



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



[The Students' Guide to University 2026](#) will allow you to make an informed choice about university. It includes articles to help you decide whether university is right for you, what you should study, and where you should study it. Contributions have been provided by over 80 university representatives from across the UK.



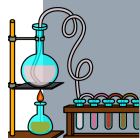
[Degree Apprenticeships 30 Minute TV Programme](#) is a helpful introduction for Sixth Form students and parents. The programme explains what degree apprenticeships are, which ones are available, and how they compare to a traditional university route.

Here are some apprenticeships opportunities that have opened recently that you might be interested in:

- [Morgan Stanley \(with Multiverse\)](#). Opportunities across research, operations, human capital management and more.
- [EY - 2026 Apprenticeship Programmes](#). Launch a career in business, finance or technology. Earn while you learn and gain real client experience with dedicated support.
- [Sir Robert McAlpine Apprenticeships](#) combining experience on landmark projects with recognised.
- [Stronger Starts Maintenance Apprenticeship](#), is a 18-month programme sets you up with the skills you need for everyday duties in maintenance jobs.



The [British Science Week poster competition](#) takes place every year and invites young people from across the UK to take part. In 2026, the competition theme is taking curiosity to the next level! We're working with a team of scientists and researchers who are curious about what children and young people think will make a 'good'/'positive' childhood in the future. The competition is now open for entries; the closing date is 6 pm on Thursday 16 April 2026.



[T Levels](#) are a qualification choice that follow GCSEs and give students a head start towards the career they want. They suit students who wish to start working towards a skilled occupation, prefer a practical approach to learning and want a predominantly classroom-based course.



JOB OF THE WEEK



[CNC Machinist](#)

A CNC machinist is a skilled technician who sets up, programs, and operates computer-controlled machinery (lathes, mills, grinders) to produce precision metal or plastic components.

They interpret technical drawings, select tooling, and ensure strict quality standards for industries like aerospace and automotive.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The highest paid jobs in the UK are:

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO): £97,000-£250,000+
- Surgeon: £53,000-£114,000+
- Anaesthetist: £103,000-£122,000+
- Investment Banker: £50,000-£150,000+
- IT Director: £80,000-£150,000+

[Source](#)

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Have you ever wondered how space technology can help us here on earth? Or how space can affect astronauts' bodies? [In this lesson](#), you will discover how cutting-edge innovations are shaping the future of technology and find out about some of the diverse technology careers they could pursue in the space health industry. In collaboration with RAF Charitable Trust.



Choose a Specsavers apprenticeship and you'll be part of a team who care deeply about eyecare and hearcare, and who strive to be the best they can be. Our apprenticeships offer a great stepping stone into our business and a way to upskill on the job. Take a closer look [here](#).



Have you ever wondered what it's like to go to university? Are there lots of questions about university going around in your head? Would you like to know what it's like before you take the leap and apply for a STEM university degree? Well now you can - with [EDT's Industrial Cadets Residential Insight](#) into University experiences, you get the chance to try out a STEM degree subject at leading universities throughout the UK.



[Sutton Trust Online \(STO\)](#) is an award-winning digital programme designed to help you shape your future. STO is packed with interactive activities, expert advice and key resources to support you every step of the way, from exploring your options to preparing strong applications and thriving in higher education.



A Buyer role within Procurement at Rolls-Royce is about securing the critical resources we need to innovate and deliver, managing complex supply chains, and driving value across our global operations. [In this free virtual experience](#), you will explore the strategic world of sourcing and supplier management, gain vital procurement skills, and see if this essential field could be the right path for you.



[Higher Technical Qualifications \(HTQs\)](#) are level 4 and 5 qualifications that have been approved to deliver the skills employers need because they are high-quality, job-focused qualifications.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"At Morgan Stanley, you work alongside the best and the brightest with a team that believes there's always more to learn, more to improve upon and more impact to be made. Collaboration and diversity of thought allow us to identify innovative solutions, drive tangible results and help our clients achieve their goals. Discover the pathway to join our team."

You can [read more about careers at Morgan Stanley here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Our undergraduate degrees will inspire you to make exciting discoveries, challenge preconceived ideas and reach your full potential. Discover our Russell Group education in London. Applications for our [summer school 2026](#) are now open."

You can [read more about the Queen Mary University of London here](#).