



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

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2025

Happy National Apprenticeship Week! We hope you enjoy any of the events that you have signed up for. It isn't too late so check out [the events list here](#) and register for anything you're interested in.



This [Rapid Read bundle](#) has been created for teachers, students, parents and carers, employers and anyone looking to expand their knowledge of apprenticeships and other vocational routes. This bundle contains a range of quick-read information on Apprenticeships, T Levels and much more!



There is also a [collection of rapid reads](#) for SEND learners that offer guidance on finding an inclusive employer, application support, functional skills and the types of on-programme support available for apprentices with additional needs.




You can use the Amazing Apprenticeship's "[Meet the Employer zone](#)" to learn more about different employers, what apprentices they look for and how their recruitment processes work.




Quiz

If you're not sure where to start with Apprenticeships, a good place to begin your journey is with [these online quizzes](#). You can test your knowledge on apprenticeships, guess the apprenticeship being described and learn about apprenticeship standards by matching them to their descriptions.



The [Apprenticeship Arcade](#) provides a suite of games offering an interactive and fun way for you to explore and learn about apprenticeships. You can access all the games under the title "For Students to Play Independently".



Parents and Carers can [read and subscribe to this magazine](#) to stay up to date with the latest Apprenticeship news.

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Graphic Designer](#)

A graphic designer uses art and technology to create images and layouts that communicate ideas. They may work on websites, printed pages, and other marketing materials.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

There are around 25,000 apprenticeship vacancies available online at any one time.

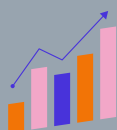
Most apprentices start work between the ages of 19 and 24 compared to 15 and 17 in 1914.

[Source](#)

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Each year, Leonardo seeks to attract enthusiastic people to join one of their [highly regarded apprenticeships programme](#). They are a large employer of engineering, business, and cyber apprentices in the UK, with over 400 graduates and apprentices in training at different facilities across the country.



This [informative blog](#) highlights some of the key trends and developments in the job market this year, including a surge in demands for tech skills and the importance of soft skills.



This [useful UCAS guide](#) explains the process once UCAS receives an application, covering aspects such as types of decision the universities can make, replying to offers and important dates.



The [January post](#) from the [FutureSmart Careers blog](#) is packed full of useful information for those interested in a career focused on space exploration. It highlights the huge range of different careers within the sector, companies that offer apprenticeships and podcasts, MOOCs and other resources to help you find out more.



The University of Derby has teamed up again with alumnus, educational expert and well-known Gogglebox star, Baasit Siddiqui, to launch this year's competition [Get Ready to Podcast 2025](#).



Volunteering abroad is a great way to combine travel and giving something back during a gap year; you can connect with a community and a new culture while contributing to projects that support people and the planet. [This article outlines some of the best countries in which to volunteer in 2025](#).



Brixton Finishing School offer a range of [FREE online courses](#) designed to upskill you and teach you more about the creative industries. Their courses allow you to explore the many types of roles on offer and learn from industry experts and employers.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“Leonardo is a global industrial group that builds technological capabilities in Aerospace, Defence & Security.

The company plays a prominent role in major international strategic programmes and is a trusted technological partner of governments, defence agencies, institutions and enterprises.”

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

UNI SPOTLIGHT

“Leaders in politics, business, and academia require knowledge that goes beyond the limitations of our current higher education system. Help create a new university focused on empowering students with the knowledge and skills necessary to tackle social and global issues head-on.”

Read more about [The London Interdisciplinary School's Courses here](#).