

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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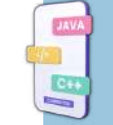
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National Coding Week takes place from 16th - 23rd September, it aims to help adults and children learn and share their digital skills. There are many benefits of learning to code. It's a useful and important skill for the future.



Coding is the process of translating instructions into a language computers and machines can understand and execute. Programmers write code, which allows websites and apps to operate. For anyone interested in a career in coding, learning more about the types of jobs available may help them find a role that suits their individual skills and qualifications. In this article, you can read about nine types of coding jobs, along with average salaries, primary duties and required skills.



Different coding languages can be difficult to understand. From popular ones like Python, JavaScript, and Java to powerful low-level languages like C and C++, plus web essentials like HTML/CSS, modern innovations like Rust, and database languages like SQL, this video breaks them all down quickly and simply.

Here are a few places where you can complete free online coding courses:

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- Brilliant.org: Interactive problem solving that's effective and fun. Master concepts in Python, programming, algorithms, and beyond.
 - freeCodeCamp: Offers hands-on, project-based certifications covering responsive web design, JavaScript algorithms, and Python fundamentals.
 - Codecademy: Provides free introductory interactive courses for programming languages like Python, SQL, and HTML/CSS.
 - School of Code: A highly popular, fully remote, 100% free coding bootcamp open to anyone in the UK. It takes you from a complete beginner to a job-ready software engineer through collaborative, real-world project work.
 - Code First Girls: Dedicated to women and non-binary individuals in the UK. They offer free online "MOOCs" and intensive coding courses covering web development, Python, and data science, often connected to hired employment placements



This forbes article, entitled "Programming In The Age Of AI: Why Code Still Matters" outlines why it is so important for us (humans!) to learn and understand code.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Software Developer

A software developer designs, builds, tests, and maintains computer programs and applications to solve user and business needs.

Writing code is a major part of the job, but a developer's work covers the entire life cycle of a project. This can include designing systems, debugging, updating software and working as part of a team to overcome challenges.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Here are the top five best paid roles that involve coding in the UK. This shows their average salary.

Chief Technology Officer (CTO) - £110,000
Software Architect - £92,000
Machine Learning / AI Engineer - £84,000
DevOps / Platform Engineer - £78,000
Data Engineer - £73,000
Source

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The government has committed a further £9 million to Discover Creative Careers, DCMS's flagship programme connecting young people with creative careers & this time delivered by a fresh collective (Futures For All, Creative UK and Creative Access). The funding targets 11-24 year olds from under-represented backgrounds and underserved regions. Head to their [website](#) to learn more about how they can support you.



The government is introducing a bursary of up to £4,500 a year for some families on benefits whose children start an apprenticeship, to offset the Universal Credit they currently lose. The £30million fund follows a report warning the benefits system was actively discouraging apprenticeships for families on low incomes.



Advertising is a dynamic industry that uses creative storytelling to inspire and influence how we think, behave, and consume. Over 600,000 people are employed directly in the advertising and marketing industry in the UK, across agencies and in-house marketing teams. And these jobs are spread right around the UK, with 60% of industry employment based outside of London. [Check out these career simulations](#) to learn more about what it's like to work in the advertising industry.



The [Solent University 52 Weeks to Go](#) guide is a step-by-step countdown program designed to help prospective students prepare for university life over the course of a year. It will help you with future planning, including exploring career goals, lifestyle choices, and deciding if university is right for you.



Apprenticeships are real jobs with real employers, allowing you to work, earn a salary and gain valuable qualifications and experience. With over 700 different apprenticeship standards covering everything from accountancy to zoo keeping, there is an apprenticeship out there for everyone. Apprenticeships offer choice, opportunity, qualifications, support and a head start into a future career. Explore [these resources](#) to discover everything you need to know about apprenticeships.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"At [JPMorganChase](#), we drive innovation and gain valuable skills for the future with opportunities catered to students and graduates interested in pursuing a tech career.

Our slogan is "Make dreams possible for everyone, everywhere, every day"

You'll find a variety of career paths and opportunities to learn and grow. We're committed to supporting our employees and helping them succeed every step of the way."

UNI SPOTLIGHT

The University of Glasgow, founded in 1451, is one of the UK's oldest universities and a member of the Russell Group. Located in Glasgow, Scotland, it offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

It is known for excellent research, historic architecture, diverse students and a vibrant student experience.

You can learn more about [University of Glasgow 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:
Students

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

Student logins by year group

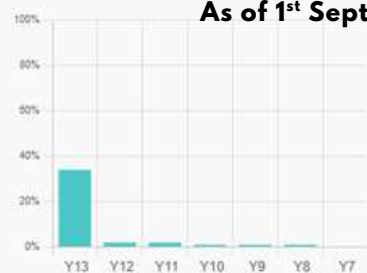
% students who have logged in

Most popular career areas

who have favoured in Careers library

Student logins by year group
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As of 1st Sept



- Education and Training: 1
- Politics and Social care: 1
- Science and Technology: 1

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Unifrog Tasks

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

YEAR 7'S WILL RECEIVE LOG INS LATER THIS YEAR

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

SIGN UP TO 'EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS'

AC CAREER EVENTS

- Sept 10th - Y11 information evening
- Oct 5th - Y10 Work Experience assembly
- Oct 8th - AC 6th form open evening
- Oct 19th - T levels week
- Nov 2nd - Green Careers week / Creative Careers month
- Nov 10th - Digital day
- Jan 25th - Y9, 10, 12, 13 - AC Careers fair
- Jan 28th - Y9 options evening
- Feb 8th - National Apprenticeship week - career assemblies
- March 1st - National Careers week
- June 14th - Y12 work experience - 3 days
- June 28th - 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 - 14th June (3 days)
Year 10 - 28th June (5 days)

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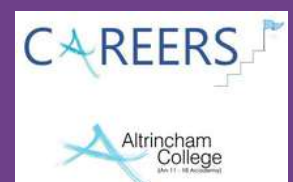
ALTRINCHAM HQ - LOCAL BUSINESSES

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.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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



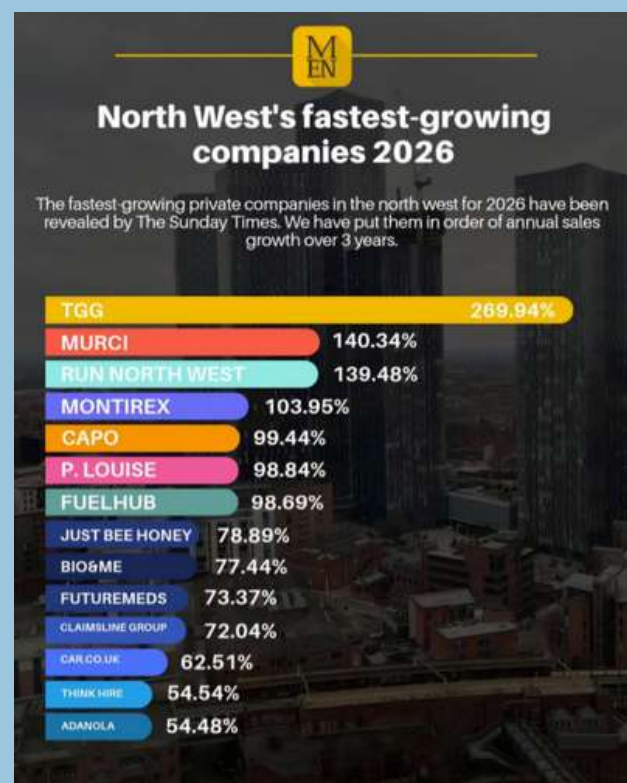
The Gateways help guide young people towards the skills, subjects, training and qualifications they need to access high-quality jobs in Greater Manchester's innovative and growing sectors.

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:

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|  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



VIDEO - TRAFFORD & STOCKPORT COLLEGE GROUP - DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN APPRENTICE - JAKE

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:

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



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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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

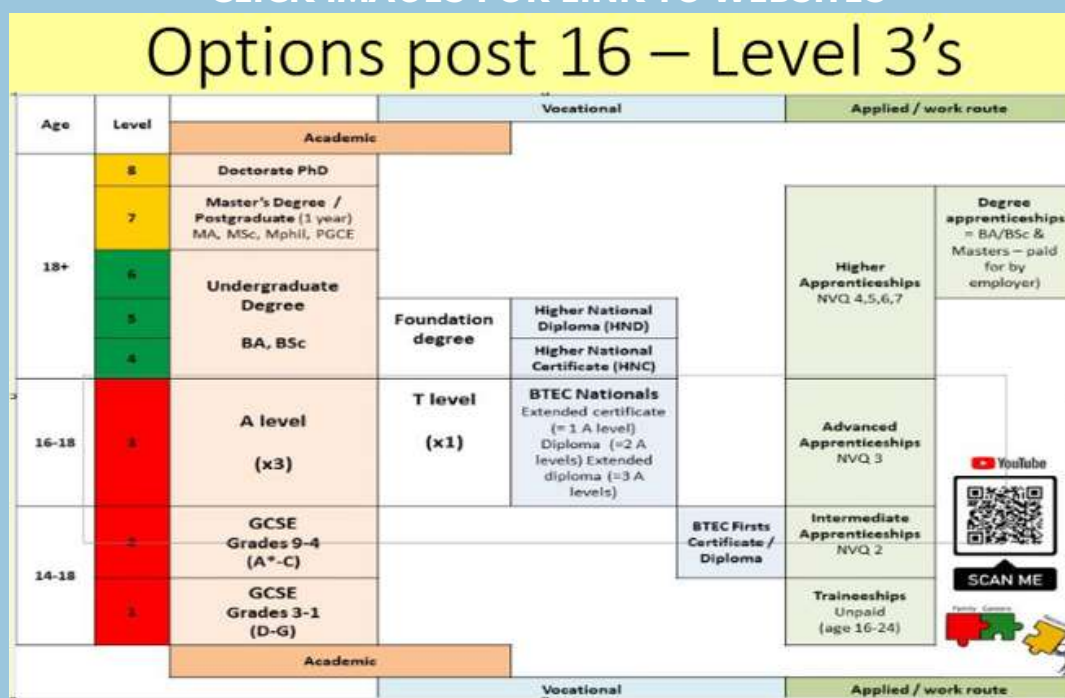
Struggling to book, or got a question? Get in touch: info@gmlpn.co.uk

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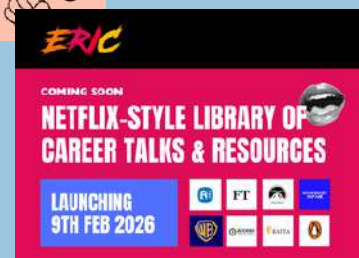
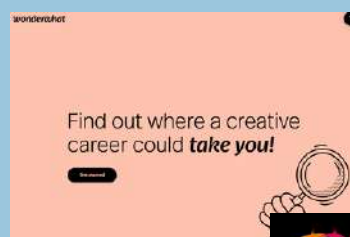
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CLICK IMAGES FOR LINK TO WEBSITES



RESULTS FROM THE PARENT AND STUDENT CAREERS QUESTIONNAIRE

YOU WANTED TO KNOW....WHAT ARE T LEVELS? WATCH THIS 6MIN VIDEO



- **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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