



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

Welcome to another bumper edition of Career News. January has been very busy and February looks to be following a similar pattern with another round of college interviews and the Year 11 Mock Interviews with employers.

Inside this issue:

- Young Professionals are highlighting a series of online events for aspiring lawyers and accountants - these are all free events, you will receive a certificate of participation and you may even meet a future employer.
- Last few open events coming up: Newman, LUSoM, Myerscough, Alliance Learning, Bolton and Blackburn College all have open days/evenings in the next few weeks. It is also the application deadline for some colleges, so don't miss out if you haven't applied already.
- QEGs in Blackburn are offering up to 10 scholarships to sixth form students, each worth £2000. To apply you must be expecting grade 7s in your GCSEs, have excellent attendance currently and commit to contributing to sixth form life by joining some of the clubs and societies that QEGs offers. See inside for more details.
- Don't forget that the Leyland Trucks apprenticeships are now live - these are amazing opportunities with the chance to earn and learn at the same time. Closing date for applications is 1st March, so don't leave it too late.
- Lots of great events and support from InvestIn Education: webinars, weekend career programmes, quizzes and much more.
- The Festival of Construction and Engineering takes place on Monday 9th February at the Pagefield Campus, Wigan & Leigh College. There will be masterclasses in various trades plus the chance to speak to employers.
- Runshaw College are now holding Year 11 interviews in school on 19th and 20th March - NOT at the college on 9th February, as previously advised. Once I have a full list of applicants, I will post the interview schedule on the Year 11 Careers Google classroom and outside the Top Office. The evening event has now been cancelled.



Have a great weekend



2nd - 6th February 2026



Get into Business & Accounting

Thursday 12th February 5pm - 6.30pm

Are you a Year 11 student looking to start a career in business, finance, or accounting? Join us for an exclusive virtual event on Thursday, 12th February (5:00pm - 6:30pm) where you'll gain insights from top employers and discover exciting apprenticeship and graduate opportunities with some of the world's leading employers.

There will also be workshop rooms you can go into to delve deeper into some specific organisations and business sectors.

This event is your chance to learn about various pathways into finance and business, where you can earn while you learn - gaining real-world experience with some of the biggest names in the industry.

Explore careers across multiple industries, gain insights from professionals, and learn how you can start your career through an apprenticeship.

Event Details

Date: Thursday 12th February 2026

Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Who Can Attend? Year 11 students interested in STEM careers

Employers Leading the Event:

- **KPMG** – One of the 'Big Four' professional services firms
- **BDO** – An international accounting firm offering diverse apprenticeship routes
- **Grant Thornton** – A global leader in finance, tax, and advisory services
- **RSM** – Leading audit, tax, and consulting adviser for mid-market business leaders worldwide
- **CIMA** – Discover how professional qualifications can boost your career
- **Fidelity** – Offering investment management, retirement solutions, and brokerage service

Why Attend?

- **Discover Business & Accounting Roles** – Explore alternative career routes that allow you to gain real-world experience while earning a salary.
- **Meet Industry Experts** – Hear from professionals at leading firms about their experiences and the skills they look for in apprentices.
- **Future-Proof Your Career** – Gain insights into the future of finance, accounting, and business, and how you can secure a top role in the industry.
- **Get Application Tips** – Understand what top employers look for in apprentices and graduates.

Join Us & Take the Next Step in Your Business and Accounting Career!

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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

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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.

Q&A TIME

APPRENTICESHIPS

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Following the launch of our apprenticeship advert, we are excited to announce an upcoming 'Apprenticeship Live' webinar during Apprenticeship Week, from 9th to 12th February.

This webinar is a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in pursuing an apprenticeship at Leyland Trucks to:

- Have their questions answered live
- Gain insider tips and advice from myself and one of our current apprentices
- Learn more about the apprenticeship scheme and what to expect

Webinar Schedule:

- **Assembly Operative – 9th February at 4pm**
- **Automotive, Facilities & Maintenance, Fabrication & Welding – 10th February at 4pm**
- **Design Engineer – 11th February at 4pm**
- **HR, Supply Chain & IT Software Engineer – 12th February at 4pm**

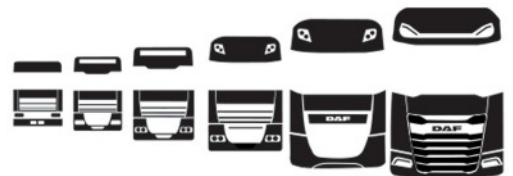
Register your interest here:

<https://hubs.li/Q040s-QF0>

*Don't miss your chance to learn, ask questions, and meet the people
who've been where you want to go.*



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We would like to share with you some information about our final open day of the academic year that may be of interest to your high achieving mathematical students.

Our application form is still open (and can be accessed via our website) with open day providing late applicants with the opportunity to discover more about LUSoM from staff and current students alike. The Admissions team is also on hand to support all applicants with any queries they may have.

We also welcome year 10 students who may be at the start of their journey and are beginning to explore their sixth form options. For further information and the booking link, please see below.

10:00 - 12:30 on Saturday 14th March.

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

Here's the link to book:

<https://bit.ly/4hb66tl>

If you have any queries about the above, please email outreach@lusom.ac.uk.



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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS**



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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

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



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QEGS SIXTH FORM

Old Co Scholarships

The supporting body of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Old Co, are delighted to offer up to 10 scholarships per academic year to Sixth Form students. Each scholarship is worth £2,000, payable in two installments, the first in December of Year 12 and the second in December of Year 13.

To be eligible to apply you must:

- achieve at least 5 grade 7s and above in your GCSEs in June 2026, with grade 8 or above in the subjects you wish to study at A level
- have excellent attendance at your current school
- wish to contribute fully to Sixth Form life by joining our clubs and societies.

Application forms can be requested by emailing spalmer@qegsblackburn.com

Application forms must be returned to QEGS admissions by 30th April 2026. All applications will be acknowledged.

You will then need to enrol at QEGS Sixth Form on 20th or 21st August 2026. Successful applicants will be informed by 31st October 2026. If there are more applicants than scholarships then the decision made by Old Co will be final.

Apply now: [QEGSblackburn.com/sixth](https://qegsblackburn.com/sixth)

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INVESTIN presents:

Getting Your Foot in the Door

*A Quick Guide to Preparing
for Your Future Career*

Your career might feel a long way off, but the steps you take at school will bring you closer to your dream job than you realise.

Early career preparation is key to getting your foot in the door and kickstarting your future.

*Here are the steps
you can take towards
your future career*



Build in-demand skills

Look for opportunities inside and outside school where you can practise key skills like communication, critical thinking and digital fluency.

Understand what drives you

Take time to reflect on what you enjoy, what motivates you and the type of environment you work best in.

Explore careers in the real world

Turn curiosity into clarity by speaking to industry professionals, attending career events and participating in hands-on career programmes.

Gain early industry exposure

Seek work experience, shadow professionals and learn how workplaces really operate by talking to friends and family about their jobs.

Free resources to prepare you for your future

Future of Work
Webinar Series

Getting Your Foot in the Door

*How to Prepare for Career Success
InvestIN Education*

The InvestIN
Career Quiz

Ready to take the next step?

Discover InvestIN Weekend Programmes

Gain hands-on industry experience in your dream career in London this March.

*Choose from 15 competitive careers
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'Get your foot in the door' is a phrase you're likely to hear a lot as a student, so it's important to know what it means and how you can take the first steps in your career.

Gaining early industry exposure, developing in-demand skills and connecting with experienced professionals are key to opening the door to your dream career.

You can do all of this during an [InvestIN Weekend Programme](#) in London this March:

Led by industry professionals: Connect with experts and learn from their real-world experience.

Test-drive your future: Participate in immersive career simulations to learn if a specific career is the right fit for you.

Tailored career coaching: Gain advice and industry guidance from professionals and start building practical skills.

[Download this free resource](#) to help you prepare for the first steps in your future career.



As a parent, you will understand how important it is for your child to get their foot in the door and take every opportunity to prepare for their future career.

At InvestIN, we understand the importance of gaining early industry exposure, developing in-demand skills and connecting with experienced professionals. That's why we offer Weekend Programmes in London for students aged 15-18.

What does an [InvestIN Weekend Programme](#) involve?

Led by industry professionals: Students can connect with experts and learn from their real-world experience.

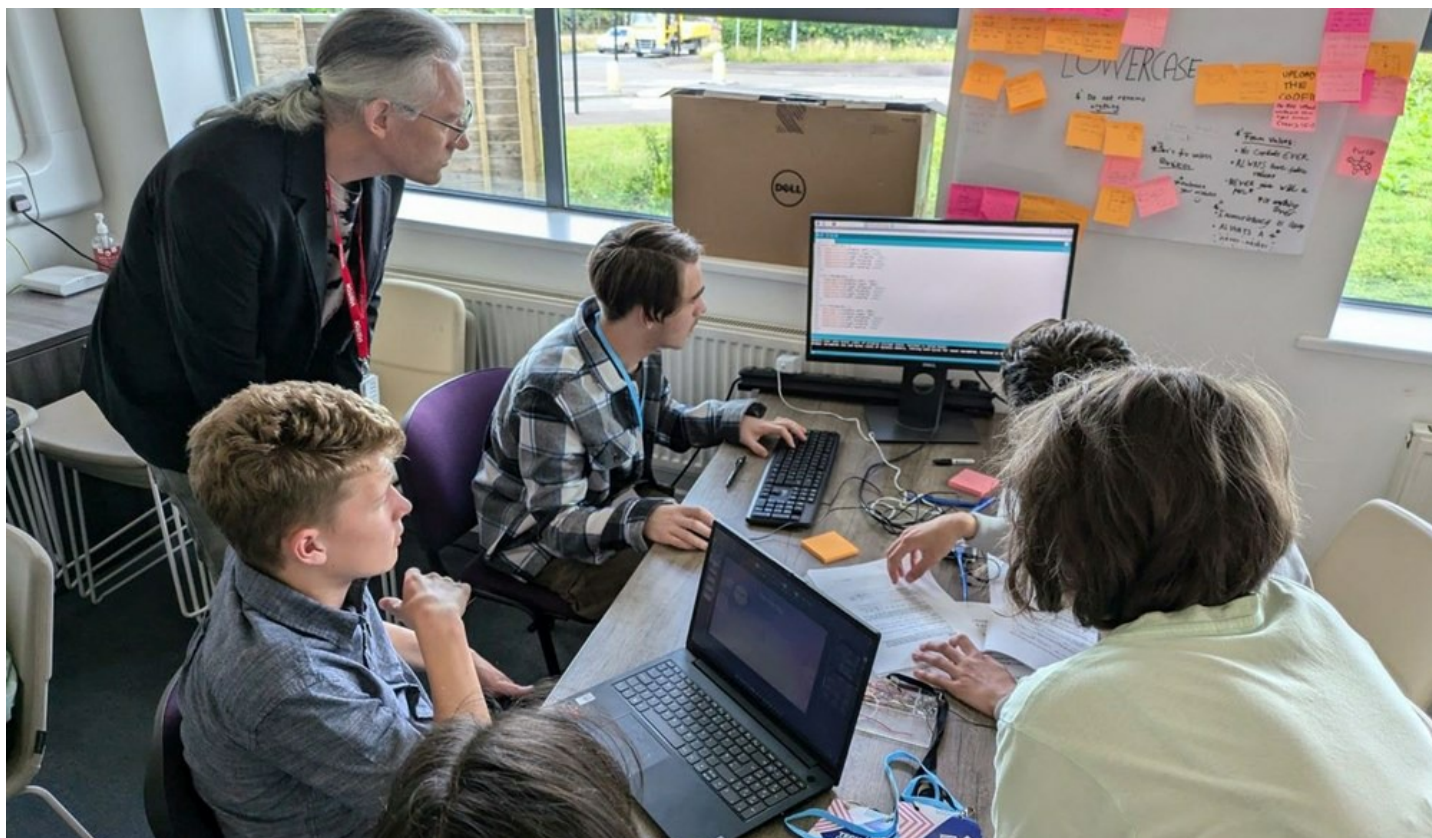
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Tailored career coaching: Experienced professionals offer advice and guidance to help students build practical skills.

Project (Ages 14-18)

Mission to Mars Work Experience

Start your students' journey to Mars from anywhere! A flexible, online work experience programme designed to introduce young people to real-world technology careers, with an optional in-person event in July.



Run by Tech Cornwall, Mission to Mars is an exciting, future-focused programme that has inspired students for over a decade.

It combines **flexible online learning** with an **optional in-person event**, giving young people the chance to explore real-world technology careers.

Step 1: Remote component (Open now – July 2026)

Students start with a 20-hour online work experience they can complete at their own pace.

What's included:

Structured online pathway: Around 20 hours of guided activities students can complete from school or home.

Real tech skills: Learn to build dependable software, use agile methods, and create a personal portfolio for CVs and interviews.

Hands-on challenges: Work with programmable circuits, solve problems, and develop confidence through reflective tasks.

Industry mentoring: Connect with tech professionals who share insights and guidance.

Students must complete the remote component by February 2026 to qualify for the in-person event.

Step 2: Optional in-person event (13–17 July 2026)

Students who finish the remote experience can apply for a two-day immersive mission in Cornwall.

They'll put their skills into practice by building and testing the software and technology needed to reach Mars – a real-world simulation that brings learning to life.

[**CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE**](#)

DON'T MISS OUT!

Unlocking Your Future:

The Power of Apprenticeships

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Student Feedback

"It was great! I loved hearing about different opportunities other than university. I would definitely consider applying for an apprenticeship now. I loved hearing advice from those who are apprentices already!"

"Interesting and told me lots of different things about the tech business, it also taught me more about apprenticeships and the work around it."

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In this 20-minute activity, students will gain a deeper understanding of apprenticeships and the opportunities that they can provide.

The resource provides:

- An apprenticeship mock application
- Role Model, Amber, who discusses her journey and experience as an apprentice

A spotlight on the exciting possibilities apprenticeships offer.

Complete the activity via the button below

[Access Here](#)

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**.

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Accenture

Digital Skills: Digital Marketing

Creative Arts



Arden University

Design Your Future

Nature



University of Reading

Integrating Food and Energy Production on Farmland

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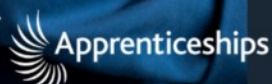
THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2026
4:00PM-7:30PM

**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

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The Hurst Building, Horwich Business Park
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(behind Horwich fire station)

Feb Open Event

Tue 3 Feb 2026
4.30pm - 7.30pm

See you there.

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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

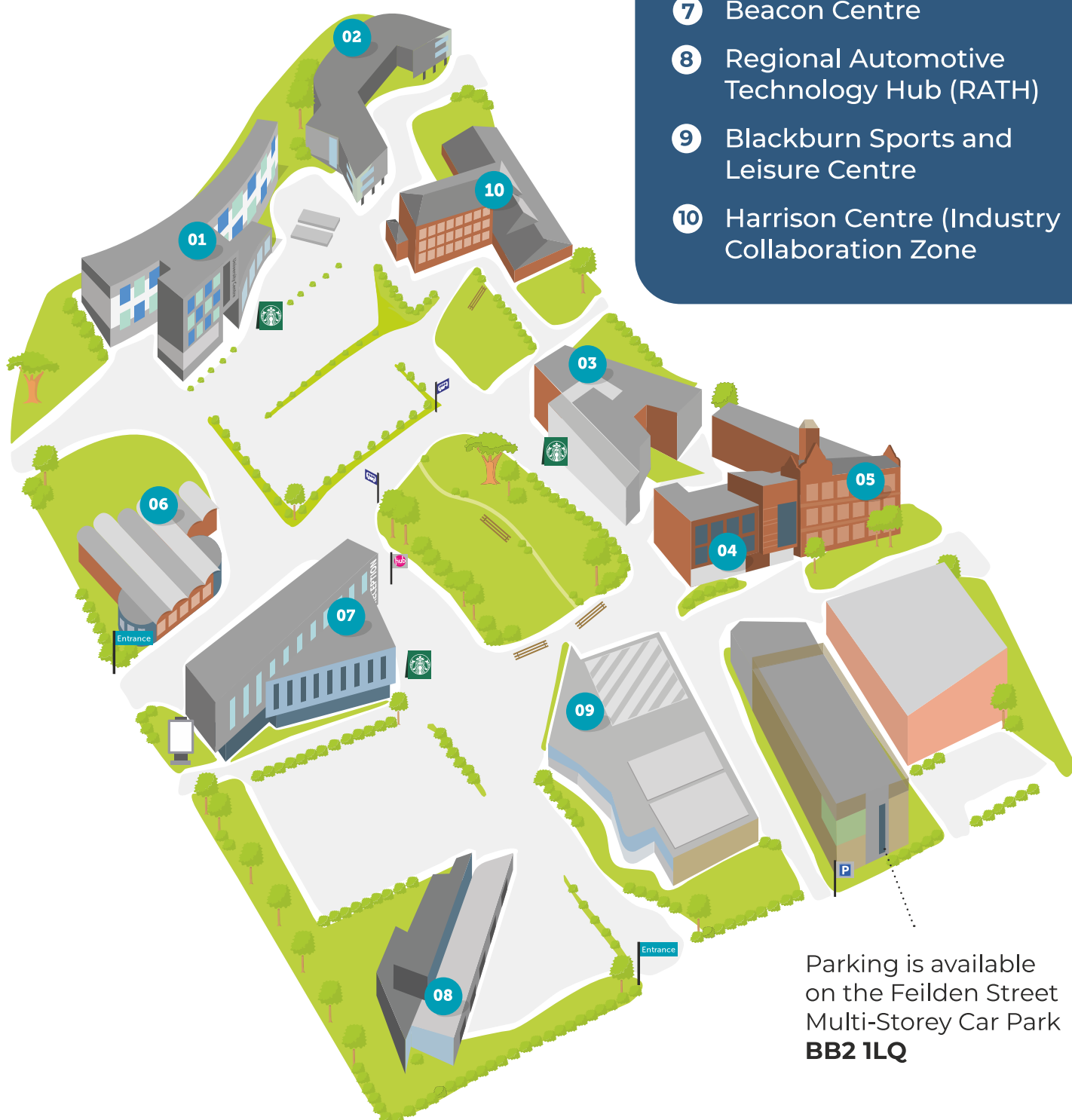
Car parking is available on campus (BB2 1LH) for FREE or at Feilden Street multi-storey (BB2 1LQ). Please note Feilden Street multi-storey closes at 8.00pm and charges apply.

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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



Get Into Law Virtual Work Experience Evening: Explore Legal Careers with Global Law Firms

Monday 9th February 5pm - 6.30pm

We will be joined by global and national law firms (Slaughter and May, Browne Jacobson, University of Law, Farrer & Co and Charles Russell Speechlys) where your students will be able to take part in workshops, interactive breakout rooms and panels and hear about the latest opportunities on offer, including work experience!

Are you considering a career in law but unsure which route to take? Join us for our **Get Into Law Workshop Evening**, a special event where you will hear directly from **leading law firms and legal experts** about the different pathways into the legal profession through interactive workshops.

This event is designed for students exploring options such as **legal apprenticeships, solicitor training contracts, and university pathways**. Whether you are looking for an alternative to university or seeking clarity on the legal profession, this session will give you the information you need to make an informed decision about your future.

Event Details:

Date: Monday 9th February

Time: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

For: Year 11 students interested in law

Location: (Zoom link provided upon registration)

Meet Leading Law Firms & Institutions

You will have the opportunity to engage with representatives from some of the most prestigious law firms in the UK (Slaughter and May, Browne Jacobson, Charles Russell Speechlys, University of Law and Farrer & Co)

What to Expect?

- Workshop rooms on Zoom, where you can rotate around rooms to chat with different employers and dive deeper into different areas of law
- Insights into solicitor apprenticeships, training programmes and work experience schemes
- First-hand experiences from current legal apprentices and trainees
- Advice on applications, securing work experience, and making yourself stand out
- Interactive sessions with Early Careers teams and senior lawyers from top firms
- The opportunity to ask questions and network with various legal professionals

This event is a must-attend for anyone considering a legal career. Whether you are set on becoming a solicitor, interested in alternative routes, or simply exploring your options, this session will provide valuable insights to help shape your future.

Register now to secure your place!

[Register Here](#)

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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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](#)

The science behind your favourite book

Paper was first made in China **2,000 years ago**.



59% of paper is recycled making it the most recycled material.



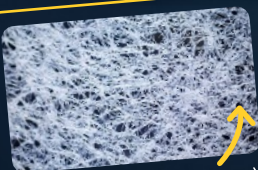
It can even be turned into wall insulation!



Fast-growing trees like **eucalyptus** and **pine** are used to make paper.



Cellulose (a strong fibre) is extracted from plants to make paper.



Pulp (a mix of plant fibre and water) is spread, pressed and dried to produce sheets.



We can process **6-8% more information** if we read paper vs digital books.



5 litres of water are needed to make **1 sheet** of A4 paper.



Be curious – Ask more questions!

Is all paper recyclable?

Are e-books better for the environment than paper books?

Who made this book and where was it made?

How could we make books more sustainably?

Where did the paper in my book come from?



careers connection

Foresters plant, manage and harvest trees for timber production and conservation.

Top essential skills:



careers connection

Chemical engineers add chemicals, to bleach or alter the properties of paper. They're creating more environmentally friendly dyes.

Top essential skills:



What question will you ask?



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](#)



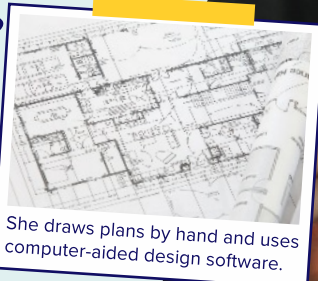
Meet the scientist

Jodi is an **architect**

Jodi designs new buildings and chooses the best materials, so the building is energy-efficient, long-lasting and safe.



She manages projects and visits sites to check on progress.



She draws plans by hand and uses computer-aided design software.

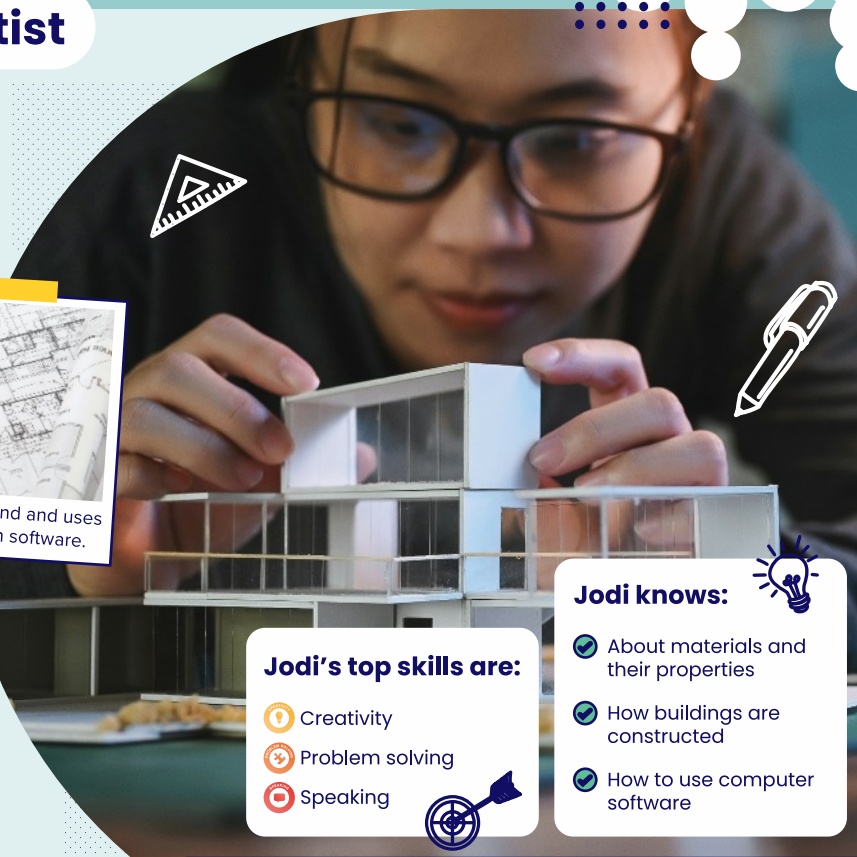


The architect who designed this building has made the most of the natural light so **less electricity is needed** for artificial lighting.



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For more about essential skills: skillsbuilder.org



Jodi knows:



- ✓ About materials and their properties
- ✓ How buildings are constructed
- ✓ How to use computer software

Jodi's top skills are:

- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Problem solving
- ✓ Speaking



Would you like to be an architect?

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OPEN DAY

10AM - 1PM

Last open event for this year - applications close on 10th February - don't leave it too late!



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
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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.

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

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28th April - 30th April

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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](#)



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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.

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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. The deadline for entries is 4.30pm on Wednesday 25th February 2026.

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

R U N S H A W C O L L E G E



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



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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.**

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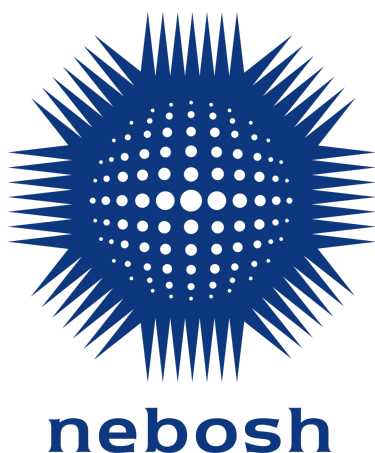


Tuesday 10th February 2026, 6.30pm

- Earn a competitive starting salary (**£28k+ in London**) and gain a top qualification that could take you to **£61k+** in the future.
- Hear from **current apprentices** about why they chose an apprenticeship over university.
- Get the **inside scoop** on life as an Audit Apprentice—from induction to college, exams, and day-to-day work.
- Explore **career progression** and the opportunities the NAO offers to help you grow.

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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:

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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

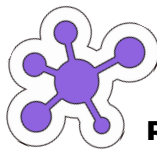


Consider what you already do outside of school - **what does it say about your interests or skills?**

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...

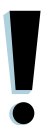
Create your own portfolio of work, e.g. create a GitHub account to log your coding projects

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?

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

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



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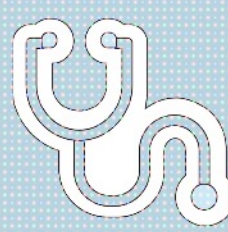
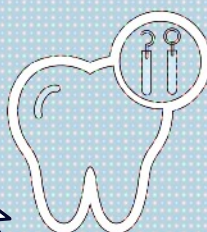
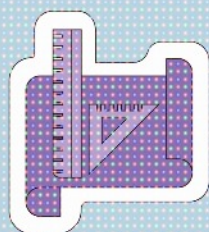
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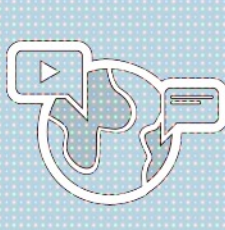
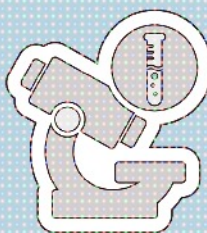
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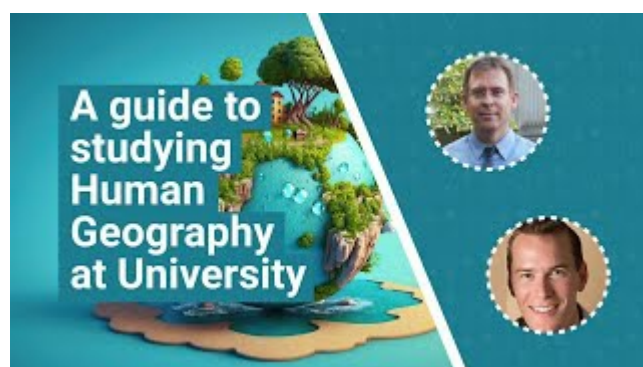
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- What to expect if they study it
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- Application tips if they go on to apply

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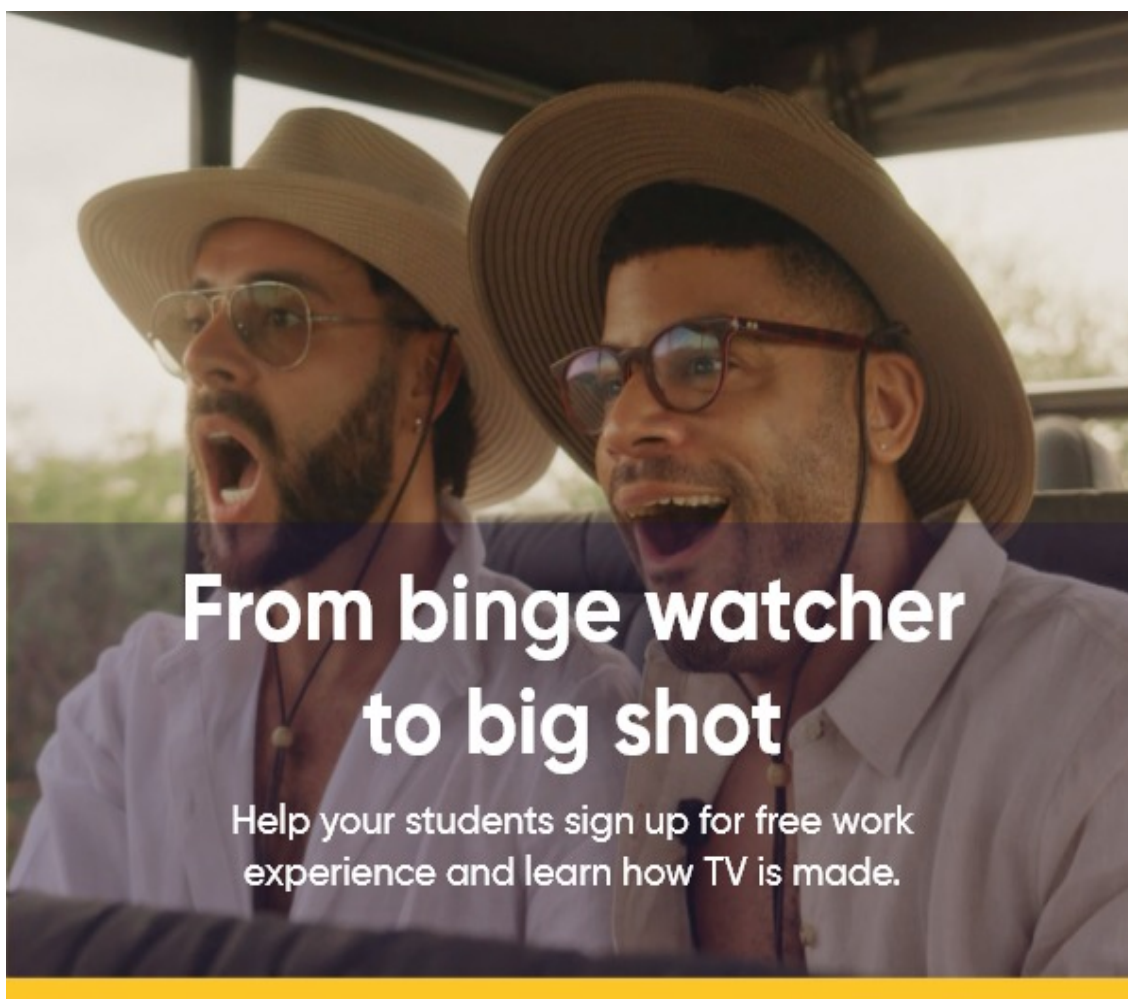
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**To make things even easier,
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Catch Up on the Latest Careers Lead Webinar

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.

GET IN TOUCH





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...

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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.

FIND OUT MORE

Retail Apprenticeship What skills do you gain?

It's not just about stacking shelves!

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- 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

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- Get access to zoom links for all of our free conferences and meetings
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- Participate in Fundraising
- Download all of your Medic Mentor certificates
- Access Study Skills E-learning
- Access how to advance to other Pathways

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This includes:

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 - CV Building
 - UCAT Exams
 - Extracurriculars
- Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes, Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Taking part in the Virtual Work Experience will provide:

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

***The new speciality on General Practice or
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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>

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Previously successful Medical students:

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

Previously successful Dental students:

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

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



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

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- Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

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MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

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

This opportunity is for students in Years 10-11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**University Hospitals
Birmingham**
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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/>

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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 through to a
community team.



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CAREER *of the* WEEK

Fashion Designer

Fashion designers use their technical skills and creative flair to develop designs for new and original clothing and accessories.

You'll research current fashion trends, predict what styles will be popular with consumers and take inspiration from the world around you to create fresh, innovative and appealing designs.

You'll decide on fabrics, colours and patterns, create sample designs and refine them until you're happy with the final design.

You may be given a specific brief to follow, including guidelines on colour schemes, materials and budget, or you might develop your own design direction. In large fashion houses, you're likely to be part of a team of designers led by a creative director. In smaller labels or as an independent designer, you'll take full responsibility for your collections.

You'll typically specialise in one area of design, such as womenswear, menswear, childrenswear, active/sportswear, footwear or accessories.

Types of fashion designer

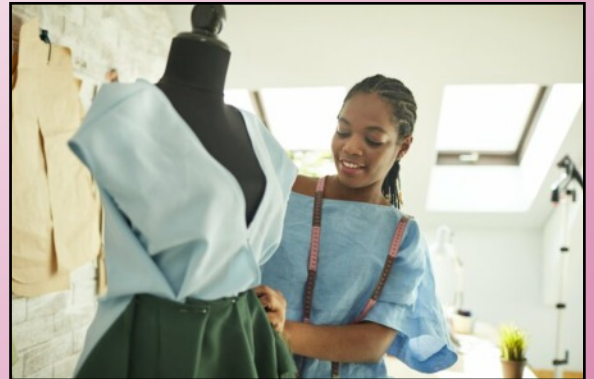
The main areas of fashion design are:

- high street fashion (fast fashion) - this is where the majority of designers work and where garments are mass produced (often in Europe or East Asia) in standard sizes for wide retail distribution. Clothes are affordable and often made with cheap materials. Designs are driven by consumer buying trends, seasonal influences and celebrity fashion, making this a fast-paced, commercially focused area of the industry.
- ready-to-wear (prêt-à-porter) - designers produce limited-edition collections that are sold in boutiques or department stores. They are produced in standard sizes and are affordable for many people. This area may offer more creative freedom than fast fashion while still being commercially viable.
- haute couture - requires large amounts of time and skill to create exclusive, custom-made garments that are handcrafted from the best quality materials to the highest standards of artistry. These one-of-a-kind pieces are often made for individual clients or showcased on the catwalk to represent a designer's most artistic and innovative work.

Responsibilities

Tasks vary depending on the market you're working for, but you'll typically need to:

- visualise and develop design concepts and produce a design either by hand or using design software such as Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop and CAD
- create mood boards, featuring images, colour schemes, fabric swatches and trims, for example, to inspire, refine and present your ideas
- plan and develop fashion ranges, often based on a theme or seasonal trends
- work with others in the design team, such as buyers, merchandisers and trend forecasters, to design products that meet specific briefs
- liaise closely with sales, buying and production teams to ensure items are aligned with target markets, price points and brand identity
- apply technical knowledge to develop patterns and detailed specifications for garment construction
- visit trade shows and manufacturers to source, select and buy fabrics, trims, fastenings and embellishments, taking into account factors such as texture, weight and colour
- adapt existing designs for mass commercial production
- create patterns and oversee the production of sample garments, including fittings, alterations and final detailing
- monitor and manage the production process to maintain quality and timelines
- communicate and negotiate with suppliers, manufacturers and clients
- showcase your designs at fashion shows, exhibitions and other trade events
- work with models for fittings and runway shows to showcase your designs
- keep up to date with emerging trends in fashion, fabrics, colours and shapes



For more information click [here](#)