


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



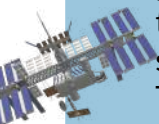
Space Day 2026 is celebrated on 2nd May, to promote STEM education and honor accomplishments in space exploration. Founded by Lockheed Martin in 1997, it highlights the importance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in future careers. The day encourages stargazing, education, and visiting museums.




Sort Your CV This Summer - We're building yours now so that when Year 13 applications open, you're already at the front of the queue. At Success at School, we speak to hundreds of employers every year to learn exactly what they want to see (and what they don't!) - and we're giving those insights directly to you. Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 PM - Register [here](#).



Participate in [Moon Camp](#) and design a space habitat! Take on a new space adventurer role and design a habitat on the lunar surface or go beyond the Moon and explore other worlds in our Solar System. Find classmates or friends to join your team and a teacher, educator or parent that can supervise and submit your team's project. Select the topic and format that best fits your team and get creative! Moon Camp is a partnership between ESA and the national ESEROs and the Airbus Foundation. All teams that submit a project will receive a participation certificate and will be invited to the final online livestream event with an astronaut.



The [CanSat competition](#) provides you with the opportunity to have practical experience working on a small-scale space project. You are tasked with designing and building your own simulation of a real satellite, integrated within the volume and shape of a soft drink can. The challenge for you to fit all the major subsystems found in a satellite, such as power, sensors and a communication system, into this minimal volume. CanSat teams will be invited to launch events across the UK to launch their CanSats on small rockets!



On the [ESA Education YouTube channel](#) you can find a variety of videos to inspire and engage your students, from how-to guides and explainers, to experiments, interviews with space experts, and exclusive behind-the-scenes footage from ESA.

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Astrobiologist](#)

An Astrobiologist studies the origin, evolution, and distribution of life in the universe, investigating how life begins and adapts to extreme environments to determine the potential for life elsewhere. They work across disciplines, combining biology, astronomy, and geology to search for signs of life on other planets, such as Mars or Europa.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Space careers are a rapidly growing, multidisciplinary field far beyond just astronauts, encompassing engineering, science, law, and business. Employing roughly 50,000 people in the UK and growing globally, the sector builds satellites, develops robotics, and analyses climate change. [Source](#)


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In this captivating Subject Spotlight, Paul Sant presents: Computer Science: Space explanation, AI and beyond. He explains what computer science is, how it differs from information technology, as well as some of the fundamental skills for a computer scientist and how computer science has revolutionised industry.




Space - the final frontier, now closer in reach than ever before. Companies worldwide are looking to the skies with the hope of exploring, and being one of the leading stars in the space sector. But, what do they need to get there, and how does the Civil Aviation Authority come into this? Join this Sprint with the Civil Aviation Authority, and use your skills to understand the process of preparing a spacecraft launch licence application, and, with the help of expert professionals, you'll understand key aspects around exploring space.




Lloyds Banking Group is one of the UK's largest financial services organisations, playing a vital role in supporting people, businesses, and the wider economy. Modern banking is powered by technology and data - and it offers exciting careers in areas like cybersecurity, data science, marketing, and customer experience. By joining their insight webinar on 21st May, you'll discover how banks influence everyday life - from online purchases and saving for the future to helping families buy their first home. You'll also explore the variety of roles available and the skills that can help you succeed in a fast-moving industry.



Following uploads during National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, ERIC now have a huge suite of on demand videos that help you understand more about different roles within Creative industries.



A reminder that you can still submit your answers to the 2026 Youth Voice Census. The Census survey is open to anyone aged 11-30 and living in the UK. Completing the Census is your chance to share how you feel about life, work and education. You can learn more and read previous year's research here.



The 2025 Youth Voice Census Report found that 4 in 10 respondents say that they go to teachers for careers or employability help, and 28% now rate teachers as 'very useful' (up from 22% in 2024).

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Ignite your career journey with an unforgettable experience at Airbus! We believe that learning happens with hands-on experience, and guidance from the industry's best. That's why we have built a series of programmes for students leaving school, taking time out to gain some industry experience, or graduating from university!"

Find out more about [Careers at AirBus here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Kent is a place for everyone, somewhere you can be yourself. Whether you're an out-of-the-box thinker, boundary-breaker or change-maker, this is where you'll get ahead and find your place as part of a global community."

You can learn more about the [University of Kent here](#).

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MISS MITCHELMORE
CAREERS LEADER



MRS COURT
CAREERS ADVISOR

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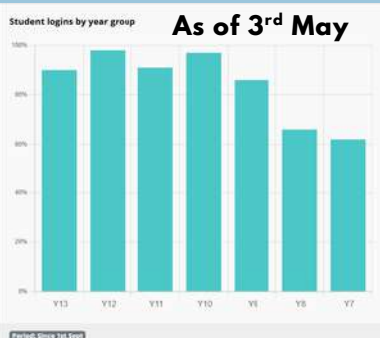
UNIFROG INFORMATION - CLICK HERE



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 20th April

Arts and Media: 39
Medicine and Health: 27
Science and Technology: 22
Law and Public safety: 21
Hospitality, Food and Sport: 13
Politics and Social care: 13
Plants, Land and Animals: 12
Engineering: 11
Sales and Marketing: 8
Construction, Property and Architecture: 5
Education and Training: 5
Business and Finance: 3
Human services and Administration: 3
Manufacturing and Maintenance: 3
Transport and Logistics: 3

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Unifrog Tasks

- **Careers library - pick your favourite careers (click the heart)**
- **Sign up to a virtual Unifrog event**



Join live sessions and chat directly with over 30 universities worldwide

unifrog GLOBAL UNIVERSITY FAIR

Wednesday 3 June, 3pm - 5:30pm



Connecting

Unifrog events
Interact directly with experts

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

- **STAY UP TO DATE: SEE YOUR CHILD'S NEXT TASKS, UNFINISHED ACTIONS, UPCOMING EVENTS, PLACEMENTS, AND THE INTERACTIONS ADDED BY THEIR TEACHERS**
- **TRY OUT: TRY STUDENT TOOLS, E.G. FIND OUT WHICH FROG TYPE THEY ARE IN THE PERSONALITY QUIZ!**
- **LEARN: FIND WEBINARS, FAIRS AND GUIDES AIMED AT PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**
- **STAY IN TOUCH: SIGN UP TO THE MONTHLY PARENT NEWSLETTER (WHICH TELLS PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS ABOUT NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO DO WITH CAREERS AND PROGRESSION).**

AC CAREER EVENTS

- May 8th - Year 7 Chester Zoo
- May 20th - Year 12: Post-18 Options Dropdown Day
- June 8th - Y12 work experience - 3 days
- June 22nd - AC Sixth Form Taster Day
- June 29th - Y10 work experience - 5 days
- TBC June/July - Year 8/9 - Workplace engagement workshops

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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.

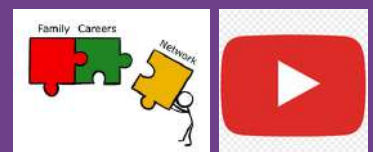
Year 12 8th-10th June (3 days)
Year 10 - 29th June - 3rd July (5 days)

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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LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION (LMI)

What is labour market information?

Labour market information (LMI) is any data or information about the labour market.

 Write down as many examples of LMI as you can think of. Use the icons to help.

 1. Skills in demand	 2. Progression routes	 3. Education and training	 4. Salary / wages	 5. Career sectors or industries
 6. Growing sectors or industries	 7. Application processes	 8. Work environments	 9. Working hours	 10. Employee benefits

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The 7 MBacc Gateways

Led by our Employer Integration Board

Manufacturing & Engineering	Financial & Professional	Digital & Technology	Creative, Culture & Sport	Construction & Green Economy	Education & Early Years	Health & Social Care
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GM Public Services

Bolstered by a wider Employer Supporters Action Network of 60+ Businesses

The Gateways help guide young people towards the skills, subjects, training and qualifications they need to access high-quality jobs in Greater Manchester's innovative and growing sectors.

Around half of the GM workforce work in one of the 7 Gateway Sectors.

Shaped by leading local employers, these gateways give a clear view of our local economy and help young people see the path to exciting opportunities in Greater Manchester's fastest-growing industries.

Explore all the jobs in each gateway:

 Construction and the Green Economy	 Creative, Culture and Sport
 Digital and Technology	 Education and Early Years
 Engineering and Manufacturing	 Health and Social Care
 Financial, Business and Professional Services	

Vision statement

By 2030, the Greater Manchester Baccalaureate (mBacc) will guarantee every young person growing up in our city-region has a clear path and line of sight to good jobs and training opportunities across the region.

This will be driven by a system that values technical education as a prestigious route and connects young people to employers through seven MBacc gateways – helping them understand the skills they need and how to reach opportunities in our fastest-growing sectors.

USEFUL WEBSITES:

[HTTPS://GMACS.CO.UK/BEELINE/](https://gmacs.co.uk/beeline/)

LMIFORALL.ORG.UK/POSTERS – INSIGHTS INTO EMERGING SKILL NEEDS

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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](#)

HIGHER & DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS VACANCY LISTING
JANUARY 2026

APPRENTICESHIPS EXPLAINED WEBINAR
Options, Opportunities and Real Experiences

An information session for parents and young people
Weds 11th Feb 2026
6pm-7pm
Online

This interactive session is designed for parents, carers and young people who want to better understand what apprenticeships are really like! The webinar will include a clear overview of apprenticeships, followed by a live apprentice panel, where current and former apprentices will share their real experiences, answer questions and bust common myths.

Whether you're exploring next steps after school or supporting someone else to make informed choices, this event offers practical insights, honest conversations and the chance to hear directly from those who've been there.

Book your place by clicking here, or scan the QR code.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

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Greater Manchester
25 YEARS OF COLLABORATION & IMPACT

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

Struggling to book, or got a question? Get in touch: info@gmlpn.co.uk

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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

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)	Advanced Apprenticeships NVQ 3
14-18	2	GCSE Grades 9-4 (A*-C)	BTEC Nationals Extended certificate (= 3 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)

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

Find out where a creative career could **take you!**




Featuring expert contributions from over 65 education practitioners

UniTasterDays.com
Students' Guide to University 2025
The key higher education facts for students thinking about university



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T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CAREERS

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COMING SOON

NETFLIX-STYLE LIBRARY OF CAREER TALKS & RESOURCES

LAUNCHING 9TH FEB 2026



- 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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