

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

National Apprenticeship Week 2026: 9 - 15 FEBRUARY 2026. This is 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.

As students, you can participate in NAW 2026 by taking part in online events, completing activities and focusing on expanding your knowledge and understanding of apprenticeships. Here are some events that you may want to take part in. If there are any events you think sound interesting but you cannot make the time, sign up anyway and in most circumstances, the recording will be shared with you.

Join KPMG's Apprenticeship webinar! | 05/02/2026 - 16:00 - 17:00

"In this webinar designed for school students (and those supporting them), you'll get an inside look into KPMG. Led by KPMG's current and former apprentices, you'll learn all about their journeys. This is your chance to hear the real stories, from day-one top tips to project work from the outset."

Nestlé Academy Lunch and Learn | 04/02/2026 - 12:30 - 13:00

"Join our Nestlé Careers virtual webinar to hear directly from the Early Talent team. Discover how Nestlé supports students through apprenticeships and graduate programs, helping you build valuable skills, find purpose, and access a wide range of future career opportunities."

Skillsfest LIVE by Lloyds Banking Group | 07/02/2026 - 10:00 - 16:00

"Join us for Skillsfest LIVE - our virtual skillsfest welcoming students from across the UK to join us for skillsbuilding, job simulations & more."

Kaplan's AI Skills Sprint | 09/02/2026 - 13/02/2026 "Kaplan's AI Skills Sprint is a free, five-day activity featuring challenges to help you use AI tools as your productivity partner. Delivered straight to your inbox, the sprint's activities are bite-sized, a maximum of 15 minutes, and designed for flexibility, allowing you to complete them at your own pace throughout the week with no daily commitment."

JOB OF THE WEEK



Teacher

A Teacher is a professional who educates others, helping students acquire knowledge, skills, and virtues by planning lessons, delivering instruction, assessing progress, and fostering personal growth, acting as a mentor, role model, and guide within educational settings like schools or online platforms.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

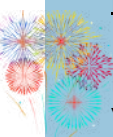
In 2024/25, there were 353,500 apprenticeship starts in England and 761,500 people were participating in an apprenticeship. The proportion of learners with a learning difficulty or disability has increased from 11.2% to 16.1%. The proportion of learners who are BAME has also increased, from 12.8% to 19.2%.

Source


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Festival of Apprenticeships - Online Careers Fair 2026 | 09/02/2026 - 12:00 - 13:00 “Are you; Looking to start your career in an industry or profession? Leaving school or graduating from college and unsure about your options? Searching for a job where you can continue learning and gain qualifications? Then the Festival of Apprenticeships in partnership with BT Group is for YOU!”



CIPP - Ask the Apprentices: Truths, Tips & Training Insight | 11/02/2026 - 09:00 - 10:00 “Join us on Apprentice Wednesday for an uplifting session featuring honest conversations with current apprentices and guidance from a training provider. Expect advice, inspiration and support tailored to your apprenticeship journey.”




If online events aren't really your thing, why not try out some of these **short daily tasks**? They do not require any individual IT access or worksheets, each activity meets the NAW2026 daily theme and introduces you to new websites and resources.



OuterCircle have an **online community for Aspiring Apprentices**, it aims to help you: 🎯 Find your direction – discover industries and roles that match your interests. 📁 Get apprenticeship-ready – access mock interviews, application tips, and readiness workshops. 🗣️ Learn from real apprentices – get guidance and mentorship from those already in your dream field. 🗨️ Join events for school-leavers – connect directly with employers and training providers.

And a few things for the parents/carers....

National Apprenticeship Week Parent and Carer webinar: Understanding apprenticeships | 09/02/2026 - 18:30 - 19:30



“Join Amazing Apprenticeships during National Apprenticeship Week 2026 for this special parent and carer webinar. Apprenticeships offer exciting and practical routes into rewarding careers. This webinar is designed to help parents and carers feel confident supporting the young people in their lives as they explore these options.”

Apprenticeships: Hints & Tips for Parents & Carers | This guide has been designed to help parents and carers explore the exciting world of apprenticeships with their child, to understand the range of resources and support services available to them, and how to access them.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“Whether you're excited about customer service, logistics, data analysis, or leading teams, we have an apprenticeship to ignite your potential.”

You can learn more about [John Lewis Partnership Apprenticeships here](#) and watch their [NAW2026 video here](#) to see what they're ranked so highly in the [apprenticeship employers league table!](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

UEL was named the Best University for Apprenticeships in 2025 by Apprenticeship Guide Awards. “At UEL, we believe anyone with the drive to succeed should have the opportunity to transform their life through education, no matter their background.”

You can [read more about the University of East London here](#).

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MISS MITCHELMORE
CAREERS LEADER



MRS COURT
CAREERS ADVISOR

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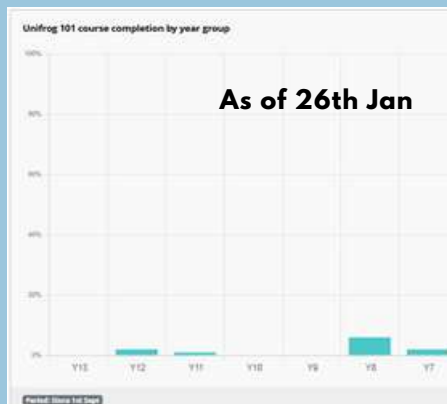
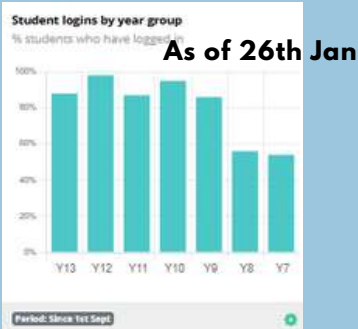
UNIFROG INFORMATION - CLICK HERE



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

Unifrog 101 course completion by year group
% students (among those who've logged in) who have completed a Unifrog 101 launch course



Unifrog Tasks

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

PARENTS / CARERS

NEW FOR 2026 - UNIFROG PARENT ACCOUNTS

**SIGN IN WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS
(THIS IS THE EMAIL ADDRESS THAT YOU RECEIVE COMMUNICATION FROM SCHOOL FROM)**

PARENT ACCOUNT LINKS TO YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT

AC CAREER EVENTS

February

- 2nd - Careers fair - Y9-13
- 9th - National apprenticeship week assembly
- Y11 PHSE lessons - Unifrog & Trafford College application sessions

March

- WB 3rd National Careers Week assemblies- in person
- WB 3rd Y7-9 Careers learning passport in lessons
- 10th - Y8/9 Trafford College assembly
- 12th - SEND careers event for parents/carers

April

- 1st - Practice interviews with employers Y10

June

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

YEAR 10 & YEAR 12

Work experience (WEX) links below

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

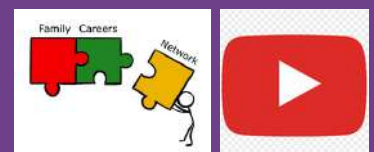
Year 10 - 29th June - 3rd July (5 days)

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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AC CAREERS FAIR MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2026

CAREERS FAIR 2026 YOU WILL HAVE ABOUT 45/50 MINUTES – USE THE TIME WISELY!

Sports hall Normal entrance	<p>> 10.30 – 11.20 Yr 11 (P2 – Eng/Maths)</p> <p>> 11.30 -12.20 Yr 10 (P3 – Maths/Science)</p> <p>> 12.30 – 1.20 Yr 9 (period 4)</p> <p>> 2.05 – 3.05 Yr 12 & 13 (period 5)</p>	Wait for screen message - escorted & supervised by teacher
Leave bags & coats in classroom – bring a pen!		Use the questions on the back of the card
Be respectful & polite		Have meaningful conversations to collect stamps
Leave when instructed at the end of time slot with your teacher		Put the card in the correct prize draw box as you leave

	Company/Provider name
1	The Manchester College
2	Access Creative
3	Elevated Knowledge (Engineering Apprenticeships)
4	University of Salford
5	University of Huddersfield
6	University of Manchester
7	Wrexham University
8	Pozzoni Architecture Ltd
9	Futureworks
10	Kids Planet
11	University of Hull
12	The Growth Company: GM SkillCentre
13	Aberystwyth University
14	Trafford Leisure
15	Keele University
16	Edge Hill University
17	Trafford and Stockport College Group
18	Manchester Airport Group (MAG)
19	RAF
20	Addleshaw Goddard
21	The University of Sheffield

22	St John ambulance
23	Manchester Metropolitan University
24	RSPCA
25	KPMG
26	Amey (One Trafford)
27	Greater Manchester Police
28	UA92
29	Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
30	University of Derby
31	Altrincham College 6th form
32	NHS MFT - cardiac radiologist
33	McHale & co Solicitors
34	Fluence Energy Ltd
35	Altrincham FC
36	University of Chester
37	TEKsystems Global Services
38	Lancaster Maloney Martin Ltd
39	Laing O'Rourke
40	BBC

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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

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, Wheelforce Way, Trafford Park, M17 1EH



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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T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CAREERS

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
	6	Undergraduate Degree	Foundation degree	Degree apprenticeships = BA/BSc & Masters – paid for by employer
	5	BA, BSc	Higher National Diploma (HND) Higher National Certificate (HNC)	
16-18	4	A level (x3)	T level (x1)	Advanced Apprenticeships NVQ 3
	3	GCSE Grades 9-4 (A*-C)	BTEC Nationals Extended certificate (= 1 A level) Diploma (= 2 A levels) Extended diploma (= 3 A levels)	Intermediate Apprenticeships NVQ 2
14-18	2	GCSE Grades 3-1 (D-G)	BTEC Firsts Certificate / Diplomas	Traineeships Unpaid (age 16-24)
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Find out where a creative career could **take you!**

Download



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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