

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



[National T Levels Week](#) takes place from 19th to 23rd October 2026 to celebrate technical education achievements and highlight student, teacher, and employer successes. You can find out more by searching the hashtag #TLevelsWeek on social media.

In these [student stories](#), you can hear directly from students who are taking a T Level course about why you might like to consider them when thinking about your next steps.



Here is [everything you need to know about T Levels](#), including what subjects they're offered in, how they're assessed and what the grading equates to.

Considering a T Level but unsure what the workload or placement is actually like? [This Springpod programme](#) helps you explore how T Levels work, combining classroom learning with a substantial industry placement, so you can decide if this route suits your learning style before choosing it. You'll know what to expect - and whether it's the right next step for you.



[These handy posters](#) show you which Springpod industry programmes link well to which T Level subject, allowing you to try the industry before signing up to the T Level course.



Sainsbury's are running a series of [Virtual Career Experience Days](#), as part of their KickStarter Experiences, taking place during the October half-term. You can explore exciting career opportunities, develop new skills, meet members of the Sainsbury's team, and gain a better understanding of careers in retail and the supermarket industry.



The [Foot Anstey work experience opportunities](#) are designed to give you a genuine feel for life in a commercial law firm. You'll learn more about the variety of career paths available, develop key professional skills and connect with people across the business. From legal careers to the many teams that support our clients and colleagues, you'll discover what it's really like to be part of Foot Anstey and take the next step in your career journey. Their next event is Mon 26th October.



Future Doctors have 4,000 free places for students aged 14-18 to join a [free online course](#) designed for students interested in careers in medicine and healthcare. All students receive a signed certificate from their doctors for taking part. Upcoming events are on; Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25, and Nov 1.

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Building Control Surveyor](#)

They review architectural drawings, structural calculations, and technical specifications before work starts then visit properties at key stages - such as foundations, damp-proof courses, and structural completions - to verify safety and compliance.

Every new build property in the UK must be signed off by a Building Survey before it can be sold or lived in.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

[Education and Early Years T Levels](#) pathway attracts the highest number of enrolled students and completers in England.

There were nearly 3,780 results for the Education & Early Years T Level Course in the 2025/26 academic year alone.

[Source](#)

If you have any questions or need support, please email maria.mainwaring@northoxfordshire-academy.org

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Join [this live session](#) on 20th October at 4pm to learn more about what it's like to study a Politics, International Relations or International Development degree at the University of Portsmouth. You'll find out about our course highlights, modules, placement opportunities and careers support, as well as plenty of time to get your questions answered.

Need help navigating the UCAS application process? Applying to university can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. Join the University of Roehampton on 22nd Oct at 530pm for a [practical, step-by-step guide to the UCAS application process](#), designed to help you understand what's involved and feel more confident about applying. They'll break down each stage of the application, share helpful tips and advice, and highlight key things to consider when completing your UCAS application.

Interested in finding out more about careers in pathology? The Pathology Training Leads are hosting a [Virtual Pathology Work Experience Day](#) on 28th October, from 9:15am to 4:30pm. The day will provide an opportunity to hear from professionals working across a wide range of pathology disciplines, alongside careers information and opportunities to ask questions directly to those working in the field. The event will be delivered via Microsoft Teams and is open to anyone interested in finding out more about careers in biomedical science and pathology.

Imagine the year is 2029 and you are about to graduate with a degree in business management and a GREAT idea for a new business start-up! Join [Associate Professor David Steinberg](#) from Heriot-Watt University on 3rd Nov at 7pm and discover how current research is helping to shape the business world of the future. In this highly interactive session, you will be asked to make decisions on the development of your company from incubator to global success! How will your Intelligent Virtual Store Design (IVSD) provide products and services to bring the in-store shopping experience into the home? Will your company flop or will you take over the emerging metaverse?

Numerous universities run Open Days in October, be sure to register and attend the ones you're interested in. Open days are the best way to get a feel for a university, their course offer and facilities. You can see the dates here: [UCAS](#), [OpenDays.com](#) and [UniTasterDays](#). On UniTasterDays, you can also look at [incentives and deals](#) to help with the cost of travel, hotels if required and food to attend open days.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

[Balfour Beatty](#) is a major infrastructure and construction company helping to build and maintain the systems people use every day, from roads and railways to buildings and energy infrastructure. Early career routes include apprenticeships, placements and graduate opportunities across engineering, construction, project management, quantity surveying and business. Students interested in seeing real projects develop from ideas into finished structures may find this sector particularly rewarding.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

[King's College London](#) is a large university with campuses across central London. It offers courses spanning health and medicine, law, humanities, social sciences, sciences, business and technology. Students benefit from being close to major hospitals, businesses, government and cultural institutions.

King's could particularly appeal to students looking for a busy city experience and opportunities to connect their university studies with organisations and careers across London.

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WHATS GOING ON.....



Platinum – EDT Placements

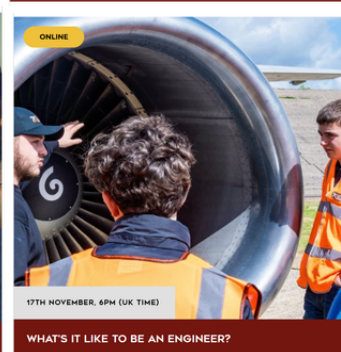
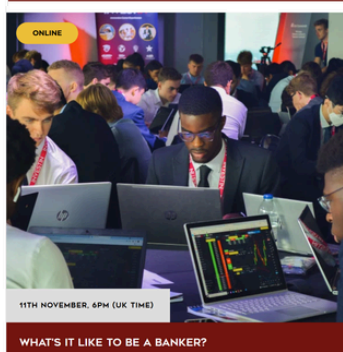
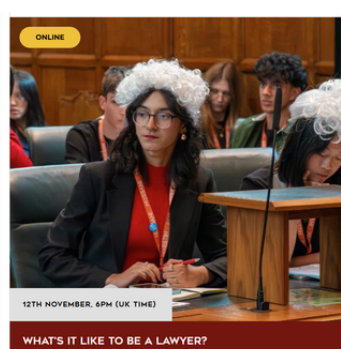
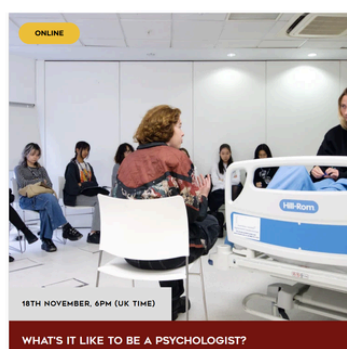
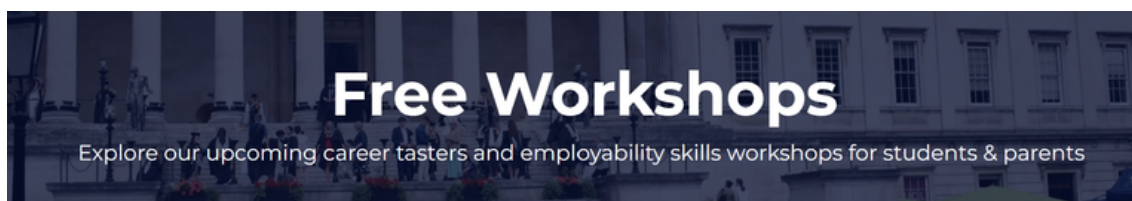
We work with STEM companies across the UK to provide placement opportunities for school and college leavers. We also have a limited number of opportunities for undergraduate students. These are paid placements and typically last for 12 months providing a full year in industry.

Who's it for?

EDT Placements are opportunities for school leavers (post A-Level/BTEC/Higher/Advanced Higher or equivalents) or undergraduates who are looking for paid work placements within the STEM sector.

Students can apply to the programme during their final year of A levels/ Highers/ Advanced Highers or equivalent study, for a year's work experience prior to going to university or as a year to help decide on the future direction of their career - be that higher apprenticeship, university or work.

Undergraduates looking for a placement year as part of their degree course can also apply, although we have limited opportunities for these students.



University & Extra-curricular



Want to get into film, games or TV?

As part of BAFTAs charitable activity we run a scholarship programme supporting talented British creatives looking to enter the screen industries. Our financial assistance helps create opportunities for successful applicants to study eligible UK undergraduate and postgraduate courses in film, games and TV.

Advice and guidance

University of
Hertfordshire **UH**

Everything you need to guide you through your transition to university, including making choices, the application process, personal statement writing and student finance.



Parent/Guardian Information Evening: Introduction to the application process and student finance

Looking to support your young person in their journey towards university, but not sure how? Join us at our Year 13 Parents/Guardian information evening. We'll cover the UCAS application process...

19:00 - 20:30 15 October 2026



Personal Statements: How to write an excellent one

It's time to get ahead on your Personal Statement! Applying through UCAS and not sure what to include? Can't find the right information about the recent changes? Join us and...

19:00 - 19:45 22 October 2026

LICFA University
for the
Creative Arts
Book Your Open Day Place




Undergraduate
Open Day:
Halloween Special

**MORE THAN
MEETS THE EYE**

Saturday 31 October
10.00am - 3.30pm
Malet St, Birkbeck Main Building



TRINITY COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY of OXFORD

The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford, offer two online sessions* for parents and carers in November and July each year. Please feel free to register to attend one or both of the following talks:

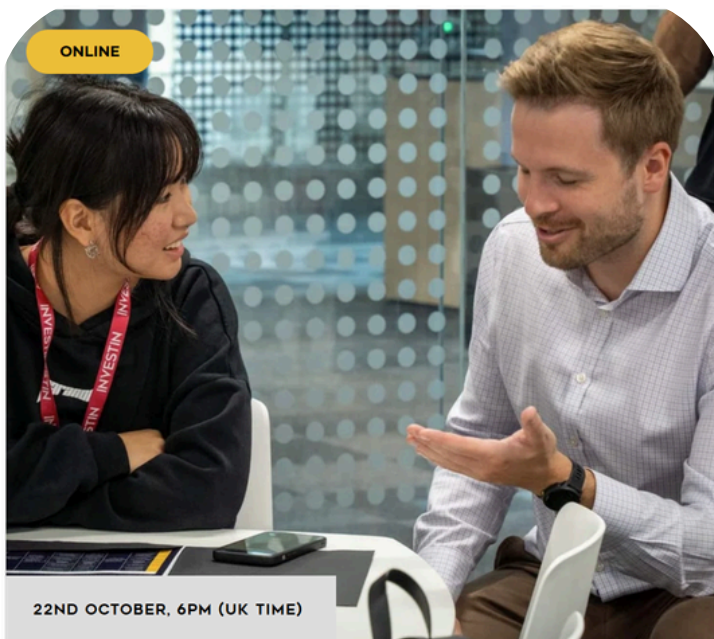
SESSION 1 FOR FAMILIES - A GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY
MONDAY THE 2 NOV AT 6PM WITH LIVE Q&A UNTIL 7:30PM

Session 2 For Families - a guide to the University of Oxford and the application process
Thursday the 5 Nov at 6pm with live Q&A until 7:30pm

Other opportunities

FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS & TEACHERS:

ONLINE



22ND OCTOBER, 6PM (UK TIME)

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS: WHAT THEY ARE & HOW TO APPLY

Cover letters and application forms
Free online information session

20 October 2026
7.30-8pm

I'll be covering.....

- **When do you need a cover letter?**
- **What should you include?**
- **Tricky application form questions**

With me,
Kerry Nash



Careers & Education
Consultant

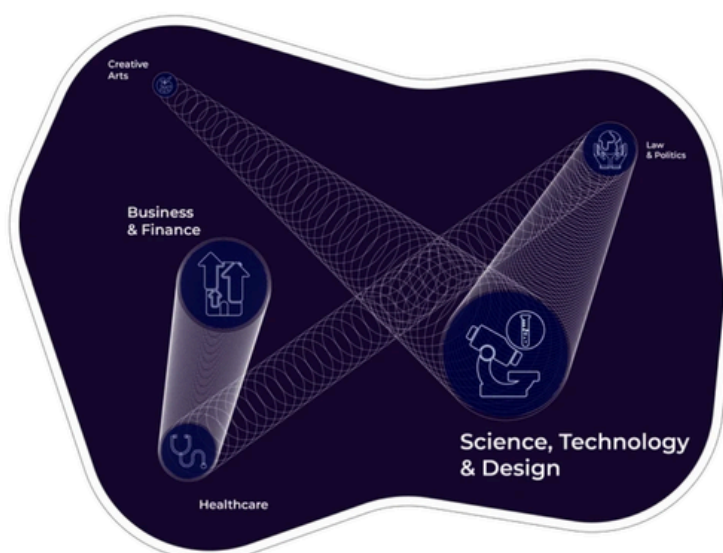
Book here!



The Career Quiz

Do you need help deciding which career you want to pursue? Try our tailored quiz designed to help you reflect on your future career. Through a series of questions we will assess your skills and interests and recommend which career you are best suited to. Plus, you'll receive a career report with more information on your skill set and advice from our professionals on what you can be doing now to boost your future career.

TAKE THE QUIZ NOW



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Apprenticeships & Work Experience

Sports Coach Apprentice

EA COACHING LTD
Banbury (OX16 2EG) and 4 other locations

Distance 0.2 miles

Start date 1 November 2026

Training course Sports coach (level 4)

Wage £12,480 a year

Heritage Engineering Technician Apprenticeship (Mechanical – Classic Vehicle restoration)

Tuthill
BANBURY (OX17 1RY)

Distance 4.3 miles

Start date 12 November 2026

Training course Heritage engineering technician (level 3)

Wage £17,160 a year



Ready to start a career at the BBC? Whether you're a school leaver, career changer, just starting out in the world of work, or a graduate, our entry level opportunities could be your way into a career you'll love.

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027 SCHEMES WILL OPEN IN LATE AUTUMN 2026.



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ITV News Apprenticeships UK

ITV News offers a range of apprenticeship opportunities across various departments, including News, Business Services, Marketing, Commissioning, Technology, Finance, and Global Entertainment. Apprenticeships are available in London, Manchester, Leeds, and regional offices. The apprenticeship program is a minimum 12-month paid program where you will gain valuable hands-on experience from working with industry experts.



Business

From Business Admin to Marketing, see how Sky runs day to day, support on big campaigns, and get hands-on with the tech that keeps us moving.

Dental Nursing Apprenticeship Level 3

RODERICKS DENTAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
Banbury (OX16 5ER)

Distance 0.2 miles

Start date 19 November 2026

Training course Dental nurse (level 3)

Wage £16,640 to £26,436.80 a year