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The Ridgeway School & Sixth Form College

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES

National T Levels Week takes place from 19th to 23rd October 2026 to celebrate technical education achievements and highlight student, teacher, and employer successes. You can find out more by searching the hashtag #TLevelsWeek on social media.

In these student stories, you can hear directly from students who are taking a T Level course about why you might like to consider them when thinking about your next steps.

Here is everything you need to know about T Levels, including what subjects they're offered in, how they're assessed and what the grading equates to.

Considering a T Level but unsure what the workload or placement is actually like? This Springpod programme helps you explore how T Levels work, combining classroom learning with a substantial industry placement, so you can decide if this route suits your learning style before choosing it. You'll know what to expect - and whether it's the right next step for you.

These handy posters show you which Springpod industry programmes link well to which T Level subject, allowing you to try the industry before signing up to the T Level course.

Sainsbury's are running a series of Virtual Career Experience Days, as part of their KickStarter Experiences, taking place during the October half-term. You can explore exciting career opportunities, develop new skills, meet members of the Sainsbury's team, and gain a better understanding of careers in retail and the supermarket industry.

The Foot Anstey work experience opportunities are designed to give you a genuine feel for life in a commercial law firm. You'll learn more about the variety of career paths available, develop key professional skills and connect with people across the business. From legal careers to the many teams that support our clients and colleagues, you'll discover what it's really like to be part of Foot Anstey and take the next step in your career journey. Their next event is Mon 26th October.

Future Doctors have 4,000 free places for students aged 14-18 to join a free online course designed for students interested in careers in medicine and healthcare. All students receive a signed certificate from their doctors for taking part. Upcoming events are on; Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25, and Nov 1.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Building Control Surveyor

They review architectural drawings, structural calculations, and technical specifications before work starts then visit properties at key stages - such as foundations, damp-proof courses, and structural completions - to verify safety and compliance.

Every new build property in the UK must be signed off by a Building Survey before it can be sold or lived in.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Education and Early Years T Levels pathway attracts the highest number of enrolled students and completers in England.

There were nearly 3,780 results for the Education & Early Years T Level Course in the 2025/26 academic year alone.

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Join this live session on 20th October at 4pm to learn more about what it's like to study a Politics, International Relations or International Development degree at the University of Portsmouth. You'll find out about our course highlights, modules, placement opportunities and careers support, as well as plenty of time to get your questions answered.

Need help navigating the UCAS application process? Applying to university can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. Join the University of Roehampton on 22nd Oct at 530pm for a practical, step-by-step guide to the UCAS application process, designed to help you understand what's involved and feel more confident about applying. They'll break down each stage of the application, share helpful tips and advice, and highlight key things to consider when completing your UCAS application.

Interested in finding out more about careers in pathology? The Pathology Training Leads are hosting a Virtual Pathology Work Experience Day on 28th October, from 9:15am to 4:30pm. The day will provide an opportunity to hear from professionals working across a wide range of pathology disciplines, alongside careers information and opportunities to ask questions directly to those working in the field. The event will be delivered via Microsoft Teams and is open to anyone interested in finding out more about careers in biomedical science and pathology.

Imagine the year is 2029 and you are about to graduate with a degree in business management and a GREAT idea for a new business start-up! Join Associate Professor David Steinberg from Heriot-Watt University on 3rd Nov at 7pm and discover how current research is helping to shape the business world of the future. In this highly interactive session, you will be asked to make decisions on the development of your company from incubator to global success! How will your Intelligent Virtual Store Design (IVSD) provide products and services to bring the in-store shopping experience into the home? Will your company flop or will you take over the emerging metaverse?

Numerous universities run Open Days in October, be sure to register and attend the ones you're interested in. Open days are the best way to get a feel for a university, their course offer and facilities. You can see the dates here: UCAS, OpenDays.com and UniTasterDays. On UniTasterDays, you can also look at incentives and deals to help with the cost of travel, hotels if required and food to attend open days.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

Balfour Beatty is a major infrastructure and construction company helping to build and maintain the systems people use every day, from roads and railways to buildings and energy infrastructure. Early career routes include apprenticeships, placements and graduate opportunities across engineering, construction, project management, quantity surveying and business. Students interested in seeing real projects develop from ideas into finished structures may find this sector particularly rewarding.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

King's College London is a large university with campuses across central London. It offers courses spanning health and medicine, law, humanities, social sciences, sciences, business and technology. Students benefit from being close to major hospitals, businesses, government and cultural institutions.

King's could particularly appeal to students looking for a busy city experience and opportunities to connect their university studies with organisations and careers across London.