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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

BAE Systems have now opened applications for their apprenticeship programmes. “Be a pioneer, fast-tracking the future of BAE Systems through innovative technology and next-generation engineering feats to tackle complex problems, making a real difference for your career, and the world. With our apprenticeships you’ll earn while you learn and receive job-specific training, experience and recognised qualifications that will shape your career.”

Google's First Step for Year 7-9 | Wed 28th Jan | 4.30pm. You can take part in a 45-minute Google briefing on using data to grow a YouTube channel, complete a self-paced career challenge, and receive a certificate upon completion.

Google's Next Step for Year 10-13 | Thurs 29th Jan | 5pm. A 45-minute virtual briefing with the Google team on the Pixel 10 launch with Gen Z creators, complete a self-paced career challenge, and receive a certificate upon completion.

IBM, Apprenticeship Application Masterclass | Thu 12th Feb | 10am – 11.30am. This event is for students in Year 13/ Final Year College or recently completed School or College with interest in careers and apprenticeships in technology and business innovation. IBM are one of the biggest technology and consulting employers. By attending this Application Masterclass, you'll practise key parts of an application with help and support from IBM professionals. By the end of the session, you'll be confident about applying for an apprenticeship or job with IBM.

British Airways work experience opens THIS MONTH! “Your work experience journey starts here. At British Airways, we’re here to help you explore what your future career could look like. From online learning and live chats with our mentors to real-life experiences behind the scenes, students have plenty of ways to discover the variety of roles in aviation.”

Launching Monday, 9th February 2026, to kick off National Apprenticeship Week, ERIC are launching a “Netflix-style” series of talks about different creative careers.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Pet Behavourist

Pet Behavourists are a specialist who diagnoses and treats complex behavioral problems in animals (like dogs, cats, birds) by identifying underlying emotional causes (fear, anxiety) and creating custom, science-based modification plans, working on veterinary referral to help pets feel and behave better, often acting like a "pet psychiatrist".

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Healthcare dominates the UK employment growth story, with an estimated 70,000 new roles expected in the sector and projections suggesting nearly one million additional jobs could be created over the next 20 years.

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The latest edition of the Soldier Magazine, the UK Army's official publication for students, is now available. Noteable articles include; London Guards hone skills in Gibraltar, Exclusive interview with ace Ukrainian drone pilot and Infanteers tear up top urban complex.

National recruitment has now begun for people wishing to become a Royal Military Police Soldier. "Policing is a very important job in the Armed Forces. The Royal Military Police (RMP) uphold law within the Army, in the UK and abroad. As a member of the Army's policing team, you'll get to travel the world and support operations. It all starts with first-class training – first as a soldier and then in policing. When you finish, you'll be promoted to Lance Corporal. You'll know how to gather evidence and look after detainees. What's more, you can take specialist courses and qualifications. These are recognised by the civilian police."

Ahead of NAW 2026, join our webinar with the British Army to learn about the 40+ different apprenticeship opportunities available, from engineering to healthcare, and hear directly from apprentices about their training, experiences and what Army life is really like. Perfect for young people and those supporting them. Tueaday 3rd February , 16:00 - 17:00.

Are you thinking of applying to Medical School in the future? Royal College of General Practitioners are offering a GP work experience to school and college pupils aged 16+ who are interested in studying medicine. This will provide you with top tips for obtaining GP work experience and how to make the most of a work experience placement in general practice.

You have probably heard of accountancy and advisory services before. Think you know what professionals in this field really do? Embark on this virtual work experience to explore the world of accountancy and advisory services with BDO! Springpod and BDO will introduce you to the sector and the different career paths that are available. You'll hear from experts, see career stories, and explore career pathways.

This session is designed to help parents and carers feel confident supporting the young people in their lives as they explore Apprenticeships.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Whether you've always wanted to work in health or have never thought about it before, the huge range of careers in the NHS will amaze you!

There are clinical and non-clinical careers available. You could work on the front line on a ward or never see a patient and still make a difference to people's lives.

Find out more here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"At Cardiff University, you can choose from over 300 degree programmes. We offer flexibility so you can tailor some components of your degree to suit your own interests and career ambitions. We work with our students to make their education the best it can be, not just for their own benefit, but for the good of our communities and planet."
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

Take this fun quiz to explore different types of apprenticeships and options that could inspire your future job.

Try it out here.

LISTEN TO

The Balanced Student podcast helps you learn to achieve your goals while staying healthy and maintaining good study-life balance. Check it out here.

READ

Explore jobs related to subjects you like. Hear from people who use subjects that interest you, see how much you could get paid and what qualifications you might need. here.

WATCH

Behind the Scenes: Welcome to the Newsroom with the Former Lead Director of BBC News. Wednesday 4th February, 10:00 - 10:45.
Register for the talk here

SPOTLIGHT ON A...

UNIVERSITY

"At Cardiff, we aim to establish an inclusive culture free from discrimination and based upon our university values of dignity, courtesy and respect.

We recognise the right of every person to be treated in accordance with these values. Our plan is both inward and outward-facing. We want Cardiff University to be a place where everyone feels they belong and that contributes to a fairer society locally and globally."

Find out more here.

EMPLOYER

"At BUPA, we strive to create an environment which recognises, values and respects the differences we all bring.

We embrace our differences knowing they make us stronger and help better reflect the needs of our customers and communities. This means creating and sustaining an inclusive culture where everyone feels they belong."

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

Unconditional offer

a firm commitment, most commonly from a university, guaranteeing you a place on a course because you've already met all entry requirements, with no further conditions like achieving specific exam grades needed.

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SUCCESS STORIES

Ben Ramshaw, aged 21, has travelled more than 200 miles from home to take a level 3 ITQ course at Communication Specialist College Doncaster (CSCD).

"I like how the people here talk to me and support me everywhere. I like how BSL is used to help me understand things clearer and this allows me to do more and explore more options."

Ben said: "I picked to come here because it offered the higher-level course I was looking for in IT & Media with the level of BSL and other support I needed to help me, and because it also offered Maths and English as well, it had all of the vocational courses I wanted to focus on, as well as the classes aimed at improving my independence."
Read more about Ben's story here

OPPORTUNITY'S CALLING...

In this Hospitality work experience you'll take part in interactive activities, hear from real Marriott Bonvoy employees, and finish with a certificate you can add to your CV or LinkedIn.

Start the virtual work experience here.