



# WHITELANDS ACADEMY

Careers Newsletter 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.

## **National Apprenticeship Week**



Oxfordshire  
CAREERS HUB

THE CAREERS &  
ENTERPRISE  
COMPANY

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National Apprenticeship week runs from **10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

Please click on the link below for lots of information, resources and webinars from Oxlep Skills, Oxfordshire Careers Hub and The Careers and Enterprise Company.

**[OxLEP Skills Careers Leaders Update: 11th February 2025](#)**

## **College Open Days**

**City of Oxford College – Wednesday 26th February 4:30 – 7pm**

**Harcourt Hill Campus Abingdon & Witney College Abingdon College – Wednesday 12th February  
3:30 – 7pm**

**Witney College – Wednesday 26th February 3:30 – 7pm**

**Bicester Construction Skills Centre – Wednesday 5th March 4 – 7pm**

**Banbury College – Wednesday 12th February 4:30 – 7pm**

**Berkshire College of Agriculture – Saturday 1st March 10am – 2pm**

**Aylesbury College – Saturday 15th March – 10am – 1pm**

**Wycombe College – Tuesday 18th March – 5 – 8pm**

# Abingdon and Witney College Open Day



## **Abingdon Campus**

Wednesday 12th February

3:30pm - 7:00pm

## **Witney Campus**

Wednesday 26th February

3:30pm - 7:00pm

**Abingdon  
& Witney  
College**



## **Bicester Construction Skills Centre**

Wednesday 5th March

4:00pm - 7:00pm

## **Common Leys Farm Campus**

Wednesday 19th March

5:00pm - 7:00pm



**Open  
Days**  
2025



We will have tutors, course leaders and careers advisors available to help you make the right choice for you, whether that be a study programme, a T Level or an Apprenticeship.

**Add our 2025 Open Days to your calendar and find the course for you.**

**Be You. Be  
Extraordinary.**

## Career of the Week

# Electrician

### Entry requirements

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You'll need a level 3 electrical or electro-technical qualification. You'll need to complete this qualification while you're working in a related job.

A common way to get into this job is through an [apprenticeship](#). An apprenticeship will give you a level 3 qualification.

Taking a level 1 or level 2 qualification in electrical installation may help you to find an apprenticeship or get a trainee position.

[Electrical Careers](#) has more information on how to become an electrician.

### Working hours and environment

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You'll usually work 30 to 40 hours, Monday to Friday. You may work shifts or be on call.

You may have to travel between jobs and work away from home.

You may have to work around other trades.  
You may have to work in all weathers, in cramped spaces or at height.

### Career path and progression

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With experience, you could move into design engineering, site or project management, consultancy work or training.

You could also set up your own business.

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## What you'll do

You'll work in range of areas, from bringing power to people's homes to big engineering projects. You may also work with renewable technology, like wind turbines, 'smart' heating systems and solar power.

Your work will depend on the type of electrician you are:

- installation electrician - installing power systems, lighting, fire protection, security and data-network systems in all types of buildings
- maintenance electrician - checking systems to make sure they're working efficiently and safely
- electrotechnical panel builder - making and installing control panels to operate the electrical systems inside buildings
- machine repair and rewind electrician - fixing and maintaining electrical motors and transformers
- highway systems electrician - installing and maintaining street lighting and traffic management systems



### Jobs

Electrical and electronic trades

**352,758**

📍 **3,740** in your local area of Oxfordshire

#### Top 5 local areas

1	Essex	11,429
2	Kent	11,095
3	Hampshire	9,622
4	Hertfordshire	8,635
5	Lancashire	7,365



### Salaries

Electricians and electrical fitters

**£38,760**

Electrical and electronic trades

**£35,799**

📍 **£37,337** in your region of South East

#### Top 3 regions

1	South East	£37,337
2	Scotland	£37,287
3	East of England	£37,211



### Dates for your Diary

#### **National Apprenticeship Week Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1pm – 2pm**

Come and join us to celebrate not only National Apprenticeship Week, but also the range of apprenticeships the British Army offers. With over 40 different apprenticeships available, from level 2 to degree level, you can find your passion in fields such as Engineering, Medical, Intelligence and Communications, HR and Finance, Logistics and Support, Music, Combat and more. Click below for more information.

[Celebrate National Apprenticeship Week with the British Army Webinar](#)

#### **Stem opportunities Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1pm – 2pm**

We will be exploring the exciting STEM opportunities available with the British Army. We'll cover the Defense STEM Undergraduate Sponsorship, which offers up to £42,750 in support for your studies. This event is part of our celebration of National Careers Week and International Women's Day, highlighting the vital contributions of women in STEM. Don't miss this chance to earn how you can maximize your degree, see the world and lead in innovative fields. Click below for more information.

[Explore the STEM opportunities with the British Army - Meet Your Army](#)



## **British Army Apprenticeships**

Click the link below to find a role, that suits you within the British Army.

[Find Your Perfect Army Career - Find A Role | Army Jobs](#)

## **Army Foundation College, Harrogate**

September Applications Open via the link below

[Junior Soldier Training | Army Jobs](#)

## **Army Scholarships**

Applications to the Army Scholarship Scheme are closing on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, click below for more information

[Bursaries & scholarships](#)

## **Careers Presentation for Years 9+**

[BASE - British Army Supporting Education](#)

## **Female Newsletter**

[February ACC Newsletter - Female Generic.pdf](#)

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Don't forget you can visit our virtual Army Careers Centre at any time here: <https://jobs-ar.my/virtualacc>

