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Changes to the National Careers Service (NCS) from 1st October 2026



From 1 October 2026, the National Careers Service website will change its name to **'Get careers information and advice'**. The NCS website URL will remain the same for the time being, and all existing links to the site will continue to work. However, the way you get additional support relating to jobs and careers advice will change. Instead of contacting the National Careers Service, your options will depend on your age and your situation. You can read more about the changes here: [The National Careers Service is changing | National Careers Service](#). You can access the new website (Get Careers Information and Advice) here: [Home - Work Hub](#).

Skills England launch annual skills report



Skills England

Skills England have released their annual skills report (updated on the 4th August 2026). This report sets out progress made and the priorities ahead. With contributions from government, business, education and local leadership. You can read the full report here: [Skills England annual skills report 2026 - GOV.UK](#).

UCAS launches new cost of living budgeting tool



A new UCAS budgeting tool allows students to compare living costs across more than 100 UK locations using real student spending data. Applicants can use the interactive UCAS Budget Calculator to estimate their monthly living costs and plan their finances before they apply, helping them make more informed decisions about university life. You can access the tool here: [UCAS Budget Calculator](#).

Government's "Rewiring the State" Plans Signal Major Shift for Careers and Skills



The Government has announced plans to devolve significant powers over skills, employment support and technical education to mayors and strategic authorities across England. By 2028, every part of England is expected to be covered by a strategic authority, with local leaders taking greater responsibility for post-16 education, work experience and development. Find out more [here](#).

Exeter Maths School Expands STEM-related opportunities in the Southwest



Young people across Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Cornwall, Bristol, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire continue to benefit from the work of Exeter Maths School and its expanding outreach programme. Students engage in advanced mathematics, computing and physics programmes while benefiting from industry and university partnerships. Find out more: [Exeter Maths School](#).

Updated Statutory Careers Guidance for Education & Careers Providers



The Department for Education's updated statutory guidance reinforces the importance of high-quality careers education, underpinned by the Gatsby Benchmarks, to support all young people to make informed decisions and successful transitions into learning and work. Read the full guidance for key updates: [Gatsby Benchmarks and statutory guidance | CEC Corporate Web](#).

Record Number of Young People Secure Higher Education Places



UCAS figures show that a record **262,820 UK 18-year-olds** secured places at university or college this year. Engineering and Technology saw the largest growth, increasing by 14%, while participation among disadvantaged students continued to rise. Read more: [UCAS](#).

Sainsbury's Work Experience Opportunities



Sainsbury's has announced plans to create 10,000 work experience opportunities, supporting the Government's ambition that all young people access meaningful workplace experiences during secondary education: Discover more [here](#).

Jobs Guarantee Scheme



The first cohort of young people in Wales start work through the UK Government's Jobs Guarantee, delivering on the Prime Minister's priority to tackle youth unemployment; The scheme aims to create opportunity for those furthest from the jobs market and is backed by major businesses in construction, retail and hospitality industries. Over 90,000 fully funded jobs to be created across the UK by 2029 through the Jobs Guarantee, a key part of the UK Government's £2.5 billion drive to tackle youth unemployment. Discover more: [Gov.uk. Jobs Guarantee Scheme](#).

Dental Schools Council publish entry requirements for 2027



Every year the Dental Schools Council collates the entry requirements for dentistry, dental hygiene and dental therapy courses at UK and Irish Dental Schools. This information comes directly from the source and is part of our commitments to increase transparency in applications and improve widening participation. Explore the 2027 entry requirements here: [DSC-Entry-Requirements-entry-2027.pdf](#).

Upcoming Events

ERIC Createch Careers Fest – 23rd – 25th September 2026



This three-day event is your guide at the intersection of creativity and technology. Learn how creativity meets tech through short talks, real career stories and practical advice from people working across the creative industries. All online and on demand! Find out more: [createch week — ERIC | Creative Career App](#).

T Levels Week Planning Webinar for Schools and Colleges – 29th September 2026



Support your preparation for National T Levels Week and access resources to engage students, parents and staff. Find out more and book your place on the webinar: [Amazing Apprenticeships T-Levels Webinar](#).

UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair – 14th October 2026 at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium



Aimed at students in years 13 and 12, this exciting and informative event will provide attendees with the opportunity to speak to over **120** exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. These will include; **Russell Group, red brick and modern institutions**, as well as **apprenticeship providers and local colleges**. The event is ideal for Year 13s who will be applying for university, HE courses or apprenticeships. As well as Year 12s who will be starting to make decisions about their post-18 education and career choices. Discover more: [UK University Search Fair London Autumn 2026 | UK University Search](#).

SAVE THE DATE! National T-Levels Week – 19th-23rd October 2026



T-Levels Week is coming up in October 2026! Check out this [T Levels Week toolkit](#) from [Amazing Apprenticeships](#). You can find out more about T Levels Week and the various events throughout the week here: [T Levels Week 19 to 23 October 2026 – T Levels support for schools and colleges](#).

Discover Bristol Virtual Outreach Programme – Deadline: 27th September 2026



Discover Bristol is a virtual project delivered by Bristol University for Year 13 students from lower socio-economic backgrounds. The programme is designed to help students learn more about higher education to make informed choices for their future. All successful completers of the project are eligible for our Guaranteed Contextual Offer/Interview.

Eligibility - Students must be state-educated, in Year 13 or equivalent, classified as a 'home fee' student and either reside in an IMD Quintile 1/2 postcode or have previously been eligible for free school meals in the past 6 years.

The deadline for applications is 23.59 on 27th September 2026 and the programme will run remotely from 27th October – 15th December 2026. Find out more and apply: [Discover Bristol at University of Bristol | JutJut](#) or contact the Discover Bristol team via email: discover-bristol@bristol.ac.uk.

CDI National Conference – 2nd & 3rd December 2026, Birmingham



The next CDI National Conference will be held on the 2nd and 3rd of December 2026 in Birmingham. The event will bring together career development professionals from all areas of the sector. Discover more and book: [CDI National Conference - Career Development Institute](#).

Photo Tips: Building a Career in Commercial & Fashion Photography: Tuesday 19th November 2026



This online Zoom talk provides insight, inspiration and open dialogue with industry professionals and creative community members. Award-winning British Pakistani photographer Shahfaq Shahbaz is a freelance portrait, fashion, and commercial photographer and she will share the practical realities of building a career in fashion and commercial photography. Find out more about the event and book your place: [Select tickets – Photo Tips: Building a Career in Commercial & Fashion Photography – Zoom](#).

Save the Date – Green Careers Week: 2nd – 6th November 2026



From 2nd – 6th November 2026, Green Careers Week returns for their biggest week yet, celebrating careers education, advice, guidance, and inspiration in the green sector.

UCAS Create Your Future Event – October/November 2026 in London & Manchester



Create Your Future is back next month, bringing together universities, colleges, conservatoires and industry professionals to help students explore where their creativity could take them. This free, high-energy event is perfect for students considering a future in the creative industries. The event will take place in either Manchester or London. Find out more and book your place: [Create Your Future | The Creative Career Showcase | UCAS](#).

Recommended Websites & Resources

Social Mobility Commission Interactive Tool



This data helps students, parents, universities and policy makers to explore detailed benchmarks on university access and social mobility. You can explore the data in 2 ways – by University (see how 94 individual universities rank on three social mobility metrics) or by rankings tables (Explore 3 rankings tables that show how all 94 universities compare for equal access and the social mobility coefficient (with and without adjusting for location). You can read more and access the tool here: [Universities - Universities - Social Mobility Data Explorer - GOV.UK](#).

Post 16 Pathways Resource Pack – T Levels Support for Schools and Colleges



This resource pack has been created to support education and training providers, and careers information, advice and guidance professionals, to explain post-16 pathways to staff, students, parents/carers, employers and other stakeholders. The pack contains a range of practical resources designed to support communications, engagement activities and curriculum planning as providers prepare for the introduction of new post-16 pathways. Access the resource pack here: [Post-16 Pathways Support pack – T Levels support for schools and colleges](#).

UCAS – Browse Careers Tool



Not sure which career is right for you? Browse a variety of different careers in different fields of work using the UCAS 'Browse Careers' tool. Students can access the resource here: [Browse Careers](#) | [Discover Your Ideal Job](#) | [UCAS](#).

Amazing Apprenticeships Rapid Read: Finding Apprenticeship Vacancies



Explore this Rapid Read from Amazing Apprenticeships to discover the many ways that individuals can search for apprenticeships: [Rapid Read: Finding Apprenticeship Vacancies - Amazing Apprenticeships](#).

Apprenticeship & Internship Opportunities

NFTS Apprenticeship in partnership with Apple TV



If you are committed to working in the film and television industry, have brilliant organisation skills and want to work in production management, then why not explore an apprenticeship with the National Film and Television School, in partnership with Apple TV? For more information and details on how to apply: [Apple TV Apprenticeships](#) | [NFTS](#).

McLaren Engineering Graduate and Internship Programmes now open!



McLaren Racing are now recruiting for their Engineering Graduate and Internship schemes. For more information about the graduate scheme see: [McLaren Racing Graduate Scheme](#), and for the internship scheme, see: [McLaren Racing Internships](#).

Morrisons Food Technical Degree Apprenticeship – Applications for 2027 now open



Join Morrison's as a Technical Degree Apprentice, and you'll get involved in all aspects of food production and compliance across a huge number of food categories. It's a three-year programme where you'll learn about food manufacturing, develop your leadership skills, work on exciting live projects, and help us to improve and develop their food safety and quality standards. Discover more: [Food Technical Degree Apprenticeship - Morrisons Jobs](#).

Amazon Safety Technician Apprentice Vacancy



Amazon are recruiting for an Amazon Safety, Health & Environment Technician Apprentice. As an WHS Apprentice, you'll play an active role in shaping safe, healthy and efficient workplaces across Amazon. You'll spend time learning about risk management, wellbeing, and continuous improvement while supporting real safety projects. Find out more: [Safety Technician - Amazon Apprenticeships UK](#).

British Airways Apprenticeship Applications open in Autumn 2026!



Applications for apprenticeships with British Airways will open in Autumn 2026. There are various roles available, including Business professionals and engineering roles. Read more about the opportunities available: [Apprentices](#).

Apprenticeships with Leonardo UK open week commencing 19th October 2026



Each year, Leonardo seeks to attract enthusiastic people to join one of their highly regarded apprenticeships programme. Leonardo UK is a large employer of engineering, business, and cyber apprentices in the UK, with over 400 graduates and apprentices in training at different facilities across the country. Read more about their apprenticeships: [Apprenticeship Opportunities | Leonardo UK](#).

For Careers Leaders/Heads of Careers Department

NavigATE: Your Termly Update on Apprenticeships and Technical Education



Check out this useful update for Careers Leaders and advisers on apprenticeships, technical education developments and key dates for the academic year: [Amazing Apprenticeships](#).

Free Certificated Sustainable Futures Programme designed for Schools and Colleges



This free certificated Sustainable Futures is designed to be delivered by teachers, careers leaders or facilitators to students aged 13-18. The course includes three modules, split into bitesize 30-minute learning units for maximum flexibility. It can be delivered as part of your careers provision, within curriculum subjects or as an extra-curricular activity. Find out more here: [WWF V3 - Green Careers Week](#).

Free Teacher Tech Careers CPD Day in London – 11th November 2026 & 3rd February 2026



Hosted by [Infosys - Consulting | IT Services](#) in partnership with [TechSheCan](#), this free teacher CPD day offers an insight into the huge range of careers in Tech and helps you to discover ways to embed digital skills into your lessons. There are two dates available (November 2026 and February 2027). Find out more: [Free Teacher CPD Day in London, hosted by Infosys](#). Apply for your admission place here: [TSC x Infosys Teacher Tech Careers CPD Day Application Form 2026/27](#).

UCAS Destinations Programme



Start the new academic year with a careers programme that's ready to go. For careers leaders and advisers, the UCAS Destinations Programme provides a free, flexible two-year Careers Discovery Framework for students aged 16-18, designed by careers experts to support successful post-18 progression. Join the UCAS Destinations Programme today and get started with the Term 1 resources: [UCAS Destinations Programme | UCAS](#).

Get in touch

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.

Contact us



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We'd love to hear from you!