

Careers Update



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CALENDAR DATES: More information is detailed further down

- 13th May 3rd June 2025.- Jet 2 Applications open for their new fully funded pilot training programme
- 2nd June 2025 11am-3pm Extended Diploma Graduate Show Plymouth Arts University
- 3rd June 2025 6pm-7pm Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Parent & Carer Apprenticeship Webinar
- 4th June 2025 Unifrog University Fair
- 17th to 19th June 2025 Big Bang Young Scientist Fair
- 20th June 2025 5pm-8pm Plymouth University Undergraduate Show
- Saturday 21st June 10am-2pm Plymouth Arts University Undergraduate Open Day
- 30th June until 4th July 2025 Unifrog Virtual Work Experience Week

Apprenticeship news and events:

Stagecoach Engineering Apprenticeship

Stagecoach offers a four-year engineering apprenticeship combining hands-on experience with indemand skills. For the first three years, apprentices train at local depots alongside expert technicians using cutting-edge diagnostic tools. It's an excellent pathway for school leavers pursuing technical careers, with roles available across the UK. Follow this link to view https://www.stagecoachbus.com/careers/job-search-results/all/apprenticeships

Jet 2 Fully funded Pilot Training Programme





- Explore the information provided on our careers site www.jet2careers.com/pilots/jet2flightpath
- Research the requirements to hold a Class 1 Medical –
 https://www.caa.co.uk/commercial-industry/pilot-licences/medical/medical-examination-information/
- · Make sure this is for you:
 - · Research the competencies required to be a successful Pilot, and honestly assess how they relate to you and your strengths
 - Speak to anyone you know who works in aviation or has it as a hobby even if they aren't a pilot
 - · Complete our interactive exercise insight into life as a Pilot found on the careers site
- Add flightpath.recruitment@jet2.com to your email 'safe senders' list this is how we'll communicate with you once you've applied!

Visit our training partner websites:

https://skyborne.com/uk

https://www.ftejerez.com

https://leadingedgeaviation.com

Key Dates

Here is an overview of the most important dates for the **Jet2FlightPath** assessment journey. You should ensure you are available before applying, as there will be limited flexibility possible.

Please note that all dates are subject to change without notice

Tuesday 13 May - Tuesday 3 June 2025	Application window open	This may close earlier than planned, as we anticipate significant interest in the programme
Wednesday 14 May - Monday 16 June 2025	Online Assessments	You will progress through each stage subject to achieving the required result for each individual assessment.
Monday 9 June – Friday 11 July	Motivational assessments and Interviews	The Talent Acquisition team will guide you through the process and you will be given sufficient time to complete every stage.
Week commencing 14 July 2025	In-person assessment days - Leeds	You will be required in Leeds for one full day during this week
September 2025	First course starts	You may be allocated a later course date in 2025 or 2026

All of the relevant information and application can be found here:

https://hotswcareershub.padlet.org/jacquelinehobson/student-padlet-yfp4rek12r1g196h/wish/PVKBQOk7qvnrQj5x

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.



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 ap-ply, 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/21F000k0sqwpgp00glo815meow

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.

www.rotamic.co.uk



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



• <u>TESCO Stronger Starts Apprenticeships.</u> The TESCO Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship is launching. Offering a Level 2 apprentice-ship, 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. <u>Apprenticeships - Find apprenticeships near you | Tesco Careers</u>





NATWEST Group Apprenticeships 2025. The NATWEST Group are offering apprenticeships in tech, digital and data, customer ser-vices and sales, finance and risk, people, projects and change and 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
- 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 advise 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
- <u>Big Bang Young Scientist Fair 17th to 19th June 2025.</u> 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

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Miscellaneous Info

• Bicton – NEW COURSES

Outdoor Adventure Education Level 3 Diploma

16-19

The Level 3 Outdoor Adventure Education course is the perfect Study programme to kick start your career as an outdoor adventure instructor.

This programme has been designed in collaboration with industry specialists and local employers to fully immerse you in the outdoor industry, developing the essential skills required to gain a career within the sector.

We know that practical learning in the outdoors is the best way to success in this industry. Utilising our fantastic facilities which include an onsite climbing tower, indoor bouldering wall and Watersports lake, you will be learning outside the classroom, guided by highly experienced instructors and lecturers.

When you are in the classroom, you will gain valuable industry knowledge on leadership, coaching, health & safety, sustainability and professional development.

The programme modules cover;

- · Exercise, Health and Lifestyle
- · Skills for Land based and Water based Adventure Activities
- · Outdoor Adventure Expeditions
- Coaching and Mentoring
- · Leadership in Outdoor Adventure
- Employment in the Outdoor Industry
- Managing Risk, Facilities and Equipment
- Environmental Sustainability

Some exciting and rewarding aspects of your programme include:

- Snowdonia National Park Adventure
- Navigation Expeditions on Dartmoor
- · Canoeing Expeditions on the River Dart/River Exe
- Rock Climbing and Abseiling



Scan the QR Code for full course description, assessment and progression options from this course











Find out more and apply online



Outdoor Adventure Education Level 3 Diploma

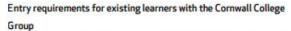




ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements for external applicants and school leavers

- Four or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and/or Maths, or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification.
- Functional Skills Level 2 in English and/or Maths will be considered as alternatives to GCSE, but a GCSE resit may be required depending on grade.



 Successful completion of previous course and maths and/or English at GCSE Grade 4 or Functional Skills Level 2.

Please note: Some of our courses may have extra entry requirements or need a bit more information, like evidence or experience. Don't worry—we'll guide you through everything when you apply!



Bicton College - 8 September 2025





ATTENDANCE FEES
Full-time Tuition Fees: £2573.00









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• Unifrog University Fair - https://email.unifrog.org/t/r-l-thduqhl-nudlltykyk-h/



Our **virtual University fair is on 4 June!** It's a great opportunity for any Y10-12s who are interested in studying abroad to learn more about what life is like as a student in different countries around the world, and to meet reps from global universities including **Bocconi**, **Radboud**, **Butler**, **Ohio Wesleyan**, **and more!**

We suggest students prepare for the event by taking a **look at the universities** who are attending via the sign-up link, and jotting down who they'd like to speak to and what questions they'd like to ask. No worries if students can't make it for the whole event, they are welcome to drop in whenever they can!

• Unifrog Virtual Work Experience Week – 30th June until 4th July 2025.

Virtual work experience week 2025: your questions answered











This year, we're running our **Virtual work experience week** from 30 June to 4 July! VWEX week is perfect for students who missed out on in-person placements, or those who wish to further build their employability skills by **connecting with top employers**.

Each day will be a combination of **live webinars** and time for students to complete a **real workplace task** through our Courses tool.

Your students can choose to sign up for just one day, a few days, or the whole week! Encourage them to **keep an open mind** and take this opportunity to experience what work might be like in different sectors or departments.





Tue 3rd June | 18:00 - 19:00

Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Parent and Carer Apprenticeship Webinar

Want to help your child make informed choices about their future after school or college? Join us for an engaging virtual webinar designed especially for parents and carers in Devon, Plymouth, and Torbay!

The DPT Careers Hub, established in collaboration with The Careers and Enterprise Company, help transform careers education for young people across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.

They work with every state-funded secondary school, special educational needs school, alternative provision & post 16 college, helping them to link with local employers to deliver high quality careers support for students.

Discover how apprenticeships are opening doors to exciting careers — with local employers actively hiring across a wide range of industries. Whether your child is in Year 10 or finishing school this year, this session will give you the tools and knowledge to support them on their journey. Join us for this online event where you'll have an opportunity to learn about local employers, find out what apprenticeships are on offer, how to apply and ask any questions you may have.

To register click on this link: https://pathwayctm.com/events/ticket-type/?eid=111345&zid=83559728293&zt=Webinar&za=primary

Exeter College Updates & News:

Update on Interviews and Enrolment

We are still accepting applications for starts in September 2025. Our next Interview date is 8 May and the final interview event will take place on 25 June. Any students applying after this date will be invited to late interviews in early September. All applying students must attend an interview to be given a conditional offer of study and will then be invited to enrol so that they can take up their offer. Late interviews happen after enrolment, therefore, could limit the selection of courses available.

Enrolment takes place 22 August-1 September

Students will be sent a letter and email with the details of their enrolment appointment at the start of August, as well as a text. It is essential that students attend their enrolment appointment in person so that they can accept their offer of study and find out about the start of term. For more information on enrolment, please watch the video linked below.

Watch enrolment video



If any students are abroad for the duration of our enrolment period, they will need to inform our admissions team. Please ask students to contact the team once they have received their invitation to enrolment so that we can try to make alternative arrangements. Enrolment invites are sent out at the beginning of August.

Financial Support from the Travel and Bursary Schemes

Travel Pass Scheme



As you may already be aware, all fulltime learners who live more than 3 miles from College are eligible for the Exeter College Travel Pass Scheme. The scheme provides subsidised travel passes for buses and/or trains, regardless of household income. We can provide further support with the cost of travel for households with an income of below £50k per year, and for any learners with a household income of £30k or below, their travel to College will be free of charge. For detailed information on the varied levels of financial support that are available, please click on the link below.

More on Travel

Bursary



In addition to the Travel Scheme, we offer a student **Bursary Scheme** to help ensure that financial constraints don't present a barrier to accessing an outstanding education. The bursary is currently available to students whose household income is below £30k per year, and can help with the cost of travel, free meals, academy fees, essential books, and specialist clothing amongst other things. Bursary applications are now open. For the most up to date information, please click the below link.

More on Bursary





Summer Masterclasses: A Level Insights

The Faculty of Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences invites Year 10 and 11 students to attend two 50-minute masterclasses in A Level and IB subjects. Delivered by our expert staff, these sessions offer insights into the curriculum, opportunities, and progression routes, helping students make informed post-16 choices. These twilight sessions are designed for students to attend independently. Please help us share this opportunity by forwarding the details to students and parents/guardians.

When and where? Tuesday 1 July 2025, 4.30–6.30pm Hele Road site, Exeter College

A Level subjects on offer

Classics | English Language | French |

German | Philosophy | Sociology | Spanish

International Baccalaureate

Register interest here

Download registration poster



Apprenticeship Update

Want to find out more about Apprenticeships? Here's how Exeter College can help!

Apprenticeship Vacancies

We have a wide range of live apprenticeship vacancies across multiple industries – regularly updated and ready for applications. These can be a great starting point to share with students who are ready to explore career options.

View vacancies

1-1 Advisor Appointments

If your students need tailored support, they can book a 1:1 session with one of our Training Recruitment Advisors to explore their goals, get help with applications, and plan their next steps.

Book on here

Download Jobseeker Pack

We've created a helpful job-seeking pack full of advice, templates, and practical tools, including CVs, interviews, and job search tips - ideal to share with students preparing to apply for apprenticeships.

Download the pack

Visit the Apprenticeship Hub

We're here to support you and your students in person. Pop into the Apprenticeship Hub or get in touch with any queries.

Apprenticeship Hub, 37 Queen Street (next to Co-op), Exeter EX4 3SR Opening Hours: Mon–Thu: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm | Fri: 8.30 am – 4.00 pm Contact: 01392 400800 | apprentices@exe-coll.ac.uk



Outdoor Adventure Open Sessions

Students in Years 10 and 11 are invited to an outdoor activities event at Haven Banks. Activities will include climbing, abseiling, kayaking, and stand-up paddle-boarding (SUP). Attendance is by invitation only further to registration using the below linked form. Date and duration to be confirmed.



Register interest here

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id= j KcdCNmEqH7icfHn5 ZUfosMIlIRZNI6CnoHl ZfmNURUINNIIJTTZWR01PN1RFR0wzQjlQVVRRTi4u&origin=QRCode

For more information on any of the above Exeter College updates, please follow this link to the Exeter College Website: https://exe-coll.ac.uk/

Plymouth Arts University



Our Graduate Shows

We're excited to invite your students to our upcoming Graduate Shows, a chance to see the work of emerging creatives and explore what studying at Arts University Plymouth could offer.

Undergraduate Graduate Show

Friday 20 June, 5pm-8pm

Best suited for: A-Level or equivalent students interested in studying a creative

degree.

Share this graduate show with your students.

Foundation Diploma Graduate Show

Wednesday 21 May, 11am-3pm

Best suited for: A-Level students exploring Higher Education options who are not yet ready to commit to a full degree, and are unsure which creative course they want to pursue.

Share this graduate show with your students.

Extended Diploma Graduate Show

Tuesday 2 June, 11am-3pm

Best suited for: GCSE students passionate about art, design, or creativity who are looking for an alternative to traditional A-Levels.

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 reers

them.



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

Career spotlight this month - Computer Games Developer

Computer games developer

Computer game developers create video games for phones, tablets, PCs and consoles.

£ annual salary £27,000 to £71,000

Average UK salary in 2023 was £34,963 (source Office for National Statistics)

working Hours30 to 45 a week

You could work: evenings / weekends; occasionally

FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

There will be 4.3% more Computer games developer jobs in 2029.





What you'll do

Day to day tasks

As a games developer, you could work in a number of specialisms from gameplay programming to virtual reality (VR). You could:

- · work with level designers and graphic artists
- · decide what a game will look like and how it will be played
- · create concept art, drawings or storyboards at the planning stage
- · use computer modelling and animation software to make characters and scenes
- · add audio and sound effects
- · write code to programme the game
- · fix problems and 'bugs' that testers have found

Working environment

You could work in a creative studio or in an office.





Routes into this job

You can get into this job through:

- · a university course
- · a college course
- · an apprenticeship
- · working towards this role

University

You could do a foundation degree or degree in:

- · computer games design
- · computer games development
- · computer science
- · interactive media
- mathematics

If you'd like a job that includes game design as well as programming, you could do a foundation degree or degree in a subject like animation or graphic design.

You may have an advantage when you look for work if you do a degree that includes a work placement.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- at least 1 A level, or equivalent, for a foundation degree
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

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/







College

You could do a college course before moving on to a higher level qualification. It may help you to get a trainee position with a development company.

Courses include:

- · computing
- · creative media and games development
- · T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development

Apprenticeship

You could apply to do a Higher Apprenticeship to get into this role, such as:

- Software Developer Level 4
- · Junior VFX Artist or Assistant Technical Director Level 4
- Game Programmer Level 7

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

· 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship

For more Information

- · equivalent entry requirements/https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels
- · higher and degree apprenticeshipslhttps://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships
- · guide to apprenticeships/https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide

Work

You could start with a company as a games tester if you play a lot of games.

You'll usually need a computing qualification or some relevant work experience. Employers will also be interested in your talent and creative ideas.

More information

Career tips

You can create a portfolio of work or online demo to highlight your skills to potential employers.

You can get information on how to start creating your own games from Into Games.

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



 Information to help parents and carers support young people in making the right decision about study and work



• 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



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

Learn about the world of work and develop the knowledge, skills and experience to fulfill your potential.



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.



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