



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

Welcome to another packed edition of Career News. As always, there are lots of great events and opportunities for pupils and parents/carers.



- There are lots of great virtual work experience opportunities in various industries. They can be a good introduction into a career you are interested in, or help to confirm that a particular industry sector is not for you. Either way, they are a valuable addition to any CV and build confidence and skills.
- GT Scholars have a number of free publications for you to download. These are full of helpful tips and advice on GCSE preparation, apprenticeships, coding and much more. Well worth a look.
- There are a few more open events at local colleges: Bolton, Blackburn, Myerscough and Wigan & Leigh. If you are in Year 11, this is your last chance to look around and put an application in. If you are a Year 10, make an early start on choosing a college.
- There are a number of webinars coming up from the NHS, the Degree Gap and InvestIn Education. These are all free, and in most cases, once you register you can watch the recording at your leisure.
- Uni Taster Days has a series of video subject guides - these are ideal for anyone considering university and cover a wide range of degree options. Make sure you are choosing the most suitable courses at college if you want to do a specific degree, as they might set certain criteria. There is also a really useful booklet that you can download, which covers finance, accommodation, student life and much more.
- Check out the Training 2000 and Alliance Learning websites for their apprenticeship vacancies. They both work with some really big employers, so it's worth registering with them to avoid missing out when new roles are advertised. Colleges also advertise apprenticeships, as well as the official Gov.UK site - the apprenticeship vacancy page will return to Career News next week.
- The Runshaw College interviews are on Thursday and Friday next week (19th and 20th March) in school.
- The Allied Health Mentor live virtual work experience sessions start again on 12th April. These are suitable for Year 10 or 11 pupils who are interested in a career in healthcare. The first session focuses on Communication and Fractures - pupils follow the journeys of two patients from incident to treatment. One not to be missed!

Have a great weekend!



16th - 20th March 2026

Hatch Your Career



Entrepreneurship

skills create practical solutions, launch projects, and deliver tangible impact that meets real needs in business or society



Health & Performance

ensure that you can sustain focus, resilience and wellbeing to perform well in high-pressure professional environments



Financial Literacy

enables you to manage money confidently, make informed financial decisions and build long-term financial security



Wellbeing

equip you with the emotional awareness, balance and coping strategies needed to thrive personally and professionally in demanding environments



Careers Literacy

equips you to understand pathways, opportunities and workplace expectations so you can make informed, strategic decisions about your future



Leadership

develops your ability to take responsibility, inspire others and turn ideas into action that creates meaningful impact



#NWC2026



This is your last chance to look round Blackburn College this academic year. So if you are in Year 11 and still not quite sure which college is right for you, go and have a look - check out the vast array of courses and the awesome facilities. They offer A levels, T levels, BTECs and apprenticeships, so there's something for everyone. You can even complete a degree at the University Centre - perfect if you are worried about the rising costs of university accommodation.

Year 10 - this is an ideal opportunity to make a start on checking out colleges before you have to make a choice next year.

Spill the Tea on T Levels at Teatime

NHS, Social Care and Further Education colleagues from across the North West are delivering an information session on T Levels, with a focus on the Health T Level. We aim to bust some myths and provide expert advice on this pathway and the Industry Based Placements associated with the course. This event is for pupils, parents/carers/ guardians, careers staff and any other relevant attendees that would be interested finding out more information about T Levels in Health.

Spill the Tea on T Levels at Teatime

Tuesday 24th March 2026, 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Live Webinar on Teams

Register here [Spill the Tea Webinar Sign up](#)

Or use this QR code





GCSE Options Resource

We're excited to share with you a FREE resource to support your students as they work towards choosing their GCSE options.

This easy-to-access guide shows how GCSE subjects connect to:

- Real jobs people do today
- Skills employers look for
- Future careers that are growing fast

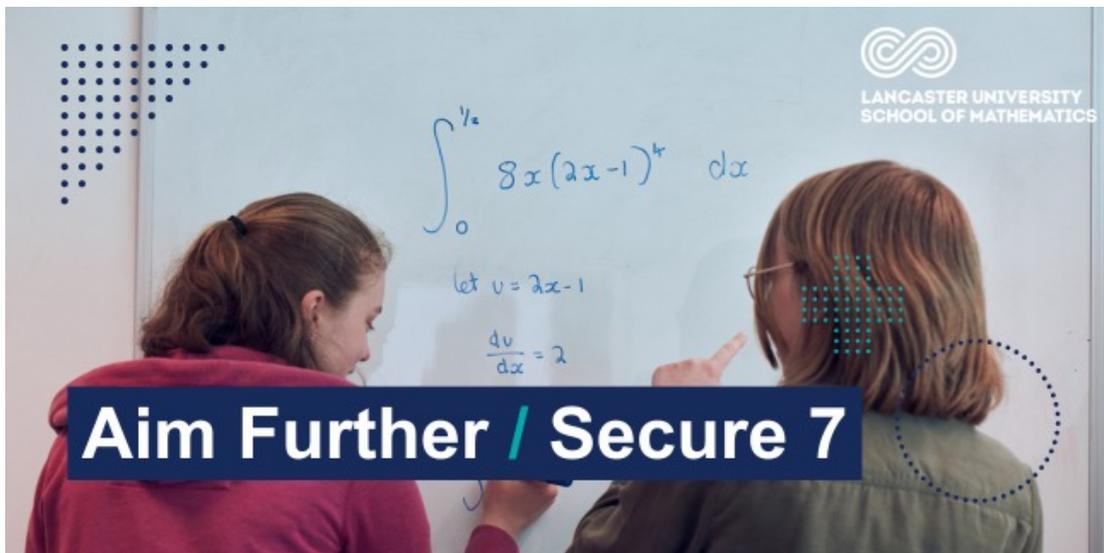
Covering subjects from languages to computer science, there are insights to support all students. Including supporting comments from real people who chose a certain subject and where they are now, in order to give students examples of potential career and subject routes.

All you need to do is click one of the buttons below to view it, or click the button to download the guide

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As part of our continued outreach programme of activities and events, we would like to let you know of the upcoming maths revision support programmes that we are hosting for Year 11 students.

From Wednesday 11th March, we will be offering a 7-week revision programme tailored towards your students expected maths grade. We have the Aim Further programme for students expected 8/9 grade and the Secure 7 programme for students expected a grade 7.

Please note, students can only select to attend one of the revision programmes.

LUSoM Aim Further



Predicted Grade:

8/9

Interested in studying:

Further Maths



Book here: <https://bit.ly/4nKMyOj>

LUSoM Secure 7



Predicted Grade:

7

Interested in studying:

Maths



The sessions will be held online, once a week and will begin on Wednesday 11th March, running until Wednesday 6th May.

Book here: <https://bit.ly/4nTqIOi>



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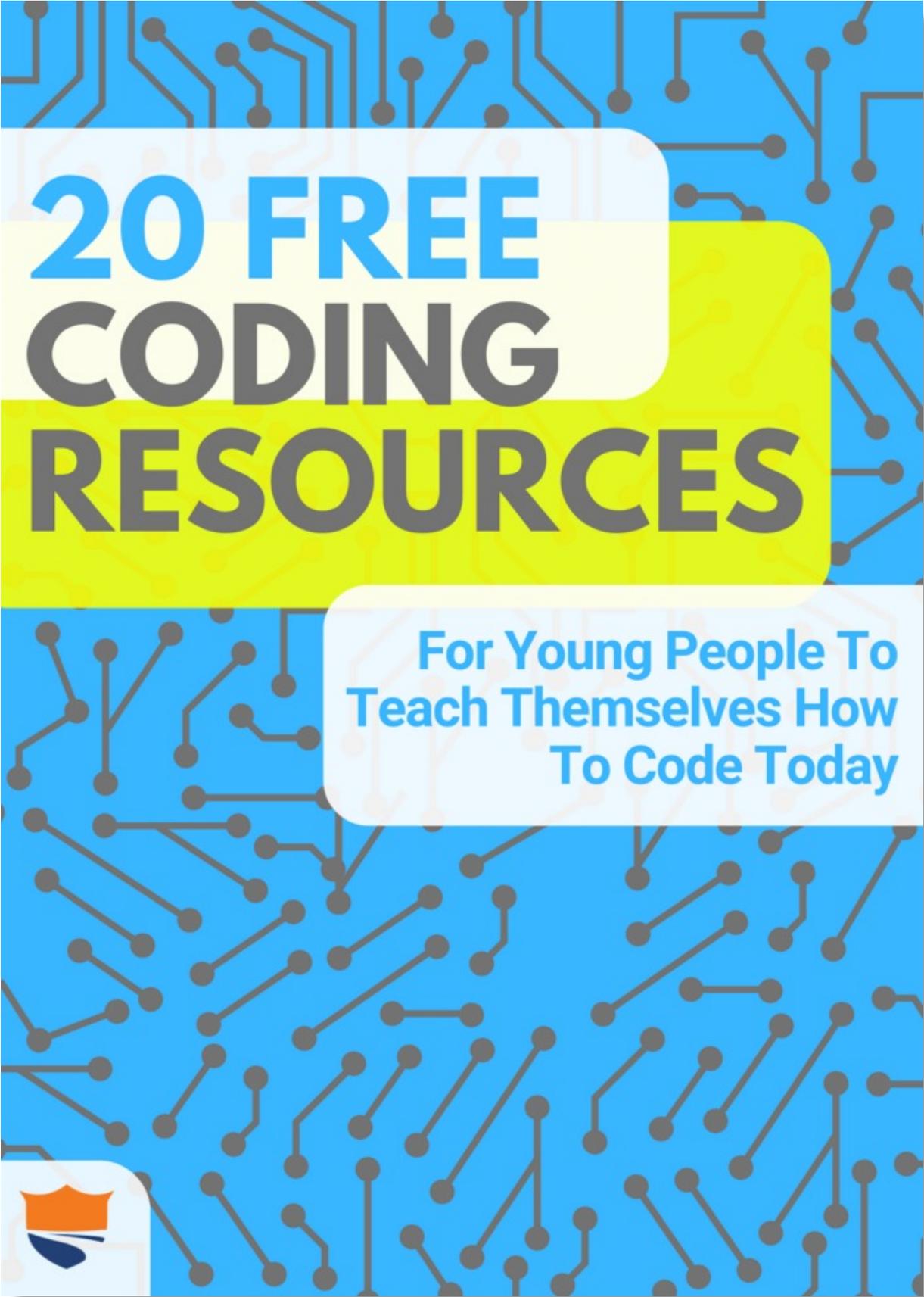


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20 FREE CODING RESOURCES

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Teach Themselves How
To Code Today

Supporting your child doesn't always mean doing more - sometimes it's about having the right resources at the right time.

That's why we're sharing our free resource of the month - a practical guide designed to help families support learning in a calm, accessible way.

Download here: [20 Free Coding Resources for Young People](#)

It brings together trusted, handpicked resources young people can explore independently - whether they're curious, confident, or just starting out.

SUCCESS IS *PERSONAL*



A PARENTS & CARERS GUIDE TO

APPLYING FOR APPRENTICESHIPS WITH EDF



A Parents & Carers Guide to Applying for Apprenticeships with EDF

This new practical, easy-to-read guide explains who EDF is, what an EDF apprenticeship involves, the range of programmes available and the benefits of an apprenticeship with EDF. It also lays out the application process and shares tips on how parents and carers can best support young people at each stage of the process.

[DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE](#)

EDF's apprenticeship vacancies are OPEN for applications

Vacancies are open for applications in roles ranging from Wind Turbine Technician to Health Physics Monitor, Engineering Technicians to Human Resources, Project Management to Business Administration, Health and Safety, and more.

[EXPLORE EDF APPRENTICESHIPS](#)



Virtual work experience

If you're interested in applying this year or working for EDF in the future, their virtual work experience programme is still open until **29th March 2026**, helping you to explore EDF careers and learn what employability skills will make you stand out.

Visit EDF's Meet the Employer profile and head to the resources & information section to access the work experience.

[EXPLORE VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE](#)





THE DEGREE GAP

Parents and students, you have been invited to a Live Online Free Webinar by The Degree Gap

How To Maximise Every GCSE Mark

26th March @ 19:00 - 20:00

Hi Parents and Students,

Thank you to the 2,500 parents that attended our January event. I hope you found it useful and the 3 free resources we shared. Well we are back with a new event before the GCSE exams.

There is just under a month until The Degree Gap hosts a Live Online Complimentary Webinar: 'How to Maximise Every GCSE Mark'.

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

So, what will we cover?

- Where marks are being lost
- How to use exam mark schemes
- How to convert weak topics into scoring topics
- How to keep momentum without burnout

You will get the chance to listen to Maths, English, and Science specialists explain how they achieved top grades and share their best tips. We will focus on the most effective revision strategies before the exams, so you can maximise the time you have left.

To sign up for the event on the 26th of March 7-8pm, please use the link below:

Register Now

Here are some of our reviews from the last event:

"I recently attended The Degree Gap's free webinar for parents and it was incredibly eye opening. Instead of vague advice, we received clear and actionable strategies. It helped me support my child without increasing stress."

"This seminar was excellent - a good length and jam packed with realistic advice that is instantly implementable. The follow up email was hugely appreciated and we have a plan, resources and much better focus for the months ahead. I initially watched this as a parent and have now watched it with my son and husband. Thank you."

"I found the webinar really informative and so grateful for the links and access to free resources as everything is so expensive these days and there is so much out there that you need to sign up to and agree to 'trial' before you buy, am just super impressed that these guys have realised how important it is to be so inclusive so all students have an equal chance. Thank you"

So what is stopping you from being there? Sign up here: **[Register Now](#)**



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"10 Tips to Help Your Child Find Their Career Path"



THE GT SCHOLARS GUIDE TO APPRENTICESHIPS



This guide breaks down what apprenticeships involve, how they work, who they're suited for, and how they can support a young person's long-term career development.

If your child is exploring options beyond traditional academic routes - or simply wants to understand what's available - this is a helpful place to start.

National Apprenticeships Week is a great time to have open conversations about future pathways - and the right information makes those conversations much easier.

You can access the Guide to Apprenticeships here:

<https://gtscholars.org/guide-to-apprenticeships>



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The UniTasterDays Students' Guide to University 2026

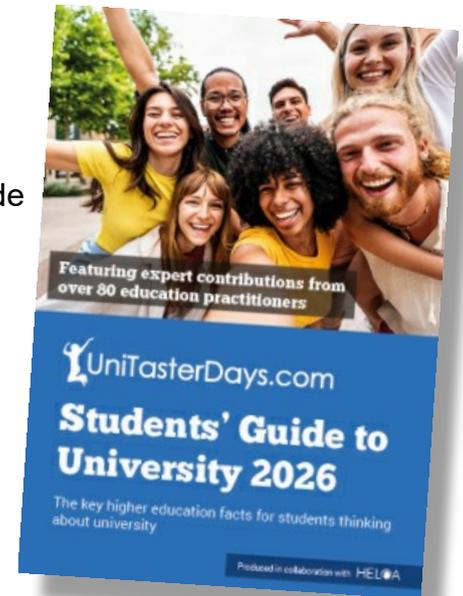
The key higher education facts for students thinking about university

The Students' Guide to University 2026 will allow you to make an informed choice about university. It includes articles to help you decide whether university is right for you, what you should study, and where you should study it.

Contributions have been provided by over 80 university representatives from across the UK, along with expert voices from outside the sector, such as educator and TV personality Baasit Siddiqui. The guide is supported by HELOA, a membership group for university advisers.

It is divided into sections to support you and your students through every stage of the university journey. Topics include researching options, attending events, financing studies, applying, and preparing for university life.

This year, mindful of the cost-of-living crisis, several articles are designed to help you overcome financial difficulty. You'll learn how to explore universities on a budget, secure "free money" to fund your student experience, manage your finances at university, secure a part-time job, and consider more affordable options like studying online.



[Download now](#)

The UniTasterDays Students' Guide to University 2026

- ✓ The key university facts for students
- ✓ Featuring editorial from over 80 university experts
- ✓ Available for direct download!



Are you interested in working in healthcare or medicine?

**Do you want to know more about careers in the NHS?
*(spoiler alert - there are more than 350!!)***

If so - why not sign up to the NHS 'School to Work' work experience programme, held at the LIFE Centre at Chorley Hospital.

It's an informal look at various careers, with talks and demos by health professionals from all different areas: eye specialists, radiographers, pathologists, pharmacists and much more. You will get a tour of the hospital and get to work in the simulated wards, plus take part in lots of interactive tasks and activities. You even get a certificate at the end!

You can't do clinical work experience in Year 10, so this is the next best thing if you are an aspiring medic.

See Miss Berry for more info

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IF YOU LIKE:

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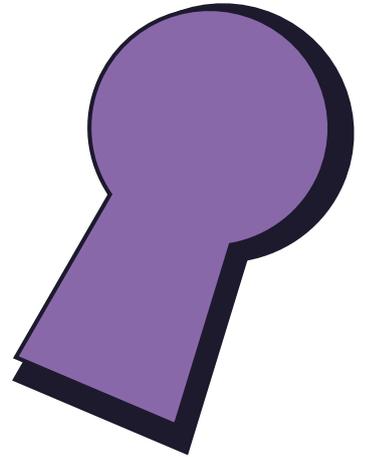
Join us for our new Careers Unlocked series, featuring seven online workshop-style sessions led by experienced industry professionals.

Tuesday How to Become a Doctor
10th March How to Become a Lawyer

Wednesday How to Become an Engineer
11th March How to Become an Entrepreneur

Thursday How to Become a Psychologist
12th March How to Become an Investment Banker

Tuesday **Parent Webinar:**
17th March A Parent's Guide to Life After School



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You can also earn a certificate of attendance to use for future applications!

ONLINE - PARENT WORKSHOP



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Students who attend and participate will receive a certificate of completion to demonstrate their skills and commitment to future opportunities.

Remember: If you're unable to join live, we encourage you to still register to receive the follow-up recording after the session.

A Parent's Guide to Life After School

17th March, 6PM (UK time)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Are you looking for practical ways to help your child succeed in today's increasingly competitive job market?

While headlines can be alarming, the challenges graduates face today in securing their dream careers are real. So, how can you help your child make informed career decisions?

The final session in our Careers Unlocked webinar series is designed for parents. Unlike our previous sessions, which focused on students exploring competitive careers, this interactive webinar tackles the graduate job market head-on, giving you the insight and guidance needed to help your child prepare for life after school.

Join us to learn:

- The realities of today's graduate job market trends and in-demand careers**
- Options after school: University applications, apprenticeships and beyond**
- How students can gain meaningful work experience outside of school**
- Practical skills students can start building now**

If you're unable to join live, you can register to receive the follow-up recording after the session.





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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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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!

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21 SCHOLARSHIPS BURSARIES & AWARDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



We're excited to let you know that this month's free resource is ready for you!

We've put together a practical guide called 21 Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards for Young People - designed to help families discover opportunities that can support their child's education, achievements, and future ambitions.

Whether your child is thinking about university, looking for ways to be recognised for their hard work, or exploring opportunities that could open new doors, this guide brings together a range of scholarships, bursaries and awards they can start exploring.

You can access the free resource here: <https://gtscholars.org/free-download>

We hope you find it helpful!

The Differences Between Internships and Work Experience

Before delving into what makes internships and work experience different, it is good to know that both provide a platform for you to learn and gain some exposure in whatever field you choose to pursue.

Like all things, however, there are aspects to each of these that make them different, and it is always beneficial to know what route to take when pursuing either an internship or work experience.

Internships

One of the key points to note regarding internships is that every internship has a set period in which an organisation will allocate to the fulfilment of that internship. Some internships will run for a period of 1 month, sometimes 3-6 months or even a year. An internship can be paid or unpaid, with some internships also providing the option of a full- or part-time internship.

An unpaid internship often has some students questioning the fact that they will not be receiving any form of pay or minimum wage for the hours they put in. This issue is all dependent on the type of organisation or company you are working for and the type of internship you are doing. To find out more about the applicability of minimum wage and who qualifies for this, you can go to the Government website and read up on the National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage.

Most internships are taken up by students and graduates in the hopes of attaining a level of experience and skill-building. Internships provide a structured working experience and exposure that is aligned with your particular field of study. The main focus of an internship is to give you a feel of a full-time working environment and what a particular role is like, while simultaneously facilitating the enhancement of both your personal and career development.

If you are looking to find some internships and do not know where to start, the government graduate talent pool is quite useful. GT Scholars is also a good starting point if you are feeling a little lost and not sure what career path you would want to take, and need some guidance and assistance with gaining confidence in your skills and personal development.

Work Experience

A work experience programme, sometimes known as a work placement, differs from an internship or learnership as this role has less extensive training or requirements than the previous two. It is more of an observatory learning role. Student work experience can be gained in several ways, with the most common work experience programmes being work placements, volunteer programmes, careers events, and insight days set by certain employers for school-leavers.

Work placements can be arranged by your school, or you can take the initiative yourself, and this runs over a short period of a week in a certain organisation or location in order to give you a first-hand look at what working at a particular organisation can be like.

Careers events are usually organised by either schools or organisations in order to meet employers who will give insight into what their organisations are about and what opportunities they offer to students and school-leavers. Some organisations will have a careers day or an after-school career programme in which students can participate.

Volunteering is an open-ended field, and there are always opportunities to apply yourself to and serve in your community. You can go look at the Volunteer Matters website to get you started and help you with both your career and personal development.

Other working avenues to get yourself involved in are extracurricular activities such as after-school academic, social or entrepreneur programmes or clubs and applying for competitions that focus on the working world. Applying for student leadership roles in school and after-school clubs is also a good way to develop your working experience and personal skills.

Whether you decide to go for an internship or work experience, both provide a platform for you to develop yourself both personally and professionally. Being prepared for them is just as important as applying for them. One of the best ways to prepare for them is to invest in your personal development, and these are your skills, confidence and all-around performance in and outside of school.

Choosing the right opportunity is easier when you understand your strengths and goals. If you want guidance with career exploration, skill-building and personal development, GT Scholars offers programmes designed to support young people at every stage. [Contact us](#) to learn more and get started today!



The UKCAT People

Free Webinar Details:

- **Ultimate Guide To Getting Into Medicine And Dentistry for 2027 Entry**
- **Wednesday 24th March 2026, 19:00-20:15 UK time**
- **Online via zoom**
- **Led by:** Dr Akash Gandhi - GP & lead medicine & dentistry mentor at TheUKCATPeople

Registration link: <https://www.theukcatpeople.co.uk/event-details/ultimate-guide-to-getting-into-medicine-dentistry-2027-entry-y11-12-1>

What will we cover?

- Overview of applying to medical & dental school in the UK
- Entry Requirements (GCSE/A-Levels)
- UCAT & 2026 Changes
- Work Experience & Volunteering Requirements
- Personal Statement - Wider Reading & Extra-Curricular Requirements
- Oxbridge Applications
- Q&A for parents & students - have all of your questions answered by the team

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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!"

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Top essential skills:



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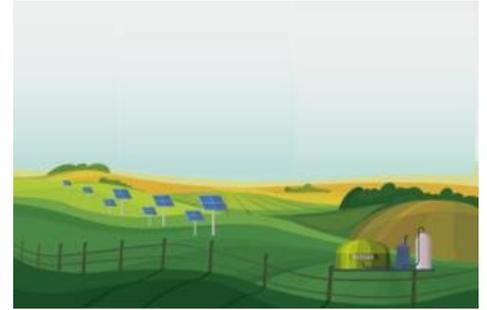
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- **Manchester - Old Trafford Stadium - 27th February** - [see details here](#) - email emma@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk for further details or to book places.
- **Lancaster University - 24th March** - [see details here](#) - email emma@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk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

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

28th April - 30th April

2026

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Evening Session: 16:30 - 18:00

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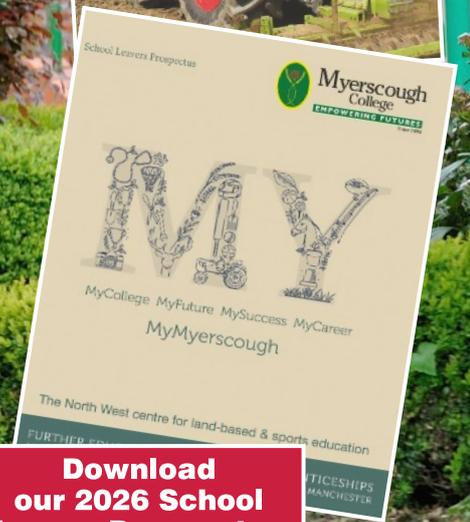
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Starting your career with Dunelm opens a world of possibilities

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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+
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Work Experience

What counts as work experience?

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



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

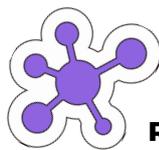


Consider what you already do outside of school - **what does it say about your interests or skills?**

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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- Options after school for students
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- Parents' role in helping their children make informed career decisions
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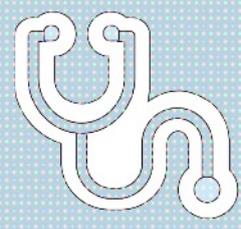
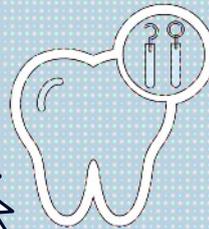
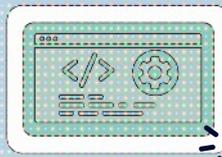
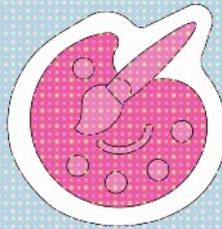
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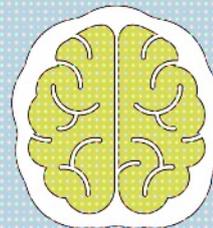
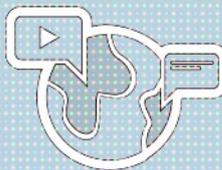
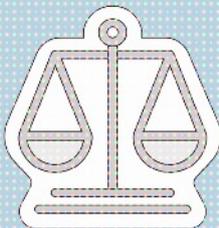
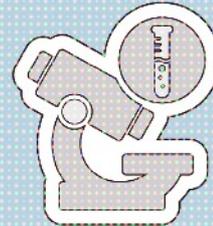
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- What to expect if they study it
- An overview of the careers it may lead to
- Application tips if they go on to apply

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- 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:

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



Enrolling as a bronze pathway student, you can

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

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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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Previously successful Medical students:

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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.

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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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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
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CAREER *of the* WEEK

Special educational needs teacher

SEN teaching is a rewarding career and having some experience of working with children can help you to take the first steps into teacher training.

As a special educational needs (SEN) teacher, you'll work with children and young people who need extra support, or require a tailored learning programme, to help them reach their full educational potential.

You may work with pupils who have physical disabilities, sensory impairments (e.g. hearing or visual), speech and language difficulties, specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, conditions such as autism, or social, emotional, and mental health needs. Some pupils may have a combination of these difficulties.

You may also work with highly able pupils who need to be challenged further than the standard curriculum allows.

A key aspect of working in this field is identifying individual needs and adapting to each student, as well as creating a safe, stimulating and supportive learning environment.

Responsibilities

As an SEN teacher, you'll need to:

- teach individuals or small groups of pupils within or outside the class
- prepare lessons and resources
- mark and assess work
- develop and adapt conventional teaching methods to meet individual pupil need
- use special equipment and facilities, such as audiovisual materials and computers, to engage students and enhance learning
- use specialist skills, such as teaching Braille to pupils with visual impairments or sign language and lip reading to students who have hearing impairments
- collaborate with the classroom teacher to define appropriate activities for the pupils, and adapt curriculum lesson plans accordingly
- assess children with learning difficulties and work with colleagues to identify individual pupils' special needs
- work with the head teacher and governing body to ensure that the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 are met in terms of reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- liaise with other professionals, such as social workers, speech and language therapists, physiotherapists and educational psychologists
- work closely with parents and guardians
- organise and supervise learning outside the classroom in activities such as community visits, school outings or sporting events
- assist severely disabled pupils with personal care/medical needs
- carry out administrative tasks, including updating and maintaining records of pupils' progress
- attend statutory annual reviews or other related meetings, such as Looked After Child reviews, regarding students with an SEN - this may involve reviewing education, health and care (EHC) plans
- attend in-service training
- manage behaviour



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