

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 IT'S NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK!

**NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIP
WEEK 2026**


This week is dedicated to celebrating all things apprenticeships. During this week, you will find lots of opportunities to learn more about apprenticeships including where to find them, how to apply to them and top tips from employers and current apprentices. You can view [lots of events here](#).




Meet David from South London, he moved to the UK from Romania at the age of eight and did not speak English when he arrived. David successfully secured a Level 4 project management apprenticeship with Jellyfish. [In this video](#), David talks about why he chose an apprenticeship, what his job involves, the role of AI in modern workplaces, misconceptions about Gen Z and why school is about more than just academic knowledge.



Explore 1,600+ Higher and Degree apprenticeships in the January 2026 edition of the [Higher & Degree Vacancy listing](#). Discover vacancy details from over 65+ employers, including vacancy locations, salary information and direct application links.



[All About T Levels](#) | Thurs 26th Feb - 6-7pm | On this call we'll tell you how T levels work, how we at Lloyds support students with extended work experience and you'll hear from apprentices at Lloyds joining us through the T level route.



[Understanding T Levels: The Industry Placement Webinar](#) | Mon 2nd March - 3:30pm-4:15pm | The rise in popularity has been matched by the increase in employers opening their doors and designing T Level Industry Placements that support students to develop their skills, and provide crucial opportunities to apply their learning in a real workplace. Join this webinar to hear about Industry Placements from Suzanne Chambers of the T Level Delivery Division at the Department for Education.

JOB OF THE WEEK



A forensic linguist is a language expert who applies linguistic knowledge to legal contexts, acting as a detective to analyse written or spoken evidence. They investigate cases by examining idiolect (unique writing style), authorship of threats or notes, and contractual language, working with law enforcement and legal teams to uncover the truth.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

As employers 'top up' the salary of an apprentice beyond National Minimum Wage, the average apprentice salary in the United Kingdom is £27,721 per year or £14.22 per hour. This varies across different apprenticeships and regions.

[Source](#)


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OPPORTUNITIES


 Rapid Read: Apprenticeship levels explained.


With apprenticeship levels ranging from level 2 (foundation and intermediate) through to level 7 (master's level) and lots of recent changes, this updated Rapid Read will help you understand the different levels and which might be right for you.


 Get Career Confident has brought together a range of virtual work experience opportunities available to young people. They do not run virtual work experience placements, they research and list established organisations offering placements.


 Access the brand new ERIC Library from Monday 9th Feb 2026. "A library of bite-sized creative careers talks designed for school, college or university students. Each talk is 10-15 minutes long, made for young people aged 14-21. The library will be available all year round, with new talks added regularly."

 Did you know that Not Going To Uni have a podcast? It is hosted by a current apprentice, Ethan. On the podcast, he interviews other apprentices who give you advice and valuable tips. The aim of the podcast is to help you kickstart your career with confidence.

 If you'd prefer to read than listen, the Not Going To Uni case studies are another great way to learn from current apprentices and take inspiration from their journeys.

 Heard of an apprenticeship but not sure what it's all about? The UCAS Parent and guardian guide to apprenticeships shares what you need to know and practical tips for supporting someone who might be thinking about an apprenticeship.

 This apprenticeship glossary will help you to understand any words that you haven't come across before. There are also a lot of myths about apprenticeships. This myth buster will support you to realise the facts from the fiction!

 From Quizzes to Arcade games, this website has a range of interactive activities to help you learn more about apprenticeships.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Start your career with impact and purpose. At Nationwide, you will build a meaningful career and help shape banking to be fairer, more rewarding, and for the good of society. With structured development, hands-on experience, and support at every step, you will gain the confidence to start a rewarding career in banking."
You can read more about careers at Nationwide here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Students fall in love with Bristol - a city small enough to remain friendly, but large enough to offer lots of interest and excitement. With our central location, outstanding facilities and active Students' Union, you can enjoy the best of student life. We're ranked 51st in the World and 8th in the UK."
You can read more about the University of Bristol here.

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MISS MITCHELMORE
CAREERS LEADER



MRS COURT
CAREERS ADVISOR

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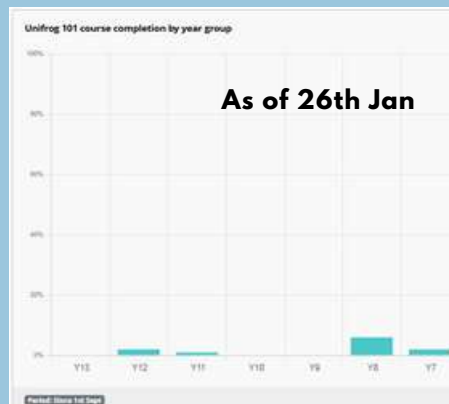
UNIFROG INFORMATION - CLICK HERE



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

YEAR 10 & YEAR 12

Work experience (WEX) links below

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

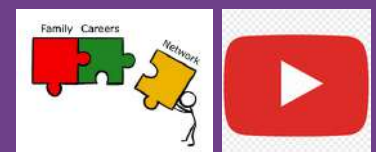
Year 10 - 29th June - 3rd July (5 days)

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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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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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



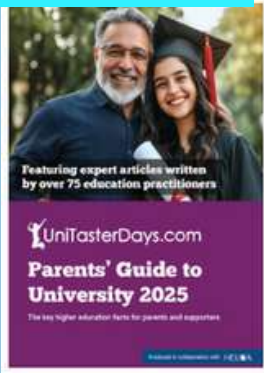
Thursday 27th November 2025 4pm-6pm
Thursday 29th January 2026 4pm-6pm



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 BA, BSc	Foundation degree	Degree apprenticeships = BA/BSc & Masters – paid for by employer
	5			
16-18	4		Higher National Diploma (HND)	
	3		Higher National Certificate (HNC)	
	2	A level (x3)	T level (x1)	Advanced Apprenticeships NVQ 3
14-18	1	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
	0	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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