

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES



On December 17th join Dr Lowri Ann Rees for a festive online taster session exploring the origins of familiar traditions and learn how history shaped the way we celebrate today. [Register here](#).



“On Campus with... History” with Dr Emily Stiles. In this podcast Dr Emily and hosts from the Uni of Winchester discuss museum culture and representation and public history. [Listen here](#).



The Uni of Bristol Virtual Summer School will take place in May 2026. The 3 day event comprises academic talks, social sessions, and information, advice and guidance. The summer school runs online from 10 am to 5 pm on the 27th - 29th May (inclusive). Applications open early 2026 - [register here](#).



[World Human Rights Day](#) happens on the 10th December and the theme is “Our Everyday Essentials” which aims to show how human rights are a part of daily life. By bridging the gap between human rights principles and everyday experiences, we aim to spark awareness, inspire confidence and encourage collective action.



History Subject Spotlight with the Uni of Birmingham - In this experience, you'll explore how the US South is not just a place but a cultural and political concept shaped by slavery, segregation, and media. [Get started here](#).



[Careers in Heritage with Historic England](#). Discover Historic England's career areas and pathways, and gain insights into life at the company through activities, quizzes, and interactive content.



The Document Services department of the National Archives offers a 5 day placement scheme to young people aged 14 to 18. Spaces for our 2026 Work Experience Programme will open on Monday 12th January 2026 - [click here](#) for more information.

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Historian](#)

Historians devote their careers to studying notable past events, such as military conflicts, political milestones, and social movements. They work in universities and other educational settings, as well as for various public, private and nonprofits. Their efforts make it possible for individuals and societies to learn from history in order to chart a better course for the future.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Learner participation in Apprenticeships in 2024/25 increased by 3.4% to 761,480 compared to 736,530 the previous year.


Under 19s accounted for 21.2% (74,990) and learners recorded as having a learning difficulty or disability increased by 6.9%, to 56,810 from 53,150

[Source](#)


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Join this 2-day online experience (10th and 11th February) to meet apprentices from different industries and job roles, to get an understanding of what an apprenticeship is, how apprentices learn on the job and why they believe apprenticeships are an excellent pathway into the world of work. [Deadline for applications](#) is 14th January.




Practise video interview responses and get direct feedback on delivery, structure, and tone. Learn how to perform naturally and confidently in online interviews used by top employers for degree apprenticeships. View other Masterclasses and [register here](#).




Festival of Apprenticeships - Online Careers Fair 2026. This FREE online event is a one-stop shop for anyone looking to learn more about apprenticeships. The event will cover everything from discovering opportunities with organisations first-hand and guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship! [Save your spot](#).



Don't let writer's block hold you back—join us and get the support you need to make your Personal Statement stand out. In [this webinar](#) on 13th January, get expert tips on crafting a standout Personal Statement that grabs attention.




10 money tips for starting uni or college - No matter how excited you are about studying at university and building your long-term future, day-to-day money planning helps you feel in control. [Read these tips from UCAS](#).



DREAM BIG

Want to figure out your dream career, including what options are available to you after graduating and how to choose the right graduate role? Check out [this advice](#) from Target Jobs.



21st January Free Webinar: What is Higher Education? Useful information for Parents and Carers covering the basics of higher education and university-level study, explaining key opportunities, terminology, and timelines to consider. [Book here](#).

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“The UK’s archives are vital record keepers of the country’s history, enabling us to re-visit and learn about crucial events, stories, and moments from all corners of our communities.

At The National Archives, we believe in making the archive sector as inclusive and accessible as possible so that anyone who wants to embark on a rewarding career in archives is able to do so.”
Find out more [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

“At the University of Exeter we combine teaching excellence and high levels of student satisfaction with world class research at our campuses in Exeter and Cornwall. We are a member of the Russell Group of leading research-intensive universities. Our success is built on a strong partnership with our students and a clear focus on high performance.”
Read more [here](#).

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MISS MITCHELMORE
CAREERS LEADER



MRS COURT
CAREERS ADVISOR

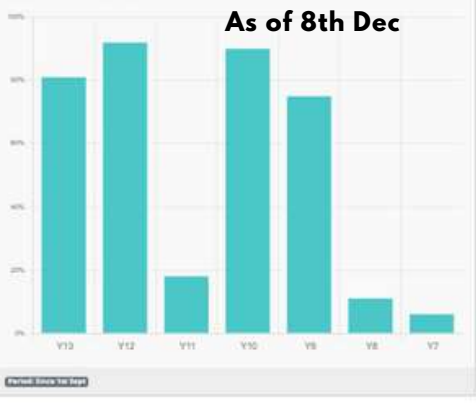
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UNIFROG INFORMATION - CLICK HERE



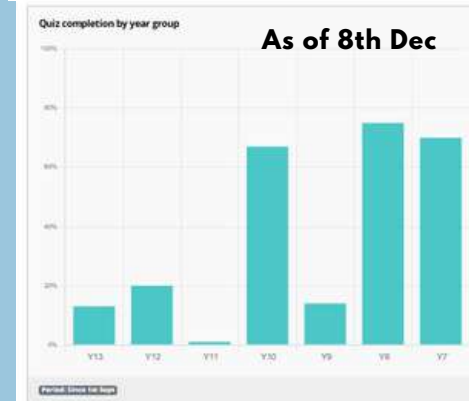
Unifrog events 25/26: [See all Unifrog.org/events/for-students here](https://www.unifrog.org/events/for-students)

Student logins by year group



Quiz completion by year group

% students (among those who've logged in) who have completed a quiz



UNIFROG TASKS

- Quiz completion - individual students will be rewarded - ask your form tutors to see if you are on the reward list

NEW TASKs

- Complete the 101 Unifrog course by 30th January
- Careers library - pick your favourite careers (click the heart)

PARENTS / CARERS

PLEASE COMPLETE THE CAREERS QUESTIONNAIRE - SENT VIA EMAIL OR CLASSCHARTS

AC CAREER EVENTS

December

- Y11 post 16 application sessions during form time

January

- SEND careers event for parents/carers - date to be confirmed

February

- 2nd - Careers fair - Y9-13

April

- 1st - Practice interviews with employers Y10

June

- 8th - Y12 work experience - 3 days
- 29th - Y10 work experience - 5 days

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YEAR 10 & YEAR 12

Work experience (WEX) links below

Year 12 8th-10th June (3 days)

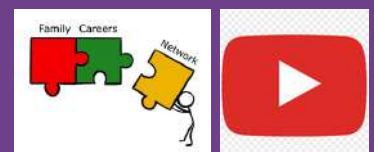
Year 10 - 29th June - 3rd July (5 days)

[TRAFFORD COUNCIL WEX FORM](#)

[ALTRINCHAM BUSINESS DIRECTORY](#)

[ALTRINCHAM & SALE BUSINESSES](#)

USEFUL RESOURCES



[MISS MITCHELMORE'S CAREERS YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

[AC CAREERS WEBSITE](#)



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CLICK IMAGES FOR LINK TO WEBSITES

Courses for 16-18 Year Olds Greater Manchester SkillCentre

Interested in Construction, Engineering or Automotive?

Our hands-on courses will give you the skills, confidence and experience to take the next step. Whether you want to get work-ready or progress onto an apprenticeship, we'll help you get there!

- ✓ Enrol now for September 2026
- ✓ Training allowance available
- ✓ FREE minibus service to and from the SkillCentre.
- ✓ Apprenticeship progression opportunities
- ✓ Gain nationally recognised qualifications
- ✓ Learn from expert tutors with real industry experience



Level 1 Courses

- Carpentry and Joinery
- Electrical Installation
- Automotive Maintenance
- Construction Multi-skills
- Plastering

Level 2 Courses

- Plastering
- Engineering
- Electrical Installation
- Carpentry and Joinery

Open Event for 16 - 18 Year Olds



Thursday 27th November 2025 4pm-6pm
Thursday 29th January 2026 4pm-6pm



GM SkillCentre, Wheel Forge Way, Trafford Park, M17 1EH

LIST OF Y11 APPLICATION DEADLINES 2025 FOR SEPT 2026 START

Options post 16 – Level 3's		Academic		Vocational		Applied / work route	
Age	Level	Academic		Vocational		Applied / work route	
	8	Doctorate PhD					
	7	Master's Degree / Postgraduate (1 year) MA, MSc, Mphil, PGCE					
18+	6	Undergraduate Degree BA, BSc	Foundation degree	Higher National Diploma (HND)	Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Higher Apprenticeships NVQ 4,5,6,7	Degree apprenticeships = BSc/BSc H- Masters – paid for by employer
	5						
16-18	4	A level (x3)	T level (x1)	BTEC Nationals Extended certificate (= 2 A levels)	Diploma (= 2 A levels) Extended diploma (= 3 A levels)	Advanced Apprenticeships NVQ 3	BTEC Firsts Certificate / Diploma
	3						
14-18	2	GCSE Grades 9-4 (A*-C)				Intermediate Apprenticeships NVQ 2	Traineeships Unpaid (age 16-24)
	1	GCSE Grades 3-1 (D-G)					
		Academic		Vocational		Applied / work route	



Ada, the National College for Digital Skills Winter Weekend GCSE Computer Science Revision Bootcamp

Build and Improve your GCSE Computer Science Skills and Learn about Careers in Tech at

Ada Manchester

Where? 16 Blossom Street, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 5AF
When? Sat 29th Nov, Sat 6th Dec, Sun 14th Dec 10:00 - 15:00

Open to all year 11s who study GCSE Computer Science from schools across Greater Manchester

Find out where a creative career could **take you!**



Featuring expert contributions from over 65 education practitioners

UniTasterDays.com
Students' Guide to University 2025
The key higher education facts for students thinking about university



Featuring expert articles written by over 75 education practitioners

UniTasterDays.com
Parents' Guide to University 2025
The key higher education facts for parents and supporters



T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CAREERS

Greater Manchester Higher

NAVIGATING HIGHER EDUCATION: A parent and carer series

Our range of online talks aim to empower you by providing the knowledge you need to guide your young person when navigating higher education.

- Tuesday 14 October, 6 - 7pm, online
Navigating higher education
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 11 - 13
- Wednesday 19 November, 6 - 7pm, online
Supporting GCSE choices
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 9
- Tuesday 9 December, 6 - 7pm, online
Discover options after Year 11
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 10 - 11
- Tuesday 10 February, 6 - 7pm, online
A guide to student finance and Disabled Students' Allowance
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 12 - 13
- Wednesday 11 March, 6 - 7pm, online
Future ready: supporting your child's higher education journey
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 10 - 13
- Tuesday 12 May, 6 - 7pm, online
Accessing support in higher education
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 10 - 13

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR PLACE VISIT:
gmhigher.ac.uk/parents-carers

BOOK NOW



- **VOLUNTEERING IDEAS** **TRY THE GREEN BUZZ QUIZ**
- **AGE 16 -25 GET STARTED WITH THEATRE COURSE, YOU'LL LEARN HOW SHOWS ARE MADE AT THE LOWRY.**

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