data to help inform strategic developments, such as increases in affordable housing provision
- design layouts and draft design statements
- use information technology systems such as computer-aided design (CAD) or geographical information systems (GIS)
- attend and present at planning boards, appeals and public inquiries, providing insights and suggesting improvements where required
- keep up to date with legislation associated with land use
- promote environmental education and awareness
- help disadvantaged groups express their opinions about planning issues and proposals, and visit sites to assess the effects of proposals on people or the environment
- coordinate available resources to meet planning targets
- write reports, often of a complex nature, which make recommendations or explain detailed regulations. These reports may be for a range of groups, from borough councils to regional assemblies, or members of the public



For more information click [here](#)