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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




MEI is an educational charity that provides educational support and tools to inspire and develop mathematical proficiency and foster opportunities for all. Applications are currently open for their free Preparing for the STEP student course, designed to help Year 13 students strengthen their problem-solving skills ahead of the STEP (Sixth Term Examination Paper), the admissions assessment used primarily by the University of Cambridge, the University of Warwick and Imperial College London.




Applications for the Sutton Trust Summer Schools, aimed at Year 12 students from low socioeconomic backgrounds, are now open. The aim of the programme is to give you the chance to experience what university life is really like. Most applications close on 5 March. You may also be interested in other university summer schools, such as:

- [Bristol Virtual Summer School](#)
- [Access to Sheffield Summer School](#)
- [Newcastle Bitesize Uni](#)
- [Birmingham National Access Summer School](#)
- [Durham Space to Explore Potential Programme](#)



The Exploring Law course has been designed by the University of Cambridge Faculty of Law to give you a real taste of what studying law at university involves. The major ambition is to enable you to decide whether a law degree is right for you, as well as to help you develop understanding and skills that will assist you when applying to university and then starting out as a law student.



The Big Work Experience Challenge runs from January to April and gives you the chance to explore real work experience, build skills, and take steps towards your future. This year, there's an extra way to stay motivated: Rockets. Rockets are points you earn for meaningful activity on Springpod – and during February and March, earning Rockets can also unlock real prizes. This guide explains how the Challenge works, what Rockets are, how to earn them, and how rewards work.

JOB OF THE WEEK



A music publisher secures, manages, and exploits the copyrights of musical compositions, acting as a bridge between songwriters/composers and revenue sources. They promote songs for film/TV/ads, register works with collecting societies, and collect royalties. Key duties include creative A&R, copyright administration, and licensing to maximise income.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

There were an estimated 2.4m creative industries jobs in the UK between April 2024 and March 2025, according to data published by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). Around 30% of creative industries jobs are self-employment.

[Source](#)

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Eric's Library of Creative Careers talks is now live! It provides hundreds of creative career talks for. Here are some videos you may find interesting...



Your Guide To Creative Apprenticeships: Creative apprenticeships are more than a pathway to a job, they're a launchpad for talent and real-world experience. This session with Access Industries breaks down what they are, who they're for, and the exciting opportunities they offer. Whether you're starting out or supporting others, you'll discover how to build in-demand skills while growing your creativity.



Apprenticeships on Trial: Join the ERIC team as they break down some commonly believed myths about apprenticeships - getting to the truth of what they're all about.



Career Journey: Our Fashion Apprenticeships at M&S: Alissa and Grace are apprentices at M&S, studying Fashion, Buying and Merchandising. They share how they found the apprenticeship, what the interview process was like, and what their day-to-day looks like. They also explain the benefits of apprenticeships and share honest, real advice to help you apply.



Career Journey: Backstage Theatre Apprentice at Disney: Hannah is a Technical Theatre Apprentice at Disney Theatrical Group. She shares why she chose an apprenticeship, what she enjoys most about the role, the challenges she's faced, and her top tips for anyone thinking about starting a career in theatre.



Common CV Mistakes that are Holding you Back: Keep getting rejected for apprenticeships, jobs or opportunities? Your CV might be holding you back at the first stage. Fiona, a qualified career coach, breaks down the most common CV mistakes and shows you simple fixes to improve your chances and get more interviews.



The Hiring Process: What To Expect Once You've Applied: Do you understand how employers hire? Once you do, it's much easier to stand out. Career coach Fiona explains what happens after you apply, how decisions get made, and what employers are really looking for, so you can use the process to your advantage and improve your chances.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Our global team is made up of knowledgeable, passionate, and creative individuals. We strive to set WMG apart by embracing originality and innovation, while creating a nurturing environment for artists, songwriters, and the people behind the music – at every stage of their careers."
You can [read more about careers at Warner Music Group here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"By studying at AUB, you'll join one of the UK's leading specialists in art, design, media and performance. A diverse, collaborative community, where we equip our students in joining the creative industries sector – the largest sector in terms of employment in 2025."
You can [read more about the Arts University Bournemouth here.](#)

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CAREERS LEADER



MRS COURT
CAREERS ADVISOR

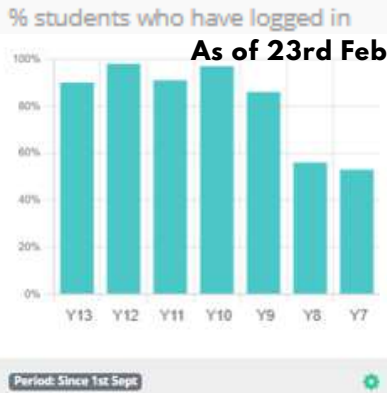
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UNIFROG INFORMATION - CLICK HERE

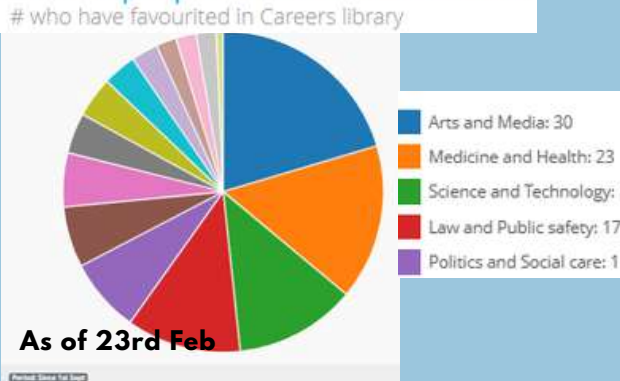


Unifrog events 25/26: [See all Unifrog.org/events/for-students here](https://www.unifrog.org/events/for-students)

Student logins by year group



Most popular career areas



Unifrog Tasks

- **Careers library** - pick your favourite careers (click the heart)
- **Sign up to the University Subject Discovery Fair** Wed 18th March 4pm

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

- Y11 PHSE lessons - Unifrog & Trafford College, Manchester college application sessions
- 27th - Y12 UK University Search Fair Trip

March

- WB 3rd National Careers Week assemblies - in person Trafford college, Manchester College & Tech She Can
- WB 3rd Y7-9 Careers learning passport in lessons
- WB 9th - British Science Week activities
 - Y7,8,9 Step into NHS competition
 - Y9/10 - See announcements on Classcharts - What's your question?!
 - 9th - Amentum lesson takeover - Y10 triple science 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
- June 29th - Y10 work experience - 5 days

YEAR 10 & YEAR 12

Congratulations to students who have logged their WEX on Unifrog. Please chase your employer if they need to complete their section.

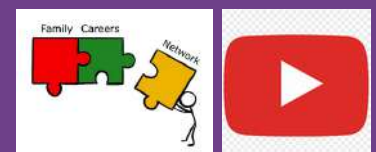
Year 12 8th-10th June (3 days)
Year 10 - 29th June - 3rd July (5 days)

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 INFORMATION ASSEMBLY- 12TH FEB- MEETING RECORDING.MP4](#)



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	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 (= 3 A level) Diploma (= 2 A level) Extended diploma (= 3 A levels)	Intermediate Apprenticeships NVQ 2
14-18	2	GCSE Grades 3-1 (D-G)	BTEC First Certificate / Diploma	Traineeships Unpaid (age 16-24)
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- 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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