



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

Welcome to another packed edition of Career News. We held our first college interviews in school for Year 11 this week, with Wigan & Leigh and Preston Colleges. College staff commented on how polite and well mannered the pupils were, so well done to everyone involved. Wigan & Leigh will be back in school for mop-up interviews, so if your child was absent, or had applied after the initial schedule was put together, they will be interviewed in school on 3<sup>rd</sup> February.



- Big apprenticeship news: Leyland Trucks have launched their apprenticeship intake for 2026 and they are brilliant. Have a look at the resources on the website - link inside - and apply as soon as possible.
- There is a Festival of Engineering and Construction at Wigan & Leigh's Pagefield site on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to attend this, but are worried about the clash with the Runshaw interviews - don't panic. We are working to move the interviews back in school if possible - watch this space ...
- Future Learn are offering some great free courses - make 2026 the year you learn a new skill. I have completed a number of these courses and they are all online, self-paced and fun to do - plus you get a certificate for your CV.
- Various events at Blackburn College - the next open event, plus the return of CyberFest on 7<sup>th</sup> February. This is a fun day for all the family - check it out.
- Lots of virtual work experience opportunities (which look great on CVs) with DigData and Google, Channel Four, Dunelm and Medic, Dental and Allied Health Mentor.
- There are also lots of resources for those planning to attend university in the future: subject guide videos from UniTaster Days, Future Learn and the UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fairs in Manchester and Lancaster.
- The next big event for Year 11s is the Mock Interview Day with employers on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. If any parent/carer would like to be involved as an interviewer, drop me an email: [pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk) It's a great event that really boosts the confidence of the pupils.

*Have a great weekend*



26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# LEYLAND TRUCKS

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Level 3 - Assembly Operative x 10

Level 4 - Automotive Engineer x 4

Level 4 - Facilities & Maintenance x 1

Level 4 - Fabrication and Welding x 1

Level 5 - HR x 1

Level 6 - Design Engineer x 2

Level 6 - IT Software Engineer x 1

Level 6 - Supply Chain x 1

Visit [leylandtrucksltd.co.uk/apprenticeships](https://leylandtrucksltd.co.uk/apprenticeships)



## Apprenticeships at Leyland Trucks

It's that time of year again! We're thrilled to announce that in 2026, we'll be bringing on board 21 apprentices across a variety of functions, including Operations, HR, Design, IT, and Supply Chain.

We have 10 Level 3 apprenticeships available for Assembly Operators, along with six Level 4 apprenticeships in Automotive Engineering (4 positions), Facilities & Maintenance (1 position) and Fabrication and Welding (1 Position). For these roles, a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, Maths, and Science, is required.

We have one HR Apprenticeship available at Level 5, and for our Degree Apprenticeships: we have 2 in Design Engineering, 1 in Supply Chain, 1 in IT Software Engineering. To apply for these roles, you'll need a Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject.

We would encourage you to view the resources available, including our Application and Interview Top Tips.

Our Level 3 and Level 4 Apprenticeship are available to school leavers.

[Level 3 Apprenticeships](#)

[Level 4 Apprenticeships](#)

Each week, our social media accounts will shine a spotlight on the various apprenticeships we are recruiting for, with factsheets, videos and helpful top tips available.

If you know anyone who may be interested in one of these apprenticeships, please direct them to the [Leyland Trucks website](#) for further information and an online application form.

The closing date for all applications is Sunday 1st March 2026.



# FESTIVAL OF ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION



## YEAR 10 OR 11?

**INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN  
CONSTRUCTION OR ENGINEERING?**



### **CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION**

Pagefield Campus, Walkden Avenue, Wigan WN1 2JH

**4.30PM - 7.00PM**

**MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2026**

- Find out about apprenticeship opportunities and careers within these sectors
- Tours of the facilities
- State-of-the-art renewable energy power house
- Industry masterclasses led by employers
- Technical skills showcases





# LLOYDS BANKING GROUP

## Lloyds Banking Group Work Experience Day at 4 locations (Leeds, Bristol, Birmingham and Edinburgh)

We're excited to offer you a remarkable opportunity to step into the vibrant and ever-changing world of banking and finance!

Join us at the Lloyds Banking Group offices at **four different locations** (Leeds, Bristol, Birmingham and Edinburgh) for an unparalleled opportunity to network and discover what it's really like to be part of a leading financial institution. These events are for school students where you can find out about internships, work experience, and apprenticeship opportunities at Lloyds Banking Group's flagship offices.

### Who are LBG:

Lloyds Banking Group is a world-renowned commercial, personal, and investment banking management firm and the UK's biggest Bank. LBG has over 30 million customers and around 60,000 employees globally and is an FTSE 100 company. Under the Lloyds Banking Group business, they also own Halifax and Bank of Scotland and other financial institutions such as Scottish Widows.

### Event Experience:

This day promises an exciting journey into the world of finance and digital banking, offering a unique opportunity to explore these fields through the lens of Lloyds Banking Group. Here, you will have the opportunity to engage in interactive workshops, gain hands-on experience, and network with industry professionals and potential employers.

### Event Details:

Locations:

- a) **Leeds** - 11 & 12 WELLINGTON PL, LEEDS LS1 4AP - Saturday 31st January
- b) **Bristol** - 10 CANONS WAY, BRISTOL BS1 5LF - Saturday 31st January
- c) **Birmingham** - 125 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3SD - Saturday 7th February
- d) **Edinburgh** - The Mound, Edinburgh EH1 1YZ - Saturday 7th March

The events have 2 slots and will run from **10am - 12.30pm & 2pm - 4.30pm** -  
**Please only apply for ONE time slot.**

Dress code is smart/casual. No tracksuits or hoodies, please.

We are really looking forward to you joining us for what is set to be a fantastic event. Please come prepared with some questions ready for our experts!

### Application Links (Click Below)

- [Leeds - Saturday 31st January](#)
- [Bristol - Saturday 31st January](#)
- [Birmingham - Saturday 7th February](#)
- [Edinburgh - Saturday 7th March](#)



## UNSURE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE CAREER?

**Too many careers to choose from? Feeling overwhelmed? Struggling to match your skills and interests with a desirable career?**

These are all natural thoughts and signal an excellent starting point to discovering your dream career.

### WHAT TO DO NEXT

- ✓ **Don't panic:** Lots of students are in your position, so there's no need to stress!
- ✓ **Reflect:** Ask yourself simple questions like what are my strengths? What inspires me? What subjects do I enjoy?
- ✓ **Understand:** Research, network and explore what different careers involve, including the skills, experience and qualifications required.
- ✓ **Explore:** Seek hands-on experience and learn first-hand whether you are suited to a career or industry.

### THE CAREER QUIZ

If you're unsure about your future, the best place to start is our Career Quiz, which helps you discover an industry that aligns with your skills, interests and aspirations.

Over 30,000 students have already completed the career quiz and received personalised career advice. Take the quiz today!

### WEEKEND PROGRAMMES

Are you aged 15-18 and curious about life after school?

Join us in March for an immersive one-day career taster in London, offering hands-on workshops and real-world career simulations alongside industry professionals.

Test-drive your dream career in 2026!

TAKE  
THE  
QUIZ



SIGN  
UP  
NOW



## Make 2026 your year with this month's top new and free courses

Whatever plans you have this year, get the tools to make them happen. Discover the expert content to help you transform your career and keep your new year momentum going, all year long.

Ready to start learning? Explore this month's course picks.

### Top free courses

Stay on track with your resolutions with our range of **free courses**.

#### Business



**Accenture**

Digital Skills: Digital Marketing

#### Creative Arts



**Arden University**

Design Your Future

#### Nature



**University of Reading**

Integrating Food and Energy Production on Farmland

### [Browse free courses](#)



Take your learning  
a **degree**  
further.

**Explore degrees**





# COME ALONG TO OUR APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENING

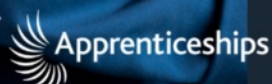
THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
4:00PM-7:30PM

**Business Administration | Leadership and Management  
Engineering Operative | Engineering Fitter  
Machining Technician | Metal Fabricator  
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

Simply scan the QR code to secure your spot —  
it's quick, easy, and only takes a minute!

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[www.alliancelearning.com](http://www.alliancelearning.com)

The Hurst Building, Horwich Business Park  
Chorley New Road, Horwich, Bolton, BL6 5UE  
(behind Horwich fire station)



# Feb Open Event

**Tue 3 Feb 2026**  
**4.30pm - 7.30pm**

*See you there.*

**[blackburn.ac.uk](http://blackburn.ac.uk)**



**Apply  
now**

Discover our range of courses in:

- A-Levels
- Apprenticeships
- T-Levels
- Technical

## February Open Event

If you're still unsure about where you want to study or what course is right for you, our Open Event on 3rd February is the perfect opportunity to find out more. On the night, our team of friendly student helpers and teaching staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about courses, college life, and next steps. You'll be able to explore facilities, speak directly to staff, and get a real feel for what studying with us is like. You can also apply on the night, with support available to guide you through the application process.

**[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)**

**Tuesday 3rd February 2026 from 4:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Our first open event of 2026!**



# **Blackburn Cyber Fest**

**Saturday 7th February 2026**

**10:00am - 2:00pm**

A family fun cyber day, for our local community with lots of cyber and digital activities in collaboration with local community groups IMO and OneVoice and IN4.0 Group.

Talk with cyber and digital employers to find out about jobs in the sector. Enjoy free food, drink and parking! Everyone is welcome.

## **Activities**

- Laser Tag
- Cyber Ops Trivia
- Escape Room
- Hacker Heist
- Virtual Shields (VR Game)
- Cyber Mythbusting
- Bee Bot Programming

And much more .... with more to be confirmed!

## **Location**

When you arrive on campus, head to the University Centre (building number 1 on your campus map) to sign in and find all the activities happening.

## **Parking**

Car parking is available on campus (BB2 1LH) for FREE or at Feilden Street multi-storey (BB2 1LQ). Please note Feilden Street multi-storey closes at 8.00pm and charges apply.

**SIGN UP BELOW**



# Blackburn College Campus



- ① University Centre
- ② The Futures Centre
- ③ Blackburn Sixth Form
- ④ The Elizabeth Building
- ⑤ The Victoria Building
- ⑥ Construction Centre
- ⑦ Beacon Centre
- ⑧ Regional Automotive Technology Hub (RATH)
- ⑨ Blackburn Sports and Leisure Centre
- ⑩ Harrison Centre (Industry Collaboration Zone)



Parking is available  
on the Feilden Street  
Multi-Storey Car Park  
**BB2 1LQ**

# Apprenticeship Open Event



Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January | 5-7pm



Our next Open Event will take place on Thursday 29 January, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Waterside Training. Anyone wishing to attend can complete a registration form - [Apprenticeship Open Event Registration](#) - Jan 29th 2026

During this event, we will be launching our application form for our 2026 apprenticeship recruitment. Any prospective apprentices who apply will then be invited to attend initial assessments and first-stage interviews, which will also be held at Waterside Training.

In the coming weeks, all of our apprenticeship vacancies will be published on our website. Candidates who successfully pass the initial assessments and first-stage interviews will be put forward for the relevant vacancies as they become available.

# ARE YOU PREPARED FOR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL?

The world of work is changing fast. Join our series of free workshops to explore what the future of work could look like and how you can start to prepare for it.

3rd Feb 6pm Uk Time

## Will AI Take My Dream Job?

- How AI is impacting jobs now and in the future
- The opportunities and challenges that AI could bring you
- How AI affects subject choices, university decisions and career planning
- Live Q&A

10th Feb 6pm Uk Time

## How to Futureproof Your Career (interactive workshop)

- Learn how to prepare for changing career paths
- Identify what matters most to you
- Practise building key transferable skills
- Explore how work experience supports career planning

Receive a certificate of completion

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REGISTER NOW







Here at EDT, we're excited to kickstart 2026 with a \*BRAND NEW course opportunity for students in Years 9 & 10 which is taking place over the February Half Term and for which

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**

**THE FUTURE SKILLS PROGRAMME: Careers in STEM - February 16th-21st**

This virtual programme is designed to inspire students, broaden their understanding of STEM careers, and equip them with the skills and confidence needed to make informed choices and succeed in future applications and the workplace. The course will take approximately 20 hours to complete and can be worked on flexibly at times that suit the student best.

This course is perfect for your students who:

- Have an interest or curiosity in STEM, engineering, manufacturing, digital technology, or future careers
- Would benefit from early exposure to real-world STEM pathways, including apprenticeships, technical routes, and university options
- Are beginning to think about GCSE subject choices, post-16 options, or longer-term career ideas
- May not yet see themselves in a STEM career but would benefit from inspiration, role models, and insight into local and regional opportunities
- Are motivated to develop employability skills such as communication, networking, and professionalism

The course is suitable for all abilities - enthusiasm and curiosity are far more important than prior knowledge and at the end of the course, students will graduate as [Bronze-level Industrial Cadets](#), a nationally recognised award they can use as evidence of their experience to support future applications and career journeys.

Cost: £50 - [FULLY FUNDED Bursary places are available](#)

For full details on the course and the link to make an application please click on the link below:

Programmes - [The Future Skills Programme: Careers in STEM](#)

[Click here for the course flyer](#)

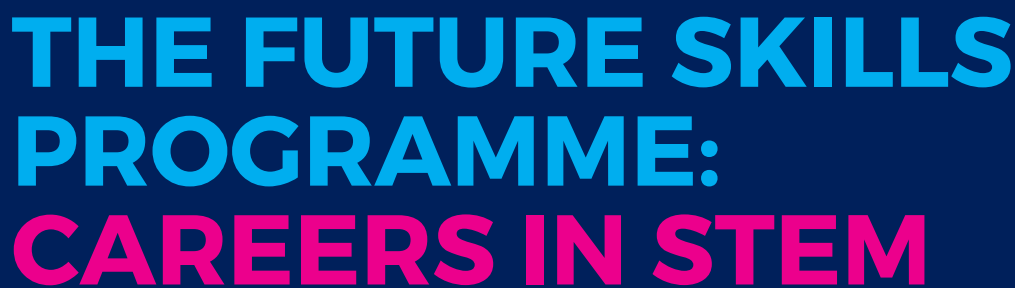
We would also like to invite the parents/guardians of your students to join our Discover EDT Webinar taking place this month. This webinar will demonstrate how they can support their son/daughter with their exciting journey into the world of STEM by going through all of the upcoming course opportunities and experiences that we offer.

They can book their place here:

Topic: **Discover EDT – Parent/Guardian Webinar**

When: **Thursday 29th January at 4-5pm**

Registration Link: [Click here](#)



## Cost/Funding

- £50 (bursaries available, click [here](#) for bursary criteria and availability).

## How to register or find out more

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

## Dates

- 20 hours of study to complete flexibly over 5 days in February.
- Monday 16th – Friday 21st February.



We're delighted to share some fantastic career opportunities for you and your students to Digdata in 2026.

## 1. Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

We've collaborated with **Google** to bring virtual work experience opportunities to your students on the **28th and 29th January**. These sessions will be hosted on Zoom outside of school hours and do not require any teacher / career leader attendance.

### **FIRST STEP - suitable for students in Year Groups 7-9**

**Wednesday 28th January at 4.30 pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)**

#### **Want to be a YouTuber? Dig into the data sources that could make you go viral**

- A 45-minute briefing with the Google team
- Complete the career challenge at your own pace
- Certificate awarded on completion
- [Register now!](#) (student link)

### **NEXT STEP - suitable for students in Year Groups 10-13**

**Thursday 29th January at 5pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)**

#### **Google joins forces with Gen Z Creators to launch the Pixel 10!**

- A 45-minute virtual briefing with the Google team
- Complete the career challenge at your own pace
- Certificate awarded on completion
- [Register now!](#) (student link)

Everyone should digdata!

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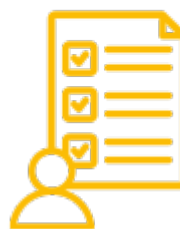
Register and attend  
the 45 minute  
briefing session

2



Students work on  
the challenge in  
their own time

3



Recorded industry  
assessment

4



Certification of virtual  
work experience



Would you like to gain **virtual work experience** and discover how **Google** uses data to shape the future?



Meet the team from **Google**, gain **essential skills** and **certification** too!

**FIRST STEP - Year Groups 7-9**

**Want to be a YouTuber? Dig into the data sources that could make you go viral.**

**Wednesday 28th January - 4.30 pm**

**NEXT STEP - Year Groups 10-13+FE**

**Google Joins Forces with Gen Z Creators to Launch the Pixel 10!**

**Thursday 29th January - 5.00 pm**



**REGISTER NOW**



[www.digdata.online](http://www.digdata.online)



# Everyone should digdata!





# We're proud to be **Number 1** The Sunday Times Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers **2025**

Are your students ready for a career packed with adventure, real-world skills, and recognised qualifications?

Invite them to our free online webinar and discover the exciting opportunities offered by British Army apprenticeships.

- Tuesday, 3 February 2026
- 16:00 - 17:00
- Online Event



## Why attend?

- Explore a wide range of roles: engineering, logistics, catering, healthcare, IT, and more
- Learn how students can earn while they learn
- Hear first-hand from soldiers and apprentices about training, career journeys, and day-to-day Army life

This event is a great way to give students direct insight into real-world opportunities.

**[Register Now](#)**







## Don't Miss This Exclusive Warner Bros. Discovery Webinar!

Warner Bros. Discovery's Early Talent Team is hosting a virtual event - Championing Apprenticeships - on **Tuesday 10th February at 6:00PM GMT** in support of National Apprenticeship Week and we would love to invite you to attend!

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

### What to Expect:

- **Hear from our current apprentices** as they share their personal journeys and experiences.
- **Discover the exciting projects they've worked on** and how these have equipped them with invaluable #SkillsforLife.
- **Celebrate their achievements** and gain insight into the impact of our apprenticeship programme.
- **Learn more about our programme** and how it's designed to help apprentices thrive.

*Don't miss out and learn how an apprenticeship can make an impact on what's next for you!*

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

This event can be attended by students, parents, teachers and careers leaders, so make sure to sign up and share this with anyone you think could be interested!





NATIONAL  
APPRENTICESHIP  
WEEK 2025

Amazing  
Apprenticeships

**9 FEBRUARY 2026**

# **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026**

## **UNDERSTANDING APPRENTICESHIPS**

### **SPECIAL WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS**

#### **Parent & Carer 'Understanding Apprenticeships' webinar**

Join us during National Apprenticeship Week 2026 on the 9th February at 6.30pm for this special parent and carer webinar 'Understanding Apprenticeships'.

Apprenticeships offer exciting and practical routes into rewarding careers. This early evening session is designed to help parents and carers feel confident supporting the young people in their lives as they explore these options.

**REGISTER NOW**

# Join KPMG's Apprenticeship webinar!



KPMG Apprenticeship Programmes in Audit, Tax and KPMG Business Services are **open now**.

**See how you can make the difference as a KPMG apprentice.**

**When: Thursday 5th February, 4pm - 5pm**

**Where: Online**

In this webinar designed for school students (and those supporting them), you'll get an inside look into KPMG. Led by KPMG's current and former apprentices, you'll learn all about their journeys. This is your chance to hear the real stories, from day-one top tips to project work from the outset.

You'll also see what potential career paths are available after the apprenticeship, understand the network of support available, and discover what unique skills you'll gain with KPMG. Plus, there will be a Q&A at the end, so bring your burning questions.

We want to show you how a KPMG apprenticeship can set you up for success - giving you the confidence in your choice after school.

**[SIGN UP NOW](#)**



# OPEN EVENTS

5-7PM

15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

12<sup>TH</sup> MAY

18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE







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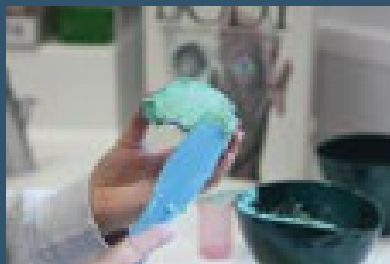
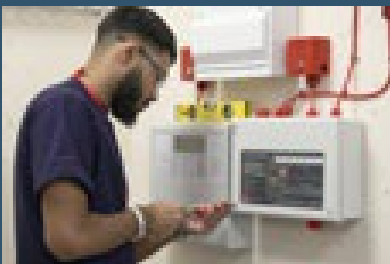
# Apprenticeship open evenings

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

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

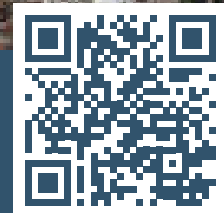
**Where:** Furthergate Business Park, Harwood Street, Blackburn, BB1 3BD

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



**Book your place:**

[www.training2000.co.uk/events](http://www.training2000.co.uk/events)



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# UK university & apprenticeship search fairs

**SPJ LONDON** S P Jain London School of Management

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£8,000 Travel Bursary

## 2026 Events

It was fantastic to welcome so many of you to our autumn events. We also have fairs taking place across the UK in Spring and Summer 2026 at stadiums and universities. Our upcoming 2026 UK University & Apprenticeship Search events in your region are as follows:

- **Manchester - Old Trafford Stadium - 27th February** - [see details here](#) - email [emma@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk](mailto:emma@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk) for further details or to book places.
- **Lancaster University - 24th March** - [see details here](#) - email [emma@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk](mailto:emma@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk) for further details or to book places.
- **University of Derby - 17th April** - [see details here](#) - email [dan@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk](mailto:dan@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk) for further details or to book places.

For a full list of our spring & summer events please visit our [website](#).

28th April - 30th April

2026

Meet the  
**RUSSELL GROUP**

Afternoon Session: 12:00 - 13:30

Evening Session: 16:30 - 18:00

[www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/russell-group-webinars](http://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/russell-group-webinars)

Our **Meet the Russell Group Webinars** will be returning on **28th - 30th April**. These are incredibly informative for students considering applying for RG universities. The webinars will cover topics such as Student Life, Personal Statements & Applying to an RG University. You can **register for this spectacular event below**.

[Register Here](#)



## **Applications for BAE Systems' 2026 apprenticeship opportunities are now open**

We want to see young people from all backgrounds embrace careers including science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

By fostering open communication and collaboration, you can support people with their next step. Careers with us really matter – it's work that helps to secure all our futures.

**Find out more**

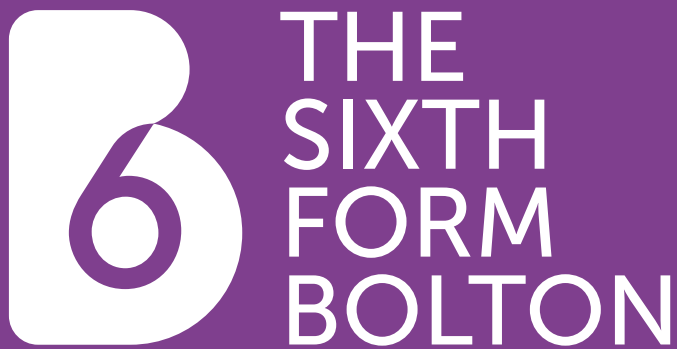
With opportunities across engineering, manufacturing, technology or business; they'll be supported alongside the brightest minds through training, experienced mentors and inclusive networks that help them thrive.

They can explore limitless opportunities, earning while they learn and gaining industry recognised qualifications along the way.

**Intermediate - Apply Now**

**Advanced - Apply Now**





We are aware that some colleges are no longer offering the **T Level in Education and Early Years Level 3 qualification** so we would like to remind you that we do still offer this incredible course which is an ideal pathway into nursery or primary school teaching. Within this course students will carry out a minimum of 750 hours work placement, which will be in an early years setting, where they will be able to perform observations and assessments of children and young people whilst also developing skills in being a reflective practitioner.

Please click on the following link to access our latest T Level video: [https://youtu.be/zp\\_J7JIF0Zk](https://youtu.be/zp_J7JIF0Zk)

Follow the link below for further information on our T Level course:

- **Education and Early Years**

[Learn more >](#)

From **September 2026** we will still be offering **Health & Social Care** and **Early Childhood Development** as AAQs, we will also be introducing a new AAQ course in **Mental Health & Well-being**. These courses offer flexibility, enabling students to tailor their studies to their individual interests and future career goals.

Students can choose to study any of the above AAQs alongside A Levels or Vocational single/double subjects and create a mixed programme pathway.

For more information on these AAQ courses please follow the links below:

- **Early Childhood Development - AAQ**

[Learn more >](#)

- **Health & Social Care - AAQ**

[Learn more >](#)

- **Mental Health & Well-being - AAQ**

[Learn more >](#)

Entry requirements can be found on the individual course information links.

[\*\*Take a virtual tour of Bolton Sixth Form here\*\*](#)



# THE DEGREE GAP

The Degree Gap invites your parents to a  
Live Online Complimentary Webinar:  
‘A Parent’s Guide to Supporting GCSE Success’.  
28th January @ 7pm-8pm

There is less than a month until The Degree Gap host a Live Online Complimentary Webinar: ‘A Parent’s Guide to Supporting GCSE Success’.

If your parents have not signed up yet, there is still time.

So, what will we cover?

- **Understand what mock results really mean and how to respond calmly**
- **See what effective revision actually looks like at home**
- **Spot burnout early and fix it before motivation drops**
- **Set one or two focused goals that lead to visible improvement**

To sign up for the event on the 28th of January 7-8pm, please use the link below:

**[Register Now](#)**

We had a hugely successful November event, with hundreds of parents tuning in to hear from our specialist team on effective revision techniques. Reviews mentioned how engaging and informative the event was.

We have included a snippet highlighting one of our most important points on active versus passive recall, so you can see what our events typically look like.

**[Watch The Event](#)**

## Find out about Dunelm apprenticeships!

### Starting your career with Dunelm opens a world of possibilities

Dunelm will be opening their apprenticeship vacancies on the 2nd February 2026 across a range of roles, including Supply Chain & Logistics, Commercial, Retail, and an exciting new Fitter Apprenticeship opportunity.

But be quick, the roles are very popular!

There are lots of ways you can find out more about these incredible opportunities, depending on what programmes you're interested in...



### Learn about the apprenticeship roles on offer with Dunelm

Meet the Early Careers team at Dunelm to learn about their exciting apprenticeship opportunities, including Retail, Supply Chain & Logistics, Commercial, Fitter and more. In this recording you'll find out about Dunelm's early careers programmes and pick up some hints and tips for your apprenticeship application.

**[WATCH NOW](#)**

### Learn about the new Fitter Apprenticeship ahead of its launch

Join us on 15th January to find out about Dunelm's new Fitter Apprenticeship - a unique role blending hands-on technical skills, customer interaction and the freedom of being out on the road. Apprentices work towards a Customer Service apprenticeship qualification, while gaining specialist training in fitting blinds in customers' homes.

**[REGISTER FOR LIVE WEBINAR](#)**



## And if you can't wait ...



### Check out Dunelm's virtual work experience programme

Dunelm has created their first-ever virtual work experience programme, created in partnership with Springpod.

This exciting opportunity is designed for students aged 13 and up, offering seven hours of immersive content across a range of modules that reflect the many areas of the business - from retail and customer service to product development, marketing, and more.

**[FIND OUT MORE](#)**




# Virtual Work Experience with Dunelm: Careers, Skills, and Opportunities

In partnership with:



Step inside Dunelm, the UK's favourite homewares retailer, and discover what it's really like to work both in-store and behind the scenes. This Virtual Work Experience programme gives you a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of careers — from retail and supply chain to tech and head office roles — all while building valuable employability skills.

Through interactive activities and expert insights, you'll gain a deeper understanding of how a big business operates and what it takes to succeed in today's world of work. Whether you're interested in customer service, logistics, or digital innovation, this programme will help you find your happy place and take your first step towards a rewarding career.

 This programme is open to anyone aged 13+

 Certificate of completion

 Over 7 hours worth of content

 Complete at a pace that suits you

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# The Sophie Scholl Awards

“Someone has to make a start.” How about you?



**Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated each year on 27th January, the date of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1945. Holocaust Memorial Day remembers the millions of victims of the Nazi Holocaust, including six million Jews, and of other, more recent genocides.**



**The Sophie Scholl Awards were introduced at Runshaw as part of our events to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.** The courage of Sophie Scholl, of a similar age to Runshaw students, was an inspiration to us all. We now extend an invitation to pupils in partner high schools to help us celebrate the short life of this brave young woman by participating in awards reserved for them.

Sophie was 18 when the war started in 1939. She and her family, inspired by their strong religious beliefs, actively resisted the Nazis – an incredibly courageous thing for Germans to do. In 1942, Sophie, along with her brother Hans and a few other students, founded the White Rose, a non-violent resistance movement which painted anti-fascist slogans on walls, defaced Nazi emblems and distributed anti-war leaflets. In early 1943, Sophie and the other leaders of the group were caught, condemned as traitors and executed by beheading. Sophie was just 21.

During her trial, despite the attempts of the judge and prosecutors to browbeat and ridicule her, Sophie remained steadfast as one individual against the massive power of the Nazi state. “Someone has to make a start”, she said. Convinced that good in the end would prevail, her last words as she was led into the execution yard were, “The sun still shines!”

For many inspired by Sophie's example, a white rose has come to represent peace, justice and a love of humanity.

**Students in partner high schools are asked to make an entry based on ONE of the following themes:**

- (a) The inspiration of Sophie Scholl
- (b) The White Rose
- (c) Someone has to make a start

**Entries can be**

- a written piece (maximum 250 words but could be much shorter)
- a poem
- a piece of art work or music – of any kind
- an idea to do something at school based on Sophie's example
- anything at all based on one of the above themes.

Entries can be individual or group work.

**Entries should be forwarded to Giles Inman, [Inman.G@runshaw.ac.uk](mailto:Inman.G@runshaw.ac.uk). The deadline for entries is 4.30pm on Wednesday 25th February 2026.**

Awards of vouchers and certificates will be awarded for the best entries.

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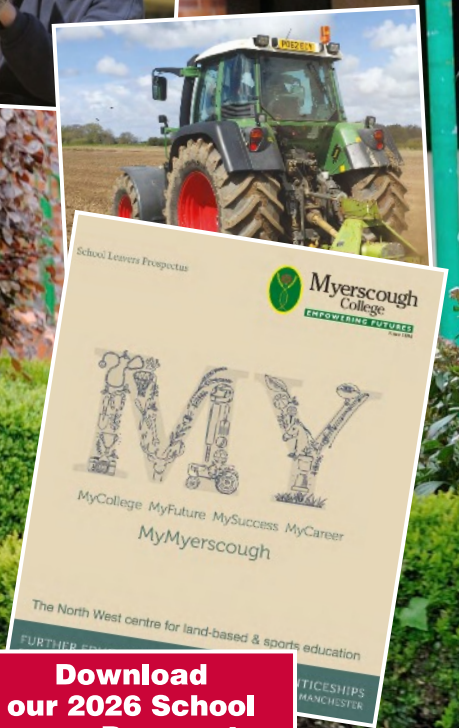
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# INFORMATION CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY TASTER WORKSHOP

**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**9:30 - 12:30**

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in ICT

This will be a practical session based around Cyber Security

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email [mpatel@preston.ac.uk](mailto:mpatel@preston.ac.uk)



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# FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY TASTER WORKSHOP



**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**9:30 - 12:30**

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Media, Film & Photography.

The session will hands on and practical using industry standard software and equipment and is ideal for anybody looking for a career in TV, Film, Photography and Journalism.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email  
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It's nearly **National Apprenticeship Week**, and we're going behind the scenes of the UK's biggest industries. We'd love your students to join us!

From Law and Accountancy to Working at Festivals, we've gathered employers who are ready to give you candid, filter-free answers to your questions.

- Do GCSE's really matter?
- Can I work from home?
- Is working at a Law firm actually like Suits?

Honestly? If I were in your shoes, I probably would've scrolled past this when I was at school. I chose uni because that's what everyone does, but looking back, I wish I explored the apprenticeship pathway and actually read emails like these! I could've hit my goals years earlier. I'm sharing this so you don't have that 'what if' moment 5 years from now.

Join us this National Apprenticeship Week and explore what pathways are possible. See you on 9th February 2026!

Best wishes,

**Malika**

Head of Partnerships, Success at School



## Are you Curious & Detail-Oriented? Get to Know the NAO!



# National Audit Office

The **National Audit Office** plays a vital role in shaping the UK's future - and they do it with smart, curious people at the heart of their work. Hear how apprentices at the NAO build real skills, make real impact, and launch meaningful careers from day one. Plus, **when you work for NAO, you get a recognised professional qualification while working & earn a competitive salary from day one.**

**Explore the National Audit Office**



## Kick-start your career in Audit with the National Audit Office

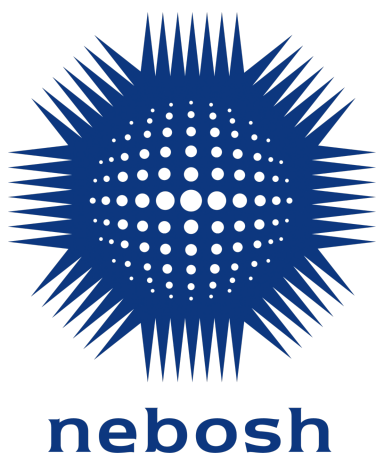


Tuesday 10th February 2026, 6.30pm

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- **Hear from current apprentices** about why they chose an apprenticeship over university.
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## Want to travel the world? Get to know NEBOSH



NEBOSH is a global name in health, safety and wellbeing, and their work protects millions of people around the world! In their NAW Session on 12th February, you'll discover how a career with NEBOSH can open doors internationally, combine purpose with progression, and give you skills that employers everywhere value. It's an exciting career with the chance to earn big from the start!

**Explore NEBOSH**



### Your Future in Health & Safety: From Film Sets & Festival Stages to Sports Arenas

Thursday 12th February 2026, 6.30pm

Think a career in Health & Safety is just about rules? Think again! Join our webinar during **National Apprenticeship Week** and discover a career where you can:

- Travel the world
- Earn a median salary of £50k
- Do work you're passionate about every single day

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## Work Experience Week 2026

Each Year 10 student at Parklands will undertake a week of work experience from



**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

If you are able to support any of our students with a placement, please email:  
[pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



All paperwork, including the consent letter, a guide to finding work experience, a helpful planner with letter templates and advice, the assembly presentation, a Me Map and the WEX booklet for employers can be found on the school website: [CLICK HERE](#)



# Gaining Experience Beyond The Classroom

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## Why?

Gaining work experience or doing extracurriculars is data-gathering for your future; you will learn what you like and dislike, what motivates you or doesn't. Plus, it's a great way to stand out in future university and job applications! University admissions tutors are looking for applicants who are dedicated to their subject and have taken the time to explore it beyond the classroom.

## Work Experience

### What counts as work experience?

Any professional environment where you are developing and applying skills is a form of meaningful work experience!



Remember, not all your work experience needs to be industry-specific - any experience provides you with transferable skills!

## What?

- **Shadowing**  
Observing someone in a working environment
- **Volunteering**  
Such as at charity shops, care homes or tutoring
- **Insight days & workshops**  
Online or in-person programmes for students
- **Part-time job**  
Such as in a cafe/restaurant, shop assistant
- **Formal placements & internships**  
Typically more widely available for 18+

## Where?

- **Look local**  
Research organisations in your local area and enquire about shadowing or volunteering opportunities
- **Use your network**  
Ask friends, family, teachers for any relevant connections
- **Look out for formal schemes**  
Research opportunities for school students on sites like [Prospects](#), LinkedIn or the [Student Ladder](#)

## Extracurriculars

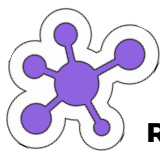


Consider what you already do outside of school - **what does it say about your interests or skills?**

Then, consider how you could develop further the skills required for your dream university course or career.

### Socialising

Communication  
Empathy



### Sport

Leadership  
Teamwork

### Music or drama

Creativity  
Commitment

### Reading & writing

Analytical thinking  
Attention to detail

### What can I do in my free time to develop my skills?

Read or listen to podcasts related to your subject interests

Raise money for a charity or awareness about an issue important to you

Set up a club: STEM, debating, photography, newspaper, documentary...

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

Produce a journal or research project

Organise an event (marketing, sales & project management)

Manage a budget for a trip or holiday

## Talk about your experiences in your applications...



Gaining experiences beyond your studies is only meaningful in your personal statement if you know how to relate them to your chosen course!

**THINK:** why has your extracurricular/work experience/project contributed to your passion or compatibility for your chosen subject? How did it ignite your spark for that field?

Looking to gain work experience? Check out InvestIN's programmes at [www.investin.org](http://www.investin.org)



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Veterinary Science



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# ART & DESIGN TASTER WORKSHOP



**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**9:30 - 12:30**

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Art & Design.

The session is intended to develop your creative print making skills. It will be hands on and cover a number of different forms of print.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email **dheyes@preston.ac.uk**



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# GAMES & GRAPHICS TASTER WORKSHOP



**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**9:30 - 12:30**

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Games & Graphics.

The session will be based around 3D modelling in Maya where you will be introduced to aspects such as building, texturing, lighting and rendering.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email [sroberts@preston.ac.uk](mailto:sroberts@preston.ac.uk)



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**Monday 26 January 2026**

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## **LEIGH CAMPUS** (WN7 4JY)


**4.30pm - 7.00pm**

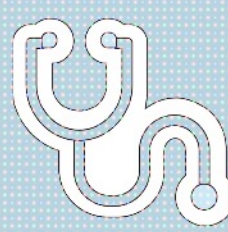
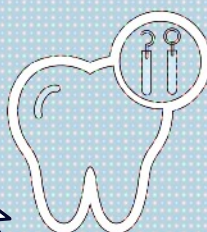
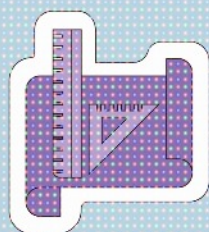
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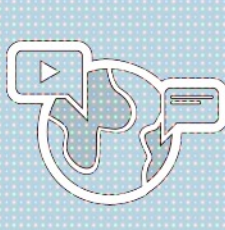
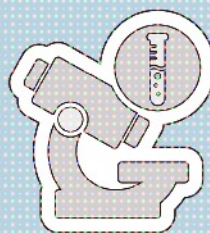
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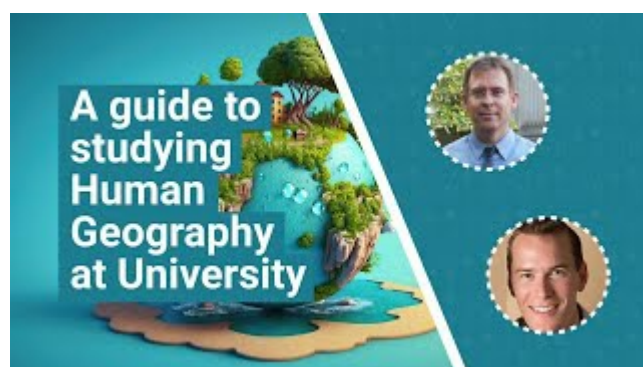
## Including the UK's first video subject guide!

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

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- What to expect if they study it
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**Warehouse jobs don't pay well.**

## THE FACT:

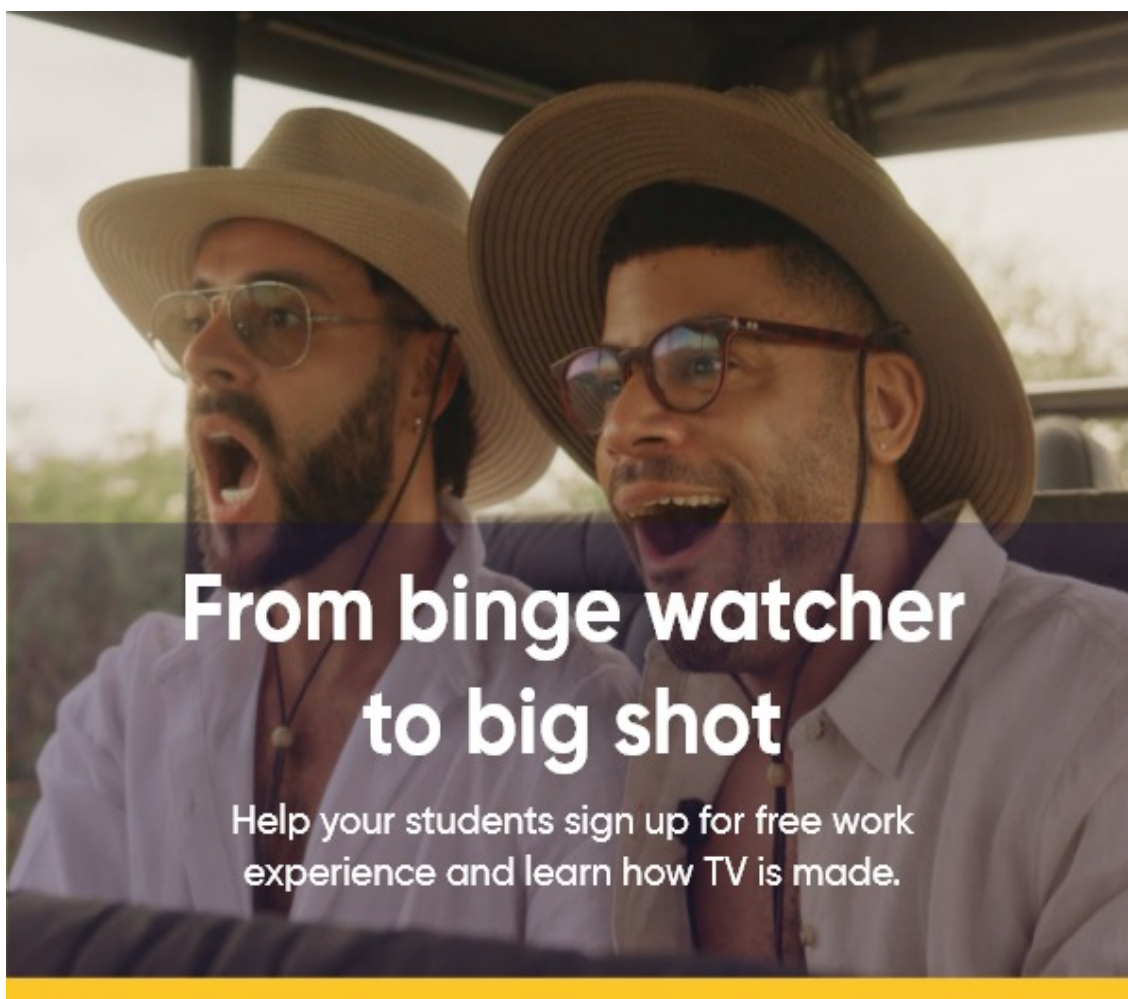
Warehouse jobs have strong starting salaries, even though higher education isn't an entry requirement. They also offer lots of progression potential such as 'Warehouse to Wheels' programmes and training, in health and safety, for example. Opportunities like this naturally lead to positions with even higher salaries.

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### **Catch Up on the Latest Careers Lead Webinar**

If you missed our recent session—or want to revisit it over a mince pie—the full recording is now available.

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### **Questions? We're here!**

Whether you're curious about what the online work experience involves, how to sign up, or what kind of creative projects you'll get to try, our 4Skills team is here to help. Get in touch and we'll guide you through everything you need to know to make the most of this opportunity.

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## **STRONGER STARTS PROGRAMME OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS!**

Tesco's Stronger Starts apprenticeship programme is now open, offering two fantastic apprenticeship pathways for young people, the well-established Retail Apprenticeship and the brand-new Maintenance Apprenticeship.

Stronger Starts is a fantastic opportunity for young people to kickstart a career in retail or maintenance, enjoy a brilliant starting salary, and receive lots of support and coaching along the way.

**Read on for more information on the roles, links to apply, tips on applying and our upcoming webinar with the Tesco Early Careers team...**

## **THE ROLES**



### **Maintenance Apprenticeships**

Stronger Starts are now offering a Maintenance Apprenticeship! Apprentices will work alongside earning a Level 2 Property Maintenance Operative qualification – equivalent to 5 GCSE passes.

The 18-month programme sets you up with the skills you need for everyday duties in maintenance jobs.

**FIND OUT MORE**



### **Retail Apprenticeships**

Retail apprentices will work, earn and learn, gaining a Level 2 National Standard in Retail qualification over the course of the programme.

You'll gain hands-on experience of how a store operates, and have the opportunity to experience different roles and tasks across the store.

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## Retail Apprenticeship What skills do you gain?

**It's not just about stacking shelves!**

### RETAIL

Learn about all areas of retail and how a store works across all areas.

### BUSINESS

Develop an understanding of how a business works - on a store and national level.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

Develop customer service and communication skills in a wide range of scenarios.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Gain knowledge of the impact social media has on brand reputation.

### TECHNOLOGY

Become proficient at using a range of different technologies.

### FINANCE

Handle money and using financial operations in real-life situations.

### STOCK

Learn to manage stock availability using systems and procedures.

### PRODUCT PLACEMENT

Develop an understanding of product placement promotional activities.

### TEAMWORK

Build your people and teamwork skills by working with a wide variety of colleagues.

### TIME MANAGEMENT

Progress your time management skills and learn how to prioritise tasks.

### PROBLEM-SOLVING

There will be lots of opportunities to develop your problem-solving skills in retail.

### COMMUNITY

Gain knowledge of supporting local communities.





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# MENTORVERSE

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

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- 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/>



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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  
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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>

Previously successful Medical students:

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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

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



# MEDIC MENTOR



## YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

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

This opportunity is for students in Years 10-11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**University Hospitals  
Birmingham**  
NHS Foundation Trust



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# Allied Healthcare Work Experience

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

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

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

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



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# CAREER *of the* WEEK

## Crime scene investigator

**Crime scene investigators gather forensic evidence from crime scenes to help identify and prosecute criminals.**

As a crime scene investigator (CSI), you'll secure and protect crime scenes and collect evidence from crime scenes, post-mortems and other incidents, such as fires and suspicious deaths.

You'll be responsible for processing and categorising evidence so that it can be used in criminal investigations. This might include gathering photographic evidence or physical samples from the scene, such as weapons, fingerprints, clothing or biological evidence.

Crime scene investigators are sometimes known as scenes of crime officers or forensic scene investigators.

### Responsibilities

As a crime scene investigator, you'll need to:

- respond to calls from the police to attend crime scenes
- preserve a crime scene so that evidence is accurate and doesn't become contaminated
- work closely with the police - including the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) and the British Transport Police, forensic scientists and other organisations such as the National Crime Agency
- take a lead in finding evidence that may support a later criminal case
- photograph and video the incident you're attending
- use scientific methods to gather biological evidence
- carefully record and catalogue evidence found at the crime scene such as samples of blood, hair or fibres from clothing
- examine crime scenes for latent finger impressions
- take imprints of evidence, such as footprints or tyre prints
- write reports
- attend court to give evidence as part of a trial process

### What to expect

You may attend incidents that can be upsetting and will need to be able to focus on the task despite difficult circumstances.

The work is likely to be varied, and you'll need to expect the unexpected. Much of your time will be spent at the location of the scene, but you'll come back to the police station to store evidence and write reports of your findings.

You'll work in many environments and will travel to incident scenes. At times, this will involve being in all weathers and sometimes in difficult and maybe hostile situations.

Evidence must be handled with care and prepared for the forensic team to run laboratory tests. Time and place details must be recorded accurately before evidence is passed to the lab for processing.

To do well in the role, you'll need to be passionate about providing a service to the public and understand the needs of different communities.



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