

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



Join Pathway Group during National Apprenticeship Week 2026 to discover more about the fantastic world of apprenticeships! This [FREE online careers fair](#) will cover everything from discovering opportunities with organisations first-hand and guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship! With top companies and learning providers promoting their career opportunities, the event is the perfect place to get inspired and meet your next potential employer. Taking place each day from 12pm - 2pm on Mon 9th - Fri 13th February 2026.



Capgemini are running a [Virtual Insight Session](#) for Years 9+ on Tues 17th Feb from 12pm - 2pm. You will explore future pathways in technology, consulting, and digital transformation through meaningful employer encounters aligned with Gatsby Benchmarks 2, 4, and 5, where students engage with Capgemini professionals, build commercial awareness and problem-solving skills, and gain insight into career pathways, apprenticeships, and company culture.



Schroders is a world-class asset manager whose purpose is to provide excellent investment performance for their clients. They operate in over 30 locations - with over 5000 staff - across Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East. By attending [their work experience day on 5th March](#), you'll hear from finance and tech professionals on how they create the best returns on the assets they manage



The worlds of learning, education, careers and work are full of terminology, abbreviations, phrases and words that can be difficult to decipher. In this [Jargon Buster](#), you'll find some examples of commonly used words and phrases that you'll see on various websites, with a clear explanation of what they mean.



Get Career Confident has brought together [a list of virtual work experience opportunities](#) available to young people. We really recommend you take advantage of some of the fantastic virtual opportunities available and you never know one may lead to a face to face experience and even a job in the future! We recommend you first read [this](#) so you can be fully prepared for any virtual work experience you access.

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Architect](#)

An architect is a trained, licensed professional who plans, designs, and oversees the construction of buildings and structures, blending creativity with technical, scientific, and structural knowledge. They translate client requirements into functional, safe, and aesthetic spaces.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Awareness of ChatGPT and its capabilities among students has grown to 96% over the past year, with many using it to assist with coursework and increasingly, job applications and assessments.

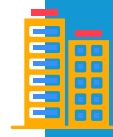
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The Academy of Real Assets' Annual Creative Competition happens each academic year. It's designed to inspire students across the UK to think creatively about real estate, real assets, the built environment, and the future of our communities. This year, they're asking you to respond to the prompt: "My Favourite Building..." Whether it's a famous landmark, a holiday memory, or a hidden gem in your neighbourhood, tell us why it's special to you. The format is up to you; you can write an essay or poem of up to 800 words, film a one-minute video, design a piece of artwork or capture an image. Winning entries will be featured in a beautifully designed hardback book, distributed to schools, employers, and universities across the UK. [Submit your entry here](#) by 27th March 2026.



If you're interested in the field of architecture but not sure where to start, explore the different pathways to qualifying as an architect and the role RIBA plays in architectural education. You can [read more here](#) and [watch a video on this topic here](#).



Go Construct provides resources for anyone looking for a career in the construction and built environment sector. We showcase the many rewarding opportunities available and help people from all backgrounds to enter an exciting and growing industry which has a huge impact on the UK's housing, industry and infrastructure. With so many roles available in construction it can be hard to know where to start, why not [use this webpage](#) to learn more about various career options.



Have you ever wondered how speaking different languages may help you in your career? [Check out this video series](#) which shows different people in different job roles explaining how their language skills have been useful in their role.



Work experience is an important feature of any strong university application. But did you know that for certain degree courses,, it's an essential entry requirement? Learn which courses require you to have [completed work experience here](#).



You can [find online work experience here](#), some opportunities are "virtual to reality" meaning that they may offer you the opportunity for in person work experience.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Foster + Partners welcomes designers, innovators, makers and pioneering trailblazers to join the practice. We want to work with the best talent from across the industry and develop our people to grow within our practice. With people from diverse backgrounds, we nurture innovation and flexibility to deliver extraordinary projects." You can [read more about careers at Foster + Partners here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"We are globally celebrated for our research, development and innovation, providing students with exceptional teaching for over 400 years. We encourage our people to push the frontiers of knowledge today, helps ensure we make a positive sustainable mark on the world tomorrow." You can [read more about the University of Edinburgh 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

Do this quiz to explore your strengths for your confidence, CV and future applications and interviews.

Try it out here.



LISTEN TO

UCAS' podcast focusses on degree apprenticeships. Recent episodes focus on different industries and an interview with the Prime Minister!

Listen here.



READ

Learn about Foundation Apprenticeships and how they can help prepare for further study or a higher-level apprenticeship.

Read more here.



WATCH

Watch this BBC video about artist Kevin Okafor celebrating people with visible differences such as scars and hair loss.

Learn more about becoming an artist here.



SPOTLIGHT ON A...

UNIVERSITY

"At Edinburgh, Student Advisers are the main point of contact of support for all taught students. They support you with your studies, wellbeing or practical matters and can refer you to a Wellbeing Adviser if you need more support.

Wellbeing Advisers can provide you with advice on wellbeing-related issues and recommend other specialist services, such as the Student Counselling Service or our Disability and Learning Support Service."

Find out more here.

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The Civil Service refers to people who work for the government.

They have their own charity called The Charity for Civil Servants who offer different kinds of support for all civil servants.

This includes; a wellbeing toolkit, money toolkit, mental health resources, legal support and advice and a 24/7 mental health support app called Thrive.

Learn 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

Means tested

A term used when exploring student finance, comprising an assessment made on household income (usually the income of parent (s) and/or guardian (s) in the household) to determine how much financial support a student is entitled to for their loan towards living costs.

A FACT ABOUT EMPLOYMENT



A million jobs in London could be impacted by Artificial Intelligence.

The main jobs affected are those which involve repetitive or automated tasks such as telemarketers, bookkeepers and data entry specialists.

Source

SUCCESS STORIES

John had a passion for working in media but struggled to get a position, losing confidence.

He got a mentor with the Change Project, who helped him build skills and industry-related experience to support his applications.

He then got a place on Set Ready, a training programme for screen production.

John represented young people classed as NEET (Not in Education, Employment and Training) on a BBC Radio 4 interview, facing tough questioning. He remained calm and professional.

He then applied for a BBC film technician apprenticeship and was successful!

[Read more about John's story here](#)

OPPORTUNITY'S CALLING...

Rolls Royce have a range of online employability skills programmes to build your confidence and key skills. These include; Resilience, Time Management and Cultural Awareness.

Choose a skill to build on [here](#).

