



WHITELANDS ACADEMY

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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION FOR PARENTS AND
CARERS OF STUDENTS AT
WHITELANDS ACADEMY

Welcome to our Careers Newsletter

This publication is designed to keep you informed about all things careers related. Whether you're exploring future opportunities, seeking apprenticeships, or looking for events to sharpen your skills, we've got you covered.

Here's what you can look forward to in each issue:

Upcoming Events: Workshops, job fairs, and career seminars to help you plan your future.

Apprenticeships & Opportunities: Explore exciting openings with direct links to applications.

Online Resources: A curated selection of tools and websites to guide your career journey.

Dates for your Diary

The Cooper School Sixth Form Open Evening – 6th November

[The Cooper School Sixth Form Open Evening - Thurs 6th Nov 2025 5pm-7pm.
Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

The Bicester School Sixth Form Open Evening – 13th November

[The Bicester School Sixth Form open evening 13 November 2025 Tickets, Thu 13
Nov 2025 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Witney and Abingdon College Open Days

November 25

Abingdon – 5th Nov **3.30pm – 7pm**

Witney – 12th Nov **3.30pm – 7pm**

Bicester - 19th Nov **4pm – 7pm**

February 26

Abingdon – 11th Feb **3.30pm – 7pm**

Witney – 25th Feb **3.30pm – 7pm**

March 26

Bicester – 4th March **4pm – 7pm**

Common Leys – 18th March **5pm – 7pm**

June 26

Abingdon & Witney – 17th June **3.30pm – 7pm**

Bicester – 24th June **4pm – 7pm**

ACE TRAINING Open Mornings 10am – 12pm

2025 **October 25th and November 22nd**

2026 **January 24th, February 28th, March 14th and 28th, April 25th**

lisa@acetraining.co.uk

Activate Learning Open Evenings

Banbury and Bicester College 22nd October 4.30pm – 7pm

Banbury and Bicester College 15th November 9.30am – 12pm

Abingdon & Witney College

Hello everyone, my name is Zoe, and I have just joined Abingdon & Witney College as the new Events and Schools Engagement Co-Ordinator. I am excited to have joined the college and am looking forward to getting to know all about you and how I can help you along your educational journey. If you want to know more about what Abingdon and Witney College has to offer you, be it our Vocational courses, Apprenticeships, T Levels or our Higher Education courses, please get in touch! Students, parents and school staff are welcome to contact me at:
zoe.keen@abingdon-witney.ac.uk



Student Survey

We asked our students how they found their past year at college.

Here's what they said...

83%

said their course prepared them for their **next steps**.



rated **4/5** for overall college experience.

96% of students said they have the **support** they need to **succeed**.

97%

of students said they feel **safe** at college.

Ace Training



Open Morning Events

Thinking About a Career in Construction?

Come and Discover What ACE Training Has to Offer!

Join us for one of our Open Mornings and explore exciting opportunities in Bricklaying, Carpentry, Bench Joinery and Property Maintenance.

Take a guided tour of our hands-on workshops, meet our experienced tutors and friendly team and learn about our Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship programmes.

Whether you're planning your next steps after GCSEs or currently on a course that isn't the right fit, come and see how ACE Training can set you on the path to a rewarding, practical career.

Drop into our centre between 10am and 12pm
on any of the following dates:

2025

23rd August
20th September
25th October
22nd November

2026

24 th January	30 th May
28 th February	13 th June
14 th March	27 th June
28 th March	11 th July
25 th April	25 th July

15A Station Field Industrial Estate,
Kidlington, OX5 1JD
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Discover Routes into Medicine

[RoutesToMedicineEvent.pdf](#)

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are holding a discover routes into medicine event for students in Year 10 and above on 2nd October from 5pm – 7pm at the Josh Radcliffe Hospital. This is an opportunity for them to meet doctors and medical students, get top tips for applying for medicine and getting work experience and to ask any questions about careers in medicine to an expert panel.

For more information:

Email contact: Admin.PD&E@oxnet.nhs.uk

IF Oxford

[Oxford science and ideas Festival: 100 events in October - IF Oxford](#)

Oxford Science and Ideas Festival takes place from 17th October – 2nd November 2025, with more than 100 exciting events and activities for adults, children and young people across 30 venues in and around the city and beyond. Hundreds of researchers from universities and companies, individuals working or volunteering in arts, charities and community groups across Oxfordshire come together to create IF Oxford.



For more information on career events taking place over October and November please click:

[Oxfordshire Careers Hub Careers Leaders Update: 9th September 2025](#)

SEPTEMBER 2025



BRITISH ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER FOR EDUCATORS & CAREERS LEADS

This newsletter brings you the latest updates, resources, and opportunities from the British Army to help students explore diverse career paths and develop valuable skills. We are here to support your work every step of the way. - **British Army Careers Team**

[What Does the British Army Do? - Real Stories from Soldiers | Army Jobs](#)

[BASE - British Army Supporting Education](#)

ALIGNING WITH GATSBY BENCHMARKS

[Lessons Library | BASE](#)

FREE LESSON LIBRARY

Access our Lesson Library for FREE, fully adaptable teaching materials including assemblies, classroom activities, lesson plans, and schemes of work — all designed to support careers education and personal development.

[BASE - British Army Supporting Education](#)

CAREERS PRESENTATIONS (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

Use our interactive presentation to explore the wide range of roles within the British Army. It is a great way to help students understand Army life and the many career pathways available.

[BASE - British Army Supporting Education](#)

CAREERS FAIR (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

We can attend your school's careers fair to speak with students about Army careers, apprenticeships, sponsorship opportunities, and what life in the military is really like.

[BASE - British Army Supporting Education](#)

ELITE SKILLS ACADEMY (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

This hands-on workshop helps students build confidence, resilience, and communication skills through engaging team-based challenges — idea for developing key employability skills.

[The MPCT Way - MPCT](#)

TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO A CAREER IN THE ARMED FORCES



MPCT is a unique training college that helps those aged 16+ develop their fitness and achieve qualifications to help prepare for employment, including rewarding

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

unifrog

If your school uses Unifrog, students can access our **FREE** virtual work experience programme directly through the platform.

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SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION WINDOW NOW OPEN

Students currently in Year 12 who are planning to enter Year 13 next academic year could be eligible for a scholarship of up to £10,000 to support their journey to becoming an Army Officer. This funding helps students secure a place at Sandhurst, where they will begin their officer training.

Once they are at university, they can also apply for extra support through bursaries such as the Enhanced Bursary, DSUS, or Medical Bursary - depending on their chosen path.

INTERNSHIP

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 2025

The Army Officer Internship Programme gives students the chance, after receiving leadership training at Sandhurst, to follow officers, leading soldiers, and taking part in adventurous training. It's a unique way to build leadership and life skills—whether they choose to stay on as a Reservist or follow another career path.

DEGREE WHILE SERVING

If you have students interested in leadership and service, the Army offers a unique opportunity to gain a BSc in Leadership and Strategic Studies - fully funded and delivered through 42 weeks of training at Sandhurst. They'll continue their studies alongside their Army career, without paying tuition fees.

For those who already hold a degree, there's also the option to apply for the Army's MSc in Leadership and Strategic Studies, helping them take their skills even further.

Featured Army Career

Dentists maintain oral health worldwide, working in diverse settings from large clinics to mobile surgeries. They enjoy clinical independence, professional development, adventurous training, and benefits like a pension and bursary.

MEDICAL BURSARY UP TO £75,000

If you're currently studying dentistry, the Army offers generous financial support to help you complete your qualifications - up to **£75,000** through the Army Dental Bursary.

This bursary is designed to support future Army Dental Officers while they're still at university. In return, you'll bring your skills to the Army's world-class healthcare system, serving for a minimum of six years after graduation.

[Serve as a Dentist in the Army Medical Service](#) | [Army Jobs](#)

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Bursaries & scholarships

STANDARD BURSARY

If you have students planning to join the Army as an Officer after university, the Standard Army Undergraduate Bursary could help them financially during their studies. It offers **£6,000** across their course or **£7,000** for four-year degrees paid directly to them while they study.

UP TO
£7,000

STANDARD BURSARY >

ENHANCED BURSARY

If you're working with students who have achieved at least ABB at A-Level, are on track for a 2:1 degree or higher, and show strong leadership potential, the Enhanced Army Undergraduate Bursary could provide up to **£24,000** to support their studies.

UP TO
£24,000

ENHANCED BURSARY >

MEDICAL BURSARIES

Students can apply in their first or second year of university. If successful, they'll receive **£10,000** a year in their final three years (**£5,000** for Vet and Pharmacy), train as a medical cadet, and get a **£45,000** lump sum after Sandhurst (**£36,000** for Pharmacists).

UP TO
£75,000

MEDICAL BURSARIES >

NURSING STUDENTS

TWO WAYS TO FUND A NURSING DEGREE WITH THE ARMY

Students can either apply for the Army Officer Nursing Bursary - receiving **£5,000** per year with an unconditional university offer - or study nursing as a paid Soldier. After completing initial military training, Officer Bursary students also receive a **£27,000** lump sum. It's a great way to support their studies and start a career in Army nursing.

UP TO
£42,000

NURSING STUDENTS >

DEFENCE STEM UNDERGRADUATE SPONSORSHIP (DSUS)

UP TO **£42,750**

Students studying STEM subjects can receive up to **£42,750**, including a **£5,000** annual bursary and full tuition fee support if they commission into roles such as the Royal Engineers, Royal Signals, Royal Logistic Corps, REME, Royal Artillery, Adjutant General's Corps, Army Air Corps, or Intelligence Corps.

UP TO
£42,750

STEM BURSARY >

