

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




Join Pathway Group during National Apprenticeship Week 2026 to discover more about the fantastic world of apprenticeships! This FREE online careers fair will cover everything from discovering opportunities with organisations first-hand and guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship! With top companies and learning providers promoting their career opportunities, the event is the perfect place to get inspired and meet your next potential employer. Taking place each day from 12pm - 2pm on Mon 9th - Fri 13th February 2026.




Capgemini are running a Virtual Insight Session for Years 9+ on Tues 17th Feb from 12pm - 2pm. You will explore future pathways in technology, consulting, and digital transformation through meaningful employer encounters aligned with Gatsby Benchmarks 2, 4, and 5, where students engage with Capgemini professionals, build commercial awareness and problem-solving skills, and gain insight into career pathways, apprenticeships, and company culture.



Schroders is a world-class asset manager whose purpose is to provide excellent investment performance for their clients. They operate in over 30 locations - with over 5000 staff - across Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East. By attending their work experience day on 5th March, you'll hear from finance and tech professionals on how they create the best returns on the assets they manage



The worlds of learning, education, careers and work are full of terminology, abbreviations, phrases and words that can be difficult to decipher. In this Jargon Buster, you'll find some examples of commonly used words and phrases that you'll see on various websites, with a clear explanation of what they mean.



Get Career Confident has brought together a list of virtual work experience opportunities available to young people. We really recommend you take advantage of some of the fantastic virtual opportunities available and you never know one may lead to a face to face experience and even a job in the future! We recommend you first read this so you can be fully prepared for any virtual work experience you access.

JOB OF THE WEEK

 [Architect](#)

An architect is a trained, licensed professional who plans, designs, and oversees the construction of buildings and structures, blending creativity with technical, scientific, and structural knowledge. They translate client requirements into functional, safe, and aesthetic spaces.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT


Awareness of ChatGPT and its capabilities among students has grown to 96% over the past year, with many using it to assist with coursework and increasingly, job applications and assessments.

[Source](#)


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The Academy of Real Assets' Annual Creative Competition happens each academic year. It's designed to inspire students across the UK to think creatively about real estate, real assets, the built environment, and the future of our communities. This year, they're asking you to respond to the prompt: "My Favourite Building..." Whether it's a famous landmark, a holiday memory, or a hidden gem in your neighbourhood, tell us why it's special to you. The format is up to you; you can write an essay or poem of up to 800 words, film a one-minute video, design a piece of artwork or capture an image. Winning entries will be featured in a beautifully designed hardback book, distributed to schools, employers, and universities across the UK. [Submit your entry here](#) by 27th March 2026.




If you're interested in the field of architecture but not sure where to start, explore the different pathways to qualifying as an architect and the role RIBA plays in architectural education. You can [read more here](#) and [watch a video on this topic here](#).




Go Construct provides resources for anyone looking for a career in the construction and built environment sector. We showcase the many rewarding opportunities available and help people from all backgrounds to enter an exciting and growing industry which has a huge impact on the UK's housing, industry and infrastructure. With so many roles available in construction it can be hard to know where to start, why not [use this webpage](#) to learn more about various career options.



Have you ever wondered how speaking different languages may help you in your career? [Check out this video series](#) which shows different people in different job roles explaining how their language skills have been useful in their role.



Work experience is an important feature of any strong university application. But did you know that for certain degree courses,, it's an essential entry requirement? Learn which courses require you to have [completed work experience here](#).



You can [find online work experience here](#), some opportunities are "virtual to reality" meaning that they may offer you the opportunity for in person work experience.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Foster + Partners welcomes designers, innovators, makers and pioneering trailblazers to join the practice. We want to work with the best talent from across the industry and develop our people to grow within our practice. With people from diverse backgrounds, we nurture innovation and flexibility to deliver extraordinary projects." You can [read more about careers at Foster + Partners here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"We are globally celebrated for our research, development and innovation, providing students with exceptional teaching for over 400 years. We encourage our people to push the frontiers of knowledge today, helps ensure we make a positive sustainable mark on the world tomorrow." You can [read more about the University of Edinburgh here](#).

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MISS MITCHELMORE
CAREERS LEADER



MRS COURT
CAREERS ADVISOR

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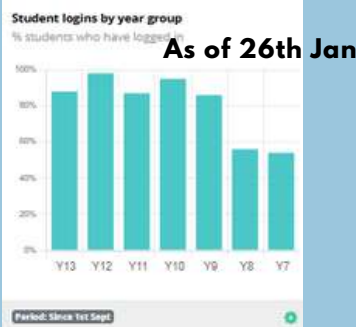
UNIFROG INFORMATION - CLICK HERE



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

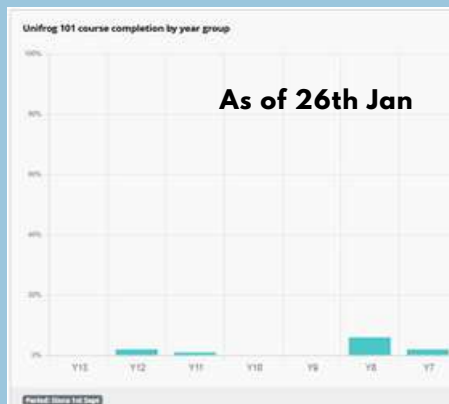
Student logins by year group

% 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

- 9th - National apprenticeship week assembly - Teams
- WB 9th - Y10 theatre trip / Y12 business trip Salford Uni
- 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

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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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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

WB 9TH FEBRUARY 2026



APPRENTICESHIPS OFFER THE CHANCE TO:

- EARN WHILE THEY LEARN
- GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN A REAL JOB
- TRAIN WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS
- ACHIEVE RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS
- START BUILDING THEIR CAREER FROM DAY ONE

IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES, THEY CAN FIND OUT MORE HERE:

[VIDEO - TRAFFORD & STOCKPORT COLLEGE GROUP - DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN APPRENTICE - JAKE](#)

[APPRENTICESHIPS - TRAFFORD COLLEGE](#)

[APPRENTICESHIPS - STOCKPORT COLLEGE](#)

USEFUL WEBSITES:

[YOUTUBE: APPRENTICESHIPS EXPLAINED](#)

[FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP - GOV.UK](#)

[GETMYFIRSTJOB | FIND YOUR FIRST JOB OR APPRENTICESHIP](#)

[ALTERNATIVES TO UNIVERSITY | NGTU](#)

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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



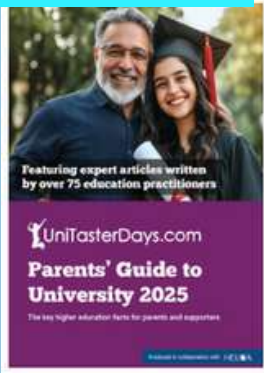
Thursday 27th November 2025 4pm-6pm
Thursday 29th January 2026 4pm-6pm



GM SkillCentre, Wheelforce Way, Trafford Park, M17 1EH

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		
16-18	4		Higher National Diploma (HND) Higher National Certificate (HNC)	
	3	A level (x3)	T level (x1)	Advanced Apprenticeships NVQ 3
14-18	2	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
	1	GCSE Grades 3-1 (D-G)	BTEC First Certificate / Diploma	Traineeships Unpaid (age 16-24)



- [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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