



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




Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had an enjoyable break filled with fun and rest, allowing you to return feeling ready for a fantastic new term.




Clearing is how unis and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses. From 2 July – 19 October 2026, you can apply for a course using Clearing if you're not already holding an offer from a university or college. Watch this video on "How to apply through UCAS Clearing: A step-by-step guide."




The Business of Success: Entrepreneurship for Students. With Simon Arora, British businessman and former CEO of B&M. This talk on January 29th 10:00-11:00 is perfect for anyone curious about business, entrepreneurship, or how to make their mark in the world of commerce.




Get an inside look at the fast-paced world of broadcast journalism with Richard Murrell, Lecturer at Ravensbourne and former Lead Director at BBC News. Behind the Scenes: Welcome to the Newsroom, 4th February 10:00-10:45. Register here.



Discover everything you need to know about BA(Hons) Interior Design. In this session on 19th January, 12:00-13:00 we will explore what you will learn on the course and how online study works at Falmouth.



Preventing Bullying in Schools - Free Psychology Online Taster Session with Bangor Uni. In this webinar on 21st January, 16:30-17:15, you'll explore what drives bullying, its impact, and how changing school culture—and empowering bystanders—can make a real difference.



University, Money and Me! 22nd January, 17:15-18:15. Whether you're heading to university next year or just exploring your options, this session is designed to give you confidence and clarity about the financial side of student life.

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@altrinchamcollege.com

JOB OF THE WEEK



Editorial Assistant

Editorial assistants use excellent grammar and communication skills to help the editorial team produce and publish books, magazines, journals and online content. You'll need a great eye for detail, the ability to spot mistakes, commercial awareness of trends in the publishing industry, and excellent time management skills, so that you always hit strict deadlines.


LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The UK employment rate for people aged 16 to 64 years was estimated at 74.9% in August to October 2025. This is down in the latest quarter, but largely unchanged on estimates a year ago.


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UCAS has launched a new online tool that pulls together nearly 800 scholarships, bursaries and grants all in one place on the UCAS website for the first time. [Explore here.](#)




[Your guide to the UCAS Hub.](#) Every student can use their UCAS Hub to explore their own personal passions, skills, and attributes and create a dashboard with their tailored requirements.




Get ready for [National Apprenticeship Week 2026](#): 9th-15th February! The theme for NAW 2026 is 'Skills For Life'. A week-long celebration that brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy




Check out this [Events Map](#) to see what's happening in our area! Some events like SKILLSFEST are taking place from the end of January so explore the map and see which you feel would be most useful.



Join [this webinar](#) for a thought-provoking panel exploring how AI is transforming public services, and how apprenticeships are enabling NHS organisations and local councils to build the digital and data capabilities needed to deliver better services.



NAW 2026 Apprentices, Learners and Parents Toolkit. A tailored guide designed for apprentices, individuals and parents to get involved in NAW2026. [Download here.](#)



Did you know there are two entry routes into Policing with The Met?

- [Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship \(PCDA\)](#), or
- [Police Constable Entry Programme \(PCEP\)](#).

Become a [police officer](#), unlock your potential, support London's communities and make London a safer city for all. [Watch this video](#) to find out more.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“At The BBC, our unique mission and purpose serves our audiences – in the UK and globally – with high-quality, impartial output and services which inform, educate and entertain.

We push boundaries, challenge thinking and produce content that people love. No matter the team you join or the role you're in, this is your BBC.”

Find out more [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

“As a Falmouth student, you'll be challenged to think differently, break the mould and push the limits of possibility. You'll have the freedom, support, and real-world opportunities to challenge conventions, think boldly, and explore the boundaries of what's possible. Our students fuel each other to push the limits of what creativity can do.”

Read more [here](#).

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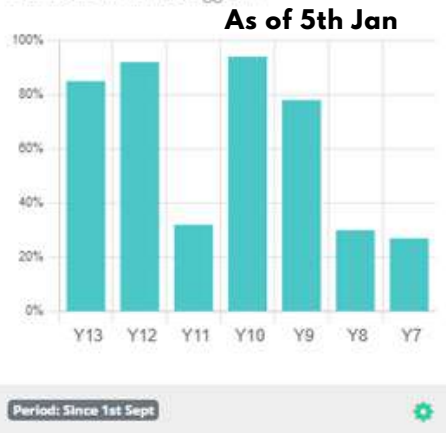
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UNIFROG INFORMATION - CLICK HERE

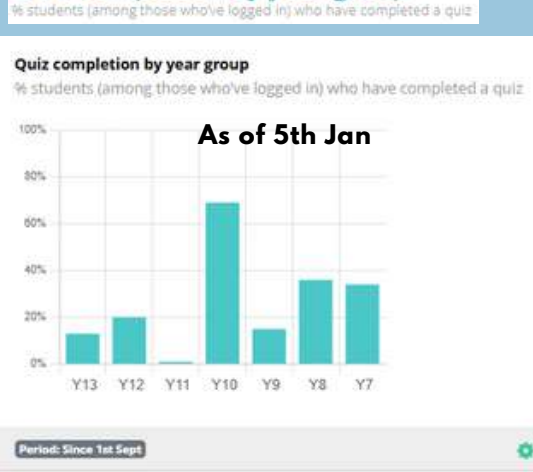


Unifrog events 25/26: [See all Unifrog.org/events/for-students here](https://www.unifrog.org/events/for-students)

Student logins by year group
% students who have logged in



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 you 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

January

- Y11 PHSE lessons careers - CVs and Unifrog
- 9th - Hear from our ex students about University life
- 16th - 8.30am - Meet Your Future 2026: Blue Light

February

- 2nd - Careers fair - Y9-13
- 9th - National apprenticeship week

April

- 1st - Practice interviews with employers Y10

June

- 8th - Y12 work experience - 3 days

29th - Y10 work experience - 5 days

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

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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

[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)		Intermediate Apprenticeships NVQ 2
	1			
		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

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

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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