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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



So you've submitted your UCAS application, but you need to make changes? On this page you can find out how to track or make changes to your application, learn about offers and how to make decisions after you receive your offers.



Join Heidelberg Materials on the 28th January, 12:30 - 13:00 for this LIVE virtual careers talk with top tips how to apply and roles that are available for September 2026 intake. Site Supervisor, Quantity Surveyor and Higher Apprenticeships are all roles they offer in addition to Craft Apprenticeships. Register here.



Whether you're looking for apprenticeship opportunities, work experience, or graduate programme information, join Lockheed Martin for this inspiring career talk on the 29th January, 18:00 - 18:45, to learn more and hear from our current graduates and apprentices as they share their experiences.



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.



This collection of short Apprentice Story films showcases the breadth and variety of apprenticeships, including Firefighting, Engineering, Broadcasting, Zookeeping and more. Apprentices are all around us, often working in surprising roles. Watch our Apprentice Story films to be inspired.



Want to find out which course is for you? Use the Springpod Subject Spotlights to learn more about subjects you may be interested in - 100% free to use! Try them out here.



Building a Data Dream Team: Talking apprenticeships with Costa Coffee. In this recording experts from Costa Coffee discuss the impact of data apprenticeships within their organisation.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Civil Engineer

As a civil engineer, you'll oversee the actual construction on the ground and work in conjunction with consulting engineers. All civil engineers need a good understanding of design and construction processes, as well as of health and safety issues. You'll organise human and material resources on-site and ensure that projects run to time and budget and are safe to work on.


LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

"The proportion of full-time undergraduates undertaking paid work during term time is now at 68%. This is up from 56% in 2024 and just 42% in 2020."


This tells us that the increasing cost of living is impacting university students too.

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Do you have an interest in Engineering? Do you like challenges and problem solving? [Log on to this webinar on the 4th February](#) to discover more about the fields of Chemical, Mechanical, Aerospace, and Automotive and Motorsport Engineering, and the extensive career pathways that these exciting subjects can lead you to!




How To Plan Your Career Effectively, In Partnership with Pathway CTM: February 13th, 14:00. Are you looking to set clear career goals, understand your strengths, and make confident decisions about your future? Career planning is an essential lifelong skill, and this workshop will guide you through practical strategies to help you map out your pathway. [Register for free here.](#)




Inside Infrastructure Investment: Careers that keep the world running with Infrastructure Industry Foundation. This session on the 5th February 10:00 - 10:45 explores the vital role infrastructure plays in building resilient communities and driving sustainable growth. Learn about the responsibility of managing funds for long-term impact, the importance of corporate social responsibility, and the diverse career routes into this dynamic industry. [Register here.](#)




It can be difficult to know how to make the most of your holidays when preparing for university. [Join the UEA higher education advice team](#) on January 29th as we discuss: extra and super curricular activities you can undertake while studying; how to build skills and inform your next steps; researching universities; how to make the most of HE and UCAS events; and what you could do in the summer holidays.



Degree Apprenticeships are an increasingly popular choice to the traditional university route. Come and find out what the benefits are and how to apply. 2nd February, 18:00 - 19:00, [register here.](#)



Check out [this case study](#) about Isabel Chadwick - Project Planning & Controls Apprentice at Thales. Isabel tells us about her role, how she got there and how lots of volunteering is available to early careers.



This Rolls-Royce virtual experience gives you a behind-the-scenes look at the Project Manager role and the critical responsibilities it entails across our diverse projects. [Start the Sprint with Springpod.](#)

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Rolls-Royce is one of the most enduring and iconic brands and has been at the forefront of innovation for over a century. Designing, building and servicing systems that provide critical power to customers, where safety and reliability are paramount. We are a force for progress; powering, protecting and connecting people everywhere."

Find out more [here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"The University of Manchester is a centre of teaching excellence, world-class research, outstanding student experience, and social responsibility. Part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities, it's institutions like ours that have the greatest responsibility to act as the world faces big challenges. Together, we face this head on." Read more [here.](#)