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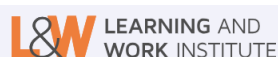
News updates

Government announces reforms to increase apprenticeship places



The government announced plans to fully fund apprenticeships for small businesses from 1st April as part of a package designed to encourage more apprenticeship places, reduce bureaucracy and drive greater private investment. The £60m investment aims to enable up to 20,000 more apprenticeships and the reduced regulation hopes to cut £150m in costs for small businesses. Businesses will also be able to transfer 50% of their unused levy to another organisation. Read the full article [here](#).

Apprenticeship starts and completions increase in 2023/24



The number of apprenticeship starts in England increased by 2.5% in 2023/24 compared to the previous year, exceeding 200,000. Completions rose by 18.5%, with COVID potentially influencing this change due to impacts on the timing of assessments. Under-19s accounted for 29% of all starts and higher level apprenticeships (level 6 and 7) increased by 5.8% to 16% of the total. Read the full article [here](#).

EU launches action plan to tackle skills shortages



With 63% of small and medium businesses across the EU citing issues with attracting and retaining staff, the European Commission has identified 42 occupations that are facing labour shortages, and presented an action plan that states should enact. The areas of focus include helping under-represented people enter the workforce, providing support for skills development, improving working conditions, increasing intra-EU mobility and attracting talent from outside the EU. Read the full article [here](#).

Apprenticeships to qualify for UCAS tariff points?



UCAS are planning a public consultation on adding UCAS points to apprenticeships by May 2024. This was delayed from 2023 likely due to a 'challenging education environment' and consultations with regulators and stakeholders. This would bring apprenticeships into line with level 3 qualifications such as A levels, T levels and BTECs. Read the full article [here](#).

The role of teachers in building career skills and knowledge



Tristram Hooley and Suzanne Rice conducted six months of research, gathering insights from a roundtable of careers experts and stakeholders to look at the role of secondary teachers in careers provision, covering their role and identity, pastoral responsibilities, curriculum development, referral and partnership, and parental engagement. Read more about the key points in the full article [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Teacher Presentations Summer Term 2024



Teacher focused sessions regarding getting into Dentistry and Medicine are running from 16th April to 20th June. Register for sessions [here](#).

National Careers Guidance Show London Wednesday 17th April



Embrace. Evolve. Succeed: preparing for future careers in the ever-changing world of work. The world of work is constantly evolving, witnessing significant changes in working patterns, a continued rise in remote working, and widespread industry upheavals. In this dynamic landscape, access to high-quality, lifelong career guidance becomes crucial to better equip the thousands of people our attendees support on a daily basis. Come and find FutureSmart Careers at the show. Find out more at: [National Career Guidance Show \(NCGS\) London 2024](#)

National Apprenticeship Events- April 2024- November 2024



Events will be taking across the UK to bring school and college students, parents, together with Top UK employers, universities, colleges and training providers. Events provide the opportunity to discover more about the career options. Find out more [here](#).

London Job Show- 26th & 27th April 2024



On 26th & 27th April 2024, the London Job Show is showcasing thousands of employment and training opportunities – from senior management positions to mid-level roles, to entry level, graduate schemes, and apprenticeships. Find out more [here](#).

Big Bang Young Scientists and Engineers Fair June 2024



From Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st of June 2024, the Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers fair will be taking place. There will be hands-on activities, careers panels, and workshops. The Big Bang Fair is open to schools in half-day sessions. Schools can register for the morning (9am-12pm) or afternoon (1pm-4pm) sessions. To book click [here](#).

Recommended Websites & Resources

FutureSmart Careers Blog- Summer Schools



The FutureSmart Careers blog this month takes a look at a range of summer schools taking place at leading UK universities and other opportunities. Find out what they have to offer students both in the UK and abroad. To read the full blog click [here](#).

Skills for Careers

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For students, parents and careers advisers, this website offers resources to help find work and training, career ideas and support materials and resources for teachers and careers advisers. Find out more at: [Skills for Careers](#).

Into Film



[Into Film](#) offers information, guidance and support on careers in the screen industries. This includes the Careers and Progression programme, supported by the BFI awarding National Lottery funding and provides FREE training, classroom resources and online content for School Careers Leads, young people and parents. Please visit their [Careers Hub](#) to find out more.

Springpod Subject Spotlights



UCAS is collaborating with Springpod to offer students access to [Subject Spotlights](#), a new feature on the Springpod Website. Subject Spotlights are interactive university course tasters which feature real-life lectures, seminars and academics, giving prospective students the opportunity to experience a variety of degree subjects that they may be considering studying. Check out Subject Spotlights [here](#).

The Chartered Institute of Marketing



The Chartered Institute of Marketing has great resources for students and career leaders to gain further insights on the pathways, roles and opportunities to get into marketing. Have a look [here](#) for more information.

The Countryside Classroom



The Countryside Classroom is a fantastic resource to support students in considering careers in Farming and Agriculture. They have a breadth of resources from workshop activities, career cards and job profiles to suit all ages. Sign up for their **FREE** resources [here](#) today.

The Art Career Project



Art provides an avenue for self-expression, creative fulfillment, and enjoyment. [The Art Career Project](#) help emerging artists get the tools they need to get started or advance in their artistic careers. Their resources include art career profiles and information on how to build long-term careers in today's top creative industries.

Careermag by Careermap



Careermag is released by Careermap and is a useful resource for parents, schools, colleges, universities and career advisers. With articles from experts and industry specialists on job hunting, apprenticeships, internships, graduate schemes and more. [Sign up here today.](#)

Apprenticeship Opportunities

New Teaching Apprenticeship



The DfE have announced a new Teacher Degree Apprenticeship where the scheme will pay for trainees' first degree. Subject to final approval, schools will be able to start recruiting apprentices from Autumn 2024, with the first trainees beginning the programme in 2025. Read the full article [here](#).

Rate My Apprenticeship



For the latest Apprenticeships & Degree Apprenticeships for school leavers nationwide check out: [Apprenticeship & Degree Apprenticeship Jobs Search for School Leavers | Rate-MyApprenticeship](#)

Lloyds Banking Group Apprenticeships



LBG Apprenticeship applications are open. There's a huge range of opportunities, including Software Engineering, Quality Engineering, Cyber Security, Information Communications Technician, and Data Analytics. Find out more at: [Lloyds Banking Apprenticeships](#)

For Careers Leaders/Heads of Careers Department

UCAS Student and Parent Support



Find out how to support your students and their parents with Confirmation and Clearing Resources 2024, including key dates, opening times and a Parent Guide to Clearing. Resources and information can be found [here](#).

HEPI Article on the Use of AI in Personal Statements



The **Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI)** recently published an article about using AI for UCAS Personal Statement including reflections from the UCAS 2024 Advisers and Lecturers conference. Read the full article [here](#).

Careers Conference Tuesday 30th April 2024



This event will help Careers Leads and those responsible for enterprise and curriculum development to improve their careers provision, meet Gatsby Benchmarks and boost social mobility by engaging former students. To book click [here](#).

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.

FutureSmart Essentials is our essential package for schools and includes

**FUTURESMART
ESSENTIALS.**

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- 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.

To find out about FutureSmart Essentials and how else we can support schools, please don't hesitate to contact us on **0330 311 9509**

ASK Programme for Devon and Oxfordshire



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If you are school or college in Devon or Oxfordshire, please free to contact us for assemblies, application workshops, webinars and resources.

For Devon schools contact us at askdevon@futuresmartcareers.co.uk

For Oxfordshire schools contact us at askoxfordshire@futuresmartcareers.co.uk

Contact Us

Other Enquiries



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