

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

Next week (8-12 June 2026) is National Freelancer Week. During the week, ERIC will run a live session (you can also watch on demand) each day to help you learn how to start, grow and succeed as a freelancer through short talks, videos and real advice from people working in the creative industries. All online, all on demand. 16 different freelancers will star in videos during the week to ensure you're hearing a range of voices and opinions. The topics that will unlock each day are:

- Monday: What is Freelancing & is it for me?
- Tuesday: Your First Steps: How to Get Started
- Wednesday: Get Clients, Get Paid & Market Yourself
- Thursday: The Realities of Freelancing
- Friday: How to Succeed as a Freelancer



Lots of creatives work on a freelance basis. But what does it actually mean? And what jobs could you do? Here are some resources to help you explore...

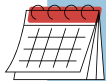
Prospects - what can I do with my degree?

This resource was originally designed for students leaving university, having just completed a degree within a specific subject area. It can be used by students of any age to consider where studying a particular subject could take you. You can click into each job role to learn more about the responsibilities, demand and pay.



Day of Wrk

Day of Wrk was created to show what people actually do for their jobs through authentic day-in-the-life stories, all housed in one place which will hopefully give young people a more detailed understanding of what a job actually entails, and have the confidence to apply.



What is freelancing

Freelance jobs sound ideal, as you get to work for yourself (usually from home) and they're available in a variety of fields. That said, it takes business acumen and plenty of hard work to make a career from freelancing. This blog post can help you understand what freelancing is, what roles typically have a lot of freelance opportunities and where to find more information on roles available.



JOB OF THE WEEK



Art
Conservator

Art conservators are highly specialised professionals who blend scientific analysis, art history, and hands-on craftsmanship to preserve, protect, and restore cultural heritage. They tackle both remedial conservation (physical repair and cleaning) and preventive conservation (environmental monitoring) to ensure artworks survive for future generations.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Experts estimate 65% of kids starting primary school today will end up working in a specific job that doesn't exist yet.


Technical, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving skills will be in demand in the future.

Source


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Break the Wall is Creative Mentor Network's longest running programme, supporting 16-25 year olds break into the creative industry. Mentors on Break the Wall come from all across the creative industries, and it's a great opportunity to connect and meet people across a range of disciplines. Break the Wall is free for all mentees, runs for 16 weeks, and perfect for any stage of your career.




"Aged 18 to 30 and have a business idea you're passionate about? The King's Trust's free Enterprise programme is here to help you turn that idea into a reality. With expert-led workshops, one-to-one support, and opportunities to apply for funding, we provide the tools you need to create a strong business plan and launch a successful business. We've already helped over 91,000 young people like you to start their own business."




Learn job ready skills with a Google Career Certificate. Level up your career with flexible online training. Get the hands-on experience and practical AI skills you need to help you stand out to employers in high-paying fields.



IBM Skills Build has over 1,000 courses in 20 different languages. Their education programmes focus on AI, Cyber Security and Data Analysis. Explore new technologies, build skills that are foundational for the workplace, and earn digital credentials to show what you've learned—all for free.



Escape Studios provide free, on demand tutorials. "Get a taste for our Animation, Games, Visual Effects, Concept Art and Motion Graphics courses with our insightful series of tutorials created by our tutors. Each tutorial dives into a specific topic in one of our disciplines, helping viewers to expand their knowledge in their own time. Whether you are looking to learn more about Unreal Engine, Maya or Houdini, our tutorials are here to help."



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. Topics include researching options, attending events, financing studies, applying, and preparing for university life.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We're a team of tenacious, talented, and genuinely nice people who turn big ideas into even bigger results. If you're ready to roll up your sleeves, learn fast, and bring your A-game, we'd love to help you take on your next challenge and build your future in PR, communications, and social media."

Find out more about [Aduro Communications here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Study at the UK's top specialist art and design university outside of London. This is AUB. A place to shape and build your work; to learn, share, provoke and collaborate. AUB is set in one the UK's most beautiful award-winning natural locations; boasting spectacular gardens, nine miles of sandy beaches, forests and a Jurassic coastline." You can learn more about [AUB here.](#)

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MISS MITCHELMORE
CAREERS LEADER



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CAREERS ADVISOR

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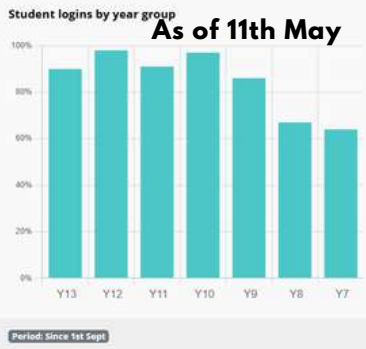
UNIFROG INFORMATION - CLICK HERE



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



As of 11th May

Arts and Media: 42
Medicine and Health: 27
Science and Technology: 27
Law and Public safety: 24
Hospitality, Food and Sport: 15
Politics and Social care: 14
Engineering: 12
Plants, Land and Animals: 12
Sales and Marketing: 8
Construction, Property and Architecture: 5
Education and Training: 5
Human Services and Administration: 4
Manufacturing and Maintenance: 4
Business and Finance: 3
Transport and Logistics: 3

As of 3rd May

Arts and Media: 40
Medicine and Health: 27
Law and Public safety: 23
Science and Technology: 23
Hospitality, Food and Sport: 15
Politics and Social care: 14
Engineering: 12
Plants, Land and Animals: 12
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

Unifrog Tasks

- Did you take part in - Take your child to work day? Log it as an activity on Unifrog
- Careers library - pick your favourite careers (click the heart)
- Sign up to a virtual Unifrog event

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

- June 8th - Y12 work experience - 3 days
- June 15th - Y12 Manchester Metropolitan University open day
- June 22nd - AC Sixth Form Taster Day
- June 23rd - Y12 1:1 practice interviews
- June 29th - Y10 work experience - 5 days
- June 26th - Y12 trip - Keele University open day
- June 29th - Y10 work experience - 5 days
- June 29th - Miller Homes - construction work experience trip Y9/10
- July 8th - Year 12: Post-18 Options drop down day
- July 9th - Year 8 - Workplace engagement workshops
- July 10th - ACS construction simulator workshop

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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.

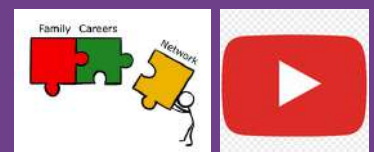
Year 12 8th-10th June (3 days)
Year 10 - 29th June - 3rd July (5 days)

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](https://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](#)

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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

ARE YOU IN YEAR 9, 10, 11 OR 12 AND INTERESTED IN DESIGN, ARCHITECTURE AND PLACES?

JOIN PLACED ACADEMY!



WHEN: JULY 2026 - MARCH 2027

JULY 2026	SEPTEMBER - MARCH	JULY 2027
4 DAY SUMMER SCHOOL: 4 consecutive days in late July/early August TBC	MONTHLY CREATIVE DESIGN DAYS: One Saturday a month	MONTHLY SKILLS WORKSHOPS: One evening a month
		GRADUATION: One evening

PLACED ACADEMY

APPLY NOW:
<https://www.placed-academy.com/>

APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

PLACED Academy is an award-winning, free-to-access programme that welcomes people of all abilities and backgrounds. Supported & funded by companies from across the built environment sector. Travel to sessions supported.

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

SCAN ME

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

Featuring expert articles written by over 75 education practitioners

UniTasterDays.com
Parents' Guide to University 2025
The key higher education facts for parents and supporters

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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