



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




Join Pathway Group during National Apprenticeship Week 2026 to discover more about the fantastic world of apprenticeships! This FREE online careers fair will cover everything from discovering opportunities with organisations first-hand and guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship! With top companies and learning providers promoting their career opportunities, the event is the perfect place to get inspired and meet your next potential employer. Taking place each day from 12pm - 2pm on Mon 9th - Fri 13th February 2026.




Capgemini are running a Virtual Insight Session for Years 9+ on Tues 17th Feb from 12pm - 2pm. You will explore future pathways in technology, consulting, and digital transformation through meaningful employer encounters aligned with Gatsby Benchmarks 2, 4, and 5, where students engage with Capgemini professionals, build commercial awareness and problem-solving skills, and gain insight into career pathways, apprenticeships, and company culture.



Schroders is a world-class asset manager whose purpose is to provide excellent investment performance for their clients. They operate in over 30 locations - with over 5000 staff - across Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East. By attending their work experience day on 5th March, you'll hear from finance and tech professionals on how they create the best returns on the assets they manage



The worlds of learning, education, careers and work are full of terminology, abbreviations, phrases and words that can be difficult to decipher. In this Jargon Buster, you'll find some examples of commonly used words and phrases that you'll see on various websites, with a clear explanation of what they mean.



Get Career Confident has brought together a list of virtual work experience opportunities available to young people. We really recommend you take advantage of some of the fantastic virtual opportunities available and you never know one may lead to a face to face experience and even a job in the future! We recommend you first read this so you can be fully prepared for any virtual work experience you access.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Architect


An architect is a trained, licensed professional who plans, designs, and oversees the construction of buildings and structures, blending creativity with technical, scientific, and structural knowledge. They translate client requirements into functional, safe, and aesthetic spaces.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT


Awareness of ChatGPT and its capabilities among students has grown to 96% over the past year, with many using it to assist with coursework and increasingly, job applications and assessments.

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The Academy of Real Assets' Annual Creative Competition happens each academic year. It's designed to inspire students across the UK to think creatively about real estate, real assets, the built environment, and the future of our communities. This year, they're asking you to respond to the prompt: "My Favourite Building..." Whether it's a famous landmark, a holiday memory, or a hidden gem in your neighbourhood, tell us why it's special to you. The format is up to you; you can write an essay or poem of up to 800 words, film a one-minute video, design a piece of artwork or capture an image. Winning entries will be featured in a beautifully designed hardback book, distributed to schools, employers, and universities across the UK. [Submit your entry here](#) by 27th March 2026.




If you're interested in the field of architecture but not sure where to start, explore the different pathways to qualifying as an architect and the role RIBA plays in architectural education. You can [read more here](#) and [watch a video on this topic here](#).




Go Construct provides resources for anyone looking for a career in the construction and built environment sector. We showcase the many rewarding opportunities available and help people from all backgrounds to enter an exciting and growing industry which has a huge impact on the UK's housing, industry and infrastructure. With so many roles available in construction it can be hard to know where to start, why not [use this webpage](#) to learn more about various career options.



Have you ever wondered how speaking different languages may help you in your career? [Check out this video series](#) which shows different people in different job roles explaining how their language skills have been useful in their role.



Work experience is an important feature of any strong university application. But did you know that for certain degree courses,, it's an essential entry requirement? Learn which courses require you to have [completed work experience here](#).



You can [find online work experience here](#), some opportunities are "virtual to reality" meaning that they may offer you the opportunity for in person work experience.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Foster + Partners welcomes designers, innovators, makers and pioneering trailblazers to join the practice. We want to work with the best talent from across the industry and develop our people to grow within our practice. With people from diverse backgrounds, we nurture innovation and flexibility to deliver extraordinary projects." You can [read more about careers at Foster + Partners here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"We are globally celebrated for our research, development and innovation, providing students with exceptional teaching for over 400 years. We encourage our people to push the frontiers of knowledge today, helps ensure we make a positive sustainable mark on the world tomorrow." You can [read more about the University of Edinburgh here](#).