

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.

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OPPORTUNITIES



So you've submitted your UCAS application, but you need to make changes? [On this page](#) you can find out how to track or make changes to your application, learn about offers and how to make decisions after you receive your offers.



Join Heidelberg Materials on the 28th January, 12:30 - 13:00 for this LIVE virtual careers talk with top tips how to apply and roles that are available for September 2026 intake. Site Supervisor, Quantity Surveyor and Higher Apprenticeships are all roles they offer in addition to Craft Apprenticeships. [Register here](#).



Whether you're looking for apprenticeship opportunities, work experience, or graduate programme information, join Lockheed Martin for this [inspiring career talk](#) on the 29th January, 18:00 - 18:45, to learn more and hear from our current graduates and apprentices as they share their experiences.



Meet the Early Careers team at Dunelm to learn about their exciting apprenticeship opportunities, including Retail, Supply Chain & Logistics, Commercial, Fitter and more. [In this recording](#) you'll find out about Dunelm's early careers programmes and pick up some hints and tips for your apprenticeship application.



This collection of short Apprentice Story films showcases the breadth and variety of apprenticeships, including Firefighting, Engineering, Broadcasting, Zookeeping and more. Apprentices are all around us, often working in surprising roles. Watch our [Apprentice Story films](#) to be inspired.



Want to find out which course is for you? Use the Springpod Subject Spotlights to learn more about subjects you may be interested in - 100% free to use! Try them out [here](#).



Building a Data Dream Team: Talking apprenticeships with Costa Coffee. [In this recording](#) experts from Costa Coffee discuss the impact of data apprenticeships within their organisation.

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

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Civil Engineer](#)

As a civil engineer, you'll oversee the actual construction on the ground and work in conjunction with consulting engineers. All civil engineers need a good understanding of design and construction processes, as well as of health and safety issues. You'll organise human and material resources on-site and ensure that projects run to time and budget and are safe to work on.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT


"The proportion of full-time undergraduates undertaking paid work working during term time is now at 68%. This is up from 56% in 2024 and just 42% in 2020."

This tells us that the increasing cost of living is impacting university students too.


[Source](#)

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Do you have an interest in Engineering? Do you like challenges and problem solving? [Log on to this webinar on the 4th February](#) to discover more about the fields of Chemical, Mechanical, Aerospace, and Automotive and Motorsport Engineering, and the extensive career pathways that these exciting subjects can lead you to!




How To Plan Your Career Effectively, In Partnership with Pathway CTM: February 13th, 14:00. Are you looking to set clear career goals, understand your strengths, and make confident decisions about your future? Career planning is an essential lifelong skill, and this workshop will guide you through practical strategies to help you map out your pathway. [Register for free here.](#)




Inside Infrastructure Investment: Careers that keep the world running with Infrastructure Industry Foundation. This session on the 5th February 10:00 - 10:45 explores the vital role infrastructure plays in building resilient communities and driving sustainable growth. Learn about the responsibility of managing funds for long-term impact, the importance of corporate social responsibility, and the diverse career routes into this dynamic industry. [Register here.](#)




It can be difficult to know how to make the most of your holidays when preparing for university. [Join the UEA higher education advice team](#) on January 29th as we discuss: extra and super curricular activities you can undertake while studying; how to build skills and inform your next steps; researching universities; how to make the most of HE and UCAS events; and what you could do in the summer holidays.



Degree Apprenticeships are an increasingly popular choice to the traditional university route. Come and find out what the benefits are and how to apply. 2nd February, 18:00 - 19:00, [register here.](#)



Check out [this case study](#) about Isabel Chadwick - Project Planning & Controls Apprentice at Thales. Isabel tells us about her role, how she got there and how lots of volunteering is available to early careers.



This Rolls-Royce virtual experience gives you a behind-the-scenes look at the Project Manager role and the critical responsibilities it entails across our diverse projects. [Start the Sprint with Springpod.](#)

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“Rolls-Royce is one of the most enduring and iconic brands and has been at the forefront of innovation for over a century. Designing, building and servicing systems that provide critical power to customers, where safety and reliability are paramount. We are a force for progress; powering, protecting and connecting people everywhere.”

Find out more [here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

“The University of Manchester is a centre of teaching excellence, world-class research, outstanding student experience, and social responsibility. Part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities, it's institutions like ours that have the greatest responsibility to act as the world faces big challenges. Together, we face this head on.”

Read more [here.](#)

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MISS MITCHELMORE
CAREERS LEADER



MRS COURT
CAREERS ADVISOR

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UNIFROG INFORMATION - CLICK HERE

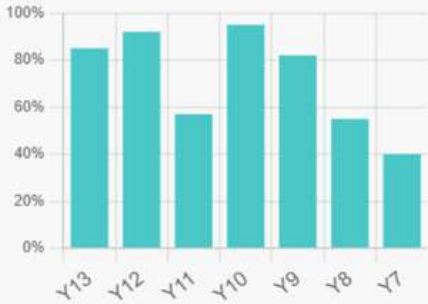


Unifrog events 25/26: [See all Unifrog.org/events/for-students here](https://www.unifrog.org/events/for-students)

Student logins by year group

% students who have logged in

As of 12th Jan



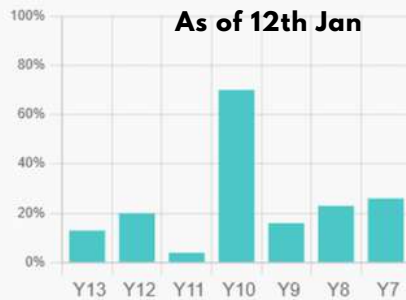
Quiz completion by year group

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

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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

January

- Y11 PHSE lessons careers - CVs and Unifrog
- 16th - 8.30am - Meet Your Future 2026: Blue Light

February

- 2nd - Careers fair - Y9-13
- 9th - National apprenticeship week
- 13th - INSET - Take your child to work day (optional)

March

- National Careers Week
- 12th - SEND parent/carer -careers info/support evening

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

PREVIOUS WEX EMPLOYERS PDF

Work experience (WEX)
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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INFO SHARED WITH AC

CLICK IMAGES FOR LINK TO WEBSITES

RESULTS FROM THE PARENT AND STUDENT CAREERS QUESTIONNAIRE

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



Join Cadent's Youth Insights Panel
Ideas from young people. Action from Cadent.

Cadent manages a gas network of more than 82,000 miles of pipes, bringing gas to over 11 million homes and businesses throughout the North West, West Midlands, East Midlands, East of England and North London - to keep people warm all year round.

Have ideas to make your community better? Want your voice heard?
We're looking for young people aged 11-16 to share their experiences and help shape real projects that improve safety and support for families.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- Share your ideas online in 5 sessions.
- Connect with other young people.
- Work with Cadent staff on real-world projects that effect you and your family.

WHAT WILL YOU GAIN?

- Certificates and references for your future.
- New skills and confidence.
- Experience that looks great on applications.
- A chance to make real change happen in big business.

SCAN QR CODE



Application form at solutionsfortheplanet.co.uk/youth-insights or scan the QR code!


APPLY NOW

For more info
tel: 07900 064532
email: youthinsights@solutionsfortheplanet.co.uk



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		Higher Apprenticeships NVQ 4,5,6,7 Degree apprenticeships = BA/BSc & Masters – paid for by employer
	6	Undergraduate Degree BA, BSc	Foundation degree	
	5		Higher National Diploma (HND) Higher National Certificate (HNC)	
16-18	4			
	3	A level (x3)	T level (x1)	BTEC Nationals Extended certificate (= 1 A level) Diploma (= 2 A levels) Extended diploma (= 3 A levels)
14-18	2	GCSE Grades 9-4 (A*-C)		BTEC Firsts Certificate / Diploma Intermediate Apprenticeships NVQ 2
	1	GCSE Grades 3-1 (D-G)		Traineeships Unpaid (age 16-24)
		Academic	Vocational	Applied / work route

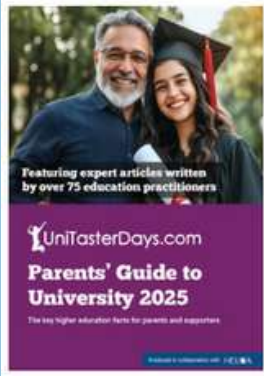


LIST OF Y11 APPLICATION DEADLINES 2025 FOR SEPT 2026 START



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 & CARERS

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 8 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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