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### News updates

#### UCAS early application data – October 2024



UCAS statistics from the early application deadline have been released. The applicants for early deadline courses have increased by 1.3% (+990 applicants) overall compared to last year, while the number of UK 18-year-old applicants has fallen by 0.9% (-370 applicants) and UK mature applicants have increased by 3% (+190 applicants). You can read the article here: [UCAS releases undergraduate application data from 15 October deadline](#).

#### T-level Health & Science low retention rate



This BBC news article about the Education Policy Institute's (EPI) report into T-Levels, now in their 5<sup>th</sup> year, relays concern over dropout rates from Health and Science courses and overall completion rates. While retention is improving, the rollout has drawn criticism on quality of teaching and availability of work placements. For the full article, see: [One in three drop out from health T-level](#).

#### Less than half of all GCSE pupils do work experience



The Key Group's report reveals 49% of Year 10 pupils complete work experience. The report found that only 42% of pupils on free school meals go on work experience, significantly less than the 51.5% who don't receive free school meals, with the proportion is even lower for North of England at just 33.5%, compared to 59% in the south-west. For the full press-release, see: [Less than half of all GCSE pupils do work experience](#).

## University cash crisis will get worse, despite tuition fee rise – BBC news



The Office for Students (OfS) predicts more than a third of universities are likely to have serious cash flow problems. Sir David Behan, the regulator's chairperson, has called for radical change, saying course closures and university mergers might be needed for financial stability, while the government is considering long-term funding and reform. Read the full article at: [University cash crisis will get worse despite tuition fee rise - BBC News](#).

## Budget 2024: Chancellor's announcement on FE and skills



Chancellor Rachel Reeves announced a £300 million investment in Further Education on 30<sup>th</sup> October. A £40 million investment in shorter and foundation apprenticeships was also announced. Exact details on how the funding should be spent and whether the funding is solely for FE Colleges is yet to be clarified, but the announcement marks a boost to funding in the UK Further Education and Skills sector. You can read the article [here](#).

## BIMM Music Institute London launches The Black Music Coalition x Wretch 32 Scholarship



BIMM Music Institute London has partnered with The Black Music Coalition and Wretch 32 to launch a scholarship dedicated to supporting the next generation of Black music industry professionals. The initiative fully covers tuition fees for three years and includes mentorship sessions from Scholarship Ambassador, Wretch 32. Applications close on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025. For more information and to apply, see: [New BIMM scholarship - find out more](#).

## Alumni celebrate graduation from McLaren Racing's 60 Scholars programme 2024



McLaren Racing ran their 60 Scholars programme for the second time in 2024 and among the graduates were 17 of the Smallpeice Arkwright Scholarship alumni. The programme aims to support and inspire future female leaders in STEM together with its partners, Google, Cisco, Deloitte and official Learning & Skills Partner Udemy, through the course and mentorship. More details on the McLaren 60 Scholars engage program can be found at [2024 60 Scholars programme](#).

## Smallpeice Trust: Arkwright Engineering Scholarship



There's still time to apply for the Smallpeice Trust's Arkwright Engineering Scholarship 2024/25. This prestigious award offers talented young people the opportunity to be mentored by industry professionals from leading organisations: [Scholarships | Smallpeice Trust](#). Applications close on 21st November.

## Upcoming Events

### INTO FILM Festival 8<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November 2024



The **Into Film** Festival 8<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November offers film screenings, workshops and special events across the UK. They also have great resources around performance and backstage careers, information and advice, virtual broadcasts, podcasts featuring industry professionals and the latest opportunities in the screen industries. Students can find events near them [here](#).

## University of Cambridge – events and webinars for applicants, November 2024



There are some useful events coming up this month, including Applicant webinars on interviews 20<sup>th</sup> (Arts & Humanities) and 21<sup>st</sup> November (Sciences) [book here](#) and the ongoing Trinity Hall Admissions podcast, students can [watch here](#).

## Dig Data and National Highways FREE virtual work experience – November and December



National Highways are partnering with Dig Data on live Careers Challenges aimed at years 7-9 (27<sup>th</sup> November) and years 10-13, plus FE students (11<sup>th</sup> December). [Register now](#) for **How did the Hedgehog cross the road?** Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4:30pm and [Book here](#) for **Where there is Wi-Fi there's a way!** Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, 5:00pm. National Highways cover Safety, Biodiversity and Carbon reduction. Find out about the challenge: [here](#).

## Discover Cardiff FREE webinars November and December 2024



The University of Cardiff's "Discover Cardiff" webinar series which continues from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 5:00-6:00pm, with 'Ask Cardiff' covering accommodation, admissions and finance and extends to 'University interviews' on 5<sup>th</sup> December proves to be highly informative for students. For more information and to book your place, see: [Undergraduate webinars - Cardiff University](#).

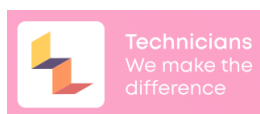
## Step into the NHS competitions for Primary and Secondary Schools



The NHS Health Careers team has launched its 2024/25 [Step into the NHS competitions](#) for schools. Designed to raise awareness of the 350 NHS careers and inspire young people to choose an NHS career, the NHS are looking for your help in getting schools involved. The closing date for entries is 30 April 2025, you can find out more at: [Step into the NHS | KS3 careers resources and competition](#).

## Recommended Websites & Resources

### Technicians make the difference



This site is aimed at teachers and advisers, with a separate section for parents and carers and full of resources on the range of technician roles in various industries. With videos, interactive quizzes, problem-solving games, case studies, role finder tools; as well as sessions for assemblies, class size or small groups. To find out more, see: [We make the difference | Technicians](#).

### Ambitious about Autism – Careers Education Framework



Ambitious about Autism is an England based charity which runs education services, helps young people find work experience and shapes policy and legislation through research and campaigning. They have created a Careers Education Framework for students with Autism, though the Free complimentary webinars are booked up until after January 2025, you can find out more about the Framework and how it relates to the English National Curriculum and Gatsby Benchmarks [here](#).

## WonderWhat – new creative career matching website

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WonderWhat [wonderwhat.co.uk](https://wonderwhat.co.uk) is a new Creative Careers matching site where students can take the interactive Image Explorer “quiz”, research ideas in the Subject Directory and dispel Common Misconceptions about the creative industries. Visually interesting, it will prove useful for those interested in Art & Design, Culture and Heritage and Performance related careers. For advice, use their Chat Assistant: [Chat - Discover | WonderWhat](#).

## Generation Logistics – Careers in Logistics – Career Matters

**GENERATION LOGISTICS™**

Generation Logistics takes you through all aspects of the industry, including career options and training routes. With informative quizzes, case studies and live job vacancies. [Generation Logistics | Where Talent Meets Opportunity](#).

## Spotlight on: Digital Careers – Cyber Security



There is a UK shortage of qualified professionals in the Cyber Security industry. A degree isn't essential in cyber security as non-technical professionals often have the transferable skills required. CyberFirst is a programme of opportunities to help young people explore their passion for tech. Go to [CyberFirst - NCSC.GOV.UK](https://CyberFirst-NCSC.GOV.UK), to find out about the government education programme for 11 to 19-year-olds.

## UCAS and Springpod: Virtual work-experience on-demand



Students can boost their UCAS personal statements by accessing virtual work experience programmes on-demand. Led by industry experts, involving real-world activities, a range of employment sector and industry experiences are available: [Virtual Work Experiences | UCAS](#) Find out more [here](#).

## FutureSmart Careers - November Blog: Careers in the UK Armed Forces



This month's FutureSmart Careers blog covers “Careers in the UK Armed Forces” Including information on the types of roles available, entry options, selection and training process, employment packages and incentives as well useful further research websites; our blog should support your students in making an informed choice. Read the blog: [here](#).

## Apprenticeship Opportunities

### Amazing Apprenticeships EDF apprenticeships webinar – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024



**Save the date** Amazing Apprenticeships EDF apprenticeships webinar on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 4:00-4:30pm, sign-up at: [Apprenticeships with EDF – Amazing Apprenticeships](#). Applications will open in December 2024; students can find out more about the range of EDF apprenticeships on offer at [EDF Apprenticeships](#).

### The best paying apprenticeships in the UK 2024 – Best Apprenticeships



This informative piece from the team at Best Apprenticeships gives insight into the best paid apprenticeships here in the UK for 2024. Describing the pay, entry requirements and likely day-to-day elements of each role, the article proves a useful touchpoint for students interested in apprenticeships: [Best Paying UK Apprenticeships 2024 | Best Apprenticeships](#).

## Sales Degree apprenticeship Bristol - with Coca-Cola Europacific Partners (CCEP)



**Closing date 24<sup>th</sup> November** This 4-year programme will see you immersed in the world of Sales, with roles as a Grocery Merchandiser and a Sales Representative and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year student led. You will gain a Level 6 Apprenticeship, Bachelor's Degree in Chartered Management and have continuous support from the Head of Early Careers. For more information and to apply, see: [Sales Degree Apprenticeship - Coca-Cola Europacific Partners \(CCEP\)](#).

## Field Technician Level 2 Apprenticeship – Virgin Media O2



Based in either London, Basildon, Gloucester, Oxford, Portsmouth, Guildford, with a closing date of 25<sup>th</sup> November, this Level 2 apprenticeship offers a high salary and an opportunity to learn about cables, signal levels, connections, configuration and educating customers on Virgin Media O2 services. They are seeking problem-solving, hands-on, tech-savvy apprentices with a full UK driving license. To find out more and apply, see: [Field Technician Level 2 Apprenticeship at Virgin Media O2](#).

## For Careers Leaders/Heads of Careers Department

### Teachers & Advisers – University of Cambridge webinars, November and December 2024



Something for everyone with the 'Student Life at Cambridge' and the [English A level coursework and EPQ](#) webinars on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November; the recording of the [How to support candidates at interview](#) webinar available and the [Foundation Year Applicant Support Programme](#) sessions on 13<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (the application deadline is 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025).

### Introduction to Investor in Careers approach webinar – 4:00-4:30pm Tues 10<sup>th</sup> December



Aimed at Careers Leads and SLT in Schools and Colleges interested in achieving the Quality in Careers Standard, this insight online event will support you in your first steps towards gaining nationally recognised, external, accreditation of your CEIAG provision. Interested School and College staff can book a place for the webinar via Eventbrite: [Investor in Careers approach, Tues 10 Dec 4:00-4:30pm](#).

### BIMM Music Institute becomes Music Minds Matter ally



Music Minds Matter is a charity dedicated to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing for those working in the music industry and BIMM Music Institute will be working closely with MMM to ensure students are well-equipped to manage their mental health and wellbeing during their studies and beyond: [BIMM Music Institute becomes Music Minds Matter ally](#).

### National Apprenticeship Week 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Resources Available Now



With posters, activities, display material and the School and College Guide to National Apprenticeship Week 2025 now available and the Higher & Degree listing and new 'Apprentice Arcade' games coming in January, these site pages from the team at Amazing Apprenticeships promise to be a hugely popular and insightful resource **Download your materials, posters and guide now** at: [NAW2025 Resources - Amazing Apprenticeships](#).

## Queen Mary University hubs for Teachers and Parents / Carers



As part of their [Queen Mary's 2030 strategy](#) around inclusivity, QMUL has a Hub for Teachers and Parents / Carers with an Activity & Events Portal, CPD sessions and FAQs for Teachers and Advisers and Webinars, Online resources and Top Tips for Parents and Carers to support applicants. For more information and to book, see: [Teachers - Queen Mary University of London](#) or [Parents and Carers - QMUL](#).

## 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

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NEWSLETTER



- 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



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](mailto:askdevon@futuresmartcareers.co.uk)

For Oxfordshire schools contact us at [askoxfordshire@futuresmartcareers.co.uk](mailto:askoxfordshire@futuresmartcareers.co.uk)

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### Other Enquiries



For all other enquiries, please contact our team at [enquiries@futuresmartcareers.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@futuresmartcareers.co.uk) or give us a call on Tel: **0330 311 9509**

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