



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES

Happy National Careers Week 2025! National Careers Week (NCW) is a one-week celebration of careers guidance. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance and provide talks and activities to support you to develop awareness and excitement about your future pathways.

You can search #NCW2025 on social media to find events from organisations and employers.



From 3rd-8th March, you can access the Virtual NCW2025 Careers Fair. You do not need to register to take part and there are 100s of opportunities for you to read about, apply to and take part in.

BBC Bitesize have a suite of resources that can help you to consider your future career. Here are some of our favourite resources:



- Quiz - Which apprenticeship would suit you best?
- Quiz - How could AI affect your job?
- Watch Dr Ranj swaps jobs with Radio 1 DJ Charlie Tee – can they smash it in a totally different role?
- Meet three young people who turned their passions and interests into jobs.



Are you considering a career in Activism? Check out this "Planted with Purpose" Substack which is updated weekly with opportunities like work experience and internships. You can subscribe here for updates.

"Your Guide to Apprenticeships 2025" is a recorded webinar run during National Apprenticeship Week. The session is brought to you by Not Going to Uni and features Bentley Motors, ICAEW, BAE Systems and the MET Police who share more information on their apprenticeship programmes.

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JOB OF THE WEEK



Historian

A historian is a scholar or expert who studies and writes about the past. Historians seek to understand and interpret historical events, trends, and developments by examining various sources of evidence.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Did you know that the employment rate is different for people who have been to university vs people who haven't?

The employment rate for uni graduates is 87.7% vs the non graduate which is 69.7%.

Source: UCAS

If you have any questions or need support, please email ggleeson@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk



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OuterCircle have an online community for aspiring apprentices. They also run a range of events, upcoming sessions are with NHS, British Airways and In2Science. You can access the information on [their events and community here](#).



Have you heard the term “contextual offers” when it comes to university applications? You might be wondering what this means and if it’s something you should be considering. [Here is a guide from UCAS](#) about contextual offers.



If you don’t meet the criteria for contextual offers, there may still be scholarships, grants and bursaries that you are eligible for. You can learn more and find opportunities on [The Scholarship Hub](#).



If you’re still deciding whether or not university is for you, we would recommend taking part in a [University Summer School](#). This allows you to stay in university accommodation, take part in taster lectures and see what uni life is like. You can find a lot of opportunities using [UniTasterDays](#) or search the name of a specific university that you’re interested in followed by the term “summer school” to find more information.



[From High School to Uni’s student guide](#) is designed to be your ultimate companion to help you transition to university. From not knowing what to pack, to how to get organised preparing for university, or even how to create a budget to help you plan and manage your finances.



Tescos and The King’s Trust have come together to bring you the “[Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship](#)” programme. The apprenticeship is delivered entirely in store and takes a minimum of 12 months to complete. You’ll spend time doing a range of activities such as marketing, business and technology and completing learning on a tablet device you’re provided with. This is a level 2 apprenticeship, which is equivalent to 5 GCSE passes. You can read more [here](#).

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“At Tesco, we welcome diversity, individuality and uniqueness. We’re building an inclusive workplace, where we actively celebrate the cultures, personalities and preferences of our colleagues who share the same purpose, to serve our customers, communities and planet a little better every day.”

Read more about [Tescos Careers here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

“At Birmingham, we encourage bold, independent thinking and offer a high-quality academic experience to stretch and challenge you. By studying with us, you will be an active part of a diverse university community as you pursue your own interests and develop the career path that's right for you.”

Read more about [University of Birmingham’s Courses here](#).

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