


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




NAW2026 might be over but you can still access many resources, including 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 these Apprentice Story films](#) to be inspired.




And did you know that the celebration of all things careers and futures doesn't stop there as National Careers Week 2026 (#NCW2026) runs from March 2nd-7th, 2026?! With the theme "[Own Your Future](#)," the week focuses on empowering individuals to take control of their career journeys through proactive skill-building and exploration.




You can get involved by taking part in the [virtual careers fair](#), which will go live on day 1 of Careers Week (2nd March). You can watch the [introductory video](#) here.



You can match your favourite subjects to potential future jobs with the "[Jobs that use...](#)" collection on BBC Bitesize. You'll find hundreds of job profiles linking to specific school subjects, peer-to-peer advice through short films and information on entry requirements, salaries and pathways into job roles.



Universities are also getting involved in National Careers Week. Here's the information from University of Essex: "You can access our bank of resources to explore Higher Education, employability and career opportunities, as well as book onto an [Insight Day](#), enrol onto an [online course](#), or watch one of our [Student Webinars](#)."



The Green Sector is one of the fastest growing industries in the world as more and more companies are aiming to reduce their carbon footprint and increase their sustainability. [This session on 10th March at 10am](#) will feature a range roles and professionals who will open up the world of jobs in the green sector.

JOB OF THE WEEK

 [Art Conservator](#)

An Art Conservator is a highly specialised professional responsible for the preservation, protection, and restoration of art and cultural artifacts. Combining science, art, and history, they analyse, stabilise, and repair damaged items to prevent further deterioration while maintaining the artist's original intent and historical integrity.


LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The increases to the National Minimum Wage rates for 2026 have been announced by the Government, including the National Living Wage. These will be effective from April 2026. National Living Wage (21 and over) £12.71, 18-20 year old rate £10.85, 16-17 year old rate £8.00, Apprentice rate £8.00.
[Source](#)


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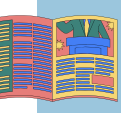
Young Game Designers, do you want to kick start your career in games? This is the place for you. Creating a space for imaginations to thrive, it's a chance for 10-18-year-olds to design, develop and present new game ideas to the world. You'll get a unique platform to showcase your talent as the competition opens up a world of creative opportunities and inspiration. Ever thought about making games when you leave school? The competition can help you start making those dreams a reality. Are you an aspiring designer? Get inspiration by reading about past winning games and testing out our game idea generator. Be in with a chance of receiving a BAFTA Young Game Designers Award and access to once-in-a-lifetime experiences with top game makers and industry professionals.




The Canon Young Champion of the Year Award is about rewarding young people who have campaigned for a good cause around a social or environmental issue. If you're passionate about supporting a local or global issue and are between 9-21 years old (at the point of the entry deadline), then you can submit an entry to this free-to-enter category, sponsored by Canon EMEA. All the information you need is here.



The Stephenson Harwood Scholarships are available for students looking to study law at university in the UK. The scholarships will provide up to five students with £15,000 per year of a three year undergraduate law degree, to cover the costs of university fees and contribute to living expenses. Recipients will also be given a mentor from the firm, invited to insight days and employment workshops, provided with work experience and guaranteed a place at an assessment centre for a training contract.



Catalyst Magazine is a free digital science journal for 14 to 19 year olds. Written by academics, scientists, engineers, and educators to illustrate scientific research and industrial developments from STEM professionals across the country, Catalyst Magazine brings STEM subjects to life, showcasing real world topics, issues, and solutions.



Next Tech Girls help students in Years 10 - 13 to find work experience placements with their network of employers.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Playground Games is a multi-award-winning AAA video game studio based in the heart of the UK. Passionate about our craft, we are a team of game developers dedicated to creating unforgettable gaming experiences that define genres. Our north star is the relentless pursuit of excellence."

You can read more about careers at Playground Games here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Your time at Essex will be full of opportunities to meet new people, try new things and develop new skills. Your success is at the heart of everything we do. Did you know The University of Essex is first in the East of England for overall positivity? Or that we're 12th in the UK in the Guardian University Guide 2026?"

You can read more about the University of Essex here.

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MISS MITCHELMORE
CAREERS LEADER



MRS COURT
CAREERS ADVISOR

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UNIFROG INFORMATION - CLICK HERE

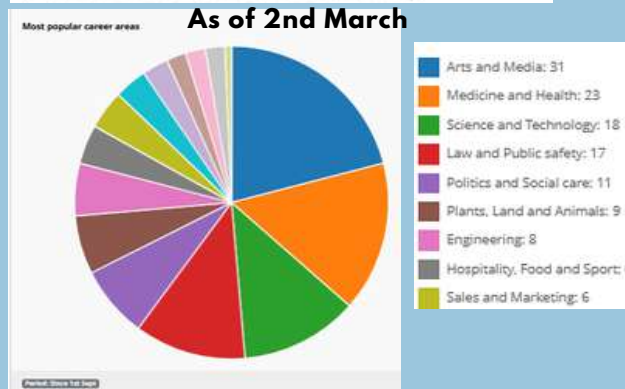


Unifrog events 25/26: [See all Unifrog.org/events/for-students here](https://www.unifrog.org/events/for-students)

Student logins by year group
% students who have logged in



Most popular career areas
who have favoured in Careers library



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

March

- **WB 3rd National Careers Week** assemblies - in person Trafford college, Manchester College & Tech She Can
- Year 11 PHSE - Trafford College and Manchester College talks
- Year 11 application/apprenticeship drop ins - Thurs Lunchtimes in LRC
- 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.

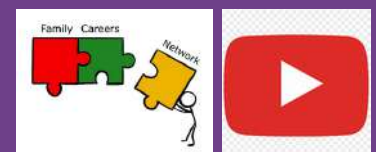
Year 12 8th-10th June (3 days)
Year 10 - 29th June - 3rd July (5 days)

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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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



School Leaver Open Event

Thursday, March 05, 2026
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

YEAR 10 OR YEAR 11'S

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

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.

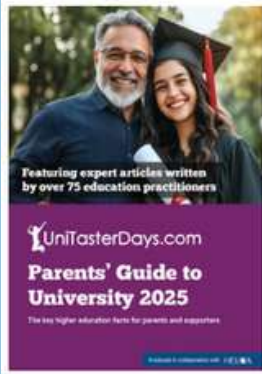


Level 1 Courses

- Carpentry and Joinery
- Electrical Installation
- Automotive Maintenance
- Construction Multi-skills
- Plastering

Level 2 Courses

- Plastering
- Engineering
- Electrical Installation
- Carpentry and Joinery



- **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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