

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 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:

- 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

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

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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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WHATS GOING ON.....

The Hill BANBURY SUPPORT. SHARE. CONNECT.

COFFEE MORNING

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

your child has had a tricky start back to school, you're not alone.

Join us for a relaxed coffee morning where you can find peer support and talk with experienced parents who are facing challenges with attendance and transition

IN ATTENDANCE:
Claire Lester
The Locality Community Support Service

TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
10:00AM

THE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE
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STRATFORD-UPON-AVON COLLEGE

Warwick Trident College

Explore courses, tour facilities, and meet tutors at Warwick Trident College Open Event. The dates for the upcoming academic year are: Saturday 17th October 2026, Saturday 16th January 2027, Wednesday 17th March 2027 and Wednesday 23rd June 2027.

COMING UP NEXT: Saturday 17th October 2026
— 10am to 2pm



Moreton Morrell College

Explore courses, tour facilities, and meet tutors at Moreton Morrell College Open Event. The dates for the upcoming academic year are: Saturday 17th October 2026, Saturday 16th January 2027, Wednesday 17th March 2027 and Wednesday 23rd June 2027.

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Royal Leamington Spa College

Explore courses, tour facilities, and meet tutors at Royal Leamington Spa College Open Event. The dates for the upcoming academic year are: Saturday 17th October 2026, Saturday 16th January 2027, Wednesday 17th March 2027 and Wednesday 23rd June 2027.

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6th Form OPEN EVENING

Please join us
Thursday 22nd October 2026





Banbury and Bicester College October Open Event

Register now for our October Open Event!

7 October, 4:30pm - 7pm, Banbury and Bicester College

University & Extra-curricular

Trinity Online Enrichment Programme 2026

REGISTER FOR OUR ENRICHMENT TALKS

The talks will take place online in Teams, starting at 4.30pm prompt on Tuesdays. To join us for the 2026 programme, fill in the form at Trinity Beyond the Classroom 2026 and we'll send you the link to each session in the 24 hours before it starts.

Guests are very welcome to join us for selected sessions, rather than needing to join us at all of them.

For year 10, 11 & 12!!! Get Into Medicine

Saturday 19th September from 9am–1:30pm
Sunday 20th September from 9am–1:30pm
Get Into Dentistry:
Saturday 26th September from 9am–1:30pm



Once students have attended, they will be awarded a certificate from the Presidents at Mentorverse to acknowledge that they are a student who has gone one step further than others.

The Get Into Conference is a significant turning point for aspiring medical and dental students. It will unlock exclusive opportunities, such as scholarships and prizes, and help them make a highly competitive application.

Students and parents can register using the links below:

Medicine:

https://medicmentor.org/get-into_medicine_conference_signup/

Dentistry:

<https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/>

What will they cover?

Application Timelines
How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools
Personal Statements
Interview Skills
National Leadership and Awards Programmes
Accessing Work Experience
UCAT Exam
Accessing Scholarships



University & Extra-curricular



Lucy Cavendish College
University of Cambridge

Lucy Cavendish Year 12 Academic Attainment Programme

Deadline to apply: 10am Tuesday 6th October 2026.

The AAP is designed to support 1,000 high-achieving students from Year 12 into Year 13. Over two years, you will have the opportunity to develop skills and confidence through:

- Regular subject-specific tutoring from expert teachers in your core A-Level (IB/Highers and Advanced Highers) subjects.
- A range of taster sessions to explore your subject interests further and discover new degree opportunities.
- Peer discussion groups to build your oracy, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.
- Application guidance from the Lucy Cavendish and Pembroke Admissions Teams.
- Completing a Super-curricular Exploration Project to broaden your subject knowledge.
- Revision sessions designed to support you to achieve top grades in your A-Level (IB/Highers and Advanced Highers) study (in the second year).

You can apply for the AAP 2026-28 if you:

- Are currently in Year 12 in England or Wales, S5 in Scotland, or Year 13 in Northern Ireland
- Currently attend a UK state school
- Achieved at least 5 grades 8 or 9* at GCSE in England (A in National 5s in Scotland, A* in GCSEs in Wales and Northern Ireland)



UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

STEM SMART is a free programme supporting Year 12 to 13 (or equivalent) state school students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds in the UK and NI to raise their attainment in STEM subjects.

On the programme students receive weekly work and tuition to help them master their STEM subjects that they are studying at school and to complement the teaching that they receive in school. We also aim to develop their confidence to apply to engineering, computer science, or physical, biological or behavioural sciences subjects at top universities.

To take part, students must meet our [eligibility criteria](#). There is alternative support for students from all school types through other programmes such as the [Isaac Science mentoring scheme](#) and [Senior Physics Challenge](#).

If you have questions about the STEM SMART programme, contact stemsmart@isaacscience.org



Student Voices Webinars

26 October 2026 - 28 October 2026 | 17:00 - 18:00 | Online

Student Voices is one of the main opportunities for Year 11 Students to get involved in outreach events, particularly before your year becomes busy with exam prep!

It will include two webinars - one on Monday 26th October, and one on Wednesday 28th October.

- The first will cover key information and answer important questions about Higher Education, Cambridge and university preparation.
- The second session will be a Q+A panel with some current undergraduate students who are part of the college's JCR (similar to a school council!).



OPPORTUNITY



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DISCOVER ROUTES INTO MEDICINE

After school talk Thursday 1st October 2026

Interested in careers in medicine?

- Meet real **doctors** and **medical students**
- Discover the journey to becoming a medic
- Top tips for getting ready for medical applications
- Experience a real-life medical scenario
- Get information about work experience and alternative pathways
- Put your questions to our expert panel

Whether you are decided or still exploring, this event is your gateway to understanding routes to medicine!

Discover Routes Into Medicine - Free event

WHO Students in Years 10 and above

WHEN Thursday 1st October 2026 from 5pm to 7pm

WHERE Lecture Theatre 2, Level 2 Academic Centre
John Radcliffe Hospital
Oxford OX3 9DU

How to find us ouh.nhs.uk/hospitals

Booking isn't essential, to help us plan, please scan the QR code and reserve a space



For more information:

Email contact: Admin.PD&E@oxnet.nhs.uk

For more information visit:

Visit: www.ouh.nhs.uk/working-for-us



Apprenticeships & Parent Info



Current Apprenticeship Vacancies

Job Title	Employer	Location	Salary	Closing Date
Facilities & Investment Apprentice	BERKS & BUCKS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD	Milton	£14,924	9-Sep-26
Football Services Apprentice	BERKS & BUCKS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD	Milton	£14,924	9-Sep-26
Business Administrator Apprentice	Classic & Sports Finance	Chipping Norton	£20,000	11-Sep-26
Apprentice Bench Joiner	Heritage Construction	Longworth	£24,960	9-Sep-26
Apprentice Communications and Events Administrator - University of Oxford	University of Oxford	Oxford	£26,686	14-Sep-26
Engineering Science	INVENTORY MANAGEMENT EUROPE LIMITED	Witney	£18,000	14-Sep-26
Hardware Engineer Apprentice	POWDERTECH (BICESTER) LTD	Bicester	£20,800	8-Sep-26
Maintenance Apprentice	CoTrain	Oxford	£16,224- £25775	11-Sep-26
Level 4 Apprentice Construction Site Supervisor "Oxford"	TRANSENSE TECHNOLOGIES PLC	Bicester	£21,000	8-Sep-26
Apprentice Production Technician	GREEN GATE MECHANICAL SERVICES LTD	Berkshire	£19,000	25-Sep-26
Apprentice HVAC Service Engineer	THE ROSALIND FRANKLIN INSTITUTE	Didcot	£21,158	25-Sep-26
HR and Recruitment Coordinator Apprentice				

PARENT WEBINAR



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📍 Online event

📅 Wednesday 23 September • 6 PM - 6:45 PM GMT+1

Overview

Did you know we are offering a webinar for parents ahead of our Open Events?

💡 Helping your young person take their next big step? 💡

Join our Schools Team for an essential guide to post-16 options with Activate Learning.

Discover the wide range of courses available across our campuses in Berkshire, Surrey and Oxfordshire, find out what's required for entry, and learn how you can support your young person in making their application stand out.

We'll also show you how to get the most from our open events, talk you through the application process step by step, and highlight the key deadlines you'll need to know.

Our friendly team will be on hand to answer your questions, give you practical advice and help you feel confident about supporting your young person as they take their next step into college.

Let's make their next step a confident one. 🚀