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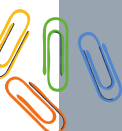
# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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



BAE Systems have now opened applications for their apprenticeship programmes. "Be a pioneer, fast-tracking the future of BAE Systems through innovative technology and next-generation engineering feats to tackle complex problems, making a real difference for your career, and the world. With our apprenticeships you'll earn while you learn and receive job-specific training, experience and recognised qualifications that will shape your career."



Google's First Step for Year 7-9 | Wed 28th Jan | 4.30pm. You can take part in a 45-minute Google briefing on using data to grow a YouTube channel, complete a self-paced career challenge, and receive a certificate upon completion.



Google's Next Step for Year 10-13 | Thurs 29th Jan | 5pm. A 45-minute virtual briefing with the Google team on the Pixel 10 launch with Gen Z creators, complete a self-paced career challenge, and receive a certificate upon completion.



IBM, Apprenticeship Application Masterclass | Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Feb | 10am - 11.30am. This event is for students in Year 13/ Final Year College or recently completed School or College with interest in careers and apprenticeships in technology and business innovation. IBM are one of the biggest technology and consulting employers. By attending this Application Masterclass, you'll practise key parts of an application with help and support from IBM professionals. By the end of the session, you'll be confident about applying for an apprenticeship or job with IBM.



British Airways work experience opens THIS MONTH! "Your work experience journey starts here. At British Airways, we're here to help you explore what your future career could look like. From online learning and live chats with our mentors to real-life experiences behind the scenes, students have plenty of ways to discover the variety of roles in aviation."



Launching Monday, 9th February 2026, to kick off National Apprenticeship Week, ERIC are launching a "Netflix-style" series of talks about different creative careers.

## JOB OF THE WEEK



Pet Behaviourist

Pet Behaviourists are a specialist who diagnoses and treats complex behavioral problems in animals (like dogs, cats, birds) by identifying underlying emotional causes (fear, anxiety) and creating custom, science-based modification plans, working on veterinary referral to help pets feel and behave better, often acting like a "pet psychiatrist".

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Healthcare dominates the UK employment growth story, with an estimated 70,000 new roles expected in the sector and projections suggesting nearly one million additional jobs could be created over the next 20 years.

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The latest edition of the Soldier Magazine, the UK Army's official publication for students, is now available. Notable articles include; London Guards hone skills in Gibraltar, Exclusive interview with ace Ukrainian drone pilot and Infanteers tear up top urban complex.



National recruitment has now begun for people wishing to become a Royal Military Police Soldier. "Policing is a very important job in the Armed Forces. The Royal Military Police (RMP) uphold law within the Army, in the UK and abroad. As a member of the Army's policing team, you'll get to travel the world and support operations. It all starts with first-class training – first as a soldier and then in policing. When you finish, you'll be promoted to Lance Corporal. You'll know how to gather evidence and look after detainees. What's more, you can take specialist courses and qualifications. These are recognised by the civilian police."



Ahead of NAW 2026, join our webinar with the British Army to learn about the 40+ different apprenticeship opportunities available, from engineering to healthcare, and hear directly from apprentices about their training, experiences and what Army life is really like. Perfect for young people and those supporting them. Tueaday 3<sup>rd</sup> February , 16:00 - 17:00.

Are you thinking of applying to Medical School in the future? Royal College of General Practitioners are offering a GP work experience to school and college pupils aged 16+ who are interested in studying medicine. This will provide you with top tips for obtaining GP work experience and how to make the most of a work experience placement in general practice.



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! Springpod and BDO will introduce you to the sector and the different career paths that are available. You'll hear from experts, see career stories, and explore career pathways.



This session is designed to help parents and carers feel confident supporting the young people in their lives as they explore Apprenticeships.

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Whether you've always wanted to work in health or have never thought about it before, the huge range of careers in the NHS will amaze you!"

There are clinical and non-clinical careers available. You could work on the front line on a ward or never see a patient and still make a difference to people's lives.

Find out more here.

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

"At Cardiff University, you can choose from over 300 degree programmes. We offer flexibility so you can tailor some components of your degree to suit your own interests and career ambitions. We work with our students to make their education the best it can be, not just for their own benefit, but for the good of our communities and planet."

Read more here.