



Careers Update

April 2026: Issue 15



CALENDAR DATES: More information is detailed further down

- **22nd April 2026 – L42 talk from Rotamic Engineering** about what they do– sign up session only, please ask tutor for attendance.
- **22nd April 2026 - CCOAS (Central College of Animal Studies)** are holding two open evenings at the Exeter centre Unit 7, Manaton Court, Manaton Close, Matford Business Park, EX2 8PF on 22nd April 2026.
- **24th April 2026 – Hospicecare Lunch time pop up session Gipsy Lane 6th Form Canteen**
- **29th April 2026 – Year 10 Career Fair as part of parents evening**
- **6th May 2026 – Army Year 9 L42 Talk**
- **16th May 2026 – Officer Army Open Day**
- **21st May 2026 9.30am-10.30am – Lloyds Bank Virtual Work Experience**

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



Met Office Apprenticeships

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

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



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LEVEL 2 - INTERMEDIATE	LEVEL 3 - ADVANCED	LEVEL 4 - HIGHER	LEVEL 6 & 7
EQUIVALENT TO 5 GCSE'S	EQUIVALENT TO 2 A-LEVEL PASSES	EQUIVALENT TO A FOUNDATION DEGREE	EQUIVALENT TO A DEGREE AND MASTERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal Care & Welfare Assistant Production Chef LGV Driver (C+E) Port Operator Engineer Operative Supply Chain Warehouse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Administrator Radio Network Technician Aviation Movement Specialist Senior Healthcare Support Worker. Data Technician Military Engineering Constructions Technician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intelligence Analyst Data Analyst Non-Home Office Police Officer Network Engineer Ordnance Munitions Explosive Technician 	<p>There is the opportunity later in your career to engage in higher level apprenticeships such as a degree or master's degree.</p> <p>APPRENTICESHIPS ></p>



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

New

Level 3 Early Years Educator Apprenticeship

THE SECRET GARDEN DAY NURSERY DAWLISH LTD
DAWLISH (EX7 9QJ)

Distance 4.9 miles

Start date 1 May 2026

Training course Early years educator (level 3)

Wage £16,640 a year

Closes on Thursday 30 April 2026

Posted 19 March 2026

Light Vehicle Van Technician Apprenticeship

Mercedes-Benz of Exeter Hill Barton (Van Aftersales)
Exeter (EX5 1FG)

Distance 5.6 miles

Start date 1 September 2026

Training course Motor vehicle service and maintenance technician - light vehicle (level 3)

Wage £16,640 a year

Closes on Sunday 30 August 2026

Posted 5 January 2026



Paint Technician Apprentice

SOLUS (LONDON) LIMITED
Exeter (EX2 5GL) and 9 other locations

Distance 6.7 miles

Start date 3 August 2026

Training course Vehicle damage paint technician (level 3)

Wage £16,640 a year

Closes on Saturday 1 August 2026

Posted 10 March 2026

Panel Technician Apprentice

SOLUS (LONDON) LIMITED
Exeter (EX2 5GL) and 9 other locations

Distance 6.7 miles

Start date 3 August 2026

Training course Vehicle damage panel technician (level 3)

Wage £16,640 a year

Closes on Saturday 1 August 2026

Posted 3 March 2026

Engineering Apprenticeship

ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS
Teignmouth (TQ14 8ES)

Distance 7.3 miles

Start date 22 August 2026

Training course Engineering maintenance technician - single discipline (level 3)

Wage £22,913 a year

Closes in 28 days (Friday 17 April 2026)

Posted 6 March 2026



Port Operative Apprentice

ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS
Teignmouth (TQ14 8ES)

Distance 7.3 miles

Start date 22 August 2026

Training course Port operative (level 2)

Wage £20,215 a year

Closes in 28 days (Friday 17 April 2026)

Posted 6 March 2026





[Enterprise Light Vehicle Technician Apprenticeship](#)

ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR UK LIMITED
Marsh Barton (EX2 8QA)

Distance 7.7 miles

Start date 2 August 2026

Training course Motor vehicle service and maintenance technician - light vehicle (level 3)

Wage £17,846.40 a year

Closes in 30 days (Sunday 19 April 2026)

Posted 11 February 2026

New

[Apprentice Team Leader](#)

Mount Radford (Exeter)
73-75 Magdalen Road (EX2 4TA)

Distance 8.3 miles

Start date 20 April 2026

Training course Hospitality supervisor (level 3)

Wage £14,976 a year

Closes in 24 days (Monday 13 April 2026)

Posted 16 March 2026

Level 2 Engineering Operative Apprenticeship



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: £328 per week.
- Start date: September 2026.
- Work experience offered as part of the interview process.
- Opportunity to progress onto a level 3 Engineering Technician Course.

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.

How to Apply:

- Online at Exeter College Apprenticeship website Ref ID: 275402
- Contact Exeter College on 01392 400800 quoting Ref ID: 275402
- Email your CV & covering letter to info@rotamic.co.uk

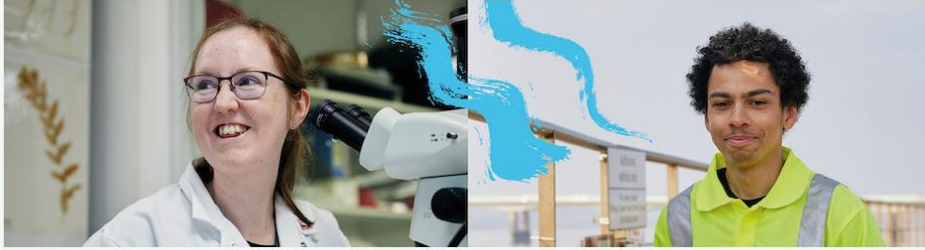


www.rotamic.co.uk

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



Environmental Practitioner Degree (Level 6) Apprenticeship - 32935

**Number of jobs available**

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Region

East of England, South West, Yorkshire and the Humber

City/Town

Bedford , Beverley , Bodmin , Cambridge , Exeter , Leeds , Sheffield , York

Building/Site

DEFRA GRP BEVERLEY CROSSKILL, HU17 9JB, DEFRA GRP EA BEDFORD DEPOT, MK42 0LE, DEFRA GRP EA ELY OFFICE, CB7 4TX, DEFRA GRP EA MANLEY HOUSE, EX2 7LQ, DEFRA GRP EA QUADRANT TWO, S9 4WF, DEFRA GRP EA SIR JOHN MOORE HOUSE, PL31 1EB

Grade

Staff Grade 3

Post Type

Permanent

Role Type

Environment & Sustainability

Working Pattern

Full Time

Salary Minimum

£29,751

Closing Date:

06/04/2026, 23:55 hours

Job description attachment 1

[ER03 Job Family Role Profile Environment & Regulation, Grade 3](#)

Job description attachment 2

[Additional Candidate Information Pack_EPDA 2026 \(1\).pdf – 628KB](#)

Candidate pack

[Candidate Pack - 32935.docx – 6579KB](#)

[Converted File Candidate Pack - 32935.docx.pdf – 2188KB](#)

Security checks level

Basic Check



Job description

Do you want to play a part in tackling climate change, protecting ecosystems, and shaping a more sustainable future? At the Environment Agency, our Environmental Practitioner Degree Apprenticeship puts you at the heart of work that genuinely matters.

At the Environment Agency, we help communities prepare for a changing climate, reduce the risks of flooding and drought, and protect coastlines from erosion. We work closely with partners, businesses and local communities to make sure the environment is cared for now and for future generations. Everything we do is grounded in evidence and driven by our commitment to create a better, greener, more resilient future for people and nature.

If you're enthusiastic about the environment and ready to start building your career, this programme will develop your skills, confidence and real-world capability. It's designed for people whose highest qualification is A level (or equivalent), offering a route into professional environmental work without needing a prior degree. If you already hold an environmental or science-based degree, you may wish to explore other entry routes on our early careers' website.

Your academic study will be delivered by Keele University, over four or five years, through online learning, block release teaching and field trips. You'll need to be able to travel for study periods, and some elements of the apprenticeship will involve working from home.

To learn more about the degree programme, please see Additional Candidate Pack attached to this advert

Responding to incidents is a central part of what we do. You will be required to have an incident role and make yourself available to respond to incidents or provide business continuity support during an incident. This may attract an additional payment. Full training and alternative working arrangements will be available to support you with your incident role.

The team

Our teams work nationally and locally, with opportunities in Exeter, Bodmin, Cambridge, Bedford, Sheffield, York, Leeds and Beverley. Whether in rotating or non-rotating teams, you'll contribute to meaningful projects. You'll be supported by professional coaches and mentors and learn directly from experienced Environmental Practitioners.

To learn more about each team and their working arrangements, please read the attached Additional Candidate Pack

Experience/skills required

You must meet the following entry requirements:

- Minimum of three A-Levels at grades BBC or equivalent, such as BTEC Nationals, ideally in science-based subjects or Geography
- GCSE Maths and English at grade C/4 or equivalent
- Meet the apprenticeship funding rules (link in the Additional Candidate Pack)
- May require a full UK driving licence, or the ability to obtain one by the end of the apprenticeship (see Additional Candidate Pack for more details)

There is no upper age limit.

Applicants who already hold an environmental or science-based degree (including geology or geography) are not eligible for funding.

We're looking for people who:

- Take responsibility and stay organised
- Balance commitments confidently
- Communicate clearly with others
- Work well as part of a team

As part of your application, you'll be asked to select your preferred locations and teams. Please read the Additional Candidate Pack attached to learn more.

Contact and additional information

We are committed to building an inclusive workforce that reflects the diverse communities we serve. You'll receive full training, all the kit you need, and a benefits package designed to help you thrive.

Pension: Around 19% contribution to a career-average scheme invested in ethical, renewable energy businesses.

Leave: 25 days annual leave plus bank holidays, for work-life balance.

Flexibility: Hybrid options, flexible hours, and time back for overtime.

We use smart tools to stay connected and cut unnecessary travel, though some travel or overnight stays may be needed.

Ready to shape your future?

Interviews take place week commencing 20th and 27th April 2026. Apprentices start September 2026.

For queries, email eacareerentry@environmentagency.gov.uk.



Upcoming Dates and Events:



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.



LLOYDS BANK

Virtual work experience offering for KS4 students (Y10 and 11)- Lloyds Banking Group

Event details:

- **Date:** Thu 21st May
- **Time:** 9:30AM - 10:30AM

Teachers and parents can sign up via the sign up form:

- <https://forms.monday.com/forms/83b753b4cc5a256bb886e29c2b54c967?r=use1>

How will the session support schools to meet Gatsby Benchmarks?

Benchmark 5: Encounters with employers and employees. Learn from experienced professionals as well as early career individuals from Lloyds Banking Group

Benchmark 2: Learning from career & labour market information. Understand the impact of Lloyds Banking group and how banking connects to the wider economy

Benchmark 4: Linking curriculum learning to careers. Support your students to link subjects to the real world



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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](#)



MEET THE EMPLOYER

Explore apprenticeship employers and their opportunities

Meet the Employer from Amazing Apprenticeships is a series of employer profiles, highlighting brands such as Tesco, KPMG, Coca Cola, EDF, AstraZeneca, Specsavers, IBM and more. Each month, you can explore new employer profiles, programme insights, tips on what employers are looking for and more. This month's **MTE NavigATE update**, spotlights women in apprenticeships, celebrates British Science Week and highlights some exciting employer industries to explore.

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Every day we are influenced by the built environment around us – shops, offices, industrial buildings, houses and in the surrounding countryside. All have an impact on the way we live. Did you ever wonder how these properties are developed, whether the buildings going up in our cities are sustainable or how much they are worth? Join us on one of the Pathways to Property programme activities to find out more.

Regional Insight Days

Come along to one of our regional insight days in a town or city near you. Go on a site visit, meet recent real estate graduates and current students, and learn more about what a career in the property industry looks like.

Summer School

Attend a fully funded residential on the University of Reading campus for 4 days over the Summer. You will have the opportunity to:

- Attend real estate taster lectures
- Go on site visits
- Complete a group project
- Meet key employers at a careers event

Who can apply?

These events are open to any Year 12 student attending (and have always attended) a state-funded school or college in the UK. Yr 13 students can apply to any Insight Days held between Sept–Dec. Places are limited and you will only be able to attend one of these events.

Application forms and further information on selection criteria can be found on our website: live.henley.ac.uk/page/pathwaystoproperty





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.



Unifrog student survey 2026



Our 2026 student survey is now live! Last year, **over 40,000 students** completed the survey, making it one of the largest surveys about careers and university for UK secondary school students.

With questions on student aspirations, factors that influence decision making, and work experience, the survey helps us generate **useful insights to share with you** to inform your careers programme.

Students will also have the option to complete a few additional questions from some of our university partners at the end of the survey – if they opt in, they'll be entered into a prize draw to **win a £100 voucher of their choice**.

> [Encourage your students to complete the survey](#) by logging into Unifrog – they'll see a pop-up prompting them to take part when they log in to their accounts.



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<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://careerpivot.org.uk/job-sectors/sectors>

Job of the Month



Exmouth Community College
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Biomedical engineer
Also called: Biomechanical Engineer, Bioprocess Engineer, Medical Engineer

What is it?
Develop medical products, such as artificial joints and hearing implants, using engineering principles.

What you'll do;

Your day-to-day will include tasks such as:

- Install, adjust, maintain, repair, or provide technical support for biomedical equipment.
- Develop new applications for energy sources, such as using nuclear power for biomedical implants.
- Diagnose and interpret bioelectric data, using signal processing techniques.
- Advise and assist in the application of instrumentation in clinical environments.
- Manage teams of engineers by creating schedules, tracking inventory, creating and using budgets, and overseeing contract obligations and deadlines.
- Analyse new medical procedures to forecast likely outcomes.
- Keep documentation of service histories on all biomedical equipment.
- Conduct research, along with life scientists, chemists, and medical scientists, on the engineering aspects of the biological systems of humans and animals.
- Develop models or computer simulations of human biobehavioral systems to obtain data for measuring or controlling life processes.

Skills required
You'll need skills in:
• Critical Thinking
• Reading Comprehension
• Active Listening
• Complex Problem Solving
• Judgment and Decision Making



- Working hours are mainly 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
- If you're involved in research you may work in a flexible environment, and longer hours may be necessary at certain stages of a project.
- On practical grounds, safety and maintenance work on hospital equipment is likely to be performed out of hours.
- Part-time work is available and career breaks are possible.

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You need a degree to become a biomedical engineer. Relevant subjects include:

biomedical science or engineering
electrical or electronic engineering
mechanical engineering
physics.

Many employers require at least a 2:1.

If you'd like to gain chartered status, you should make sure that your degree is accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) or the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE).

Having an accredited degree can help with securing a job or getting onto specific training courses.

Once you've completed a degree you'll be able to apply for work in the private sector, at research units, or medical equipment manufacturers.



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
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