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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



You may be wondering what happens once you submit your UCAS application. It is important to note that universities have until 13th May 2026 to respond to applications. Here is a UCAS guide on "What happens after you submit your application?" and what types of offer you may receive.



What's it like to work at your dream company? HIGHERiN provides lots of reviews for placements, internships, graduate jobs and apprenticeships, all written by university students and school leavers.



Quiz

The InvestIN Career Quiz is designed to help students aged 15-18 discover an industry that aligns with their aspirations. Through a series of questions, we'll assess your skills and interests, and analyse how these align with different career sectors.



You have probably heard of accountancy and advisory services before. Think you know what professionals in this field really do? Embark on this virtual work experience to explore the world of accountancy and advisory services with BDO.



"At Virgin Media O₂, we are powered by an epic, diverse and high performing team providing customers with a range of services they love to use and rely on every day. We're all about working together as one team to put the customer first in everything we do. If your ambition matches ours, see what you can do with us."



Discover EDT: Parent/Guardian webinar. Discover the exciting journey into the world of STEM - 29th January - 16:00-17:00



You can join this free EDT Placements Open Day session to find out more about the Placements programme and how it can help to find a paid work placement to enhance skills and gain experience and professional development. 21st January - 16:00-17:00

JOB OF THE WEEK



Careers Advisor

As a careers advisor you will help people make decisions about their education, training and work options. You can work in a variety of fields and may specialise within a number of areas. It's likely you'll work in a generalist role, helping people from many backgrounds and giving impartial advice regarding routes into multiple different careers and industries.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In 2024, 87.6% of working age (16-64 years old) graduates were in employment compared to 68.0% of non-graduates.

67.9% of working age (16-64 years old) graduates were in high-skilled employment compared to 23.7% of non-graduates.

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Futures for All online [Work Experience Finder](#) is designed to showcase placements and for you to explore the latest opportunities. You can search, filter, and sort, and browse by featured career types, industries, subjects, and closing soon. Virtual opportunities can be found under the Opportunity Type dropdown.



Join the Uni of Worcester for their online Nursing Q&A panel on Friday 9th January, 5–6pm. During the session, Nursing academic staff and current students will be answering any questions you have about studying Nursing. [Register here.](#)



Unifrog Computer science taster: how will AI and cyber change future careers? If you're interested in computer science, AI, or tech, don't miss this chance to learn how you can be part of the next big wave in technology. 12th January 17:30 - 18:15. [Book your place.](#)



Not sure what to consider once you've sent off your university application? [Join this series of webinars](#) to find out more about what it's like to study at university, how to choose between your university offers, how much university really costs, and how parents and caregivers can support through these next steps.



Meet Jocelyn: Telecoms Graduate at Network Rail who ended up in Network Rail after the Graduate scheme was recommended to him by a uni friend... [Read more here.](#)



Life at a Toyota and Lexus dealership is fast-paced, collaborative, and full of purpose. No matter of your role, you are part of a team that thrives on innovation and customer care. Check out their live apprenticeship opportunities [here.](#)



Could teaching be your calling? Join the Uni of Portsmouth virtually to learn about teacher training courses. Whether you're interested in Primary, Secondary, or Further Education, our teacher training courses cover a wide range of subjects, and you may be eligible for a bursary. Find out more on the 13th January by booking your place [here.](#)

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"At UCAS, our beneficiaries and customers are central to our purpose, which is rooted in a charity-led mission to connect people to education and life-changing opportunities. It's work that feels meaningful, where your expertise contributes to a cause that truly matters. Our culture is inclusive and collaborative, built on trust, accountability, and a shared commitment to increasing participation in education." Find out more [here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"At Portsmouth, we're proud to be a breath of fresh air in the academic world – a place where everyone gets the support they need to achieve their best. We're always discovering. We don't fit the mould, we break it. Just as the world keeps moving, so do we. Since the first day we opened our doors, we've looked towards the future. And we're here to help you shape it. Read more [here.](#)