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Young People and Work: interim report May 2026 – Alan Milburn, Gov.UK



Published on the 28th of May 2026, the [Young People and Work: interim report](#) comes after the 'Get Britain Working White Paper', the Youth Guarantee and investment in Pathways to Work and the Right to Try. The report investigates reasons for the UK figures that one in eight 16 to 24s are NEET, with implications for the taxpayer and wider economy. It makes compelling reading, particularly that “the institutions we built to support young people into adulthood are no longer fit for that purpose”. Read the report [here](#).

DfE Education Hub Blog – Erasmus + What you need to know



The UK has now officially signed the legal agreement to join the Erasmus+ programme, with placements set to begin in the 2027/28 academic year. The DfE Education Hub blog [Erasmus+: What you need to know](#), explains what Erasmus+ is, who it is aimed at (more people than you might think), how to apply and the benefits of taking part. Read the blog [here](#).

CDI news - New UniTasterDays Parents' Guide to University 2026



The new [UniTasterDays Parents' Guide to University 2026](#) aims to help parents and carers confidently support young people through decision-making and covers choosing a course and university, student finance, applications, attending events and preparing for university life. Free to access and accessible, view the guide [here](#). CDI members who want to host the guide within their own website resources can do so FREE. Full details, including promotional assets and guidance, [are available here](#).

Closure of Careerpilot – December 2026



After 15 years of supporting several million young people to explore their strengths, their options and their future study and work, Careerpilot will close at the end of 2026: [Careerpilot: Adviser Zone - CareerPilot closing December 2026](#). The closure will run in stages: operates as normal until 31st July, decommissioning starts 1st August with some aspects 'Open-access', **31st October last full-day to log-in and download data** you wish to keep, browsing only, **18th December site taken down** all data deleted by **31st December 2026**.

Upcoming Events

NavigATE: How to stand out in the Apprenticeship application process - 11th June 3:30-4:00pm



REMINDER: There is still time to register for the upcoming NavigATE webinar, as when it comes to applying for apprenticeships, it's about showing who you are and what you can bring to your future employer and their organisation. In this webinar [NavigATE: How to stand out in the application process - Amazing Apprenticeships](#) we hear what employers say makes candidates stand out and how your students can make a positive lasting impression. Book [here](#).

University of Cambridge: Events for Students – June to November 2026



Students may wish to explore the [University of Cambridge's Events for Students](#). Upcoming events include: Homerton College Subject Focus Sessions ([Medicine](#) or [Mathematics](#)), [History and English: Shakespeare and the nasty nineties](#) and [Making a competitive Cambridge application with St John's College](#). Students can also apply here for the [Christ's College – August 2026 Summer Schools](#), by the **12th of June**. The [University of Cambridge Applicant webinar series 2026](#) also runs from 23rd June to November 2026.

Faculty of Life Sciences In-Person Fair - 13 June 2026, 12:00-5:00pm



[UCL's Faculty of Life Sciences Science Fair](#) on **Saturday 13 June** is a FREE, family-friendly, public event celebrating the science that shapes our lives. Step inside the invisible world of molecules in VR, learn why wasps are important, explore the incredible brain, watch life happen in real time under the microscope and much more! With **hands-on experiments and activities** for all ages, **interactive demonstrations**, **short talks** on life science topics and **conversation** with scientists, [Book your FREE place here](#).

Student Finance: What You (and Your Parents) Need to Know – Tuesday 16 June, 4-5pm



Are you looking to find out more information about Student Finance? Join Canterbury Christ Church University for webinar: '[Student Finance: What You \(and Your Parents\) Need to Know](#)' on Tuesday 16 June from 4pm - 5pm. Whether you and your parents or carers want to learn about tuition fees, loans, how student loans work or how to budget at uni - this is the session that makes it all make sense. Join the webinar [here](#).



University Open Days



Bookings are now open for Undergraduate Open Days at many UK universities in June, July and September for 2027 entry applicants, see [Opendays.com](#). Students can attend information sessions, subject tasters, chat to current students, meet student services staff and tour accommodation, there can even be Open Day visit Travel Bursaries on offer at preferred universities on your short list. Book an Open event at your preferred UK university [here](#).

EDT – Insight into University and STEM Placements



The Education Development Trust (EDT) [Industrial Cadets](#) scheme offers a range of programmes to support STEM students with learning more about University options and work experience placements with STEM companies at 18+. [Insight into University](#) gives the opportunity to experience a specific STEM subject through university style lectures, activities and group projects, with summer non-residential and residential options for year 11s and 12s; while the [Placements](#) enable young people to take a paid gap year to gain invaluable industry experience.

Create Your Future events – booking now



REMINDER: Bookings are now open for events in [London](#) and [Manchester](#). Create Your Future is a high-energy event for students exploring how to turn creativity into a real-world career. They can explore pathways with universities, colleges and conservatoires, get inspired through hands-on workshops, talks and live performances, and plan their next steps with UCAS experts and careers advisers. Book your place at [London](#) or [Manchester](#).

Taster events – summer and autumn 2026



There are some excellent University taster events at this time of year, which can support your students in their decision-making. [UniTasterDays](#) is a great source of dates for the varied in-person taster opportunities available around the UK and [Springpod](#) offers FREE, online, degree tasters; while the [University of London | Taster course search](#) allows prospective students to find taster opportunities at the various University of London institutions.

Sharing T Levels and other ATE options with your students – Monday 6th July



Join Amazing Apprenticeships on **Monday 6th July** for [Sharing T Levels and other AT options with your students](#), to discover practical strategies for explaining T Level apprenticeships and the wider technical education landscape to students in an engaging way, so your students will gain the confidence they need to navigate the rapidly changing landscape of post-16 technical education. Covering key pathway features, free resource and support available around presenting the options, Careers Leads, Advisers and Teacher can [register here](#).

University of Bath – summer residential programmes



The University of Bath offers two summer residential programmes [Step into Bath](#) and [Discover Bath](#) (aimed at Widening Participation students). With taster lectures, employability sessions, accommodation experience, support on writing a personal statement, understanding the UCAS process, student finance, research skills, independent study and teamwork and the chance to talk to Admissions Tutors, you can apply now for [Step into Bath](#) or [Discover Bath](#) -. The University offers a range of outreach programmes for WP students, find out more [here](#).

Army Foundation College Harrogate: Virtual Open Day - Wed 8th July, 6:00-7:00pm



The [Army Foundation College Harrogate Virtual Open Day](#) is the ideal opportunity for you to learn about becoming a Junior Soldier at our world-class training facility. You will: explore how training helps Junior Soldiers build skills and confidence, understand day-to-day life at Harrogate, learn about the qualifications gained alongside Army training, have a virtual tour of the College, hear from Junior Soldiers about their journey so far and find out whether Harrogate could be right for you. Book your place [here](#).

Recommended Websites & Resources

Massive open online courses (MOOCs)



[Massive Open Online Courses \(MOOCs\)](#) make university-level knowledge accessible to anyone who wants to learn, regardless of location or circumstances, without the fees. Taught entirely online, they are short courses offered via distance learning. Broaden your knowledge, dabble in new fields and try out subjects such as: economics, programming, literature or psychology, typically a few weeks per course and a couple of hours each week. Some popular providers are: [FutureLearn](#), [Coursera](#) and [Udemy](#)

University of Oxford: Access Oxford – UNIQ programme



[UNIQ | Oxford University](#) is a FREE programme for UK state school students in Year 12 or equivalent, UNIQ aims to support you to consider options, decide if Oxford is right for you and make a competitive application. The programme involves meeting other UNIQ participants online, a regional event, a summer residential with seminars, lectures and social events then application support. School and college supported applications for 2027 open mid-December, [register your interest here](#).

SSC Explorer: UK Standard Skills Classification resource



Launched in April 2026, the [SSC Explorer | UK Standard Skills Classification](#) resource has a good breakdown of skills and knowledge for different jobs and their importance within jobs. Also covering Occupations and their associated job roles and career paths (for example Secondary teaching is broken down by subject specialism: [Occupations Explorer – Secondary Teaching | UK Standard Skills Classification](#)), you can access the resource to search skills, knowledge areas and occupations [here](#).

FutureSmart Careers blog – AI and the future of careers



Following comments by Jack Clark (a Founder of Anthropic) that a broad education and varied hobbies may help mitigate for knocks to the economy made by AI, watch out for the FutureSmart Careers blog for June 2026 covering how AI is changing Work, careers most likely to change and what that means for young people, growth areas, emerging hybrid careers, skills young people need and how we can support them. Read the blog at [FSC Blogs](#) – coming soon!

UCAS Adviser Live Webinars – Preparing for Results Day



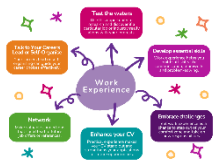
Last month's [Adviser Live](#) focused on tips from expert advisers on how to prepare for results day, including the use of UCAS resources to identify and target students who may need additional support. You can catch up on the panel's insightful tips, and any other webinars you might have missed over on our [dedicated web page](#).

Maritime and Transport careers programme



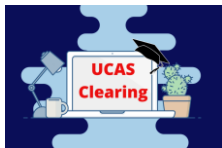
The [Maritime Transport Careers Programme \(MTCP\)](#) was created to help you explore the different jobs that keep our roads, railways, skies and seas moving. By connecting people across the Central South to exciting careers that are always changing and full of opportunity, the MTCP work with amazing partners and members like ABP, Carnival UK, Meachers and Hampshire Careers Hub, help inspire the next generation and close skills gap in our region. If you're into ships, planes, trucks, trains, or tech, you can find out more [here](#).

Work Experience ideas for school and college students



Save My Exam's [10 Great Work Experience Ideas for Students](#) reminds us of the benefits of work experience for young people, both as experience of the world of work and career-choice relevant opportunities. There are many brilliant FREE resources for VIRTUAL work experience available. These include: [Springpod](#), which offers short programmes, in partnership with employers or UCAS, [Forage](#) (job simulations with leading companies) or [Futures For All](#), which offers in-person and remote work experience and insight days.

Confirmation and Clearing toolkit for Advisers – UCAS Adviser



Also from UCAS Adviser, comes this [Confirmation and Clearing toolkit for Advisers](#) to support you in helping students through results confirmation and the Clearing process. Covering the Results process, Essential information and Key dates, this will prove a useful resource this June, July and August, with A level results due Thursday 13th and GCSE results due Thursday 20th. Access the toolkit for advisers [here](#).

Apprenticeships and Opportunities

Higher & Degree Vacancy Listing: summer 2026 mini-edition – Amazing Apprenticeships



The Amazing Apprenticeships [Higher & Degree Vacancy Listing mini-edition for summer 2026](#) is available and here you can explore roughly 950 Higher and Degree Apprenticeships and view some of the vacancy locations, salary information and direct application links. To view the vacancies and support your students to apply for the relevant vacancies, see: [Higher & Degree Listing summer 2026 mini-edition](#).

Joining the Army Series: Regular Soldier – Wednesday 1st July, 6:00-7:00pm



This [Joining the Army Series: Regular Soldier webinar](#) from [The British Army | Army Jobs](#) explains who can apply, the step-by-step joining process, and what to expect from application stage through to starting service. Covering basic eligibility requirements, length of the process, how to prepare for the Assessment Centre and common myths, this will be an informative session for students interested in Army careers. Register to attend [here](#).

NatWest Group apprenticeship opportunities your students can explore now



Applications for [2026 Apprenticeships at NatWest Group](#) are now open and currently recruiting for Customer Service and Relationship Management apprentices in **Rotherham, Aberdeen, Southampton and Dundee** and Degree Level apprentices in Financial Services in **Leeds** and Doncaster. Offering paid on-the-job experience, recognised qualifications and clear progression opportunities, you can find out more and apply at: [Apprenticeships | NatWest Group Careers](#).

For Careers Leaders/Heads of Careers Department

Clare College, Cambridge University: Teachers and Advisers Conference – Thurs 2nd July 10-4pm



Register now for the FREE [Teachers and Advisers Conference](#) taking place at Clare College, University of Cambridge. The event will include a roundtable discussion with admissions tutors, subject sessions and an interview workshop. Open to teachers and advisers of sixth form students at **non fee-paying** schools and colleges in the UK the registration deadline is the **12th of June**. You can register to attend [here](#).

Small Business Summer campaign



As the [Small Business Summer campaign](#) continues to grow, with 400+ schools and colleges now raising awareness of apprenticeships with small businesses, one of the ways the campaign is showcasing the work you're doing is by hosting a parliamentary reception in October 2026 at the House of Commons. Share your activity with us so we can highlight your good work - you can [email us](#) or tag us on socials. Find out more by signing up to the campaign [here](#).

Cardiff University - MBBCh Medicine degree 2027 entry updates



The [University of Cardiff](#) are accepting a wider range of subject choices at A level for entry to their [MBBCh Medicine](#) degree for 2027 entry, to give more students the opportunity to study Medicine at Cardiff as they value the diverse perspectives and skills that a broader range of science backgrounds brings. Please take a moment to review the [updated entry requirements](#), paying close attention to the revised GCSE and selection process sections, and share these changes with your students.

Careers in Racing – summer 2026 events



The next two Explore Racing Days take place at Brighton Racecourse on Tuesday 30th June and Newmarket Racecourse on Friday 21st August and are a fantastic way to explore options in horseracing. Book your FREE place at: [Brighton Racecourse - Tues 30th June](#) or [Newmarket Racecourse - Fri 21st August](#). For students looking to explore a career in racing or bloodstock, join the National Stud, Newmarket at the [Bloodstock & Racing Careers Expo – Wed 1st July 9:00am-4:30pm](#). Register: students@nationalstud.co.uk.

Oxford - St Hugh's College Teachers' Summer School – 24th-27th August



The [St Hugh's College Summer School](#) for teachers in the UK state sector includes sessions on the Oxbridge application process, reference-writing and supporting students through Oxford admissions tests and interviews. You will visit some of Oxford's libraries, museums, and other attractions, as well as take part in punting and Formal Hall in College. The [Summer School](#) is completely free of charge. Accommodation and meals will be provided. [Apply by 12th July](#).

NUK Career Development Awards 2026 – nominations open



The [UK Career Development Awards \(UKCDAs\)](#) are a key moment in the CDI calendar, celebrating excellence across the sector in the UK and beyond. This year brings a new celebration date, with the awards taking place during [the CDI National Conference](#) and the ceremony held on the evening of **2 December at the Burlington Hotel in Birmingham**. Nominations are now open - submit your entry by **Monday 13 July, 5pm**.

How to use the Careers & Enterprise Company (ATE) resources



Are you planning assembly schedules for the new academic year? Plan a slot to deliver the [Apprenticeships & Technical Education \(ATE\) Resources](#) created in partnership with the Careers & Enterprise Company. These resources help schools and colleges to expand and enrich their careers education activities through slide decks, LMI information and films. You can also use the [short guide](#) to explain how the different ATE resources can be combined in an effective way.

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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:

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