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News updates

News article: What do teens think schools should teach them about work?



This is an interesting article detailing the results of a survey conducted by Survation Ltd on what teens think schools should teach them about work, revealing: 'Give us lessons on personal finance and how to get a job,' teens say - BBC News.

Great British Railways take shape as HQ and Apprenticeship scheme confirmed

New Rail Foundation apprenticeship announced. 600 places will open for young people aged 16-21 over the next four years, helping secure the railway workforce of the future. Find out more here: Great British Railways Apprenticeship Scheme.

Launch of *Next Steps Ready* (A new careers site developed by the Careers Pilot team)

As most of you will be aware, Careerpilot closes on December 18th, 2026. However, the Careerpilot Team at the University of Bath has developed a new, free, careers site using reviewed and updated Careerpilot content called Next Steps Ready. Next Steps Ready is a much simpler site than Careerpilot and has no login or saved data. It is primarily aimed at supporting pre-16s with work experience, Choices at 16 and 18, but can be used by anybody. All links to job sectors and jobs now take users to the National Careers Service site.

News Article – Medicine remains one of the most sough-after choices for University applicants

Dr Jo Saxton CBE, Chief Executive at UCAS, said:
"Medicine remains one of the most sought-after choices for applicants and it's encouraging to see steady demand again this year, reflecting the continued appeal of a rewarding career in healthcare". Read the full article here.

Apprenticeship News & Trends in England



The government announced major measures to expand apprenticeships, boost job creation, and improve skills access including incentives for employers to hire young people. The budget said it is offering £100m over 2027-28 and 2028-29 to expand local apprenticeship services and tailor local support thus helping young people to access apprenticeships and create and support apprenticeship opportunities. *Watch this space!*
Explore some of the best paying Apprenticeships in 2026: The best paying apprenticeship sectors in 2026 | Prospects.ac.uk, and the top 100 and Top 50 SMEs Apprenticeship employers 2026: 2026 Rankings | Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2026-27.

Europe is back on the map! Discover the EUs Erasmus Scheme



For those who have dreamed of studying, working or doing an apprenticeship abroad the UK is officially rejoining the EUs Erasmus scheme! Starting **1st January 2027**, the doors are swinging wide open for over 100,000 young people. This isn't just for university students. Whether you are at a local further education college, doing a vocational course, or working through an apprenticeship, you can get fully funded placements to learn and work across Europe. Applications open this month. Find out more: The Erasmus+ programme - GOV.UK or visit Welcome! | Erasmus+.

Applications Open for Dyson Institute of Engineering & Technology Programme 2027

Dyson Institute of Engineering & Technology are opening applications for their **MEng (Hons) Engineering (International)** programme for 2027. Applications will close on **Sunday 13th December 2026.** Visit their website to access the Virtual Open Day (pre-recorded and accessible to all at any time) Virtual Open Day - Dyson Institute. To find out more and apply: Applying - Dyson Institute.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Webinars by Amazing Apprenticeships 2026/27

Amazing Apprenticeships are hosting various webinars both this year and next, to include the apprenticeship application process, preparing to apply for higher and degree apprenticeships, exploring apprenticeships with KPMG & the British Army and an apprenticeship webinar for parents and carers during national apprenticeship week, plus many more! You can explore and register for the webinars here: Events - Amazing Apprenticeships.

Nestlé Skillathon (free virtual event) 23rd - 26th November 2026

Skillathon is back for its second edition! Join Nestlé's free virtual event and develop the skills you need for tomorrow with the guidance from their inspiring experts. Join them from 23rd to 26th November 2026. Register today: Nestlé Skillathon.

UK University & Apprenticeship Search – Spring 2027 (South-West)



Finding the right path can feel overwhelming. The UK University & Apprenticeship Search events are designed to give students the space and information to figure out what's right for them.

Spring 2027 Events.

- Bristol Ashton Gate Stadium - Friday 12th March - please see details here. Email max@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk to find out more or book places.
- University of Winchester - Tuesday 23rd March - please see details here. Email max@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk **to** find out more or book places.

NHS Live Event (Step in to the NHS Careers Competition) – 4th March 2027

Introduce your students to NHS staff in a classroom environment. This exciting 'Step into the NHS' day provides students with a unique opportunity to ask NHS staff questions and learn first-hand about various NHS careers. The Virtual drop-in day is also a great way to give students' more information and ideas for their entries for the: Step into the NHS | KS3 careers resources and competition.

Free Revision Webinar for families of Year 10 & 11 Families – Tuesday 1st December 2026

The Degree Gap is running a free online webinar, The GCSE Revision Masterclass, for parents and carers of Year 10 and 11 students on Tuesday 1 December, 7 to 8pm. Harry and Joe, co-founders of The Degree Gap, will cover how to use mocks as a starting point, what good revision looks like at home, the early signs of burnout and how to support your child without adding pressure. There is a live Q&A at the end, and everyone who registers receives the replay.
Parents can register free (one registration per family, and children are welcome to watch too): thedegreegap.com/study/webinars/gcse-revision-masterclass

Recommended Websites & Resources

AAT Finance Careers Resource Pack

Download this useful resource from AAT Finance exploring the world of careers in accounting and bookkeeping: AAT Finance Careers Resource Pack Oct 26.pdf - Google Drive. Check out the AAT Careers Hub for useful information, articles and resources: Articles and career information on AAT Careers Hub.

Free Education Resources at Youth Employment UK

Youth Employment UK supports young people on their journey to work. Access FREE careers education resources and a great community of peers. Simplify career guidance with our free resources, designed to inspire and support your students' journey. Sign up for free resources https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/teachers-resources/

Other Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Listing



Explore the 1,200+ Higher and Degree apprenticeships in the November 2026 edition of the Higher & Degree Vacancy listing from Amazing Apprenticeships: Higher & Degree Apprenticeships | Amazing Apprenticeships.

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) 8th -14th February 2027: Refreshed Website & Resources



NAW2027 have released their theme, assets and a refreshed website. Access guides, resources, digital assets and templates to plan, promote and celebrate National Apprenticeship Week 2027. View the website and resources: Toolkit | National Apprenticeship Week 2027.

Apprenticeship Opportunities

Capgemini Invent offer degree apprenticeships for the first time

Capgemini are now offering degree apprenticeships. As part of their Early & Emerging talent community, apprentices will join a network of other apprentices, graduates who are learning, growing and building their futures together. Degree apprenticeships are available in Digital & Technology solutions, Digital User Experience, Environmental Science, and IT Support. Explore the opportunities here: Apprenticeships - Capgemini UK.

Early Careers at Heathrow Airport – Applications open for graduate programmes



Ready to launch your future at Heathrow? Applications are now open for their Graduate Programmes, offering ambitious graduates the opportunity to develop their skills, gain hands-on experience and build a rewarding career at one of the world's leading airports. Whether your passion is engineering, leadership, project delivery or commercial development, their programmes provide structured learning, mentoring from senior leaders and real opportunities to make an impact from day one. You'll help shape the future of an airport that's delivering for our people, our planet and the millions of passengers who travel through our terminals every year. Find out more and apply via the Early Careers pages at: Early careers | Heathrow.

Management Development Services (MDS) – Fresh Futures Programme



The MDS Fresh Futures Programme offers a two-year paid rotational scheme in the fresh food, produce, agriculture and horticulture industry - with placements based in the Ely, Lincolnshire & West Sussex areas. They're looking for enthusiastic school and college leavers aged 18 or over, with three A-levels or equivalent Level 3 qualifications, who hold a full UK driving licence. Find out more: Fresh Futures Programme - Management Development Services.

Nestlé Academy applications are open for 2027

Join Nestlé UK & Ireland next year on a graduate scheme, level 6 apprenticeship or placement and work on some of the UK's most loved brands; from KitKat made in York to Nescafé produced in Tutbury and Dalston. Find out more: Nestlé Academy: Apprenticeships & Graduates | Nestlé UK & Ireland.

Lloyds Banking Group Apprenticeships & Internships 2027

2027 apprenticeships and internships are open for applications at Lloyds Banking Group. Opportunities are open for apprenticeships, undergraduates and graduates in various different roles. Explore the opportunities here: Next Generation Talent | Lloyds Banking Group Talent.

Proctor & Gamble Commercial Degree Apprenticeships & Information Evening on 2nd December 2026

Want to kick-start your career with a global brand? Discover the P&G Commercial Degree Apprenticeship and find out how you can earn while you learn, gain real business experience and work towards a degree.

Join P&G for an Information Evening
2 December 2026
Choose from 5:30–6:30pm or 7–8pm
P&G UK Head Office, Brooklands, The Heights, Weybridge, KT13 0XP

Find out more about the opportunity, meet the team and register your interest to hear when applications open! Degree Apprenticeship | P&G Careers.

KPMG Apprenticeships

KPMG are offering apprenticeships in tax, audit and corporate services in various different areas. You can explore Vacancies, and read more about the KPMG apprenticeships schemes: KPMG apprenticeships.

Laing O'Rourke Early Careers Programme 2027

Laing O'Rourke is a leading international construction and engineering business, offering opportunities to gain valuable experience and develop a career within the built environment. For those currently in Year 13 and considering an apprenticeship route after A Levels, Professional Apprenticeship applications are due to open at the end of November. Find out more and register your interest here: Apprenticeships at Laing O' Rourke.

Amazon Web Services (AWS) Student AI Hackathon 2027

Amazon Web Services (AWS) is running the Student AI Hackathon 2027 from 22nd February – 24th March 2027 – a free, fully funded, five-week programme for Year 12 and 13 students (or equivalent, including T-Level and college learners) across the UK.

Early Careers Opportunities at Bristol Airport – Applications now open.

Applications are welcomed from students aged 18 and under in academic years 9 -13, secondary, sixth form or college education and considering the aviation industry services as a career after school or university. Find out more: Early Careers & Work Experience Opportunities | Bristol Airport.

Slaughter & May Solicitors – New Apprenticeship Programme – Application Deadline 6th January 2027

Slaughter & May have just launched application cycle in October 2026 for a September 2027 start date. 6-year solicitor degree apprenticeship combining hands on work at the London office with 1 day a week at BPP University towards the LLB and SQE qualification. Application deadline: January 6th 2027. Find out more and apply: Solicitor Apprenticeship Programme.

UNICEF Internship Programme

The UNICEF Internship Programme offers students and recent graduates from diverse academic backgrounds the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with UNICEF through global internship opportunities. Find out more: Internships | UNICEF Careers.

WWF-UK – Start your Career in Conservation

We're excited to launch Roots, a 12-month paid programme designed to give people the opportunity to gain meaningful work experience. Applications are now open. There are four placements are available across, Technology, Public Affairs, Economics and Communications and Fundraising. Participants will develop new skills, contribute to our mission and leave with greater confidence. Interested, or know someone who would be a great fit? Application closes: 18 November. Start date: January 2027. Join WWF-UK | Bright Network.

For Careers Leaders/Heads of Careers Department

Supporting Students exploring Universities outside the UK (CDI online event) – 7th December 2026



More and more students are considering university pathways outside the UK, yet many careers and sixth form leaders are being asked to advise on international admissions systems they were never trained in and rarely have time to research. This practical and engaging webinar will help you navigate the growing demand for international university guidance with confidence. We'll explore the different levels of support schools can offer, from simply signposting students to trusted resources, through to developing a fully structured international university programme. The University Guys - Students looking beyond the UK: what your school can realistically offer - Career Development Institute.

UCAS Destinations Conference – 3rd & 4th February 2027

The next chapter of the UCAS Teachers & Advisers Conference, bringing together UK educators committed to improving student outcomes and progression. Whether you're shaping strategy, leading teams, or supporting students every day, this two-day professional development experience is designed for those driving student success across schools and colleges. We will explore the questions that matter most: how to broaden opportunities, improve outcomes, and ensure every student is prepared for the future ahead. You'll discover how to turn insight into impact, leaving with practical strategies, fresh perspectives, and actionable ideas that can be applied immediately. Find out more: UCAS Destinations Conference 2027 | UCAS.

Springpod Teacher Survey

The Springpod Big Work Experience Survey: Teachers and Advisers is now available and gives school staff and careers advisers the opportunity to share their opinions. Springpod would love to hear what it means to you and your school or college when your students get to work with employers like Amazon, Rolls Royce, NHS, RAF and other partners through Springpod. Your answers help them to show employers the real difference they make to young people, so they can keep bringing these opportunities to your students. It takes about 5 minutes to complete.

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FutureSmart Essentials for schools



FutureSmart Careers offers a range of well-loved packages for schools but can also tailor a plan to fit schools' needs exactly. Our FutureSmart Essentials package includes:

- Suite of downloadable resources
- 9-5 careers advice helpline
- Monthly newsletters with news, events and opportunities

Many schools upgrade to **FutureSmart Pro** which includes all of the benefits of Essentials plus additional in-school support from our team of qualified advisers for workshops, personal guidance sessions, talks and other activities tailored to the schools' exact requirements.

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