



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

October is **Black History Month**. This year's theme is "Reclaiming Narratives," and marks a significant shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

This theme underscores a commitment to correcting historical inaccuracies and showcasing the untold success stories and the full complexity of Black heritage. It's about taking control of our stories and honouring our heroes while challenging the narratives that have often overlooked the contributions and achievements of Black individuals both in the UK and globally.

You can use the hashtag [#ReclaimingNarratives](#) on social media to find real life stories from people all over the world.



There is a dedicated space on the [BHM website](#) that showcases [all the related events](#) happening online and across the UK. From learning about afro hair to the black heroes of Mathematics, there is something for everyone.



If reading is more your thing than attending an event, this blog showcases [10 Books by Black British Authors You Should Read](#). How many have you already read? Which is next on your reading list?!



Another interesting and important topic when considering ethnicity is how the colour of your skin impacts you in the corporate world. In an ideal environment, it shouldn't. However, some companies are still working to improve their diversity and inclusion. You can read more using the [BHM's Diversity Dashboard](#) which includes interesting stories from employers such as [Coca-Cola](#), [West Yorkshire Police](#) and [the Army](#).



How many black male teachers teach you? Not many, right? That's because there is a lack of black males coming into the education sector. [Read more here](#).

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Building Surveyor](#)

Building surveyors evaluate the quality of buildings and offer advice on how to improve them. They are involved in new buildings, surveying existing buildings and the maintenance of buildings with historical or architectural importance.

Watch the video to learn more about working hours, salary and qualifications needed.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

A study found that 25% of Black professionals were interested in forming their own businesses compared to just 7% of white professionals.

Why do you think this is?

[Source](#)

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In today's fast-paced job market, AI-driven skills are in high demand, yet many talented individuals lack access to the knowledge needed to leverage these powerful tools. [This program](#) enables individuals to confidently use tools like ChatGPT Enterprise and Azure CoPilots across various roles, opening up new career opportunities and ensuring they can contribute meaningfully in modern workplaces.



By answering [6 simple questions](#) right now, you can discover which types of careers are most likely to suit you and the website will then direct you to amazing work experience opportunities and inspirational talks to help bring your career ambitions to life.



Join Lynne Hugill from Teesside University as she explores [the world of fashion and fashion communication](#). The insight provides four sessions which cover;

- The relationship between fashion and identity.
- The specifics of sustainability in fashion and poses the question: is fashion destroying our planet?
- How technology has made a mark on the industry
- Why promoting sustainability is vital for the fashion designers of tomorrow

Lynne also offers some guidance of where the fashion industry is going, and tells you how you can prepare for the future of the industry.



Join Iyi Ogiehor as he explores [the dynamic world of modern banking and finance](#). He begins by introducing you to what banking and finance actually are, why it is important to study them together, and the current trends shaping modern banking and finance. Iyi then takes a deep dive into digital banking, exploring what it is, how it has developed and the key technologies that enable it. He also considers the impacts - both good and bad - of digital banking, and the role of regulation in this area. He then turns the focus to globalised finance, exploring how globalisation shapes banking and finance today, where it originates from, and the core principles that underpin it.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“Finding the right opportunity can be difficult, but we make it simple. No matter which area of the business you’re interested in, we can help you find the role that’s right for you. You just need the enthusiasm and drive to get the most from your experience. And if you do, there’s no limit to how far you could go.”

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

UNI SPOTLIGHT

“For more than 400 years discoveries and advances from the University of Edinburgh have changed the way the world is understood. Today, we continue to make our mark, with world-leading experts educating the pioneers of tomorrow. Choose to study at Edinburgh and you’ll be investing in an education that will help you build a successful future.”

Read more about [The University of Edinburgh Courses here](#).