

CAREER News

2026

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

Welcome to the half term edition of Career News.

Lots of great opportunities for pupils, no matter what career pathway they are interested in. Read on for more information!



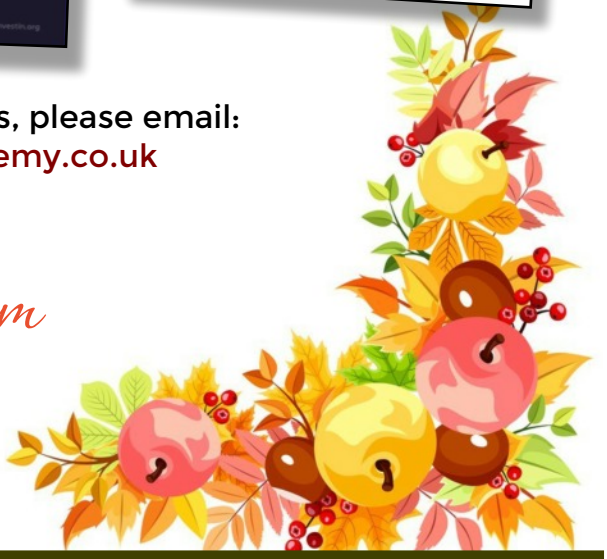






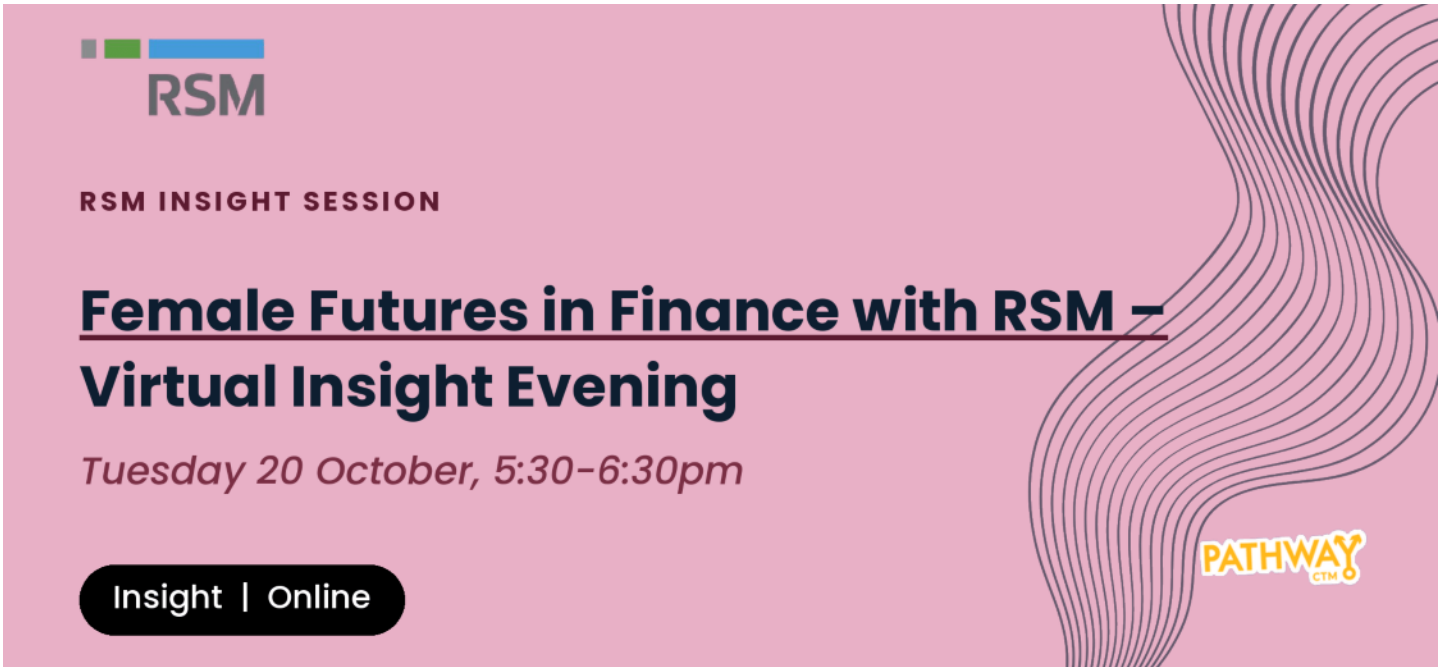
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Have a great half term



Half term edition

Female Futures in Finance is a free online session run by RSM on **Tuesday 20 October** at 5:30pm. Students hear from women working in **Audit, Tax and Consulting** about what the work is really like, get honest answers to the questions they might feel awkward asking, and learn how to get **paid work experience** before they leave school.



Who it's for: Female students in Year 10 through to School Leavers with an interest in finance or accounting, and their parents or carers. Open nationwide.

Join RSM for a virtual insight evening designed for female students exploring careers in finance. This session is a chance to hear directly from RSM's female apprentices about their own career journeys, ask questions, and find out what life as an apprentice is really like.

What's in it for you:

Hear about the early careers opportunities and pathways RSM offers, including apprenticeships across Audit, Tax and Consulting. Get an honest look at day to day life as an apprentice, straight from current female apprentices at RSM. Learn how RSM supports women in the industry and ask your own questions in a live Q&A at the end.

On the night:

- Introduction to RSM's early careers pathways
- Insight into apprenticeship life, from current female apprentices
- How RSM supports women in the industry
- Live Q&A

Apprenticeship areas on offer:

- Audit – working hands on with RSM's experts, examining the risks, weaknesses and performance of clients, while studying towards professional accountancy qualifications
- Tax – working with people and businesses to understand what they want to achieve, with programmes that let you tailor your career to your interests and strengths
- Consulting – working across business transformation, deal services, finance function support, risk and governance, and forensic and restructuring

Students can join from home, and they don't need any experience or a set plan.
They just need to book a place.

Book Your Place Now

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

You are invited to our

2026/27 OPEN EVENTS



Saturday 26th September 10.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 14th November 10.00am – 2.00pm
Wednesday 3rd March 4.00pm – 8.00pm

Scan the QR code to register
or visit runshaw.ac.uk/openevent

Come and begin your
Runshaw story with us!



An Exciting Opportunity for Year 11 Students





We're delighted to invite your Year 11 students to our upcoming taster day at Steven Gerrard Academy.

Our programme combines education with football development, giving students the opportunity to continue their studies while pursuing their passion for the game.

The taster day is a chance to meet our team, learn more about our education programme and take part in a football session.

This opportunity is for any Year 11 students who may be interested in exploring their next steps after school.

To view the full trial details and confirm your attendance, please click the button below

We're excited to welcome you for your first trial and give you a taste of life at the academy!

You'll take part in a football session led by our experienced coaching staff, giving you the chance to experience what it's like to train and play in a professional academy environment, meet other players, and show us what you can do.

Players of all abilities are welcome. All we ask is that you bring your enthusiasm, a willingness to learn, and a passion for football.

We know that joining somewhere new can feel a little daunting, so our team will be on hand to help you settle in and enjoy the experience. When you arrive, staff will be waiting at the entrance to welcome you, show you where to go, and answer any questions.

Trial Day Essentials:

- Football boots
- Appropriate Sports Kit
- Plenty of water

Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Date: Wednesday 28th October

Venue: Chorley FC Stadium, Duke Street, PR7 3DU

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Please arrive 5:50pm)

Confirm Your Attendance - BOYS

The High Sheriff of Lancashire's



Young Citizen Award 2027

Do you know a young person

aged 19 or under, who has helped either their local neighbourhood, an individual, family member or a local organisation in the last 12 months?

The High Sheriff of Lancashire would like to hear from you!

The winner will receive £300

with two runner-up prizes of £100 each.

To nominate your candidate, please complete the online form at **www.lanpac.co.uk** or scan the QR code.
The closing date for nominations is 1st February 2027.
For more information email: **lanpac@lancashire.police.uk**



Free Career Tasters

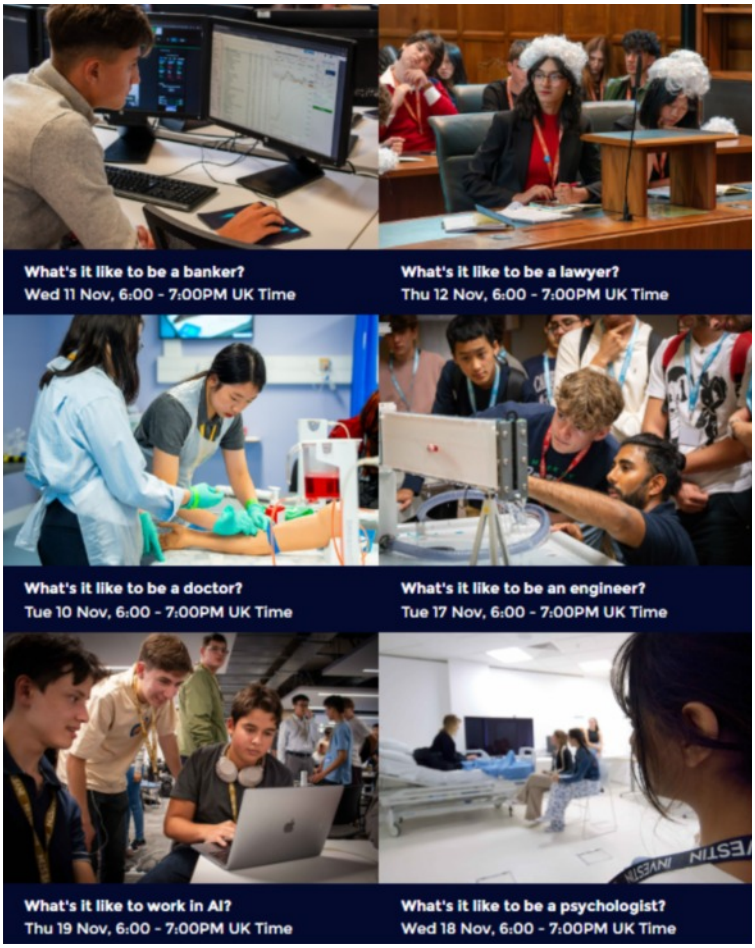
Interactive Online Workshops for Students

We are pleased to announce our new interactive workshop series! **Students will hear directly from practising professionals** on day-to-day life in their roles.

Many students lack the industry connections required to get their questions answered, so we hope to give them **direct access** to the people who can help.

We'd love to see students join the workshops live so that they can contribute to discussions. **However, if they can't make it, they can still sign up to receive the recording.**

VIEW & REGISTER



Upcoming Online Workshops

6 of our most popular careers will feature in this workshop series. They'll cover:

- **A typical day in that role**
- **The needed skills and potential challenges**
- **Salary, career progression and some myth-busting**
- **Then, students will get stuck in with an interactive simulation!**

What's it *actually* like?

FREE CAREER TASTER

6PM UK TIME



DOCTOR
10th November



BANKER
11th November



LAWYER
12th November



ENGINEER
17th November



PSYCHOLOGIST
18th November



AI SPECIALIST
19th November

Join our industry professionals online to take a look behind the curtain and learn the ins and outs of day-to-day-life in different careers.

- Receive a certificate for attending
- Can't make it? Register anyway to receive the recording

SECURE YOUR SPOT

EDT Placements

Paid work placements for school leavers

EDT Placement opportunities enable young people to enhance their skills whilst gaining an Industrial Cadets Platinum Level award, an industry recognised accreditation.



- We build links between young people, educators and industry employers
- Placements available in a variety of STEM companies across the U.K.
- Apply your skills & knowledge in a real work environment
- We are experts in placing and supporting students
- We work with leading FTSE100 companies
- Mentor service provided
- Access to skills webinars
- Accredited by Industrial Cadets at Platinum level

99% **of placement students said their Year in Industry had a positive impact on their career**

EDT Placements is accredited at Industrial Cadets Platinum level

"Year in Industry Placement can change your life and create so many opportunities as well as providing opportunities during the year, also it develops you into a stronger person."

Natyra Jashari - completed a placement at NSG Pilkington

"Felix's legacy is that he has created and delivered a tool for mission planning that far exceeds the technical brief. He has become a truly integrated member of our small development team."

Ben Wilcox /Paul Rose - Managers at Leonardo

Our partner companies include :

LEONARDO · GKN · HITACHI Inspire the Next · SCOTTISHPOWER · RaspberryPi · AVANTI WEST COAST · Viridor

Apply in your final year of school:

https://www.etrust.org.uk/programmes-platinum-placements

Click on the icons to follow us on social media #EDTplacements

Industrial Cadets | Powered by EDT Pathways to Industry

www.etrust.org.uk

£25 per project

For ages 11 - 16

Individual Challenger Experience

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

Industrial Cadets | Powered by EDT Pathways to Industry



Carbon Capture - Eco Garden Project

- **Create a garden** that supports the environment and contributes positively to the **fight against climate change.** You'll learn about **carbon sequestration**—the process by which plants, soil, and other natural features capture and store carbon dioxide.
- By the end of this course, you'll have a clear plan for an eco garden tailored to your space.

TinkerCAD Moon Base Project

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



Coding (Scratch) Project

- Develop your digital programme skills by creating games with different levels and functions.
- By the end of the course you'll be confident in creating games and devising new ways of programming.

How to sign up/find out more

To sign up, please visit our website **here** or **scan the QR code!**

SCAN ME



As National T Levels Week 2026 approaches, we're pleased to be hosting a dedicated webinar for parents and carers to help them understand T Levels including what they involve, how they differ from other post-16 options, and the progression opportunities they can lead to. We will be joined by David Scott, T Levels lead at the Department for Education, along with parent Victoria, who will share her experience of T Levels from a parents' perspective.

- **T Levels Week Parent and Carer webinar: Understanding T Levels**
- **Tuesday 20th October 2026, 18:30 – 19:15**

Register here

We encourage parents and carers to register even if they are unable to attend on the day, as all registrants will receive access to the webinar recording and slides afterwards.

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

MEET LAITH

DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT FOR ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING T-LEVEL STUDENT

"I learned so much from my industry placement - not just skills, but confidence in myself and what I want to do."



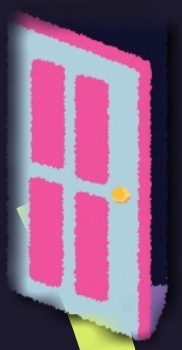
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Shrewsbury College

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FIND YOUR FIELD



A free email series to get you started on your career journey.

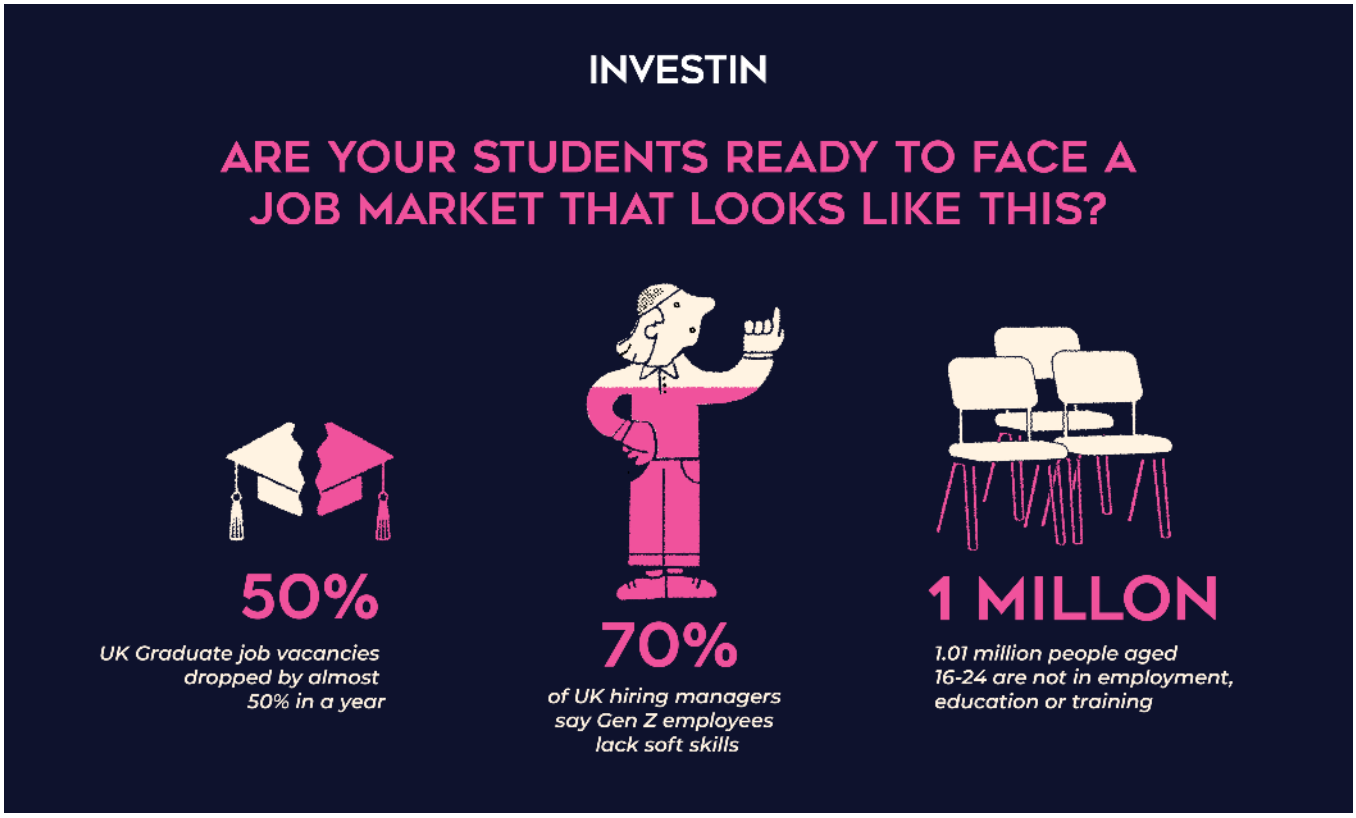
Each week, you'll get practical advice and a short task to help you explore your options and start working towards your future career.

- Why should an employer pick me?
- What brings me fulfilment?
- Which career is the right one for me?
- How do I get into the career that I want?
- How do I get relevant work experience?

SIGN UP NOW

5 WEEKS. 5 EMAILS.

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Find Your Field

Free email series to help students prepare for the future.

The world of work is changing fast and there's huge pressure on students to start thinking about their future.

Find Your Field is designed to help students feel more confident about their next steps. Each week, we'll introduce a new topic, share practical advice and give them an interactive task to complete.

By the end of the series, they'll have a better understanding of their strengths and values, discover careers that could suit them and have tangible next steps that they can take!

SIGN UP HERE

What will the students receive?

There will be five emails in the series answering the following questions:

- Why should an employer pick me?
- What brings me fulfilment?
- Which career is the right one for me?
- How do I get into the career that I want?
- How do I get relevant work experience?

There will be a range of tasks for the students to complete throughout the series, such as quizzes and other interactive activities. We have selected tasks that will be both useful and enjoyable for the students; they will not feel like extra homework!

Hutton Sixth Form



Open Evening

Thursday 22nd October 2026 6pm-8pm

Scan or tap to register

Explore our A levels. Meet our teachers and students. Discover what makes Hutton different.



Discover what Birkbeck could offer your young person

Choosing a university is about much more than where your young person will study. It's about the **education, experience and opportunities** that will help them build their future.

At Birkbeck, students earn a prestigious **University of London degree**, study in the heart of central London, and learn from academics whose research informs their teaching. Flexible daytime and evening study options also give students greater choice over how university fits around their lives and ambitions.

Join us for our **Undergraduate Open Day** on **Saturday 31 October** and explore Birkbeck together.

- **Courses and teaching** - discover what and how your child could study
- **Campus and London** - explore our Bloomsbury location and facilities
- **Fees and financial support** - get the information you need
- **Student experience and support** - discover the services and community around their studies
- **Careers and opportunities** - learn how Birkbeck supports students to prepare for what comes next

Come along, ask questions and get a clearer picture of whether Birkbeck could be the right fit for your young person.

Saturday 31 October

10:00–15:30

Birkbeck, University of London | Malet Street, London

Book your Open Day place

Birkbeck
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This October half term we're running our flagship Young Professionals Conferences in Manchester and Birmingham for Year 11, 12 and 13 students.

Each conference is a hands-on upskilling session to get you prepared for the world of work - with practical workshops, time with leading employers, and plenty of networking. Apply below (only Manchester shown)

Business & Law

Manchester

Monday 26 October

9:30am – 1:00pm

Deansgate Hotel, Manchester

Apply now →

Manchester · Business & Law

Get interview-ready

01 **Interview preparation.** A big focus on preparing for interviews - what employers look for and how to answer with confidence.

02 **CV masterclass**. Build a CV that stands out for apprenticeships, internships and work experience.

03 **Winning at assessment centres**. Group tasks, case studies and how to shine on the day.

04 **Commercial awareness & entrepreneurship**. A workshop with Dan, our founder, on thinking commercially and building a business.

05 **Networking with employers**. Meet the people behind leading business and law firms.

Employers attending

CIMA · BDO · ULaw · Coca-Cola · TLT LLP · Browne Jacobson · DWF

Two time slots available - 1:30-4:00pm or 3:00-5:30pm.
You'll choose your slot on the application form.

Places are limited - apply now

Manchester →

Mon 26 Oct · Manchester | Year 11–13

PRESTON COLLEGE

YEAR 10 & 11

OPEN EVENTS



Wednesday 30 September 2026 4pm - 7pm

Saturday 7 November 2026 10am - 1pm

Thursday 4 March 2027 4pm - 7pm

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

SEE FACILITIES MEET STUDENTS & STAFF EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

PRESTON COLLEGE

Over the last few years, the college has seen large growth in numbers but especially within Plumbing, Electrical Installation and Automotive provision. Moving forward we have put the following process in place and will be communicating this to all applicants that apply to Preston College for September 2027.

This year has seen the highest number of enrolments for over 10 years and a number of courses at Preston College are now oversubscribed. The college will now be embedding an application deadline of 1st April 2027. There have been a number of students who uploaded GCSE results past the enrolment deadline, meaning they are now currently on waiting lists. We are working with these students to support them and look at alternative provision available. All construction-based courses, Automotive, Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy and Engineering based courses are oversubscribed and I would encourage any student who is interested in these areas to apply early. The college this year will be investing £4 million into the Construction and Built Environment buildings which will enable the opportunity for growth. We will also be investing £1 million into our Automotive provision.

Applications open on 1st October and will close on 1st April 2027 for all levels of Plumbing and Electrical and also Level 1 Automotive.

Students must apply within these dates and attend their interview.

Once offered a place students must accept this offer on their enrolment portal.
GCSE grades must be uploaded to the enrolment portal by 5pm on GCSE results day. For Electrical and Plumbing we are advising students they need both Maths and English Language at a minimum Grade 4. Failure to obtain these grades will result in the college giving IAG to students about other courses.

Students must then attend a process day on Monday 23rd August, and this will be communicated via letter to parents and students.

Unfortunately, students that fail to follow the process will be redirected to other provision. All students that have an interview for these 3 courses will be handed a leaflet that shows the above process. We will also email them an offer that relays this information.

Hopefully this is a clear expectation for students who want to study the above college courses.

PRESTON COLLEGE
YEAR 10 & 11
OPEN EVENT
WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 4-7PM
REGISTER NOW!

THE SIXTH FORM BOLTON

OPEN EVENTS 2026



A LEADING CENTRE FOR ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

Open Day - 10.00am - 1.30pm

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Open Day - 10.00am - 1.30pm

Both events will include a 30-minute quiet session 10:00am-10.30am*

*Reduced number session - places will be reserved for visitors with special educational needs and disabilities, including those with social or sensory challenges.

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For advice or guidance call **01204 846215** or visit **www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk**

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Introducing Career Insight Days

We're excited to introduce our next wave of one-day career experiences!

Our Insight Days give you the chance to explore what a career is really like, get hands-on industry experience and meet professionals working in the field.

You'll have something useful to add to future applications and, most importantly, get a better idea of whether it's the right career for you.

Insight Days are taking place on Sundays throughout November, either at University College London (UCL) or online.

EXPLORE INSIGHT DAYS



Meet Industry Professionals

Hear about their experiences and ask them your questions.



Gain Hands-On Experience

Take part in practical activities and get a taste of the career.



Receive a Certificate

Get a certificate to recognise your participation and add to your CV or university applications.

Key Information

Age: 15-18

Price: £195 in-person | £165 online

When: Sundays throughout November

Where: UCL, London or online

Available Careers:

Medicine | Law | Investment Banking | Engineering | Entrepreneurship | Psychology | Architecture | Art & Design | AI & Software | Dentistry | Forensic Science | International Politics | TV & Film | Digital Media | Veterinary Science

ENERGISING FUTURES

The secret science of Bonfire Night

Discover the science and scientists behind this night of sparks, flames, and explosive reactions!

Colourful firework displays are produced when chemicals containing certain metals are heated.

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sodium	yellow
calcium	orange
strontium	red
barium	green

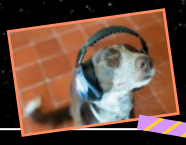
Light travels 874,000 times faster than sound, so we see fireworks before we hear them.

Sparklers contain iron filings that burn brightly, glowing white as they react with oxygen in the air.



Perfectly toasted marshmallows form when amino acids and sugars react above 140 °C, creating delicious, nutty flavours.

Burning wood crackles when trapped water rapidly turns into steam, causing pressure to build and the wood to split or pop.



Cats and dogs have very sensitive hearing. Loud fireworks can trigger a fight-or-flight response causing them to arch their backs, run away or hide.

Be safe!

- Always watch fireworks from a **safe distance**
- **Never touch** or pick up fireworks; it's illegal to have fireworks if you're under 18
- Only use sparklers **under adult supervision** and put used ones in a **bucket of water**
- **Keep pets indoors**

Careers connection

Pyrotechnic chemists test and develop chemicals to create controlled explosions with specific sounds or colours.

Top essential skill: Top future skill:



Does this job sound interesting to you?

For more about essential skills: skillsbuilder.uk

For more about future skills: STEM FUTURES UNLOCKED

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Degree Apprenticeships:

What They Are & How to Apply

Free Webinar for Students & Parents

As you have considered your next steps after school, you may have come across degree apprenticeships, an increasingly popular (but competitive!) educational pathway that enables you to earn an undergraduate degree while working.

Want to know how they work? We're here to help!

Join our professionals on **Thursday 22nd October** for a **free webinar**, where we'll break down how degree apprenticeships work, how to apply and what you can do now to stand out in the application process.

Can't attend live?
Register anyway and we'll send you the recording the following day.

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Doctor Insight Day



Engineer Insight Day

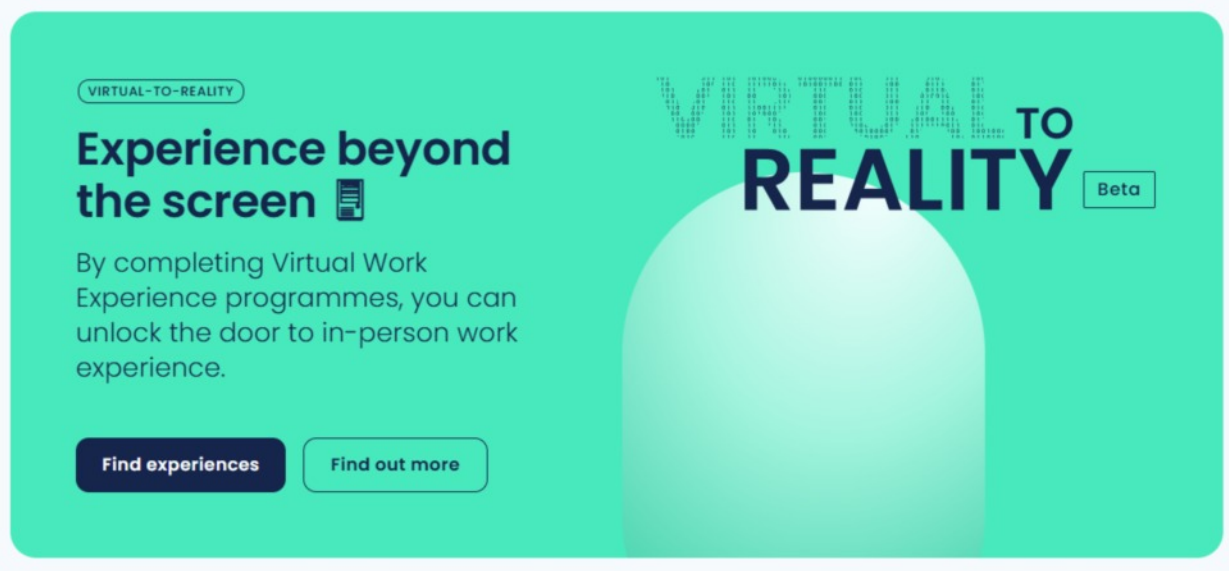


AI & Software Insight Day

Insight Day Places Still Available

It's not too late to secure your spot on one of our Insight Days in November! Remember, if you can't join us in-person at UCL, London, then you can always join us live online.

There's no time like the present to start gaining work experience.



Springpod is a platform that offers virtual work experience, career exploration programmes, and university insight courses for students and young people. The main benefits are:

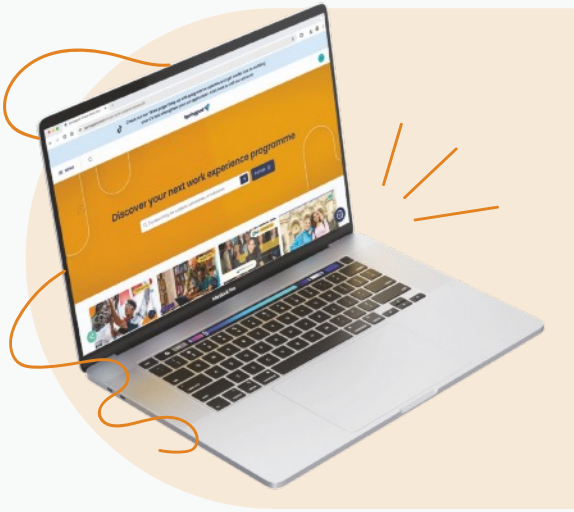
- Builds your CV and personal statement
- Completing programmes gives you certificates and practical experience you can mention in CVs, UCAS applications, apprenticeship applications, and interviews
- Let's you explore careers before committing
- You can try areas like tech, engineering, fashion, healthcare, business, media, and finance to see what actually interests you.
- Flexible and online
- Most programmes are self-paced, so you can complete them around school, college, or other commitments. Talks are usually recorded if you miss them live
- Gives access to major employers
- Springpod partners with organisations such as BBC, Barclays, Oracle, NHS, and Rolls-Royce, so students can learn directly from industry professionals
- Helps develop employability skills
- The programmes include workplace tasks, projects, quizzes, and simulations that improve skills like communication, problem-solving, teamwork, and resilience
- Good for students without local opportunities
- Because it's virtual, you can access experiences that may not exist near where you live or that would normally require connections or travel
- Can lead to in-person opportunities
- Some "Virtual-to-Reality" programmes can progress into real-life work experience placements if you complete the online programme successfully

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Quick get started guide



1. Go to **Springpod.com**
   - Click 'Create Account' in the top right corner
   - Add an email and create a password
2. Complete personal details
   - You don't need to provide a phone number - IGNORE
   - Confirm your communication preferences
3. Enter your verification code (check your junk/spam folders)
4. Confirm your year group
5. Select your school or college
6. Complete information about your background.
   - *You can prefer not to say.*
7. Enter your postcode
   - *You can use your school or college postcode if you prefer*
8. Answer the questions about your interests
9. Search experiences and click start - **https://www.springpod.com/search**
10. Click on My Virtual Experiences to continue your experience
    - Click on My Achievements to find your certificates

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Discover the wide range of health and science jobs – including lots of exciting roles in the NHS!

Use these digital resources to explore careers, learn what it's really like, and take your first steps towards making a difference in healthcare.

NHS, Health & Science Careers Guides

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www.youthemployment.org.uk

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Careers in health and social care CARE

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14-16 year old non-clinical Work Experience at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



NHS Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Please log in or create an account to apply.

https://nhscareersnw.co.uk/placement/14-16-year-old-non-clinical-work-experience-at-lancashire-teaching-hospitals-nhs-foundation-trust/

This particular Work Experience window has now closed but will reopen in January 2027. This will allow you to apply for up to 5 days work experience in the half term holidays.

This is the only way you can apply for a work experience position with the NHS - even if you have relatives working in the NHS already.

You need to create an account and undertake a series of e-learning modules before you can undertake any work experience.

St John Rigby College

OPEN EVENTS

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“It’s FUN! I think it’s the best! It’s easy to make friends here.”

Abbie - Y12 Student

★★★★★

”The teachers are all very lovely!”

Caitlin - Y12 Student

★★★★★

“I’m feeling more confident and it feels like a really caring environment.”

Max - Y12 Student



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CAREER INSIGHT DAYS

Experience a career in just one day and discover if it's right for you.

INTRODUCTORY CAREER TASTERS

- Gain hands-on experience
- Meet industry professionals
- Earn a certificate for future applications





Sundays in November 2026

Join in-person at UCL in London or online



CHOOSE FROM 15 DIFFERENT CAREERS

Law
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Digital Media
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Saturday 3rd October 2026
Saturday 21st November 2026
Saturday 6th February 2027

CENTRES ACROSS THE NORTH WEST

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We are pleased to inform you that registration for the national free Live Virtual Get Into Medicine and Get Into Dentistry Conferences has opened, designed for students interested in a career in medicine and dentistry. Attendees will also receive a certificate of participation, which can enhance their Medical/Dental School applications by showcasing active preparation towards the career and university.

This invaluable opportunity is open to students from all schools and backgrounds in years 10-12 offering a crucial stepping stone for future doctors and dentists.

Students and parents/guardians can register their place at the next LIVE Get Into Conferences here:

Medicine: **https://medicmentor.org/get-into_medicine_conference_signup/**

Dentistry: **https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/**

Upcoming Get Into Medicine Conference dates:

Saturday 24th October from 9am - 1:30pm **Sunday 25th October from 9am - 1:30pm**

Upcoming Get Into Dentistry Conference dates:

Saturday 17th October from 9am - 1:30pm

The Get into Medicine/Dentistry Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical and dental application process. Our team of doctors, dentists and current university students will talk through their own experiences and insights into the application process, as well as covering:

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

We strongly encourage all students to make the most of this free opportunity that has helped thousands of students secure places at university since it launched:

Medics: **https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/**

Dentists: **https://dental-mentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/**

9am	Registration
9:30am	Introduction to Mentorverse, Competition ratios, Volunteering and Work Experience
10:10am	10 min break (optional q&a)
10:20am 10:45am	Academic entry requirements and extracurricular activities Successful Student
11:00am	10 min break (optional q&a)
11:10am 11:40am	Strategically deciding on 4 medical/dental schools, Costs of studying and applying to uni, Widening Access and extracurricular pathway support Personal statements and latest updates
12:00pm	Break 10 mins (optional q&a)
12:10pm 12:40pm	UCAT Entrance Exam Interviews
12:50pm	Break 10 mins (optional q&a)
1:00pm 1:15pm	Application timeline review and support Successful Student speaker
1:30pm	Finish conference

One booking = one booking for a student + their parent/guardian.

Getting into medicine or dentistry may seem like a far away dream to your students, but we're here to break down the entire process into actionable steps and support their journey.

MENTORVERSE

For students in the 10-11 year groups, we present the following avenues:

- Free NHS Virtual Work Experience
- Free Volunteering Placements with the 'You Okay Doc?'
- Free National Study Skills E-learning
- Free Virtual Medical/Dental Society Webinars
- Free Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion E-learning Course for Healthcare Professionals

Your students can access these extracurricular opportunities by signing up for a free student portal:

Medical: https://medicmentor.org/the-medic-mentor-portal-2/

Dental: https://dental-mentor.org/the-medic-mentor-portal-2/



Enrolling as a bronze pathway student, you can …..

- Access free work experience each month
- Get access to zoom links for all of our free conferences and meetings
- Access the Wider Reading and Virtual Medical Societies
- Participate in Fundraising
- Download all of your Medic Mentor certificates
- Access Study Skills E-learning
- Access how to advance to other Pathways

MEDIC MENTOR
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Scan to register!

LIVE!

FREE

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!

MEDIC MENTOR
YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

NHS
University Hospitals Birmingham
NHS Foundation Trust

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/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrGJUAtigzZzDwTN**

Aspiring Dentists: **https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shr1YAbWctfkXarfQ**

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/**

DENTAL MENTOR
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Scan to register!



LIVE!

FREE

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

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

ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

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/



Join Every First Sunday Of The Month!

Scan to register!

LIVE! VIRTUAL

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 throught to a community team.

ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

CAREER *of the* WEEK

Quantity surveyor

Quantity surveyors help clients get value for money by keeping construction and civil engineering projects financially on track while meeting legal, safety and quality standards.

As a quantity surveyor (QS), you'll estimate, monitor and control project costs from initial feasibility through to final accounts, ensuring that construction work stays on budget and represents good value. You'll prepare cost plans, analyse tenders, manage contracts and assess the financial impact of design changes.

You may work for clients or contractors, in an office or on site, and you'll be involved at every stage of a project. Projects range from commercial and residential buildings to infrastructure and industrial developments.

Alternative job titles include:

- commercial manager
- construction cost consultant
- cost manager

Types of quantity surveyors

You may work as a:

- consultant quantity surveyor (PQS), advising clients on budgets, procurement and contracts from the design stage
- contractor quantity surveyor, working on site to manage costs, subcontractors and commercial performance
- specialist cost manager, focusing on areas such as infrastructure, M&E (mechanical and electrical) or major projects

Quantity surveyor responsibilities

Your duties will vary depending on whether you work for a contractor or consultancy, but you'll typically need to:

- assist clients in defining project requirements and carry out feasibility studies
- prepare and analyse cost estimates for materials, labour, time and project risks
- prepare tender and contract documents, including bills of quantities
- negotiate contracts and agree work schedules
- allocate work to subcontractors and oversee their performance
- manage risk, value engineering and cost control throughout construction
- ensure the project remains on budget and financially viable
- undertake cost analysis for repair and maintenance work
- advise on procurement strategies
- identify and manage commercial risks
- provide advice on contractual claims and disputes
- analyse project outcomes and prepare detailed progress and cost reports
- value completed work, certify payments and manage final accounts
- maintain up-to-date knowledge of building contracts and procurement routes
- understand and apply health and safety regulations

For more information click here







