

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.

OPPORTUNITIES



This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme this year is “community”. Being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. We thrive when we have strong connections with other people and supportive communities that remind us, we are not alone. Communities can provide a sense of belonging, safety, support in hard times, and give us a sense purpose.



Here are some charities in the mental health space that are celebrating the week in different ways: Mind, Rethink Mental Illness & Samaritans



Are you interested in learning more about careers in wealth management? This is the opportunity you’ve been waiting for! Join St. James’s Place, a FTSE 100 company, and its Financial Adviser Academy, for an exclusive full-day virtual work experience. Taking place on 29th May from 0930am-330pm.



There is a new documentary series on BBC, “The 9-5 with Stacey Dooley”. Stacey takes five 16-18-year-olds into industries that are crying out for young workers to give them the ultimate work experience.



Become a Bright Star with Specsavers; “Our exclusive university scholarship offers future Optometry students the chance to receive £10,000 (or €10,000 in the Republic or Ireland) over four years, towards the cost of their university experience. It’s aimed at STEM students, with only 40 spots across the UK. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to begin a promising career as an Optometrist.”



If you are looking to apply to Medicine, the Medical Schools Council have a useful tool that allows you to view and compare different Medical schools entry requirements.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Art Therapist

They help individuals with emotional or mental health difficulties, to express themselves, explore their feelings, and foster personal growth. Art therapy is a form of psychotherapy that uses art as a way to communicate. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

According to a new report by Pathways, student career aspirations are rooted far deeper than you would expect. The research found that 44% of students still want the job they dreamed about in primary school.

Source

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On Thursday 22nd May, UCAS are running a [live TikTok Q&A](#) with an admission expert and a UCAS expert as they dive into all your questions about applying to university.



From September 2025, Apprenticeships now earn UCAS points. This means you could do an Apprenticeship at the end of Year 11 and then go onto University, which hasn't been possible in the past. [Click here to discover how your apprenticeship can earn UCAS Tariff points](#), helping you access higher education and take the next big step in your career.



The University of Southampton and University Hospital Southampton are pleased to offer students in Year 12 the opportunity to apply for [LIVE virtual work experience](#) delivered through Microsoft Teams. This project is aimed at students who are interested in studying Medicine. It is a very popular programme so please ensure you check the eligibility criteria before you apply. Applications open 9th to 30th June 2025. [This is the form to use](#) to apply when applications open.



Choices magazine is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education! In [May's edition](#), find out what it's like to step into a corporate role at Lloyds Banking Group and hear first-hand experiences from two hairdressing apprentices. Find out why it's not too late to secure a role this summer.



[Sisterhood Summer](#) is a free programme to get your dreams out of the drafts and get equipped with the entrepreneurial skills to be a socially minded leader with the foundation to start your own business. Applications for Sisterhood Summer 2025 are open from 4th April - 6th June 2025.



Prosthetics and orthotics has a wide range of job roles for you to consider. Each job role has a range of career paths to explore. The resources [on this webpage](#) act as an introduction to the opportunities a career in prosthetics and orthotics can offer you.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"From Consumer Banking to tech, marketing and beyond — we offer a diverse array of careers. 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."

Read more about [JPMorganChase Careers here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"We are a university that enables opportunity for the good of everyone. Everyone needs ambitions and at City St George, we give you the opportunity to realise yours. Our community is strongly invested in [student wellbeing](#), [diversity](#), [environmental sustainability](#) and connections with responsible businesses."

Read more about [City St George's Courses here](#).

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THAMES VALLEY
POLICE

A circular inset image showing three police officers in tactical gear standing in front of a police station. The officers are smiling and looking at the camera. The background shows police cars and industrial buildings.



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Get ahead (Don't Wait!)

Here are some examples of what you could be doing

- Reading books about your subject
- Watching a film in a foreign language
- Watching documentaries / docuseries
- Listening to podcasts
- Going to talks
- Doing challenges (UKMT, BPHO etc)
- Voluntary work related to the field of study
- Shadowing a professional, e.g., an architect
- Essay competitions
- Online courses, e.g., coding courses for those wishing to study Computer Science
- Trips to places of interest, like museums and art galleries
- Starting a blog related to the subject
- Summer schools, e.g., the Introduction to Law course at Charterhouse
- Tweeting about your subject, and following others who do the same
- Joining a society or club dedicated to your subject
- Doing some work experience in a career related to your subject
- Entering competitions related to your subject, such as essay competitions
- Taking extra qualifications relating to your subject



Super-curricular activity guide

Information Sheets

Teacher/Advisor

Student

This guide contains links to extra material to help students to explore subjects they may be interested in studying at university.

The material may also enable students to develop their personal statements or prepare for university interviews.





Current Apprenticeship Vacancies

Job Title	Employer	Location	Salary	Closing Date
1st Line Helpdesk Apprentice	Blue Spires Solutions Ltd	Witney	£18,000	23-May-25
IT Support Apprenticeship	Focus Micro Systems	Headington	£15,500	23-May-25
Software Developer Apprenticeship	Focus Micro Systems	Headington	£15,500	23-May-25
Apprentice Carpenter NEW	Sovereign Network Group	Thatcham	£16,500	23-May-25
Apprentice Project Manager	Airbus Helicopters UK Limited	Oxford	Competitive	25-May-25
Apprentice Design Engineer	Airbus Helicopters UK Limited	Oxford	Competitive	25-May-25
Business Administration Apprentice	Croyde Medical Ltd	Faringdon	£17,000	30-May-25
Apprentice Site Carpenter	Kingerlee Limited	Kidlington	£23,920	30-May-25
Maintenance Apprentice	Lawton Building Eng Svcs Ltd	Wantage	£20,800	30-May-25
Electrical Apprentice	Lawton Building Eng Svcs Ltd	Wantage	£20,800	30-May-25
Parts Commercial Apprentice	DAF Trucks Limited	Haddenham	£19,000	31-May-25
Commercial Services Apprentice	DAF Trucks Limited	Haddenham	£19,000	31-May-25
Early Years Apprentice (Term Time only)	Peachcroft Pre School	Abingdon	£13,467	02-Jun-25
Apprentice Property Maintenance Operative - University of Oxford DPAG	University of Oxford	Oxford	£25,331	04-Jun-25
Apprentice Mechanic	LPME LTD	Watlington	£20,000	06-Jun-25
Warranty Services Apprentice	KFP IT Solutions LTD	Abingdon	£18,000	13-Jun-25
ICT Apprentice Level 3 NEW	WISE SERVE UK	Oxfordshire	£17,000	20-Jun-25
Gardener Apprentice NEW	HEADINGTON SCHOOL OXFORD LIMITED	Headington	£16,000	23-Jun-25
Property Maintenance Apprentice NEW	HEADINGTON SCHOOL OXFORD LIMITED	Headington	£16,000	23-Jun-25
Engineering Fitter Apprentice	Sensing Precision Limited	High Wycombe	£18,000	30-Jun-25
Apprentice Bench Joiner NEW	S D R B Joinery Limited	Brackley	£16,686	30-Jun-25
Plumbing and Heating Apprentice	Renelec Chalgrove Limited	Oxford	£15,704	01-Jul-25
Apprentice Electrician	Entric Services Ltd	Reading	£15,704	11-Jul-25
Lowe & Oliver Ltd - Mechanical (Plumbing & Heating) Apprenticeship	Lowe and Oliver Limited	Oxfordshire	£15,704	01-Sep-25
Apprenticeships Talent Pool	Abingdon & Witney College			

Degree & Higher Apprenticeships: my 2025 employer list (final update on 31st March)

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💬 LEAVE A COMMENT





Dates and deadlines for uni applications

Some courses have different deadlines, and many are a long time in advance of the start of the course. Find out which deadline applies to you, and what you need to do by that deadline.

A little reminder for you

JUN
30

(18:00 UK time) Applications received by this deadline will be sent to universities and colleges

After this time, applications are automatically entered into [Clearing](#).

JUL
04

Last day to add an Extra choice in your application

JUL
05

Clearing opens

Clearing opens for eligible applicants, and vacancies are displayed in UCAS' search tool. Applicants can release themselves into Clearing. Discover information and advice on our [Clearing and Results day](#) pages.

OCT
20

Last date to add a Clearing choice