



WHITELANDS ACADEMY

Careers Newsletter 2025 Issue 2



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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

ACE TRAINING Open Mornings 10am – 12pm

2025 October 25th and November 22nd

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

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Activate Learning Open Evenings

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

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

City of Oxford College 18th October 9.30am – 12pm

[City of Oxford College October Open Event Tickets, Sat 18 Oct 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

The Warriner School 6th November

[The Warriner School - Sixth Form Open Evening 6th November 6pm-8pm .. book your presentation slot today!](#)

North Oxfordshire Academy 23rd October

[North Oxfordshire Academy > Sixth Form > Welcome to Sixth Form](#)

Bartholomew School 27th November

[Sixth Form Admissions 2026 - Bartholomew School](#)

Oxford Spires 28th November

[Oxford Spires Academy - Sixth Form Open Evening 28th November 6pm](#)

Abingdon & Witney College



**Abingdon
& Witney
College**

**DESIGN THE CAREER
THE WORLD DOESN'T
KNOW IT NEEDS**

**T-LEVEL
DREAM JOB
COMPETITION**

For Year 10 & Year 11 Students

**1ST PRIZE:
£100 AMAZON VOUCHER**

**RUNNER UP PRIZE:
£50 AMAZON VOUCHER**

**DEADLINE
13TH OCTOBER**



Click here to register:

[Dream Job 2040: A T Level Creative Competition - Abingdon & Witney College](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Higher Education

We're proud to offer higher education that we know works for our students.

We offer Professional and Degree level Courses

We have a variety of HNCs (Level 4) and HNDs (Level 5) in a range of subjects including Animal Conservation, Computing, Construction, Equine and Engineering!

<https://abingdon-witney.ac.uk/hnc-hnd-htg>

We also have a variety of Foundation Degrees you can top up to a full Undergraduate Degrees.

<https://abingdon-witney.ac.uk/undergraduate-professional/>

Do you have your own creative business? Then check out our Level 4 Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise * Spaces still available for this academic year for those who have left sixth form/college and not gone on to University

<https://abingdon-witney.ac.uk/courses/creative-enterprise-level-4-2161472>

Oxford United FC Open Training

Oxford United Advanced Football Programme Trials Across 2025/26 we will be holding Open Training Sessions for our male and female teams on the Oxford United Advanced Football Programme at the Oxford United training ground, OX4 2RR. If you think you've got what it takes to be a part of our successful team, come along!

Click here to register

[OUFC Advanced Football Programme Open Training Session - Abingdon & Witney College](#)

WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
OUFC OPEN TRAINING
12:00pm - 3:00pm



OPEN DAYS 2025

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Abingdon
& Witney
College



Vocational Courses | T Levels | Apprenticeships

Wed 5th
November

3:30pm - 7:00pm

Abingdon
Campus

Wed 12th
November

3:30pm - 7:00pm

Witney
Campus

Wed 19th
November

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Bicester Construction
Skills Centre

Higher Education | Degree Courses | Part Time & Evening Courses



01235 216 400 | www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

Discover Courses, Careers & Opportunities at our November Open Evenings.

We will have tutors, course leaders and careers advisers available to help you make the right choice for you, whether that be a study programme, a T-Level or an apprenticeship. It's good to be prepared, and with so many options available to you it's important to get the right advice. We look forward to welcoming you!

Register on our Events page now!

[Events - Abingdon & Witney College](#)

Upcoming Webinars with Success at School

Don't miss this new series of webinars with top UK employers. Ask your questions, get tips on standing out in applications, and hear what working life is really all about from current apprentices!



Apprenticeships at bp - Webinar Series

Thinking about life after school? Want to build a career that's exciting, global, and future-focused - *without* the student debt? Join bp for an exclusive webinar series to discover how a bp apprenticeship could be your first step into a long-term and stable career. Sign up using the links below!



Apprenticeship Insights & Application Masterclass

Date: 21 October 2025

Time: 06:30-07:30PM

Attend this webinar to find out more information about all of bp's school leaver apprenticeship opportunities across, Engineering, Digital, Science, Business, Supply, Trading & Shipping!

Meet the recruitment team who will share insights on when applications open, what to expect during the application process, and how you can make your application stand out.



Women in STEM at bp: Your STEM Career Starts Here!

Date: 04 November 2025

Time: 06:30-07:30PM

Are you into solving real world problems or working with cutting-edge technology? A STEM apprenticeship could be for you!

In this webinar, you are invited to come meet the women who are changing the future of energy. From Engineering, and Digital, to Supply, Trading and Shipping, they are here to share how they got started, and where they are going next.

New Green Careers Competitions from Kew



As we begin another academic year, the Schools Team at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew are excited to support teachers in bringing plant and environmental science to life.

We have just launched brand new competitions for all key stages exploring wildlife habitats, designing a new Kew uniform and producing a podcast about green careers.

- 🌱 Open for all key stages
- 🌸 Closing date: 26 June 2026
- 🏆 6 x £1,000 prizes (one per key stage)

You could spend the money on:

- ✅ New science equipment
- ✅ A school trip to a botanical garden or wildlife centre
- ✅ Building a wildlife garden

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
01865 370040



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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: 30th September 2025](#)

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Apprenticeship Open Evenings

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills' Engineering Apprenticeship Open Evenings give students a unique opportunity to:

- Take a tour around their world class training centre
- Hear from current apprentices about their experience with OAS
- Meet some of their employer partners and find out what they're looking for in their next apprentices
- Find out more about OAS and how to apply to their employer partners

Each evening takes place at OAS - with the next one on **27th November** - and has two different 60-minute sessions to choose from, starting at **17:30 and 18:30**.

<https://www.oas.ukaea.uk/apprenticeships/events-and-open-evenings/>

OAS
mtc training



ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENING

27 NOV 2025

5:30PM - 6:30PM | 6:30PM - 7:30PM

27 JAN 2026

5:30PM - 6:30PM | 6:30PM - 7:30PM

25 FEB 2026

5:30PM - 6:30PM | 6:30PM - 7:30PM

26 MAR 2026

5:30PM - 6:30PM | 6:30PM - 7:30PM

OCTOBER 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're here to support your work every step of the way. - **British Army Careers Team**

CPD EVENTS

MEET YOUR ARMY

LAST CHANCE

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE HOST A RANGE OF EVENTS THAT GIVE YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS A CLOSER LOOK AT LIFE IN THE MILITARY, ASK QUESTIONS, HEAR REAL EXPERIENCES, AND LEARN ABOUT THE VARIETY OF CAREER PATHS AVAILABLE.

REGISTER NOW >

STRENGTHEN YOUR CAREERS PROVISION WITH THE BRITISH ARMY

Designed for you to explore how the British Army can enrich your teaching and careers provision and meet the Gatsby Benchmarks.

OCTOBER

7TH

16:00 - 17:00

BRITISH ARMY INSIGHTS: WHAT PARENTS & GUARDIANS NEED TO KNOW

Created to give parents and guardians an opportunity to gain a clear picture of what life in the Army is really like for young people.

OCTOBER

21ST

18:00 - 19:00

Register here at [Meet British Army Representatives - Army Events | Army Jobs](#)

ARMY APPLICATION: AT A GLANCE

To support students interested in joining the Army, it's useful to understand the key steps. After applying, students are assigned a recruiter and attend an Army Briefing to learn about Army life and then they go through a medical review. Once completed students will attend a two-day Assessment Centre, which includes medical checks, physical and mental tests, team tasks, and a career discussion. If successful, they undergo background checks before receiving a job offer and a start date for training.

[Army Soldier Joining Process](#)
[Army Medical Requirements & Examination](#) [How to Get Ready for the Soldier Assessment](#)
[Soldier Training | Army Jobs](#)
[Starting your Army Application](#)

CLASSROOM SUBJECTS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

School subjects can link directly to roles in the British Army by providing foundational knowledge and skills that are essential for specific careers.

GEOGRAPHY:



NAVIGATING THE WORLD

Geography is crucial in military operations, aiding in logistics, map reading, terrain analysis, and climate impact assessment.



INFANTRY SOLDIER



- Use topographic maps and GPS to move through unfamiliar terrain, avoid hazards, and reach objectives.
- Understands terrain to choose good cover and plan attacks.
- Informs route selection, timing, and risk assessment in operations.



DRIVER



- Plans and selects the safest and most efficient paths, avoiding obstacles like rivers, mountains, or conflict zones
- Understanding distances, terrain types, and infrastructure to deliver supplies safely.
- Adapts for weather, terrain, and local geography to maintain vehicle performance and safety.

GET IN TOUCH

WANT TO BOOK TALK,
REQUEST MATERIALS
OR ASK A QUESTION?

Call your local office or email
the Army Outreach team
at rg-nrcoutreachadmin@mod.gov.uk



[Your Local Army Careers Centres](#)