

Welcome to the February edition of our Careers Bulletin!

It has been another busy school year for the Careers Department. We have welcomed our two new Connexions career advisors Mr Lovatt and Mr Plaitor, who have been busy meeting with our Year 11s to support them choosing their options for post 16. Year 11s took part in a Young Money workshop, delivered by Young Enterprise and funded by Financial Wellness Group.

45 Year 13 students have now applied to University. Special thanks to Mrs Court, our UCAS Advisor, for the amazing support she has given all of these students. All year groups have been following a careers programme in form time and PHSE, using resources from our Unifrog platform.

Year 9s will soon be receiving their GCSE options booklets. To support these decisions, Greater Manchester Higher (GM Higher) have delivered virtual workshops discussing options post 16 and a virtual tour of Manchester University.

Congratulations to our Year 12 team who won 'Best Trade Stand' at the Young Enterprise trade fair at the Trafford Centre on Wednesday. Follow their journey @Toteally_marina



Do you work in the Science, Technology Engineering or Maths (STEM) sector? Does your job challenge stereotypical thinking? Can you help by delivering a 5-minute career talk? If you can, please complete this form https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rjdJiPkPDk-HP_xNelBos_wiCUBTVlhJq25zewKruZxUNIM5V1pCUzRIU1I3RkNVQVhWQjhRMTA5Vy4u

There are so many opportunities for students – please read the bulletin to find out more.

**Many thanks,
Miss Mitchelmore**

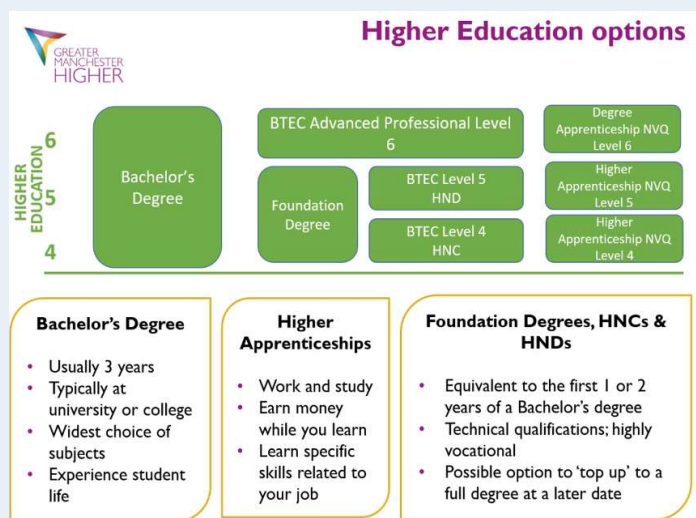
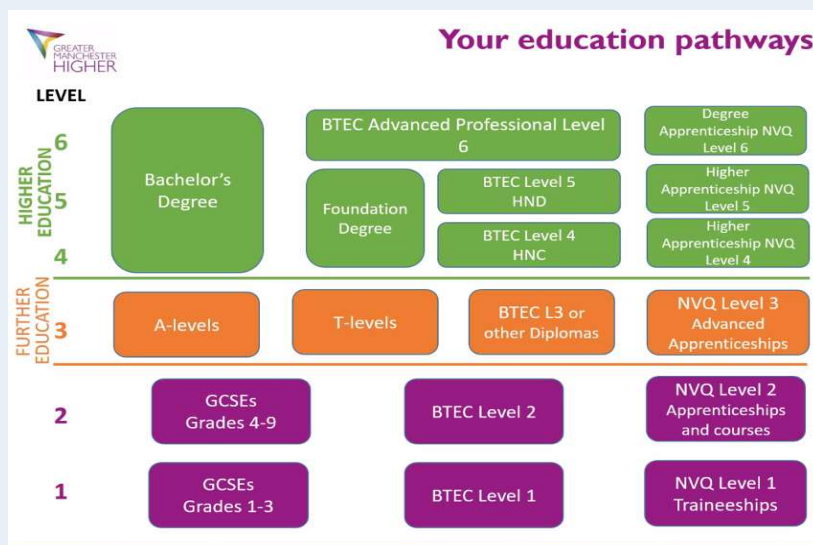
Key dates

- **National Apprenticeship Week 14th Feb**
- **National Careers Week 7th March**

Upcoming events in school

- **7th – 11th Feb: live virtual career talks, 8.30am in the hall**
- **11th and 16th Feb: SETA engineering apprenticeship stand and talk – KS4**
- **W/B 28th Feb: Career assemblies – stereotypes and STEM**
- **28th Feb and 2nd March: Y11 Apprenticeship application workshops**
- **9th March – Evolve Academy: Hairdressing apprenticeship stand and talk**
- **8th June – Y12 drop down day**
- **Plus many more**

Slides taken from the Year 9 GM Higher session



Apprenticeships - For parents/carers and all students

- See the monthly Parents and Carers pack from Amazing Apprenticeships. It is filled with the latest advice and guidance, apprentice case studies, apprenticeship employer vacancies and much more.
- Don't forget that the majority of apprenticeship vacancies are advertised on: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Watch the recorded presentation about apprenticeships – which was made for our students and parents Feb 2021: <https://vimeo.com/479834947/dea822aaa0#> (13minutes)
- Watch a short clip (1min)- [Stereotypes around apprenticeships video](#)

Events

[Apprenticeships with Electricity North West](#): book a 30-minute chat at the training academy in Blackburn, **Thu 3 Feb or Tue 8 Feb**, slots available between **5pm and 8pm**

NHS Health Careers – Facebook live conversation with apprentices – **Monday 7th Feb**



The poster features the NHS logo at the top. Below it, the text reads "350 Careers One NHS Your Future". To the right of this text is a grid of nine circular profile pictures of diverse individuals. At the bottom, there are social media handles: Facebook (healthcareersuk), Twitter (@healthcareers), and a website link (healthcareers.nhs.uk).

6pm <https://www.facebook.com/healthcareersuk>

IBM Apprenticeships Q&A **Wed 9th Feb 4-5pm** [Register here](#)

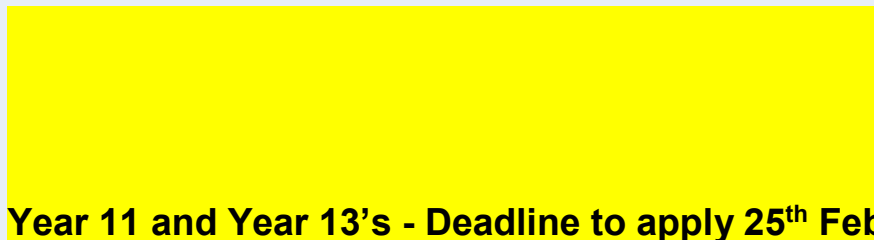
Network Rail – Live event - current apprentices, answer all your questions about our Level 3 engineering Apprenticeship Scheme. **Wed 9th Feb 3-4pm** [Register here](#)

[MMU Degree Apprenticeships Open Evening](#) **Thu 17 March, 5pm to 7.30pm**

Tues 8th Feb 3.30-4.30 pm – Meet your future: Apprenticeship Myth busting for parents/careers

Register here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/naw2022-meet-your-future-apprenticeship-myth-busting-tickets-225816682777>

Apprenticeship Vacancies



Year 11 and Year 13's - Deadline to apply 25th Feb

Electrician Apprentice - <https://traffordhousingtrust.octo-firstclass.co.uk/candidates/account/login/125625?aisId=12&rmId=222>

Admin Apprentice - <https://traffordhousingtrust.octo-firstclass.co.uk/candidates/account/login/125626?aisId=12&rmId=222>

Housing Apprentice - <https://traffordhousingtrust.octo-firstclass.co.uk/candidates/account/login/125565?aisId=12&rmId=222>

Property Support Apprentice - <https://traffordhousingtrust.octo-firstclass.co.uk/candidates/account/login/125624?aisId=12&rmId=222>

Facilities - [Trafford Housing Trust | Careers \(traffordhousingtrust-careers.co.uk\)](https://traffordhousingtrust-careers.co.uk)

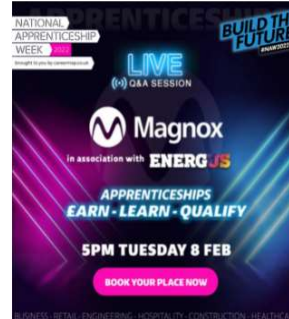
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February 8 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm GMT

Magnox Apprentices - Join the Nuclear Workforce of the Future

(🔊) Virtual Event

Join us for an engaging and informative presentation to learn more about Magnox as an employer and the apprenticeship opportunities available within our industry leading organisation. You will meet Gwen [...]

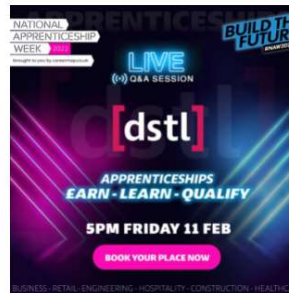
[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)<https://www.nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk/event/magnox-apprentices/>**Fri**
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February 11 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm GMT

Dstl - Apprenticeships that help keep the UK safe

(🔊) Virtual Event

Join our LIVE event to learn all about Dstl. From our purpose to the size of organisation, values and interesting facts! You'll also get to find out about the apprenticeships [...]

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)<https://www.nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk/event/dstl-apprenticeships/>

Manchester Connect: Book a one-to-one 15 minute session with a member of staff to find out more about applying for study at the University of Manchester.

PwC's Flying Start degree programmes

Y11 and Y13 students**Apprentice opportunities at BDI structural engineering solutions****Position: Level 3 Business Administration Apprenticeship**

Location: BDI, Stafford Court, 145 Washway Road, Sale M33 7PE | Duration: 18 months Hours: Mon-Fri, 09:00-17:30 with 1 hour break per day. 6 weeks annual leave including public holidays Salary: £170-£190 per week for the first year, rising to minimum wage + up to 12% bonus onwards

As a Business Administrator, you will get an understanding for all areas of a business including enquiries, orders, accounts and finance, reporting, customer service, diary management, organising events, and a broad range of general office administrative duties, whilst completing a Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship

Position: Civil Engineering Technician Apprenticeship

Location: BDI, Stafford Court, Sale M33 7PE (1 day per week at Salford College) Duration: 3 years Hours: Mon-Fri, 09:00-17:30 with 1 hour break per day. 6 weeks annual leave including public holidays Salary: £170-£190 per week for the Year 1, rising to minimum wage years 2 and 3 + up to 12% bonus

BDI have a fantastic opportunity for a recent school leaver to complete a CAD Technician Apprenticeship within Civil and Structural Engineering. Full training and support will be provided.

As a technical apprentice, you will work within a design team of engineers to assist in the design, coordination, and management of construction projects across a range of different sectors. The primary focus will be on structural design of building structures.

Contact Miss Mitchelmore for more information

**Y11 and Y13 students**

Apprentice opportunities at Electricity North West – the recruitment window is now **open until Friday 25th February**.

Nearest depots / recruitment bases to Altrincham are Manchester, Salford and Stockport. But there are many opportunities across the whole North West as the region goes all the way up to the Lake District.

Electricity North West operates the North West's power network is on the hunt for budding apprentices to fill green jobs. Undertaking its largest recruitment drive to date, **Electricity North West has 30 vacancies up for grabs across its craft, civil engineering, IT and higher-level engineering apprenticeship schemes**. The roles will play a key part in the network's ambition to lead the North West to net zero.

Open to people aged 16 and above, successful applicants will be in training for up to three years at the power network operator's state-of-the-art Training Academy as well as various depots throughout the region

What's in it for you?

- A starting salary of £12,699.44 (Level 3) or £18,500 (Level 4), which increases each year depending on achieving programme milestones
- 23 days holiday plus bank holidays
- Support to achieve a Level 3 or level 4 apprenticeship
- Lots of learning opportunities to get involved in
- Full support from a mentor throughout the programme and learning opportunities
- A range of fantastic flexible benefits including a rewards platform (Energise) offering discounts on leisure, retail and travel
- Pension scheme.

[Power network seeks apprentices for net zero drive \(enwl.co.uk\)](https://www.enwl.co.uk)

[Apprenticeships \(enwl.co.uk\)](https://www.enwl.co.uk)



Open Evening 2022

Thursday the 10th February, 04:30 - 06:30PM



Join us for a special evening, and take a look into the world of Hairdressing and Barbering at Michaeljohn Training School!

Tour our facilities, meet the team and see some great live demonstrations, and learn more about apprenticeship opportunities in the hairdressing and barbering industry.

You're welcome to pop by on the night or ***click here*** to RSVP.

Michaeljohn Training School, 77-83 Oldham St, Manchester, M4 1LW

0161 819 2552

For parents and Y10-Y13 students:

Full range of work experience programmes available here

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search?status=Open>

Running in Feb half term – deadlines to apply 9th Feb

Students have 2 weeks to complete all work and assignments at times that are suitable to you.



Virtual Work Experience Programmes

Running in February & March 2022

Springpod

All of these programmes' deadlines are the 9th February

Psychology Apply	Law Apply	Investment Banking Apply	Teaching Apply	Business Management Apply
TV & Film Apply	Finance & Accountancy Apply	Dentistry Apply	Politics Apply	Technology Apply

Employer programmes

Deadline: 9th Feb Medicine – Live Apply	Deadline: 9th Feb Thames Water Apply	Deadline: 9th Feb Barclays LifeSkills Apply	Deadline: 9th Feb Fujitsu WorkX Apply	Deadline: 9th Feb Atkins Future Innovators Apply
Deadline: 9th Feb Business of Publishing with Hachette Apply	Deadline: 9th Feb Nursing & Midwifery – Live Apply	Deadline: 9th Feb Allied Health Professionals – Live Apply	Deadline: 9th Feb Destiny – Property with Countryside Apply	Deadline: 9th Feb The NHS Mental Health Career Experience Apply
Deadline: 9th Feb Health & Care with Care4Notts Apply	Deadline: 9th Feb Medicine Careers – South West London Apply	Deadline: 9th Feb AHP & Pharmacy with Guys' & St Thomas' Apply	Deadline: 16th Feb L'Arche Care Insight Event Apply	Deadline: 16th Feb Careers in Rail with LNER Apply
Deadline: 28th Feb Physiotherapy Apply	Deadline: 28th Feb Occupational Therapy Apply	Deadline: 28th Feb Midwifery Apply	Deadline: 28th Feb Nursing Apply	Deadline: 28th Feb Diagnostic Radiography Apply
Deadline: 31st Mar Medicine – On Demand Apply	Deadline: 31st Mar Nursing – On Demand Apply	Deadline: 31st Mar Allied Health Pros – On Demand Apply		

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities (VWEX)

Work Experience Co-ordinator - Miss Mitchelmore

Email - careers@altrinchamcollege.com



Speakers for schools VWEX – age 14+ - **lots of different opportunities** with a wide range of companies – students will need to apply for specific work experience opportunities and then wait to see if they are accepted

Create an account here <https://www.s4snextgen.org/> - to view and be alerted to specific opportunities based on your interests **parental permission is required**

The poster has a background of interlocking grey gears. At the top, it says 'www.setatraining.com' in green, followed by 'info@setatraining.com' with an email icon, and '0161 480 9822' with a phone icon. Below this is 'SETA Training Stockport SK4 1PQ' with a location pin icon. The main text 'Let's get BACK TO THE FUTURE ENGINEERING' is in large, bold, yellow and red letters with a 3D effect. At the bottom left is the 'SETA' logo in green, with 'Training & Advisory Services Ltd' underneath. On the right, it says 'SETA will be having an Engineering Apprenticeship Recruitment Open Day on Wednesday 9th February 2022'. At the bottom right, it says 'Doors open from 10am until 8pm' and 'Last guided tour 7:30pm'.

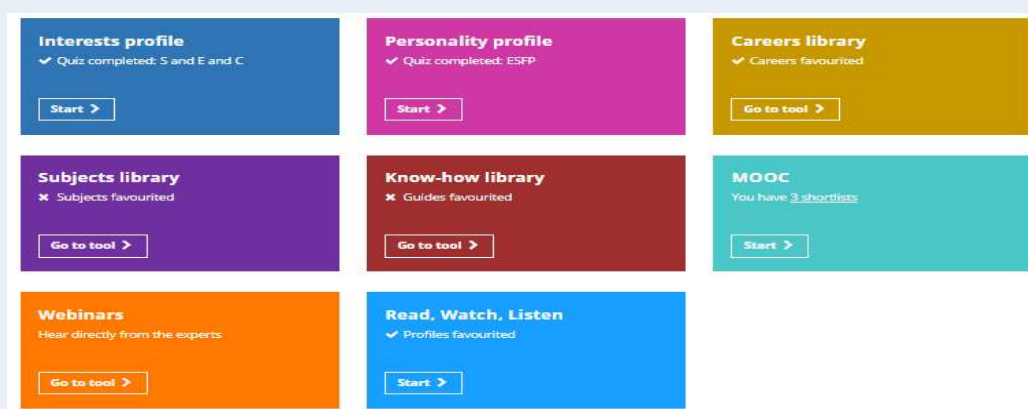


Did you know that Unifrog is Altrincham College's new Careers Platform?

Unifrog is a complete online destinations platform: a 'one-stop-shop' for all students across KS3, KS4 and KS5, regardless of their interests or academic ability. It provides students and parents/carers with impartial, independent guidance on a range of career options.

Explore Unifrog with your child / ward. <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in>

Log in using their school email address. E.g. username@altrinchamcollege.com

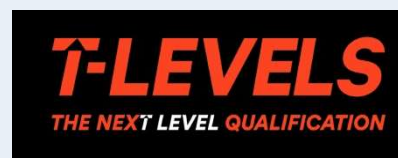


Ways to use Unifrog - Complete the Interest and personality profile quizzes, use these to search a career / job based on your interests / personality / favourite subjects, click read the career profile, scroll down to view UK entry requirements and Labour Market Information (LMI).

T Levels are a new, 2-year qualification designed to give you a head start towards the career you want.

The government has developed T Levels to deliver world-class technical education and give you a new choice after GCSEs.

Find out more here - <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students>



What are T Levels?

T Levels are high-quality technical alternatives to A Levels, combining classroom theory, practical learning and an industry placement – of at least 315 hours, or approximately 45 days – where students will build the knowledge and skills they need in a workplace environment.

From September 2021 we are proud to be offering courses in the following subjects:

- Construction
- Digital
- Education and Childcare
- Health and Healthcare Science



From September 2022, we will be adding T Level courses from the following subject areas:

- Business and Administration
- Engineering and Manufacturing

Not sure what T Level is for you? [Click here to take our T Level quiz.](#)

<https://www.tmc.ac.uk/qualifications/t-levels/>

On demand - Virtual Work Experience Opportunities (VWEX)

Medicine / dentistry / veterinary science / Allied health professionals - Medic Mentor
- <https://medicmentor.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes/>

Marketing – all students 4 videos to watch about 50 minutes in total viewing time plus time needed to complete the activities – can be watched and paused to suit your timetable
<https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/resources/my-week-work-wednesday>

Law – Kennedy's Law firm – Y12/13 students

It will take about 5-6 hours in your own time at own pace – even over a number of weeks

Register here- <https://www.theforage.com/virtual-internships/prototype/4MkD3QfC96ybnPH4C/Kennedys-Virtual-Experience-Programme>

Forensic science and fingerprints - Open University Course - Age 14+

About 10 of study to complete - <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/health-sports-psychology/health/forensic-science-and-fingerprints/content-section-0>

Biology related career / medicine

– Brighton and Sussex Medical School – **Age 14+** – free VWEX modules

The content is delivered through presentations, videos, quizzes and interactivity activities. You can take as few or as many hours as you like complete the course. No deadline! As a guide, it may take between 7-9 hours to complete. Awarded a certificate of completion. Click here to make an account very easily and get started

<https://bsmsoutreach.thinkific.com/courses/VWE>

Architecture – click here: [Halliday Fraser Munroe](#) - **Year 10, 11 or 12 students**

This is a real company, who are running a fantastic work experience programme online. You will complete 2 tasks including designing a house for a celebrity.

Considering a degree in veterinary medicine and science – Join for free for 2 weeks access <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/vet-school-application-support>

HSBC UK Work Experience Programme for secondary school or college students

Virtual Work Experience / course opportunities (VWEX)

Software engineering - about 5 hours of study to complete **Age 14+**

The opportunity to explore what life is like as a JPMorgan Chase software engineer with our Software Engineering Virtual Internship. They work on solutions that include strategic technology initiatives, big data, mobile, electronic payments, machine learning, cybersecurity.

KPMG **Age 14+** Online program, you will get to complete similar work that our Graduates do at KPMG. You will learn what it is like working at one of the world's best **data analytics** team, and build skills required to excel as a analytics consultant.

Plumbing [Introduction to Plumbing](#) Great way of gaining some basic Plumbing knowledge if you are considering a career in this industry.

Carpentry [Introduction to Carpentry](#) If you are considering a career as a carpenter, then this course will introduce to the basic principles of structures and what is involved in being a carpenter.

Electrical trade [Introduction to the Electrical trade](#) This online course will give you a free introduction to the electrical trade, electrical safety, and electrical theory.

Masonry [Introduction to Masonry](#) This free online masonry course will teach you about essential masonry tasks, such as the spreading of mortar, furrowing, buttering, and bricklaying

Teaching - about 8 hours of study [The World of the Primary School](#) Considering becoming a Primary Teacher? This will be a great introductory course about the profession.

Policing – about 4 hours of study [Sure, I Know How to Talk to People](#) A great introduction to the Police Force using one of the most important skills, communication.

Hair & Beauty - Eco Hair and Beauty - The online 'salon' is for hairdressers and trainees to explore. By clicking on different areas of the salon you will learn about eco-friendly/sustainable techniques and products <https://ecohairandbeauty.com/virtual-salon/>

Altrincham College takes no responsibility for third party events. Any costs associated with such events should be incurred by the student or parent/carer and at your own risk. By participating in a third-party event, students and parents/carers should ensure they read the terms of the events carefully before accepting them.



Altrincham College Sixth form – Careers News

Work Experience: **Just under half of the Year 12 students will be going out on their 2-day self-placement work experience at the end of March. The remainder of students will complete a bespoke group work experience programme.** There are also many virtual work experiences with Springpod, which students can complete in their own time: <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search?status=Open>

Students in Year 12 are looking forward to attending the **UCAS Exhibition in Manchester** on 1st March. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with representatives from hundreds of universities, apprenticeship and gap year providers and employers. It's never too early to start thinking about your post-18 options!

University of Oxford Talk: A number of Year 11 and 12 students attended a talk by Corpus Christi College, Oxford at Altrincham Grammar School for Boys recently. We learnt about the wide variety of courses available, the collegiate system, the application process and much more. The talk aimed to dispel some of the myths about Oxford and Cambridge. If you would like to receive a copy of the presentation, please email Mrs Court at: cct@altrinchamcollege.com



GM Higher: Professional Mentoring: 16 of our Year 12 students have signed up to a programme where they will be mentored by an industry expert. The online mentoring will support students to explore their next steps and future career: <https://gmhigher.ac.uk/events/apply/>

Useful websites

[Gaining work experience during the pandemic: useful tips](#)

[Altrincham College Careers: Useful Websites](#)

[Your Child's Career: Advice for Parents](#)

Evidence of VWEX/courses

Please ensure you/they save the completion **certificate or a screenshot** of any work completed and upload to activities in your Unifrog account.