



The Ridgeway School
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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

Earth Day takes place on 22nd April each year. The theme for Earth Day 2025 is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030. **How?** By joining us in Earth Action Day, encouraging all to take action - educate, advocate, and mobilise.

Test your knowledge on important topics such as Plastic Pollution, Activism and Sustainable Fashion by using these online quizzes.



Do you know you want to do a job that helps the planet, but you're not sure what? Take the BBC Bitesize quiz to find out more about green careers and which one might suit you.



Here are videos from four different people working in green careers. Learn more about what they do, how their work helps the planet and hear their answers to questions from other students.



Want to know what it's like to do a Degree Apprenticeship in technology? Ethan from Not Going to Uni sat down with Lache from BAE Systems to chat about career opportunities, skills, and what to expect. Watch the recording here.

If you'd like to learn more about studying a subject at university that focuses on sustainability, check out these virtual subject spotlights:

- Sustainable Engineering with Dave Knapton from the University of Sunderland
- Biological Sciences with Dr Charlie Outhwaite from UCL
- Sustainable Fashion with Lynne Hugill from Teesside University
- Sustainability in Architecture and the Build Environment with Louise Ciotti from UWE Bristol
- International Relations with Professor Tamsin Bradley from the University of Portsmouth



JOB OF THE WEEK



Agricultural Engineer

Agricultural Engineers apply engineering principles to solve problems and improve efficiency in farming and related industries, such as forestry and horticulture.

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

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Did you know the creative industries are the UK's fastest growing sector? Estimated to grow by 26% this year, contributing £132.1 billion to the UK economy, creative subjects don't just have to be hobbies... You can turn them into a career!

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Are you ready to embark on an exciting journey towards a fulfilling and rewarding career in the world of railways? Look no further than Network Rail! Your gateway to a world of possibilities, innovation, and endless opportunities. You can [see their current apprenticeship opportunities here](#).



Get My First Job have teamed up with Microsoft to offer four training modules that relate to [How and When to Use AI in Your Job Search](#).



Extra-curricular activities are any events that you participate in outside of your regular academic work. They can be anything from sports and clubs to volunteering and part-time work. [Click here to read more](#) and see what extra-curricular activities you could take part in.



These events are for the parents and carers. University of Portsmouth are running a series of [online sessions called "Getting Started"](#). From understanding student finance to understanding how universities will support your young people, there is a helpful webinar for everyone.



We know that understanding how student loans work can seem intimidating and often off-putting so in this session, Falmouth University will break it down for you, give a clear overview of how the system works for UK students, and show you why it doesn't have to be as scary as it might seem. [This session](#) takes place on 7th May at 4pm.



The University of Exeter have a series of events that focus on interesting and helpful topics to help you consider courses and understand the support on offer at university. The events run from 6-7pm. Here are some topics you can register for:

- [12th May: Subject session: - Law](#)
- [22nd May: Studying as an LGBTQ+ student at the University of Exeter](#)
- [5th June: Making Friends and Creating Support Networks at the University of Exeter](#)

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Looking for variety, unrivalled experience, and expert training? Millions of people use our network. That's over 20 of the UK's largest stations, 20,000 miles of track and 30,000 bridges, tunnels, and viaducts. So, you'll gain immense pride and career satisfaction from knowing that what you do matters to millions across the UK too."

Read more about [Network Rail Careers here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"With over 25,000 students, Southampton is home to a vibrant community. You'll be taught by expert academics and have access to some of the best teaching facilities in the UK. Most of our degrees are made up of 8 modules each year. We allow you to study from another subject as part of your optional modules."

Read more about [University of Southampton's Courses here](#).