



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



Department for Education and RateMyApprenticeship are delighted to reveal the Top Apprenticeship Employers 2025. The rankings celebrate the Top 100 and Top 50 SME employers across England. Combining criteria such as: achievements, intake numbers, diversity and learner feedback, these rankings demonstrate employers with an excellent commitment to apprenticeships.



Accenture, a global professional services company, has just launched an Early Talent platform, designed to support Year 12 students (and their parents) in exploring apprenticeship opportunities. Whether you are considering a degree apprenticeship or still figuring things out, this free platform is a fantastic place to start. Register here and check-out the FAQ here.



July's edition of Choices Magazine features Keely, a former dental apprentice, insights from Specsavers on their apprenticeship programme, opportunities with Volkswagen, changes to apprenticeships, and top tips for using summer to get ahead. The magazine also highlights updates to post-GCSE qualifications, a quick guide to T Levels and advice for exam results days.



Forage describes their platform as "the bridge between education and career success". Their job simulations build real-life skills for real-life roles, offering a window into the company and a preview of their day-to-day. Job sims are 100% free, open access and self-paced.



University of Exeter recognise that parents, guardians, carers and relatives can all play a vital role in supporting their student in choosing and applying for university. Join this virtual session on Wednesday 16th July 2025 from 6-7 pm to learn more about supporting your student's journey to university.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Set Designer

They create the visual environment for theatre, films, and television shows. They work closely with directors to design and construct the physical space where the action takes place, including scenery, props, and sometimes lighting and special effects. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Average earnings for an adult in the UK is £710 a week. That equates to £2,840 a month.

Do you think you could live on this amount?

Source

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A CHALLENGE PER WEEK FOR 6 WEEKS!

Challenge 1: AI is already a big part of your daily life — and it's only getting bigger. But even the smartest AI can get things wrong. In this short, high-impact Sprint, you'll step into the role of a tech professional at Amazon. You'll learn why verifying AI-generated information is essential, and how critical thinking makes AI systems more reliable, trusted and safe. Over the course of around two hours, you'll review AI-generated content, identify inaccuracies, and practise thinking like a professional verifier. You'll build the questioning skills that are critical for anyone working with AI — now and in the future.

Challenge 2: If you're getting Level 3 results this year and planning to go to university, use these 6 steps from UCAS to get results day ready!

Challenge 3: Follow this weekly timetable from Springpod to up your skills and industry knowledge. You can pick any online work experience that you think looks interesting. It can be added to the "experience" section of your CV.

Challenge 4: Pick one worksheet from the list and complete it to help you consider your current skillset and/or your future plans.

Challenge 5: Select and listen to one of the "Stacey Doolley's 9-5" podcasts. In each episode, Stacey takes a group of five 16-18-year-olds to different industries who are crying out for young workers.

Challenge 6: Select a course on Coursera and complete it. This could be a Google Certificate, IBM course or Microsoft Workshop! Taking part in the course will allow you to develop your digital skills and will look great on your CV and university applications in the future.

And lastly, have a fantastic summer!



EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We'll give you the training you need to make the most of the skills you already have and to gain plenty of new ones.

We'll support you; we'll empower you; we'll listen to you. Because in a company that's defined by innovation, the next big idea could be yours. We spanning the length and breadth of the UK and we also offer some opportunities for international placements."

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

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Unlock new opportunities, advance your career, and become a part of our vibrant postgraduate community. We offer world-class education and research with outstanding student satisfaction in one of the most beautiful locations in the UK. We're committed to working with our students to make the world greener, healthier, and fairer."

Read more about [University of Exeter's Courses here.](#)

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Stop Press!!

RESPECT AMBITION DETERMINATION



Opportunity for current year 11 & 12/13 students to apply for work experience in October & November 2025.
Dates for the whole academic year available on
Work experience - Oxford University Hospitals

The window has open on 10th July for placements in
October /November 2025.

The window will remain open for a limited time, closing on
20th July or earlier, if capacity reached. Last window we
had around 300 applications.

We offer work experience across clinical and non-clinical roles.

- Medicine
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Pharmacy
- Radiography (Diagnostic)
- Therapies (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy)
- Biomedical Science (Microbiology, Biochemistry etc.)
- Finance
- Health Administration
- Human Resources
- Property Services and Estates
- Operating Department Practice (ODP)

We give priority to applicants from Oxfordshire schools and our immediate area.



North Oxfordshire Academy
The best in everyone™
Part of United Learning

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COMPOS

Comprehensive Oxford Maths and Physics Online School



COMPOS is a FREE year long programme accepting anyone in Y10-Y12 who's interested in both physics and maths.

- Weekly online tutorials
- Mind-bending assignments
- Webinars

Don't miss out! This is a unique outreach project for UK state school students.

"I learn stuff before we do it in school, I am smarter. It is 🧠"



Find out more and register your interest here:
<https://compos.web.ox.ac.uk>



DEPARTMENT OF

PHYSICS

Comprehensive Oxford Maths and Physics Online School (COMPOS)

What Now in our fifth year, the Department of Physics, University of Oxford gives Oxbridge-style online weekly tutoring to state school pupils with a keen interest in both physics and maths, delivering high quality, extended tuition and mentoring to students through regular after-school tutorials, assignments and webinars. COMPOS students outperform matched cohorts at A Level/Highers by 170%.

Who Any students expecting a mix of 7s, 8s and 9s in their GCSEs or As in National 5s are suitable candidates. This year we have a 50% target for pupils from low-income backgrounds and encourage applications from students at schools without specialist physics teachers or who belong to groups underrepresented in STEM.

When late October 2025 to July 2026 for Yrs 10 and 12, and until February half-term 2026 for Y11.

Where Online

Links Registration for COMPOS 2025 is now open on our website. Entrance assignment deadline is 5th October 2025. Download a poster to display to share in school classrooms. Contact: compos@physics.ox.ac.uk



Choices Magazine – July Parent & Carers Guide July 1, 2025

Welcome to the July edition of Choices Magazine.





Choices magazine is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education!

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WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

A series of informative webinars for teachers, careers advisers, parents and carers and aspiring apprentices that will provide an abundance of tips, advice, and information around the topic of apprenticeships and technical education. Each webinar lasts between 30 – 60 minutes and takes place on Zoom. Participants are required to sign up before the session and will receive an email confirmation and a reminder an hour before it begins. The webinars are recorded and shared with all registrants after the session.

REGISTER FOR UPCOMING WEBINARS

WEBINARS	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
 NavigATE: Your termly update on apprenticeships and technical education	18 Sep 25	15:30 – 16:30	Join us for the first of three termly webinars, designed to keep anyone responsible for careers up to date on all things apprenticeships and technical education.
 NavigATE: How to search and apply for apprenticeships	22 Sep 25	15:30 – 16:00	Join this webinar for a step-by-step guide to the different vacancy platforms for apprenticeships, including the Government website Find an Apprenticeship, and hear tips for navigating the application process.
 NavigATE: Preparing to apply for higher & degree apprenticeships	13 Oct 25	15:30 – 16:00	The brand-new Higher and Degree Vacancy Listing launches this week – join us for an exclusive preview of the listing! Whether you are applying yourself, or supporting others to apply, we will discuss what you should consider when applying for a Higher or Degree apprenticeship.
 Exploring British Army Apprenticeships for Parents and Carers	21 Oct 25	18:00 – 19:00	Join our webinar to learn more about the 40+ different apprenticeship opportunities in the British Army available for your child from engineering to animal care, to logistics and HR. Hear directly from parents of current apprentices as they share their honest experiences, including how they supported their child's decision to join, any concerns they had, and how their perspectives have changed throughout the journey.



The Choral Experience 2025

What The Oxford Choral Experience is a unique access programme offered free of charge to UK state school students looking to do ambitious singing at university.

Who Academically promising State school students

When 12 July and 20 September

Where Worcester College, Walton Street, Oxford, OX1 2HB

Links More information and register for this event [HERE](#)

LNAT Virtual Workshop

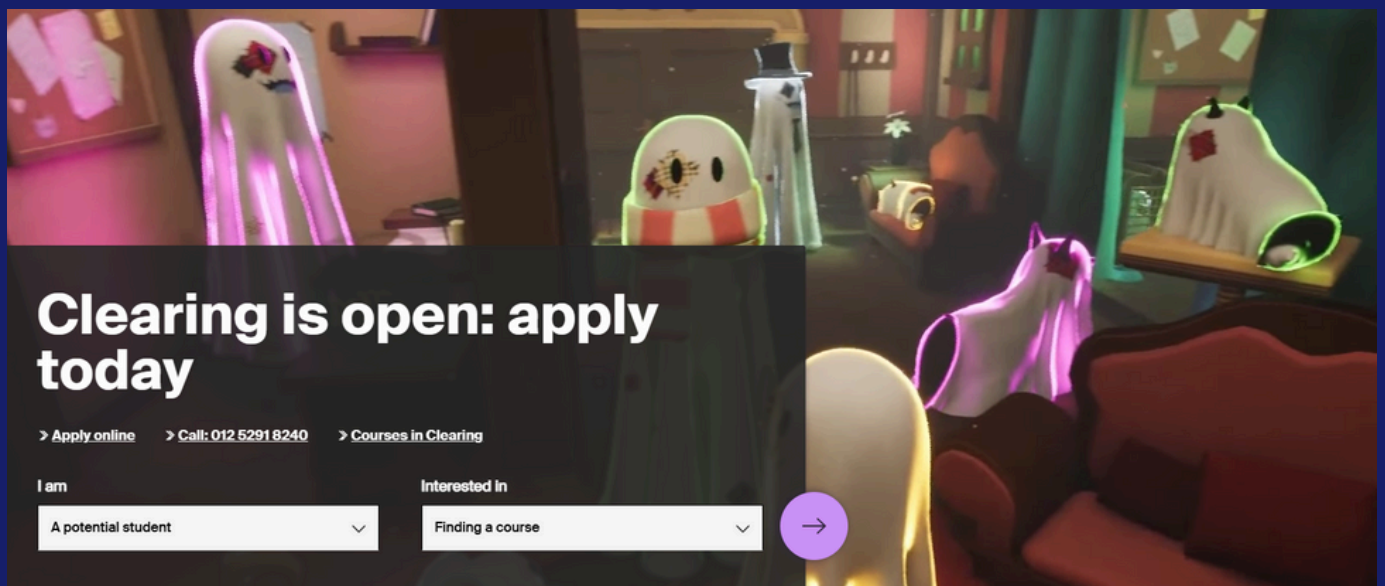
What Mansfield College is running an informative virtual workshop about the LNAT (Law National Admissions Test) aimed at students applying to study Law at university

Who Year 12 into Year 13 State school students

When 31 July 2-3pm

Where Online

Links Students must register to attend by Monday 28th July at 2pm. A Teams link will be sent out shortly after. Register using this form. Any questions? Email access.officer@mansfield.ox.ac.uk



Clearing is open: apply today

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I am Interested In [→](#)



Summer NHS Work Experience

The Only LIVE NHS Healthcare Careers
Virtual Work Experience In The UK **Run By
Healthcare Professionals!**

Let us help you to take your first steps into the world of healthcare careers. It is live, giving you the chance to interact with healthcare professionals, but from the comfort and safety of your own home. Join thousands of other students who are exploring healthcare careers with the help of our LIVE simulated high fidelity work experience programme!

- NURSING
- MIDWIFERY
- PARAMEDICINE
- PHYSIOTHERAPY
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
- DIETETICS
- RADIOGRAPHY
- PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS
- SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY
- PHARMACY



Once registered, students will receive access to their virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to your CV!

Registration will start at 8:30am, with guest speaker from 9-10am, then the live work experience session starts at 10am, with an end at 5pm. Plenty of breaks are scheduled throughout.

Students can register at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible.

Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs, or £50 for the full 6 months:

https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/?utm_source=Sendgrid&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=1707+AHP+WEX