



Careers Update



March 2026: Issue 14

CALENDAR DATES: More information is detailed further down

- 2nd-6th March 2026 – National Career's Week
- 3rd March 2026 - Telegraph Literacy Programme
- 3rd – 5th March 2026 - [Fully-funded block of 3-day, remote work experience available with NHS Devon Partnership](#)
- 11th March 2026 10am-3pm - Bristol: BBC, Work Experience Insight Day
- 12th March 2026 – KPMG Virtual International Women's Day
- 25th March – Central College of Animal Studies Open Evening - Exeter
- 16th May 2026 – Officer Army Open Day

Apprenticeship news and events:

Please see below some amazing Apprenticeship opportunities with both local and national companies. Details of how to apply and closing dates etc are advertised on the individual advert. Exeter College Apprenticeship hub is also open and available for drop in or appointment based advice, please see details of their contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.



Here are the details of the next Tesco Stronger Starts Apprenticeship opportunities open for applications now.

Here is the link to the Tesco site

https://careers.tesco.com/en_GB/careers/JobDetail/Stronger-Starts-Retail-Apprenticeship-South-of-England/155663

Here are a few current apprenticeship vacancies available on the Gov.uk website, take a look!



Daimler Heavy Vehicle Technician Apprenticeship

CITY WEST COMMERCIALS LIMITED

Woodbury Salterton (EX5 1EW)

Distance 4.8 miles

Start date 3 August 2026

Training course Heavy vehicle service and maintenance technician (level 3)

Wage £16,640 a year

Closes in 30 days (Wednesday 1 April 2026)

Posted 3 February 2026

Apprentice Bricklayer

Barratt Redrow PLC

Recruiting nationally

Start date 1 September 2026

Training course Bricklayer (level 2)

Wage £15,311.40 to £24,761.88 a year

Closes in 29 days (Tuesday 31 March 2026)

Posted 9 February 2026



[Apprentice Building Surveyor](#)

GREENE KING RETAIL SERVICES LIMITED

Recruiting nationally

Start date 31 August 2026

Training course Chartered surveyor (degree) (level 6)

Wage £19,747 a year

Closes on Monday 1 June 2026

Posted 3 February 2026

[Apprentice Carpenter](#)

Barratt Redrow PLC

Recruiting nationally

Start date 1 September 2026

Training course Carpentry and joinery (level 2)

Wage £15,311.40 to £24,761.88 a year

Closes in 29 days (Tuesday 31 March 2026)

Posted 9 February 2026



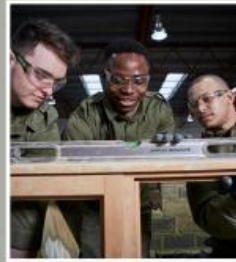
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APPRENTICESHIPS

THE BRITISH ARMY OFFERS OVER 40 DIFFERENT APPRENTICESHIPS ACROSS ENGINEERING, LOGISTICS, MEDICAL, INTELLIGENCE AND MORE – ALONGSIDE WORLD-CLASS ARMY TRAINING.

THE SUNDAY TIMES
Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2025

NUMBER
1



DID YOU KNOW? ➔

THE ARMY IS RANKED NO.1 IN THE SUNDAY TIMES TOP 100 APPRENTICESHIP EMPLOYERS.

95% OF SOLDIERS START AN APPRENTICESHIP.
You could be one of them.

ACHIEVEMENT RATES
Well above the National average.

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100 YEARS OF ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS
- We are the largest apprenticeship provider in the country.

APPRENTICESHIP LEVELS

EXAMPLES OF CURRENT BRITISH ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS

LEVEL 2 - INTERMEDIATE

EQUIVALENT TO 5 GCSE'S

- Animal Care & Welfare Assistant
- Production Chef
- LGV Driver (C+E)
- Port Operator
- Engineer Operative
- Supply Chain Warehouse.

LEVEL 3 - ADVANCED

EQUIVALENT TO 2 A-LEVEL PASSES

- Business Administrator
- Radio Network Technician
- Aviation Movement Specialist
- Senior Healthcare Support Worker
- Data Technician
- Military Engineering Constructions Technician

LEVEL 4 - HIGHER

EQUIVALENT TO A FOUNDATION DEGREE

- Intelligence Analyst
- Data Analyst
- Non-Home Office Police Officer
- Network Engineer
- Ordnance Munitions Explosive Technician

LEVEL 6 & 7

EQUIVALENT TO A DEGREE AND MASTERS

There is the opportunity later in your career to engage in higher level apprenticeships such as a degree or master's degree.

APPRENTICESHIPS ➔

Met Office Apprenticeships

Click on the following link for apprenticeship opportunities at the Met Office.

<https://internalcareers.metoffice.gov.uk/?all=1>



Upcoming Dates and Events:

YEAR 12 – Biology students only

The Devon Healthcare Hub programme offers a series of six interactive, academic-led sessions held between January and April at St Luke's Campus in Exeter. **It is open to applications from Year 12 Biology A Level students ONLY.**

These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their scientific knowledge, explore healthcare careers and gain valuable practical experience. The session timetable is as follows:

Session timetable

- Wednesday 4th of March: Heart Dissection
- Wednesday 18th of March: Kidney Dissection
- Wednesday 1st of April: Problem based learning (Diagnosing genetic forms of diabetes)

Please email your name to Dr Davies if you would like to be part of this.

Thanks

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Academy of Excellence



THE
MAYNARD
SCHOOL
EXETER

The University of Exeter
Law Society Presents

THE MOCK TRIAL

Wednesday 11th March 2026
4pm - 6:15pm
at The Maynard School, Exeter

Are you interested in a career in Law?

Become a defence barrister,
prosecutor, witness, or juror in a
"real" courtroom experience.

Run by University of Exeter law
students.

Open to Year 10 & 11 students -
places are limited, so sign up
early!

Please email:
sarahjanesmith@maynard.co.uk
to reserve your place.





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Central College of Animal Studies, CCOAS, is an independent, specialist college that provides veterinary nursing training and other veterinary courses for students in the Exeter and surrounding areas. Our courses are designed to combine classroom learning with hands-on experience in a practice environment. Students will graduate with the professional knowledge and practical skills to have fulfilling and successful careers as Registered Veterinary Nurses.

With our small class sizes, we put emphasis on pastoral care and nurture the attributes that make for excellent veterinary nurses. Our experienced lecturers are passionate about providing high-quality veterinary nursing education, ensuring that every student is supported throughout their course.

The programme we offer for entry into the veterinary nursing profession is:

Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (DipVN™) Small Animal

Our prospectus is available as a flip book and I have attached the link, <https://ccoas.org.uk/prospectus/> which provides full details about our range of full-time and part-time veterinary courses.

CCOAS are holding two open evenings at the Exeter centre Unit 7, Manaton Court, Manaton Close, Matford Business Park, EX2 8PF on 25th March and 22nd April 2026.



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DR.EAM ASPIRE

ARE YOU A YEAR 10-12 STUDENT
CONSIDERING A CAREER IN HEALTHCARE?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ADVICE FROM HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS?



Saturday 14th March 2026



10AM - 3:30PM



Online - Zoom Webinar



Join our healthcare conference for Year 10-12 students!



Talks from surgeons, physiotherapists, dentists, and
many more healthcare professionals



Guidance on the university application process &
work experience



BWAMS

Sign up at: <https://gck.fm/cjria>



MoneySavingExpert

Cutting your costs, fighting your corner

Founder, Martin Lewis - Editor-in-Chief, Marcus Herbert

MoneySavingExpert Advice on Student Loans

Martin Lewis, founder of MoneySavingExpert, has provided essential need-to-knows about the Plan 5 Student Loans for students applying through Student Finance England (SFE) in this article: Martin Lewis' 6 need-to-knows about 'Plan 5' English student finance. Covering repayments, parental contribution and interest its worth a read - [Martin Lewis' 6 need-to-knows about 'Plan 5' English student finance](#)



Bristol: BBC, Work Experience Insight Day

IN PERSON EVENT

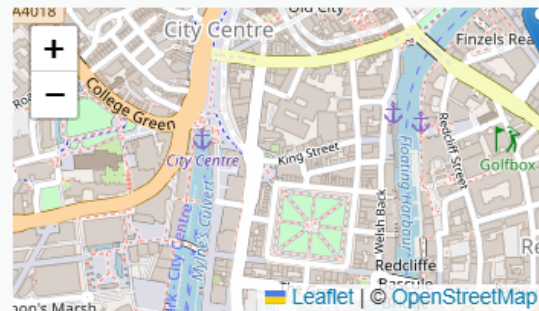
This event is for: Year 12s interested in a career in learning about careers available at the BBC, and making a successful application to their early career opportunities.

Please note this event is subject to change of date/time. Final date will be shared with confirmed attendees.

Please be sure to **check your spam or junk folder** for important event updates such as invitations or possible date changes, especially in the three weeks before the event.

Date: Wed 11th Mar 10:00AM - 3:00PM

BBC
Bridgewater House
Counterslip
Bristol
BS1 6BX





The BBC is recognised as one of the Top 50 Apprenticeship Employers in the UK and a leader in early careers, hiring more than 250 new apprentices each year. They are impartial and independent, creating distinctive, world-class programmes and content every day that inform, educate and entertain millions of people in the UK and around the world.

By taking part in this event, you'll get an insider understanding of what it's like to work at the world's most creative and technologically advanced organisation, and take a great big step in your career path.

Find out more about the BBC on their [company page](#).

Agenda

This is what your day could look like...

- Icebreaker and informal welcome
- Introduction to the BBC
- BBC career opportunities
- BBC application process overview
- Office tour
- CV workshop
- Interview skills session
- Next steps, and how to apply to work at the BBC

Next steps

- Register for this in person event using your Uptree account. If you do not have an Uptree account, [register here](#).
- There are only 30 spaces available for this event - priority will be given to students who meet the criteria listed at the top of this page.
- Prioritisation will begin two weeks before the event - successful applicants will receive an invitation 1-2 weeks before the event. If you register after this time, you might not receive a response.

Any questions, please do contact us: educationteam@uptree.co



On Thursday 12th March, we are hosting our ***Together We Rise: An International Women's Day Celebration***. This virtual event will run from 4 to 5pm.

This promises to be an insightful and engaging event, with female representatives across the KPMG firm sharing their stories, in addition to Early Careers Influencer, Amy Reynolds.

DATES
2026

ARMY OFFICER OPEN DAY
NEW DATES FOR 2026

**ARE YOUR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN
BECOMING OFFICERS IN THE BRITISH ARMY?**

Join us for the next Army Officer Insight Day at Sandhurst!
You will participate in various activities, including a Welcome Brief, a tour of the Royal Military Academy, and opportunities to speak with current Officer Cadets and Staff.

Saturday 14 March
SANDHURST

Saturday 16 May
YORK

SECURE YOUR PLACE HERE





Company15

Theatre Royal Plymouth's Work Experience Programme (under 18s)

Monday 13th July – Friday 17th July 2026

Company15 is a week-long work experience programme for young people aged 14-17 (year 10 – 13). Designed to inspire a career within the arts, Company15 students will gain an insight into the workings of the largest and most well-attended regional producing theatre in the UK.

Over the course of a 5-day week, Company15 students will work with staff across the organisation at both the Theatre Royal Plymouth and our Production and Learning Centre, TR2 in Cattedown. Formulated especially for those who are interested in or studying Theatre, Design, Technical Theatre, Stage Management or Arts related subjects, the group will take part in creative workshops, talks and watch a show in one of our performance spaces. Team members from different departments will share their skills, expertise and routes into the industry. *Please note, this work experience covers aspects of working at the theatre and does not cover acting/actor training*

Company15 2026 will take place on **Monday 13th July – Friday 17th July**

Work experience will consist of 5 days between the dates stated. Exact timings will be confirmed closer to the time.



www.investin.org/pages/career-quiz



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WORKING IN...

FOOD TECH

from the **unifrog** Careers library!

SKILLS REQUIRED

creativity

teamwork

communication

working under pressure

attention to detail

resilience

Helpful to have as skills, but also things you can gain through studying food tech

HOSPITALITY

Chef

Prepare, cook, and present food in restaurants, cafeterias, hotels, or private households

Baker

Prepare bread, cakes, and pastries for shops, cafes, and restaurants

Chocolatier

Make chocolate into confectionery, for your own business or for another brand

Caterer

Run the food service for businesses, or at events

Street food trader

Prepare and sell food or drink from a market stall or truck

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Dietician

Help patients in the community or in medical settings with their dietary needs

Nutritionist

Teach people how their diet and nutrition can affect their health and wellbeing

Alternative health practitioner

Improve people's health and wellbeing using methods outside of medical school practices

HYGIENE AND SAFETY

Food safety manager

Make sure food is handled, prepared, and stored safely and hygienically

Meat hygiene inspector

Make sure factories follow hygiene standards and meet animal welfare conditions

Quality assurance manager

Make sure a company's products and services meet high standards

SCIENCE

Food technologist

Make and improve food products, processes, and packaging

Food scientist

Study the physical, biological, and chemical makeup of food

Craft brewer

Produce beer, source ingredients, and maintain brewing equipment

HALL OF FAME

First Black woman in the UK to be awarded a Michelin star

Adejoké Bakare



People in these jobs can earn between **£25,045 and £43,335** per year



By 2035 there could be **47,729 more jobs** in roles like this



WORKING IN...

Health & social care

from the **unifrog** Careers library!

SKILLS REQUIRED

Helpful to have as skills, but also things you can gain through studying health and social care

- open mindedness
- teamwork
- caring
- adaptability
- communication
- problem solving

SOCIAL WORK AND CARE

Youth worker

Lead activities and offer guidance to young people aged 11 to 25

Care worker

Help vulnerable people become more independent by supporting them with daily activities

Social worker

Support vulnerable people to live independent lives, safe from harm or abuse

Substance misuse practitioner

Support people with drug and alcohol problems

NURSING

Nurse

Care for and support patients who are sick, injured, or who have disabilities

Mental health nurse

Care for and support patients with mental health issues

Midwife

Care for and support pregnant women and people before, during, and after childbirth

ALLIED HEALTH

Occupational therapist

Help people overcome daily struggles caused by health problems, disabilities, accidents, or ageing

Healthcare support worker

Care for patients in their own homes or in hospitals

Health awareness specialist

Teach people about health issues

EMERGENCY CARE

Paramedic

Give people life-saving medical help in an emergency

Emergency care assistant

Drive ambulances under emergency conditions and support paramedics

Emergency medical dispatcher

Handle calls from the public and doctors requesting an ambulance

HALL OF FAME

Leader in the history of social work and women's suffrage

Jane Adams



People in these jobs can earn between **£25,570 and £54,638** per year



By 2035 there could be **328,648 more** jobs in roles like this



Whether you're deciding what to study, taking your exams, planning a career, or just curious, BBC

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

Bitesize Careers are here to explain the world of work, with advice from people who've found the right path for them

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

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>



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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