



Careers Update



May 2025: Issue 5

CALENDAR DATES: More information is detailed further down

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- **Saturday 21st June 10am-2pm** - Plymouth Arts University Undergraduate Open Day

Apprenticeship news and events:

- **UCAS – Apprenticeship Application Free Guides.** UCAS have recently created some useful Apprenticeship Application Guides: Apprenticeship Application Guides | Apprenticeships | UCAS. Tailored to areas such as Business, Construction, Engineering, Finance & Accounting, Healthcare, Legal, Creative, Digital and IT and with top tips from both employers and current apprentices, the guides prove to be another helpful resource for both students, teachers, advisers and parents or carers alike. Look at the guides here.
- **Apprenticeships with the National Trust launch in May 2025!** The National Trust are working with Amazing Apprenticeships to launch apprenticeships for 130 young people who might not otherwise consider a career with the National Trust. Apprenticeships will be based at locations round the country and provide opportunities for a range of careers including horticulture and countryside management, as well as project management, information technology, finance and HR. The first round of apprenticeships will be open for applications in May 2025.
- **Investin Summer School Work Experience in London**
During the summer holidays, InvestIN deliver comprehensive summer schools designed to give students a 360-degree experience of their dream career. Delivered by top professionals, the Summer Experiences enable students to gain up to 65 hours of hands-on, practical experience, featuring excursions to real workplaces, professional development coaching and private networking. Students can choose to attend a 1-week, 2-week or 2-week Premium Summer Experience, with or without accommodation.
[Summer Schools – InvestIN Education](#)
- **Apprenticeship opportunities with the Met Office – Opening February.**
September 2025 intake Apprenticeships with the Met Office applications are open from February. Their apprentices play a vital role in delivering world-changing work. With Level 2 to Level 6 apprenticeships available in various roles including Technology, Human Re-sources, Engineering, Legal Services, Project Management and Finance, they are looking for talented people from a diverse range of backgrounds. For more information and to apply, see: Met Office apprenticeships.



- **Applications are now open for the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trusts Medical Work Experience Week programme.**

This programme is for year 12 students that want to apply for medical school. The programme is 4 Days long and will be held at the RD&E hospital from Monday 23rd June too Thursday 26th June. Please see the link below and apply if you are interested in becoming a doctor and want to apply to medical school.

<https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/21FO00k0sqwpgp00glo815meow>

- **Griffin Chartered Accountants - Accountancy Apprenticeships - Year 13**

We are a mid-size firm based in Pynes Hill, Exeter and currently looking to recruit some apprentices for the summer. Also, as a former student, it would be great to see some new faces from Exmouth! We currently have a number of vacancies which were recruiting for to start in the summer:

AAT Trainee Accountant apprenticeship (Level 3 & 4)

AAT Bookkeeper apprenticeship (Level 2 & 3)

Link to website: <https://www.griffinaccountancy.co.uk/work-for-us/accountancy-careers/>

- **PKF Francis Clark is excited to announce the AAT Accountancy Apprenticeship starting in August 2025.**

This is a fantastic opportunity for those interested in pursuing a career in accountancy

What: AAT Accountancy Apprenticeship - August 2025 start

Where: PKF Francis Clark, **Exeter**

Who for: School leavers

In this apprenticeship, students will join as trainee accountants and over the next three years, they will be supported to study for and achieve the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) professional qualification via an apprenticeship. Students will work across a variety of sectors, experiencing a wide range of high-quality clients, from start-ups to large businesses. This is a great way to learn and develop technical, commercial, and personal skills.

For more details and to apply, please visit the link: **use your link**

Any questions please don't hesitate to Email Laura Pyle at laura.pyle@pkf-francisclark.co.uk

- **Romtec Engineering Apprenticeship available – Exeter Apply now!**

See details below.



Level 2 Engineering Operative Apprenticeship



Successful applicants will need to:

- have a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, to include Maths and English.
- be self-motivated with a positive and can do attitude.
- have good hand/eye coordination.
- possess excellent attention to detail and be able to concentrate for long periods.
- work to a high standard of accuracy.

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Details

- CNC machining, finishing & inspection.
- 18 month course (including end point assessment).
- 2 college days per week.
- Hours: Mon-Fri, 39 hours per week.
- Location: Sowton Industrial Estate, Exeter.
- Salary: £310 per week.
- Start date: September 2025.
- Work experience offered as part of the interview process.
- Opportunity to progress onto a level 3 Engineering Technician Course.

How to Apply:

- Online at Exeter College Apprenticeship website Ref ID: 255648
 - Contact Exeter College on 01392 400800 quoting Ref ID:255648
- or
- Email your CV & covering letter to info@rotamic.co.uk



Rotamic Engineering Ltd, Falcon Road, Sowton Industrial Estate, Exeter, Devon, EX2 7LB

TESCO

- **TESCO Stronger Starts Apprenticeships.** The TESCO Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship is launching. Offering a Level 2 apprenticeship, with a salary of £22,500, the programme includes a blend of learning activities and hands-on, shop floor experience. Just an interest in the programme and learning more about the role and Tesco as an employer is required. Delivered in partnership with Lifetime training and with pastoral support from The Princes Trust, you can find out more and apply here. [Apprenticeships - Find apprenticeships near you | Tesco Careers](#)



NatWest

- **NATWEST Group Apprenticeships 2025.** The NATWEST Group are offering apprenticeships in tech, digital and data, customer services and sales, finance and risk, people, projects and change and



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commercial banking. Register your interest at: [Apprenticeships | NatWest Group Careers](#).

[Apprenticeships | NatWest Group Careers](#)



- **Apprenticeships at Vodafone – Applications Still Open.** With Level 3, Level 4 and Level 6 Degree Apprenticeships on offer, in Field Engineering and Managed Engineering, applications are still available for 2025 entry. For more information and to apply, see: Apprenticeships · Vodafone UK Careers. [Apprenticeships · Vodafone UK Careers](#)

Miscellaneous Info

- **THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX – THE DREAM MACHINE IS COMING! Simon Squibb's Dream Machine** is rolling into **Exeter, Torbay, and Plymouth** — and it's bringing a once-in-a-lifetime chance for young entrepreneurs to **pitch their business ideas** to someone who might just make their *dreams come true*. **When: Exeter:** The Cowick Barton Car Park, 121 Cowick Lane, EX2 9HF **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th May**
- **Skern Training and Skills** are a leading Training Provider for Agricultural and Farming apprenticeships. We provide learners with the right skills and knowledge to succeed in the agriculture industry, while providing employers with new talent equipped to effectively manage a range of farming operations and activities.
- **Virtual Work Experience with Experian in May 2025.** **Tuesday 13th May at 4.30pm** (virtual session hosted on MS Teams). Virtual work experience opportunities with **Experian**, taking place in May for students in year groups 7-9 (First Step) and 10-13 (Next Step). The events take place outside of school hours, making them easily accessible for all students.

“Free Skins or Fake Wins? Exposing Fake Gaming Giveaways!”

- A 45-minute briefing with the Experian team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Certification awarded on completion
- [Register now!](#) (students)



Agriculture Apprenticeships

Open Evenings

STS have been providing business training for over 45 years and is a main apprenticeship provider providing Level 2, 3 and 4 Agriculture Apprenticeships. Listening to industry and employer needs, programmes are designed and delivered to meet the ever-evolving agricultural sector by qualified lecturers.

We are hosting a number of information evenings for potential apprentices and employers to meet the team and find out more.

The evenings are all 7pm - 8pm and will be held:

Tuesday 6th May

West Alvington Hall, Kingsbridge,
TQ7 3PZ

Thursday 8th May

Skern Lodge, Appledore,
EX39 1NG

Or join us virtually on one of these dates:

Tuesday 8th April

Tuesday 13th May

Tuesday 10th June

Tuesday 8th July



Scan to join our Teams call



- **Plymouth Arts University Undergraduate Open Day** – Saturday 21st June 10am-2pm. A chance for students to tour the inspiring creative spaces and facilities, meet the lecturers and current students and obtain advice on courses, creative careers and student life. During our June Open Day, they'll also have an exclusive opportunity to explore our Graduate Shows, featuring the best and more exciting work created by our final year students. Watch last year's Graduate show [here](#)
- This month's edition of Choices magazine, the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education. Real life apprentice experiences and stories.
https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/choices-magazine-april-parent-carers-guide/?utm_source=school+&utm_medium=devon%2C+torbay+and+plymouth&utm_campaign=choices+april+



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All aspiring doctors and dentists in years 10-12 / S3-S5 / NI11-13 are invited to register.

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

- UCAT Entrance Exam
- Exam techniques and sample questions from each UCAT section
- UCAT shortcuts and timeline
- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- Medical & Dental school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships

By attending, students not only gain knowledge and preparation tips, but they'll also earn a certificate that they can proudly showcase in the 'conferences you have attended' section of their UCAS application.

Please note that parental attendance is required to ensure parents are also supported throughout the application process.

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

Medicine: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>



- **University of Cambridge – 1st May, 13th & 14th May**

Online Subject Masterclasses. Sessions, running from 4:15-7:00pm, are a great way to deepen subject knowledge while experiencing what it's like to study at the University of Cambridge. Masterclasses include Neuroscience (1st May), Natural Sciences (13th) and Land Economy (14th). Cost is £15 per student, but funded places are available. Register here -

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses>

- **Big Bang Young Scientist Fair – 17th to 19th June 2025.** The Big Bang Young Scientist Fair returns this year at the Birmingham's NEC from Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 June the Big Bang Fair 2025. With hands-on workshops, activities and exciting live shows, the event is free to state-school students in England and Wales in years 6 to 8. Sessions for budding scientists, engineers and designers include Biomimicry, Drone Coding, Climate change and Design solutions. Register here -
<https://bigbang25.eventreference.com/register>



Whether you're deciding what to study, taking your exams, planning a career, or just curious, BBC Bitesize Careers are here to explain the world of work, with advice from people who've found the right path for

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

them.

Investigate different careers at Career pilot - <https://careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors/sectors>

Career spotlight this month – Vet

Vet

Vets diagnose and treat sick or injured animals.

£ ANNUAL SALARY
£30,000 to £50,000

Average UK salary in 2024 was £37,430
(source Office for National Statistics)

⌚ WORKING HOURS
40 to 45 a week

You could work: on call; as customers demand

📈 FUTURE EMPLOYMENT
There will be 3.8% more Vet
jobs in 2029.

3.8%





What you'll do

Day to day tasks

In general veterinary practice you could:

- diagnose and treat sick and injured animals
- perform operations
- carry out blood analyses, X-rays and scans
- provide care for animals in veterinary hospitals
- carry out regular health checks and give vaccinations
- check farm animals and advise on how to stop diseases spreading
- supervise veterinary nurses and support staff
- keep records of treatments
- communicate with pet owners and insurers
- neuter animals to stop them breeding
- put severely injured or terminally ill animals to sleep
- follow public health and hygiene laws

Working environment

You may need to wear a uniform and protective clothing.

You could work at a veterinary practice, in remote rural areas or in a laboratory.

Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding and outdoors some of the time.





Routes into this job



You can get into this job through:

- a university course

University

You'll need to complete a veterinary degree approved by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS).

Entry to courses is highly competitive. For this reason the selection process is very thorough. You can expect to be interviewed and to take screening tests at most universities. You'll need to show that:

- you are able to meet the academic requirements of the course
- you understand what the role involves
- that you are highly motivated
- that you have gained some relevant work experience

You can find out more about studying veterinary science from [UCAS](#).

Full-time veterinary degrees usually take 5 to 6 years.

If you already have a degree in a related subject, you may be able to take a 4-year graduate entry veterinary degree course.

You can also apply to join the [Army Medical Service](#) while completing your degree at university. On selection, you would receive further training to become a veterinary officer in the army.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English, maths and science
- 3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology and chemistry

For more information

- equivalent entry requirements <https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels>
- student finance for fees and living costs <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>
- university courses and entry requirements <https://www.ucas.com/>

Volunteering and work experience

You'll need to get experience of working in a veterinary practice, plus experience of handling different animals from small domestic pets to larger livestock.

You could also volunteer with a local kennel or animal welfare centre, or with animal charities like the [PDSA](#) or [RSPCA](#).

Requirements and restrictions

You'll need to:

- You may need a driving licence for some jobs.
- pass enhanced background checks

More information

Career tips

You can explore veterinary science through virtual work experience with [Futurelearn](#).

Professional and industry bodies

You could join the [British Veterinary Association](#) and [British Small Animals Veterinary Association](#) for professional development and networking opportunities.

You could also join the [British Equine Veterinary Association](#) if you work with horses.

Further information

You can find out more about becoming a vet from the [Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons](#) and [British Veterinary Association](#).



Parent/Carer specific information:

- **The UCAS Personal Statement is Changing - A free webinar for students & parents.** UCAS have recently amended the personal statement format from one longer essay to three structured questions, affecting all students applying to a UK university from next year onward. [Free Events – InvestIN Education](#)

Careerpilot Parent Zone

- Information to help parents and carers support young people in making the right decision about study and work
 - <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone>
- What happens once UCAS gets an application – advice for parents & carers. This useful UCAS guide explains the process once UCAS receives an application: What happens once UCAS gets an application? Covering aspects such as types of decisions, replying to offers and types of reply, as well as reply deadline dates, it's a helpful catch-all for parents and carers supporting young people with their UCAS application. [How to pay for uni | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)



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Careers Guidance

Have you done your research?



www.careerpilot.org.uk

Job matching quizzes, LMI, specific careers information, Options choices at 16+ and 18+



www.panjango.online/public/help

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www.ucas.com

Search for Higher Education courses including course content, entry requirements



www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

Current 'live' local and national apprenticeship vacancies.



www.russellgroup.ac.uk

Information about the Russell Group of Universities and 'facilitating' subjects.



www.prospects.ac.uk

What can I do with my degree? Postgraduate courses and jobs. Skills and personality quiz.



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

Alternative options to University including higher and degree level apprenticeships, GAP year etc.



www.icould.com

Includes video clips of people talking about their job and what it involves. Also Buzz Quiz to discover what you are naturally good at depending on your personality type.



www.whatuni.com

Explore HE courses, compare side by side comparisons and read student reviews.



www.healthcareers.nhs.uk

Information about Careers in the NHS including examples of 'patient's journey' and the various health care professionals involved.



www.bestcourseforme.com

Independent information showing links between what to study, salary and the jobs they lead to.



www.studential.com

Great examples of Personal Statements by subject and University.



www.videos.rsm.ac.uk

Royal Society of Medicine.



www.thestudentroom.co.uk

Includes forums covering almost every area e.g. Debates and current affairs, Uni and HE Colleges, study help, careers and jobs, help and announcements, feedback on experiences of recent A Level exams etc.



www.vinspired.com

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