

# 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



You may be wondering what happens once you submit your UCAS application. It is important to note that universities have until 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to respond to applications. Here is a UCAS guide on "What happens after you submit your application?" and what types of offer you may receive.



What's it like to work at your dream company? HIGHERiN provides lots of reviews for placements, internships, graduate jobs and apprenticeships, all written by university students and school leavers.



Quiz

The InvestIN Career Quiz is designed to help students aged 15-18 discover an industry that aligns with their aspirations. Through a series of questions, we'll assess your skills and interests, and analyse how these align with different career sectors.



You have probably heard of accountancy and advisory services before. Think you know what professionals in this field really do? Embark on this virtual work experience to explore the world of accountancy and advisory services with BDO.



"At Virgin Media O<sub>2</sub>, we are powered by an epic, diverse and high performing team providing customers with a range of services they love to use and rely on every day. We're all about working together as one team to put the customer first in everything we do. If your ambition matches ours, see what you can do with us."



Discover EDT: Parent/Guardian webinar. Discover the exciting journey into the world of STEM - 29<sup>th</sup> January - 16:00-17:00



You can join this free EDT Placements Open Day session to find out more about the Placements programme and how it can help to find a paid work placement to enhance skills and gain experience and professional development. 21<sup>st</sup> January - 16:00-17:00

## JOB OF THE WEEK



Careers Advisor

As a careers advisor you will help people make decisions about their education, training and work options. You can work in a variety of fields and may specialise within a number of areas. It's likely you'll work in a generalist role, helping people from many backgrounds and giving impartial advice regarding routes into multiple different careers and industries.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In 2024, 87.6% of working age (16-64 years old) graduates were in employment compared to 68.0% of non-graduates.

67.9% of working age (16-64 years old) graduates were in high-skilled employment compared to 23.7% of non-graduates.

Source

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Futures for All online [Work Experience Finder](#) is designed to showcase placements and for you to explore the latest opportunities. You can search, filter, and sort, and browse by featured career types, industries, subjects, and closing soon. Virtual opportunities can be found under the Opportunity Type dropdown.



Join the Uni of Worcester for their online Nursing Q&A panel on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 5–6pm. During the session, Nursing academic staff and current students will be answering any questions you have about studying Nursing. [Register here.](#)



Unifrog Computer science taster: how will AI and cyber change future careers? If you're interested in computer science, AI, or tech, don't miss this chance to learn how you can be part of the next big wave in technology. 12<sup>th</sup> January 17:30 - 18:15. [Book your place.](#)



Not sure what to consider once you've sent off your university application? [Join this series of webinars](#) to find out more about what it's like to study at university, how to choose between your university offers, how much university really costs, and how parents and caregivers can support through these next steps.



Meet Jocelyn: Telecoms Graduate at Network Rail who ended up in Network Rail after the Graduate scheme was recommended to him by a uni friend... [Read more here.](#)



Life at a Toyota and Lexus dealership is fast-paced, collaborative, and full of purpose. No matter of your role, you are part of a team that thrives on innovation and customer care. Check out their live apprenticeship opportunities [here.](#)



Could teaching be your calling? Join the Uni of Portsmouth virtually to learn about teacher training courses. Whether you're interested in Primary, Secondary, or Further Education, our teacher training courses cover a wide range of subjects, and you may be eligible for a bursary. Find out more on the 13<sup>th</sup> January by booking your place [here.](#)

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“At UCAS, our beneficiaries and customers are central to our purpose, which is rooted in a charity-led mission to connect people to education and life-changing opportunities. It's work that feels meaningful, where your expertise contributes to a cause that truly matters. Our culture is inclusive and collaborative, built on trust, accountability, and a shared commitment to increasing participation in education.”

Find out more [here.](#)

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

“At Portsmouth, we're proud to be a breath of fresh air in the academic world – a place where everyone gets the support they need to achieve their best. We're always discovering. We don't fit the mould, we break it. Just as the world keeps moving, so do we. Since the first day we opened our doors, we've looked towards the future. And we're here to help you shape it. Read more [here.](#)

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**MISS MITCHELMORE**  
CAREERS LEADER



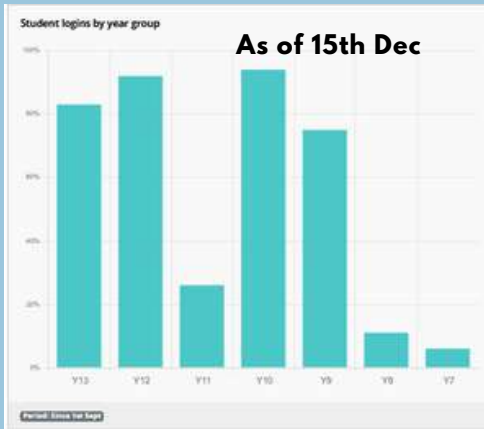
**MRS COURT**  
CAREERS ADVISOR

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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)



**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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
- 9th - Hear from our ex students about University life
- 16th - 8.30am - Meet Your Future 2026: Blue Light

**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 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June (3 days)

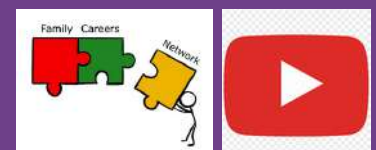
Year 10 - 29<sup>th</sup> June - 3<sup>rd</sup> July (5 days)

**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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## INFO SHARED WITH AC

CLICK IMAGES FOR LINK TO WEBSITES

RESULTS FROM THE PARENT AND STUDENT CAREERS QUESTIONNAIRE

**LIST OF Y11 APPLICATION DEADLINES 2025 FOR SEPT 2026 START**

YOU WANTED TO KNOW.... WHAT ARE T LEVELS? WATCH THIS 6MIN VIDEO

### 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

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

		Options post 16 – Level 3's		
Age	Level	Academic	Vocational	Applied / work route
18+	8	Doctorate PhD		
	7	Master's Degree / Postgraduate (1 year) MA, MSc, MPhil, PGCE		
	6	Undergraduate Degree BA, BSc	Foundation degree	Higher Apprenticeships NVQ 4,5,6,7
	5		Higher National Diploma (HND) Higher National Certificate (HNC)	
16-18	4	A level (x3)	T level (x1)	Advanced Apprenticeships NVQ 3
	3			
14-18	2	GCSE Grades 9-4 (A*-C)		BTEC Firsts Certificates / Diplomas
	1		GCSE Grades 3-1 (D-G)	Intermediate Apprenticeships NVQ 2
		Academic	Vocational	Applied / work route

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

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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](http://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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