



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 Care Leavers Week will run from: Monday 28 October - Sunday 3 November. The theme this year will be: All of Us, We are One. You can use the following hashtag on social media to find events, resources and useful posts; #NCLW2024.

National Care Leavers' Week exists for the public, professionals, carers, decision-makers and the media to come together, celebrate care leavers and raise awareness of the issues in the care system.



You can read this webpage to find out more about why someone might be taken into care, statistics about young people in care and answers to frequently asked questions.



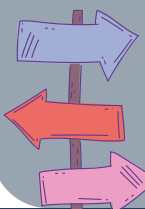
The Become Charity have a range of ongoing work and campaigns in place to highlight specific issues with the care system and try to drive change by raising public awareness, speaking to the people in power who can change laws and putting your voice front and centre so they can be heard. You can read more about these here.



There are several events happening to celebrate National Care Leavers Week. Some are online and some are in person. You can view them here.



If you are in care, or have experience of being in care in the past, there's lots of support available in higher education to help you with finance, accommodation, and settling in. You can read this guide from UCAS to find out more.



All of Us are a charity who run a community for estranged and care experienced students across the UK. Find friends who get it and allies to organise with. They have also produced an employment tips document which signposts you to other organisations who can help.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Social Worker

A children's Social Worker is a professional who works to protect children and improve the lives of families in need. They develop tailored care plans to support families to ensure children are being looked after in their homes.

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

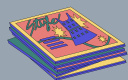
LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Between 2017-22, the care leaver progression rate into university increased from 12.64% to **14.18%**.

The progression rate of non-care leavers into higher education in 2022 was **47%**.

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Choices magazine is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships & technical education! Amazing Apprenticeships have revamped our popular Parents' and Carers' Pack with a fresh new look, exciting features and loads of useful content.



Interested in shaping how companies connect with young people about careers? Take Not Going To Uni's quick 5-minute survey (only 8 questions!) and make an impact. Plus, you could be one of 3 lucky winners to score a £50 Virgin Experience Day voucher!



Are you wondering how to manage loan repayment and student debt? This article published on FE News is useful for those starting university this September or making future applications. It discusses types of debt, credit awareness, loan repayment terms, wise budgeting, and tracking spending.



Williams Racing provide work experience placements for students in years 10 to 13. The aim of the week is to help students understand the huge variety of jobs in F1 and help set out the routes and tools to get there. As racing online develops almost as fast as on track, this year we will also be running an Esports work experience week alongside our traditional F1 work experience.



If you're in Year 13 and are currently working on your university application, here are some resources that can help:

- [UCAS advice on Personal Statement content](#)
- [Complete University Guide 2025 league tables](#)
- [OpenDays.com](#) and [UniTasterDays.com](#) for all university open day dates
- [UCAS subject guides provide support with choosing courses](#)
- [UCAS subject tasters provide a way to try a degree before committing to it](#)



Next week, our careers newsletter will be focusing on Green Careers Week where we'll be sharing more information about how you can find out more about environmentally friendly careers.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"If you want to leave work every day knowing what you've done really matters, you're in the right place. Take a look behind the scenes of Britain's single biggest employer – the NHS. Whatever your skills, qualifications or interests, there is a career for you in the NHS and we are recruiting now. You could work directly with patients, in hospitals, an ambulance trust, or in the community. "

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

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"We are the university that comes to you! Ranked 16th out of 149 UK universities for student satisfaction - Times Higher Education. Arden University offers a range of courses to suit everyone. Take a look at our full list of course subjects and take the next step to flexible, online studying with Arden today."

Read more about [Arden University Courses here](#).