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Space company to create 100 Bristol jobs after landing £20m Venus mission contract



A German space organisation is planning to hire 100 more staff in Bristol after securing a £20m contract for the biggest mission to Venus in the history of space exploration: [Space company to create 100 Bristol jobs after landing £20m Venus mission contract](#). OHB SE, which opened its UK subsidiary at Bristol and Bath Science Park last year, will grow its British workforce until 2031, as it works on the EnVision mission which will involve the study of Venus's geology, atmosphere and climate through satellite.

Sandwell College wins Kings Award for collaboration with hydraPower Dynamics



Sandwell College has won a Kings Award for Enterprise with a partnership with hydraPower Dynamics: [College team 'deeply honoured and immensely proud' to win King's Award for Enterprise](#). Their jointly developed Go Further programme has transformed opportunities for young people, creating a programme of industrial placements for T Level and Level 3 vocational students, with access to facilities, machinery, live projects and modern engineering environments. The full article is [here](#).

University of Bristol - Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus nears opening



News from the University of Bristol that main construction of the new [Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus is now complete](#) ahead of its opening in September. With sustainability a guiding principle throughout, it will connect the campus to Bristol Temple Meads and a new harbour walkway, giving walking and cycling routes. The [campus](#) will be home to business, innovation, digital engineering, artificial intelligence, quantum and more.

AI isn't taking graduate's jobs, but it will reshape entry-level roles



The latest Institute of Student Employers' data suggests artificial intelligence will reshape graduate employment rather than eliminate it. Stephen Isherwood's article for WONKHE: [AI isn't taking graduate's jobs, but it will reshape entry-level roles](#) shares four in ten employers expect no job replacements within three years, while some expect only a small number of roles to be affected or a realignment of the skills and capabilities graduate careers involve.

Kings College London and Cranfield University Merger



An interesting article from WONKHE discusses the planned August 2027 merger of KCL and Cranfield University and the benefits of merging two very different HEIs: [Specialised, consolidated and mission-focused: a new model for mergers emerges](#). The benefits of a significant geographic footprint, a varied stream of research funding and a staff team of even greater expertise to both institutions are clear; with Cranfield a postgraduate focused institution in technology, aerospace, defence and management, KCL will acquire new specialisms.

Upcoming Events

Law Work Experience Opportunities



[Forage](#) is currently offering VIRTUAL Law job simulations with firms such as [Hogan Lovells](#), [Slaughter and May](#) and [Barbri](#); while [Young Professionals - Events](#) has a [VIRTUAL Law Work Experience day – 28.05.2026 10am-4pm](#) where you can hear from leading firms, get Careers and Application advice and access networking opportunities. The [Bright Network](#) on the other hand is a useful resource for **undergraduate students** for internships, placements and events within sectors such as Law, Finance, Marketing and Technology and Engineering.

Grant Thornton Work Experience for year 12s and 13s – applications open



Applications are now open for the [Grant Thornton Ignite Work Experience programme](#), taking place this August across UK offices in Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and Cambridge among others. Ignite is a 4-day, in-person programme for Year 12 and 13 students considering an apprenticeship after their studies, who want and insight into accountancy and business and to fast-track to the School-Leaver programme. Find out more and apply at: [Ignite work experience | Grant Thornton](#).

NHS Allied Healthcare VIRTUAL Work Experience – Sunday 7th June



[Allied Health Mentor's](#) next VIRTUAL work experience event takes place on Sunday 7th June, with a focus on Paediatric Pathways: [Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience](#). Part of a programme of six 1-day events running from 7th June until 1st November, students can find out more about Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Radiography, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Speech and Language Therapy and Pharmacy. Apply for your place [here](#).

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



When it comes to applying for apprenticeships, it's not just about ticking boxes – 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](#).

BIMM Open days 2026 – 13th and 20th June



BIMM are hosting their Summer 2026 **in-person** Open Days in June: [Open days - BIMM Music Institute](#). With events in [London](#), [Brighton](#), [Birmingham](#) and [Manchester](#) all on Saturday 13th June and the [Bristol](#) event on Saturday 20th June, students can attend Workshops, Demos and Q & As, have a Campus Tour and Watch live performances by current students. Book your place at: [Open days - BIMM Music Institute](#).

University of Oxford – Open Days 2026 July and September



The University of Oxford is holding [undergraduate Open Days](#) on Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 July, and Friday 18 September 2026. Colleges and departments will be open all day and you and your students will have the chance to meet tutors and current students and enjoy getting to know our beautiful city. Oxford admissions recommend that students sign up [here](#) for Open Day information and to receive our advice on planning their day.

Summer Science Exhibition – 1st to 3rd July 2026



Bring your students to the [Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition](#) this July. Visiting groups of GCSE and A-Level (or equivalent) students can visit the exhibition for a morning or afternoon slot, alongside the visiting public. Students and their chaperoning teachers can talk with a range of researchers, finding out about the career pathways in scientific research. They can also engage with a range of publicly accessible, interactive activities and attend talks (spaces permitting) by a variety of scientists. Book your group [here](#).

Recommended Websites & Resources

V-Level Subjects timeline - information only



We have received some detail on the likely timeline of when the V-Level subjects will start being studied: [V Levels | Pearson qualifications](#). Please note that this page is for information only at present as official dates have not yet been announced and we await confirmation of the planned subject timeline as things progress, You can find out more about the likely subject timeline [here](#).

FutureSmart Careers blog – Handling exams, results and next steps without burning out



Our FutureSmart Careers blog for May 2026 is on the subject of Exam season: [Handling Exams, Results and Next Steps](#). Covering Staying Sane and Motivated, Protecting your Energy, Reflecting after exams, Keeping things in perspective on Results Day, Choosing your Next steps and seeking professional Careers Advice on the options and Useful Links & Resources, this is a useful guide to acing exam season. Access all our blogs at [FSC Blogs](#).

Institute and Faculty of Actuaries – Become an Actuary resource



The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries have created resources to encourage students to become an Actuary. With pages such as: [What Is An Actuary?](#), [Route To Becoming An Actuary](#), [Your First Actuarial Role](#), as well as those offering [Support for Schools, Universities and Parents-Carers](#) and an [introductory guide to actuarial careers](#), this is a fantastic site to help support talented Maths students.

Know your Options – Care Leaver Resources



The team at Amazing Apprenticeships have created a [Guide to apprenticeships](#) to help care experienced young people and those supporting them explore their options. The guide contains clear information on what apprenticeships are, how to find vacancies, and gives an outline of the kind of support and financial assistance that may be available. Alongside, there's also a helpful [Bursary Flowchart](#) that helps you to find out if you are eligible for the Care Leaver Bursary. Discover these and more resources [here](#).

Art UK – Portraying Nursing



[Art UK](#) is a unique digital experience that connects everyone with the UK's public art collections, uniting one million artworks from 3'500 institutions including museums, libraries, town halls and hospitals; as well as public street art. They are offering online Summer 2026 [Work experience](#) and have digital volunteering opportunities [Art UK | Participate](#). They also have [Podcasts](#) and you can [subscribe to the Art UK newsletter](#) which has recently focused on 'Portraying Nursing' through [Nursing: a visual history](#) and [Healthcare](#).

Welsh language customer version of the CDI Code of Ethics



Following the launch of the client version of the CDI Code of Ethics, the CDI have now published a Welsh language version to recognise the importance of bilingual service delivery across Wales: [Code-Of-Ethics-Customer-version-Wales](#). The client Code of Ethics has been developed with input from users of careers services and is designed to make the principles clear, accessible and meaningful for customers and provide a helpful resource for career development practitioners to explain the standards they follow.

PreUni – Student Stream resources



The [Pre Uni - StudentStream](#) resources have been developed to provide helpful videos on preparing for university here from applications, choosing a course, Oxbridge, Clearing and more. There are videos on Accommodation, Applying to Conservatoires, Contextual Offers and WP, Clearing and Adjustment, Degree Apprenticeships, Employability, Interviews and Studying Abroad among others and with Parent-Teacher Zone videos too, there is something for everyone. Access the videos [here](#).

Apprenticeships and Opportunities

KPMG Apprenticeships – recruitment ongoing



The recruitment for 2026 entry [KPMG Apprenticeships](#) in Bristol, Birmingham, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Reading, Southampton is ongoing. There are Apprenticeship programmes available at Level 3 and 4 in [Audit](#),

Business Services, Tax & Law and Technology & Engineering, with a salary range between £25,000 to £28,000.

Care Leavers Internships with the Civil Service – apply by 11:55pm on 31st May 2026



The Civil Service are recruiting 100 Care Leaver Interns to work across government Care Leaver Internship Scheme 2026 - Civil Service, a great opportunity to: Build essential skills, Gain experience working on policies and projects across government, Develop professionally through an 18-month paid internship, with the possibility of extension. The salary ranges from £22,096 - £29,135 and you must be 18-30 + eligible for care leaver support or on a Special Guardianship Order to apply. Find out more and apply [here](#).

Opportunities Bulletin – 15th May 2026



The Cornwall Opportunities Bulletin for 15th May 2026 includes opportunities such as: HNC Engineering Apprenticeship in Bude, Carpentry Apprenticeship in Liskeard, Commis Chef apprentice in St Ives, Community Activator Coach – Apprentice in Bodmin, Electrical Apprentice in St Columb, Content Creator Apprentice in Par, PE & School Sports Coach Apprentice in Launceston, Countryside and Horticulture Level 2 Apprenticeships in Cornwall (with Corsev) and Yeomans Volkswagen Service Technician Apprenticeship in Helston. Access the bulletin [here](#).

Tesco Stronger Starts Apprenticeship – Closing 27th June 2026



There is still time to apply for a [Tesco Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship](#) before 27th June 2026. The Tesco Stronger Starts Apprenticeships give opportunities for personal growth, to connect with supportive colleagues and learn from your programme manager, mentor, buddy, and colleagues. You will also have paid time out to study towards your qualification. Find out more and apply at: [Apprenticeships | Tesco Careers](#)

British Army: Level 3 Radio Network Technician Apprenticeship – recruitment ongoing



The British Army are recruiting for Level 3 Radio Network Technician Apprentices in the Royal Logistics Corps [Driver Communications Specialist](#). The Royal Logistic Corps are the Army's professional logisticians. Being a Communications Specialist is all about using radio and digital comms systems, teamwork and purpose, as well as being drivers in our own right, accountable for our vehicles and equipment. With a starting salary of £26,334, you can find out more and apply [here](#).

Budweiser Brewing Group – Level 3 Drinks Dispense Technician



[Budweiser Brewing Group UK and Ireland](#) are inviting applications for a [Drinks Dispense Technician Apprentice](#), with a closing date of 11th September 2026. The locations are Cambridge, London and the Southeast and, with a salary of £32,000 on completion of training (with potential additional earnings of £7,800 OTE & bonus), this is an attractive opportunity for those students wishing to use technical skills and qualifications as a school leaver. Find out more and apply [here](#).

Horseracing Gap Year with the British Racing School – 12 months



The [British Racing School's Horseracing Gap Year](#) is for students to get experience in British horse racing and includes 7 weeks coaching at the British Racing School's facilities in Newmarket, a paid 5-month placement at a British racing yard and paid 5-month placement at a racing yard in Australia. Training at the British Racing School costs £950 and return flight to and from Australia must be self-funded. Find out more and apply [here](#).

Citizen Science volunteering opportunities



Citizen Science is a volunteering initiative from the [Countryside Jobs Service](#). Its aim is accumulating large datasets, through surveys and fieldwork to compare with previous years and analyse emerging trends. You can record sightings on the website, through apps or online surveys. Some projects require fieldwork, including long-running surveys such as BTO's breeding bird survey. Taking part will give useful experience for degrees and careers in biology, natural sciences, ecology or conservation management. Find out about the roles and apply at: [Citizen Science](#).

For Careers Leaders/Heads of Careers Department

British Army Supporting Education (BASE) website - updated



The British Army Supporting Education (BASE) website has been updated, with new sections and clearer guidance to support your careers provision: [BASE - British Army Supporting Education](#). The refreshed website now includes: an improved Work Experience section, updated Elite Skills Academy (ESA) guidance, clear links to the Gatsby Benchmarks, a Parent and Guardian section and downloadable Resources. View the updated website [here](#).

NAW2027 planning webinars – June 2026



REMINDER: [National Apprenticeship Week](#) is the BIGGEST week in the apprenticeship calendar – and in 2027 will celebrate its 20th anniversary! Join Amazing Apprenticeships and the Department for Work and Pensions for **free webinars in June** to begin preparing for NAW 2027. To register for a June NAW 2027 planning webinar, see: [Schools & Colleges: NAW2027 Planning Webinar](#).

CDI in-person event - technical education and qualifications reform: Tues 14th July, 10am-3pm



The CDI is hosting a **FREE professional development day on Technical education pathways and Post-16 qualifications reform**, in partnership with Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG), held at the Newcastle-under-Lyme site on Tuesday 14th July, 10-3pm (lunch provided). Open to all Careers Advisers in England, the event will include workshops on apprenticeships, T Levels and HTQs. We will also look at recent qualifications reform, including V Levels and new level 2 pathways. Sign up [here](#).

KS3 Work Experience (WEX) Tech Week - 13th-17th July 2026



In July, in collaboration with National Careers Week and leading industry partners, [Tech She Can](#) will be delivering an exciting series of live virtual work experience sessions for students aged 11 -14. Tech She Can is a tech careers and social mobility charity who, supported by like-minded industry partners, create and deliver tech education experiences for all children - particularly women, girls and underrepresented groups - to aspire to, and pursue, technology careers. [Register your interest: KS3 WEX Tech Week 13th – 17th July 2026](#)

Save the Date! Events for your calendar



Some important dates for your calendar to support you in your work with students include: [National Work Experience Month - July 2026](#), who are inviting Schools and Colleges to join up as founding partners; [Green Careers Week 2nd-6th November 2026](#) with events still to be confirmed and [National Careers Week 2nd-6th March 2027](#). Use the links to find out how your school or college can get involved.

British Science Week – 5th-14th March 2027



The dates for British Science Week 2027 have been announced: [British Science Week – 5th to 14th March 2027](#). The team are looking forward to the next celebration of STEM lessons, assemblies and careers and are busy coming up with an exciting theme to inspire your events and activities, so keep your eyes peeled. In the meantime, you can visit the British Science Week website [here](#).

National Careers Week (NCW) 2026



As the National Careers Week (NCW) team finalises the #NCW2026 Impact Report, they have reflected on the outstanding engagement from educators, employers and career leaders. Here are some videos of key highlights from the week: [NCW STEM Learning Event](#) and [NCW STEM Learning Event - Youth Panel](#). They are now inviting applications to join our National Careers Week Ambassador community: [Ambassador Application - National Careers Week](#).

Student Finance England – Loan changes from 1st January 2027



There are some changes planned to the Student Finance England Loans for students from 1st January 2027 entry onwards: [Student finance England – loan changes from 1 January 2027 - GOV.UK](#). I am awaiting further detail on any changes to the Welsh and Scottish Student Loans.

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FutureSmart Essentials for schools



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