



WHITELANDS ACADEMY

Careers Newsletter Issue 2025 3



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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 15th November 9.30am – 12pm

The Warriner School 6th November

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

Bartholomew School 27th November

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

Oxford Spires 28th November

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

Royal Latin School 13th November

[Sixth Form Open Evening 2025](#)

&Abingdon &Witney College

OPEN DAYS 2025

Open Days 2025





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
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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](#)

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STANDS: EMPLOYERS | UNIVERSITIES | APPRENTICESHIPS | COLLEGES

**Wednesday 3rd
December 2025**
5:00 – 7:30pm

POST 16 AND
DEGREE-LEVEL
OPTIONS

HOSTED BY ABINGDON & WITNEY COLLEGE
HOLLOWAY ROAD | WITNEY | OX28 6NE

Driving? Please use the Marriotts Walk
public car park **OX28 6GW**



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& WITNEY
COLLEGE

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SCHOOL

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NORTON
SCHOOL

GOSFORD
MILL
SCHOOL

HENRY
BOX
SCHOOL

MARLBOROUGH
SCHOOL

WOOD
GREEN
SCHOOL

Scan the QR code
to book you place

Schools Newsletter
November 2025

**Abingdon
& Witney
College**

Our course
applications for
2026/27 are now live!

Whether you're finishing your
GCSEs this year or already
planning your next steps, there's
something for everyone.

From T Levels to vocational
programmes designed to get you
career-ready from day one.

[View our courses](#)
[& apply here!](#)



[View our courses and apply here!](#)

Local Government Work Experience Weeks.

A new 'Local Government' work experience programme for 14-18-year-olds in Oxfordshire has been introduced. It is scheduled for three different weeks within the academic year. This week-long initiative will provide one-day placements across different council services throughout the week, aiming to give students insights into various job types available at the council.

Service-specific work experience

The council regularly experience placements parents or carers, or from Should you be interested certain department, specifying your preferred

Potential Placement Areas

Change and Engagement, Customer Service
Environment, Finance, FM. HR Data
Internal Comms, IT, Museums
Policy, Property, Public Health and Tree Services

2025/26 Dates

2-6 March 2026
27 April – 1Mat 2026
29 June – 3 July 2026

[Work experience registration 2026 | Oxfordshire Schools](#)

receives requests for work from individuals, their school directly. in work experience with a please send your inquiry dates

to earlycareers@oxfordshire.gov.uk



The National Trust have a block of fully-funded Hybrid Work Experience available at **Buscot and Coleshill Estates**, 1st to 5th December, for students aged 16+.

There are only a small number of places available for this opportunity, so students should apply soon. **The application closing date is 10th November.**

Travel expenses will be reimbursed, and outdoor kit, waterproofs and footwear will be provided.

This hybrid opportunity is scheduled as such:

Monday: Online via Google Classroom, 10:00-14:00 as an introduction to the National Trust and their work

Tuesday to Thursday: 3-day practical in-person placement at Buscot and Coleshill Estates, 09:30-14:30, on preserving and protecting Historic Places and learn real-world skills

Friday: Online via Google Classroom 10:00-14:00 to recognise and celebrate the skills students have learned

Apply Here: [Future Finder - Futures For All](#)

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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National Careers Week

NCW

THE PARENTS' GUIDE TO **GREEN CAREERS**

2025 Edition



GCW
GREEN CAREERS WEEK

www.theparentsguideto.co.uk

National Careers Week

NCW

We're proud to share The Parents Guide to Green Careers – 2025 Edition, a **FREE** and practical guide for parents and carers who want to help their teens explore future careers that make a difference.

From sustainability and renewable energy to eco-design and green innovation, this guide helps families:

- ☒ Understand what "green careers" really mean
- ☒ Discover routes into sustainable jobs – after GCSEs, sixth form or university
- ☒ Start meaningful conversations about the future
- ☒ Access resources, quizzes and work experience ideas

👉 Download your **FREE** copy today and be part of the [#GreenCareersWeek](#) [#GCW2025](#) movement.

[DOWNLOAD IT HERE](#)

Let's empower the next generation to shape a greener, more sustainable future from **3rd - 8th November 2025**.



350 Careers. One NHS. Your future.

 Map your career



[Step Into The NHS :: Take the test](#)



[Step Into The NHS :: Real-life stories](#)

[Step Into The NHS :: Videos](#)

Real-life stories

What is it really like to work for the NHS?

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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**

SPOTLIGHT ON

ROYAL ARTILLERY

INTRODUCE YOUR STUDENTS TO THE ROYAL ARTILLERY
- A BRANCH OF THE BRITISH ARMY WHERE TRADITION MEETS CUTTING-EDGE TECH AND ADVENTURE.

WHAT MAKES IT STAND OUT ?



- **DRONE OPERATIONS:** Use advanced surveillance tech and uncrewed aerial systems.
- **KING'S TROOP:** Join ceremonial units with horse-drawn gun carriages at royal events.
- **COMMANDO & PARACHUTE ROLES:** Train with elite forces, including amphibious and airborne deployments.
- **STEM & LEADERSHIP:** Roles that blend science, engineering, and real-world decision-making.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ➔

WHY SHARE THIS WITH STUDENTS ?

Offers diverse career paths - from tech to tradition. Builds confidence, discipline, and teamwork. Includes apprenticeships, qualifications, and global travel.

[Royal Artillery Corps | Army Jobs](#)

[Starting your Army Application](#)

ARMY APPLICATION AT A GLANCE - MAKING THAT FIRST STEP

HINTS AND TIPS

APPLYING ONLINE

Any application to join the British Army starts with an online application.



1

Encourage Early Online Registration

Help students understand that the application starts online and requires creating an account with basic personal details.



2

Support Eligibility Awareness

Guide students to check their age, nationality, and qualifications early to ensure they meet entry requirements.



3

Promote Career Exploration

Encourage students to explore different Army roles so they're ready to choose the right application form based on their eligibility.



4

Connect with Army Outreach

Invite Army careers advisors or use official resources to give students insight into the recruitment process and lifestyle.



5

Link Academic Subjects to Army Skills

Reinforce how subjects like Maths, English, and PE develop key skills such as problem-solving, communication, and physical fitness - all valued in Army careers.



Provide Time & Space for Applications.

Offer support sessions or quiet time for students to complete their online forms and ask questions.

[Sign In - Unifrog](#)

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

If your school uses Unifrog, students can access our free virtual work experience in two formats:

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6-Module Course: Self-paced, interactive modules covering workplace skills, career insights, and real-world tasks. Includes a certificate of completion.

1-Day Insight Day: Live sessions with professionals, Q&A panels, and interactive activities. Students receive a digital badge or certificate.



VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

[BASE - British Army Supporting Education](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

Students can take part in a four-day residential Army experience, developing leadership, teamwork, and personal resilience in a structured and supportive environment.



TO BOOK WORK EXPERIENCE OR AN ELITE SKILLS ACADEMY SESSION

Please email: rg-nrcoutreachadmin@mod.gov.uk or phone: **0345 600 8080** and ask for 'Outreach'.



BOOK A RESIDENTIAL WORK EXPERIENCE