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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

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had an enjoyable break filled with fun and rest, allowing you to return feeling ready for a fantastic new term.

Clearing is how unis and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses. From 2 July – 19 October 2026, you can apply for a course using Clearing if you're not already holding an offer from a university or college. Watch this video on "How to apply through UCAS Clearing: A step-by-step guide."

The Business of Success: Entrepreneurship for Students. With Simon Arora, British businessman and former CEO of B&M. This talk on January 29th 10:00-11:00 is perfect for anyone curious about business, entrepreneurship, or how to make their mark in the world of commerce.

Get an inside look at the fast-paced world of broadcast journalism with Richard Murrell, Lecturer at Ravensbourne and former Lead Director at BBC News. Behind the Scenes: Welcome to the Newsroom, 4th February 10:00-10:45. Register here.

Discover everything you need to know about BA(Hons) Interior Design. In this session on 19th January, 12:00-13:00 we will explore what you will learn on the course and how online study works at Falmouth.

Preventing Bullying in Schools - Free Psychology Online Taster Session with Bangor Uni. In this webinar on 21st January, 16:30-17:15, you'll explore what drives bullying, its impact, and how changing school culture—and empowering bystanders—can make a real difference.

University, Money and Me! 22nd January, 17:15-18:15. Whether you're heading to university next year or just exploring your options, this session is designed to give you confidence and clarity about the financial side of student life.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Editorial Assistant

Editorial assistants use excellent grammar and communication skills to help the editorial team produce and publish books, magazines, journals and online content. You'll need a great eye for detail, the ability to spot mistakes, commercial awareness of trends in the publishing industry, and excellent time management skills, so that you always hit strict deadlines.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The UK employment rate for people aged 16 to 64 years was estimated at 74.9% in August to October 2025. This is down in the latest quarter, but largely unchanged on estimates a year ago.

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Trinity Academy Grammar

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UCAS has launched a new online tool that pulls together nearly 800 scholarships, bursaries and grants all in one place on the UCAS website for the first time. Explore here.

Your guide to the UCAS Hub. Every student can use their UCAS Hub to explore their own personal passions, skills, and attributes and create a dashboard with their tailored requirements.

Get ready for.National Apprenticeship Week 2026: 9th-15th February! The theme for NAW 2026 is 'Skills For Life'. A week-long celebration that brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy

Check out this Events Map to see what's happening in our area! Some events like SKILLSFEST are taking place from the end of January so explore the map and see which you feel would be most useful.

Join this webinar for a thought-provoking panel exploring how AI is transforming public services, and how apprenticeships are enabling NHS organisations and local councils to build the digital and data capabilities needed to deliver better services.

NAW 2026 Apprentices, Learners and Parents Toolkit. A tailored guide designed for apprentices, individuals and parents to get involved in NAW2026. Download here.

Did you know there are two entry routes into Policing with The Met?

- Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) or
- Police Constable Entry Programme (PCEP)

Become a police officer, unlock your potential, support London's communities and make London a safer city for all. Watch this video to find out more.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"At The BBC, our unique mission and purpose serves our audiences – in the UK and globally – with high-quality, impartial output and services which inform, educate and entertain.

We push boundaries, challenge thinking and produce content that people love. No matter the team you join or the role you're in, this is your BBC."

Find out more here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"As a Falmouth student, you'll be challenged to think differently, break the mould and push the limits of possibility. You'll have the freedom, support, and real-world opportunities to challenge conventions, think boldly, and explore the boundaries of what's possible. Our students fuel each other to push the limits of what creativity can do."
Read more here.

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This newsletter aims to support you when thinking about your future and provide you with access to resources that will help you to learn more about different industries and pathways. Please use the links included to read more information. Links are underlined.

SOMETHING TO...

DO

Career toolkit: How do I write a great CV? A CV is a document that includes information about yourself and why you're a good fit for a job.
Find out more here.

LISTEN TO

The Bitesize Careers Podcast: Is an apprenticeship right for me? Radio 1's Katie Thistleton is here to help with The Bitesize Careers Podcast.

Check it out here.

READ

Meet Gemma, she is responsible for the daily administrative tasks that keep a school running smoothly. Find out what she did to become a school administrator here.

WATCH

Youth Zones: Designing Spaces That Change Lives with the Founder of OnSide YouthZones. Tuesday 27th January, 10:00 - 11:00.
Register for the talk here

SPOTLIGHT ON A...

UNIVERSITY

"At Falmouth, we believe that positively engaging with equality, diversity and inclusion will mean we are better placed to provide the best possible experience for our students and strengthen our decision making and overall performance. Increasing evidence across the sector and beyond suggests that diverse and inclusive institutions are more efficient, more productive and deliver better outcomes."
Find out more here.

EMPLOYER

"We want the BBC to be a uniquely creative, innovative and inclusive organisation, admired across the world and living its values every day. So, diversity, inclusion and belonging matter at the BBC, and we know it matters to our audiences. We must serve everyone, whoever and wherever they are and represent and portray the many diverse communities across the UK."

Read more here.

If you see a word you don't understand, you can use this jargon buster to search and find out what it means. If you can't find the word on there, you can use the internet to research the meaning or speak to a teacher.

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WORD OF THE WEEK

UCAS Invitation

Following submission of a UCAS application, students may receive a request to attend an interview, an audition or to provide a portfolio or piece of work.

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SUCCESS STORIES

Lydia Mapley has done two supported internship placements, her most recent one has been an Administrative and Receptionist internship at Royal Berkshire Hospital, where she spent two-days-a-week with Physiotherapy and one-day-a-week with Patient Therapies.

She said: "I loved meeting all the different patients and welcoming them into the department and checking them in. On Fridays especially, it's normally the same patients all the time so it's very nice with those regular patients to get to know them."

"My daily duties included welcoming patients, scanning patients' details onto patient records, checking in patients, doing referrals and letters, data entry, excel work.

There's really nice team of staff there as well and we always chat about different topics."

Lydia has now been offered and accepted a part-time administrative and receptionist job in the Physiotherapy and Patient Therapies department at Royal Berkshire Hospital.

SEND Students at Reading College Secure Paid Employment Due to Supported Internship Programme

OPPORTUNITY'S CALLING...

Dive into the heart of hospitality with Wagamama. In this module, you'll learn more about the restaurant and what it means to be a part of the team. You'll even get the chance to design your own menu item!

Start the virtual work experience here.