

# 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



The Students' Guide to University 2026 will allow you to make an informed choice about university. It includes articles to help you decide whether university is right for you, what you should study, and where you should study it. Contributions have been provided by over 80 university representatives from across the UK.



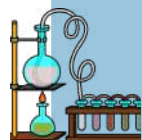
Degree Apprenticeships 30 Minute TV Programme is a helpful introduction for Sixth Form students and parents. The programme explains what degree apprenticeships are, which ones are available, and how they compare to a traditional university route.

Here are some apprenticeships opportunities that have opened recently that you might be interested in:

- Morgan Stanley (with Multiverse). Opportunities across research, operations, human capital management and more.
- EY - 2026 Apprenticeship Programmes. Launch a career in business, finance or technology. Earn while you learn and gain real client experience with dedicated support.
- Sir Robert McAlpine Apprenticeships combining experience on landmark projects with recognised.
- Stronger Starts Maintenance Apprenticeship is a 18-month programme sets you up with the skills you need for everyday duties in maintenance jobs.



The British Science Week poster competition takes place every year and invites young people from across the UK to take part. In 2026, the competition theme is taking curiosity to the next level! We're working with a team of scientists and researchers who are curious about what children and young people think will make a 'good'/'positive' childhood in the future. The competition is now open for entries; the closing date is 6 pm on Thursday 16 April 2026.



T Levels are a qualification choice that follow GCSEs and give students a head start towards the career they want. They suit students who wish to start working towards a skilled occupation, prefer a practical approach to learning and want a predominantly classroom-based course.



## JOB OF THE WEEK



CNC Machinist

A CNC machinist is a skilled technician who sets up, programs, and operates computer-controlled machinery (lathes, mills, grinders) to produce precision metal or plastic components.

They interpret technical drawings, select tooling, and ensure strict quality standards for industries like aerospace and automotive.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The highest paid jobs in the UK are:

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO):  
£97,000-£250,000+
- Surgeon: £53,000-£114,000+
- Anaesthetist:  
£103,000-£122,000+
- Investment Banker:  
£50,000-£150,000+
- IT Director:  
£80,000-£150,000+

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Have you ever wondered how space technology can help us here on earth? Or how space can affect astronauts' bodies? [In this lesson](#), you will discover how cutting-edge innovations are shaping the future of technology and find out about some of the diverse technology careers they could pursue in the space health industry. In collaboration with RAF Charitable Trust.



Choose a Specsavers apprenticeship and you'll be part of a team who care deeply about eyecare and hearcare, and who strive to be the best they can be. Our apprenticeships offer a great stepping stone into our business and a way to upskill on the job. Take a closer look [here](#).



Have you ever wondered what it's like to go to university? Are there lots of questions about university going around in your head? Would you like to know what it's like before you take the leap and apply for a STEM university degree? Well now you can - with [EDT's Industrial Cadets Residential Insight](#) into University experiences, you get the chance to try out a STEM degree subject at leading universities throughout the UK.



[Sutton Trust Online \(STO\)](#) is an award-winning digital programme designed to help you shape your future. STO is packed with interactive activities, expert advice and key resources to support you every step of the way, from exploring your options to preparing strong applications and thriving in higher education.



A Buyer role within Procurement at Rolls-Royce is about securing the critical resources we need to innovate and deliver, managing complex supply chains, and driving value across our global operations. [In this free virtual experience](#), you will explore the strategic world of sourcing and supplier management, gain vital procurement skills, and see if this essential field could be the right path for you.



[Higher Technical Qualifications \(HTQs\)](#) are level 4 and 5 qualifications that have been approved to deliver the skills employers need because they are high-quality, job-focused qualifications.

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"At Morgan Stanley, you work alongside the best and the brightest with a team that believes there's always more to learn, more to improve upon and more impact to be made. Collaboration and diversity of thought allow us to identify innovative solutions, drive tangible results and help our clients achieve their goals. Discover the pathway to join our team." You can [read more about careers at Morgan Stanley here](#).

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Our undergraduate degrees will inspire you to make exciting discoveries, challenge preconceived ideas and reach your full potential. Discover our Russell Group education in London. Applications for our [summer school 2026](#) are now open."

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

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**MISS MITCHELMORE**  
CAREERS LEADER



**MRS COURT**  
CAREERS ADVISOR

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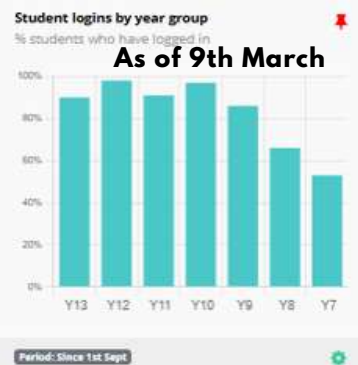
**UNIFROG INFORMATION - CLICK HERE**



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

Most popular career areas  
# who have favoured in Careers library

Student logins by year group  
% students who have logged in



**As of 2nd March**

Arts and Media: 31
Medicine and Health: 23
Science and Technology: 18
Law and Public safety: 17
Politics and Social care: 11
Plants, Land and Animals: 9
Engineering: 8
Hospitality, Food and Sport: 6
Sales and Marketing: 6

**As of 9th March**

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Politics and Social care: 12
Engineering: 11
Hospitality, Food and Sport: 11
Construction, Property and Architecture: 6
Sales and Marketing: 6
Education and Training: 4
Manufacturing and Maintenance: 4

**Unifrog Tasks**

- **Careers library - pick your favourite careers (click the heart)**
- **Sign up to the University Subject Discovery Fair Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

- Year 11 application/apprenticeship drop ins - Thurs Lunchtimes in LRC
- 19<sup>th</sup> - D of E Y10/11 group - Skills centre talk
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Y12/13 University Student Finance Talk, Man Met
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Post-18 Options Evening Y12 students and parents, MMU
- April 1st - Practice interviews with employers Y10
- June 8<sup>th</sup> - Y12 work experience - 3 days
- June 29<sup>th</sup> - Y10 work experience - 5 days

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**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.

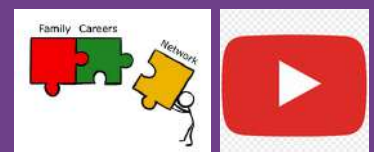
Year 12 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June (3 days)  
Year 10 - 29<sup>th</sup> June - 3<sup>rd</sup> July (5 days)

**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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## APPRENTICESHIP INFO



**[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

### 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		Higher Apprenticeships NVQ 4,5,6,7
	5	BA, BSc	Foundation degree	
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)
14-18	2	GCSE Grades 9-4 (A*-C)		BTEC First Certificate / Diploma
	1	GCSE Grades 3-1 (D-G)		Intermediate Apprenticeships NVQ 2 Traineeships Unpaid (age 16-24)

**YEAR 10 OR YEAR 11'S -  
OPEN EVENT 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

### 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

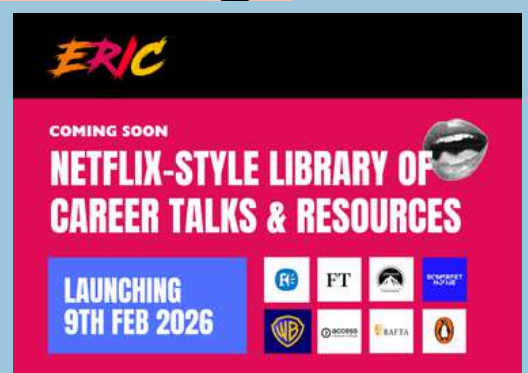
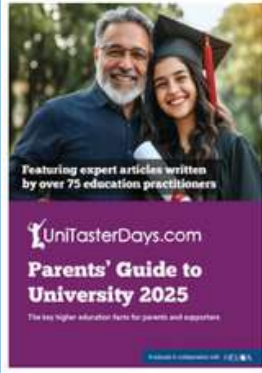


#### Level 1 Courses

- 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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