



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

Discover! Creative Careers Week 2024, 18th - 22nd November. It's an opportunity for young people to gain insight into real job roles and pathways from employers through online and in-person events.



There's a career for you in the creative industries. Use this page to discover a range of job profiles across the creative industries, featuring careers information from our industry partners. If you're aged 16+, download the ERIC app for free where you can discover creative internships, bootcamps, events, training schemes, courses and more.



Apprenticeships can be a fantastic way to start a career in the creative industries. This vocational route allows you to combine formal training with real workplace experience through employment. Read more here about the basics of apprenticeships in England, useful information and links to resources and opportunities, plus case studies of current and former apprentices working across the creative industries.



Aimed at learners aged 11-18, the online insights feature industry professionals talking about their jobs – what they involve, what it's like working in their sector, how they got into it and also some advice and tips for young people looking to enter a similar field.



Even if you don't want to work in a creative field, creative thinking is an essential skill if we want to consistently develop original and innovative concepts. Read more about the importance of creativity here.



Check out this video from West Yorkshire Business and Skills about creative industries. It was made with the support of The Burberry Foundation. They run a programme called Burberry inspire which is a global programme dedicated to providing safe spaces for young people to explore their creativity, develop new skills and build a more positive future.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Fashion Buyer

A fashion buyer is a professional who selects clothing and accessories for a company or retailer to sell to the public. They ensure that the merchandise they choose is on trend, complements the store's aesthetic, and helps the company achieve its goals.

Watch the video to learn more about working hours, salary and qualifications needed.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Approximately **73%** of **organisations** surveyed in the World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Survey reported that **creative thinking skills** was a top priority for them when considering talent as we move into the future, agreeing that this skill set is increasing in relevance and importance.

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If you want to experience a creative industry, check out the relevant Springpod virtual work experience programmes; [Graphic Design](#), [Fashion](#) and [Architecture](#)



OPEN

[BAE Systems](#) Apprenticeship Application Window is officially open. Are you ready to make a difference? You could be a pioneer, fast-tracking the future of BAE Systems through innovative technology and next-generation engineering feats. With our apprenticeships you'll earn while you learn and receive job-specific training, experience and recognised qualifications that will kickstart your career. There are over 1300 roles available nationwide. [Read more here.](#)



AWE offers A-Level to Degree level equivalent opportunities across a range of business areas. From Science to Engineering to Manufacturing to Business Services, there's something for everyone. This award-winning scheme offers students the chance to launch a unique career in the defence industry, all whilst playing a pivotal part in keeping the nation safe! [Read more here.](#)



Worried about your university choices? Welcome to [Uni Myths Busted](#). The place to go for stats and facts that tackle common university misconceptions and guidance from real university students, alumni and employers. Here you'll find advice and stories from employers and students; reliable, original data; and a whole host of useful information to help you feel more confident about it all.



Oxplore is an engaging digital resource from the [University of Oxford](#). As the 'Home of Big Questions', it aims to challenge those from 11 to 18 years with debates and ideas that go beyond what is covered in the classroom. [Read more here](#) and [check it out here.](#)



Have you seen [Southampton Solent University's 52 things to do](#)? It provides weekly activities, challenges, and guides to help you get ready for university, from now until freshers' week. Picking a course, paying for uni, registration and applications, moving in – they'll have something to support you every step of the way.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Join an inclusive team in a business that's ever-evolving. Play your part in creating pioneering security products and services that can change the world we live in.

Whichever early career programme you choose, you'll learn, grow and thrive here. With all the training and support you need to find your unique place."

Read more about [BAE Careers here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Based in the lively and diverse city of Southampton, Solent University is home to a global community of students from all walks of life. We've been awarded triple gold by the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), have first-class facilities, and strong industry links, getting you ready for employment."

Read more about [Southampton Solent courses here.](#)