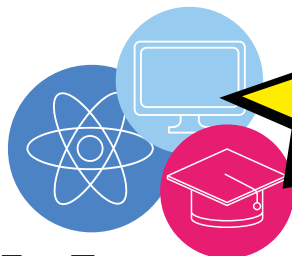




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Careers Newsletter

This newsletter is a collation of all the different opportunities around careers and next steps that we have heard about that will support your child. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in.

Links are **underlined**.

Year 8 World of Work

BIG thank you to:

- Bank of New York
- BOC Gas
- Max Fordham
- Dawnvale Group
- Salford College
- BDO
- RRG
- EverSheds Sutherland
- Watson Construction
- Salford Foundation



Who all attended school today for our Year 8 World of Work activity. Our students had an insightful day and really appreciate you visiting.



JOBS OF THE WEEK

Building Surveyor

As a building surveyor, you'll complete detailed reports, known as building surveys. Within these, you'll identify defects and advise on repair, maintenance and restoration options.

You may implement preventative measures to keep buildings in good condition and look for ways to make buildings sustainable. A large proportion of the working day spent on site.



General Practice Doctor

As a GP, you'll provide ongoing medical care for patients in the community, treating a range of illnesses and conditions. You'll consider physical, emotional and social factors to provide a holistic approach to care. All GPs carry out administrative work, but if you're a partner in a practice, you'll also have business and management responsibilities.

OPPORTUNITIES

Open Doors takes you behind the scenes to showcase the fantastic range of careers available in construction. On Mon 23rd – Sat 28th March 2026 across all types of construction sites, as well as training and manufacturing facilities, depots and offices – online sessions will also be available.

**OPEN
DOORS**
Get into Construction

Bookings will open on Monday 12th January 2026.

Go Construct provides resources for anyone looking for a career in the construction and built environment sector. With so many roles available in construction it can be hard to know where to start, why not learn more about these career options...**Find a role for you.**

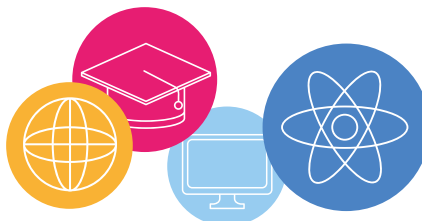


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Mock Interviews Year 11

Well done to all our Year 11 students who took part in our mock interview scheme. Students answered questions well and were engaging with our interviewers, it was a pleasure to see you all shine. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to interview our students giving them this opportunity.



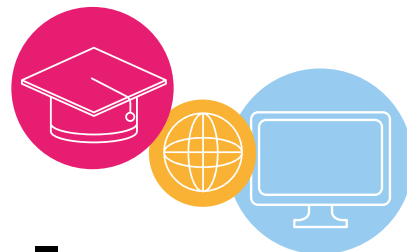
CAREER PROGRAMME

Cancer Research UK's early career programmes are unique as no previous experience or qualifications are required. This is because we are committed to breaking down barriers and creating an inclusive and diverse workforce, which we believe will help us beat cancer. Read more [here](#).

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACTS

For Young People aged 16-24, employment levels are up by 17,000. The employment rate has increased by 0.2%, now at 52.2%. This means there were 3.89 million young people in employment in July to September 2025. [Source](#)

"There were 1,308,825 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff directly employed by NHS England on 30 September 2023. The number of staff increased across all groups over a 10 year period, doctors by 37.0%, and nurses, midwives and health visitors by 23.1%." [Source](#)



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Virtual Work Experience

In this virtual work experience, you'll take part in realistic activities designed to mirror the work of NHS professionals. You'll build confidence in spotting signs of common conditions, practise effective consultation skills, and reflect on the importance of empathy in healthcare. By the end of the programme, you'll have a clearer understanding of how to pursue a career in health, from university routes to on-the-job training.



This virtual work experience gives you a behind-the-scenes look at how Arcadis engineers, designers, and project managers solve some of the world's biggest challenges. You'll explore the history and future of architecture and infrastructure, meet professionals shaping our built environment, and reflect on how your skills could make an impact.

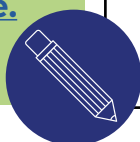
BSMS Virtual Work Experience: This course provides online work experience for those considering to apply to medical school. You will be taken through six areas of medicine, exploring the roles, skills required, and challenges faced by today's doctors.

Observe GP is an online alternative to **work experience** for aspiring medics aged 16 and over, who are living in the UK. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team. Watch the introductory video, so you have an idea of what to expect.

This Virtual Work Experience programme is bursting with engaging content designed to introduce you to the various healthcare science careers available, plus pathways into a healthcare science career with NHS England!

Uni Spotlight

"Coventry is a forwardlooking, modern university with a proud tradition as a provider of high quality education and a focus on applied research. Your future is personal and so is your journey with us. Recognised for its outstanding student experience, we give you options to shape a path that's uniquely yours." Read more about Coventry University [here](#).



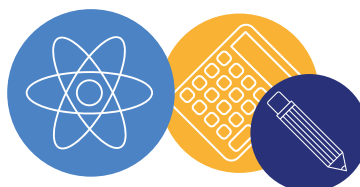
JOB OF THE WEEK

Astrobiologist One of the main questions in space exploration is whether there is life in space. Astrobiologists try to determine what is required for life, where these conditions may be found in space and what the signs of life we could detect may be. They will design experiments on Earth to simulate conditions we may expect in space.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In May to July 2025, the number of people aged 16+ in employment was 34.24 million, and the employment rate for people aged 16-64 was 75.2%. The employment rate has increased over the last year.

[Source](#)



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OPPORTUNITIES

An apprenticeship at Pfizer means doing work that helps millions of people across the world benefit from life-changing treatment. It means working for a company that believes in equity, excellence and protecting your work-life balance. And it means working with colleagues who take your ideas seriously and support your learning and development. Watch the Apprentices in Action [video here](#).



On Tuesday 20 January from 13:00 - 14:00, you can discover everything you need to know about the BA(Hons) Illustration course at Falmouth University. In the session, they will explore what you will learn on the course, and how online study works. Book your place [here](#).



BTEC Higher Nationals, like the Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND), are career-focused qualifications equal to the first two years of an undergraduate degree or foundation degree. Read [this guide](#) to learn more.

Do you dream of shaping the skylines of tomorrow? Is your passion the history and future of our evolving landscapes? Join 3DReid for two action packed days, 2nd - 3rd March 2026 to dive into the dynamic world of architecture.

[Apply by the 13th February.](#)



Uni Spotlight

“Join an inspiring and collaborative community that champions individuality and student support. At the University of Roehampton, you’ll enjoy future-proof courses designed with leading employers, industry experts teaching you from day one and professional-standard facilities to prepare you for the world of work.”

Read more [here](#).



EMPLOYERS SPOTLIGHT

“The built environment is always evolving, and McLaren are at the forefront of that change. As we expand into new sectors, we are looking for the next generations of True Builders, to contribute to our continued success and take on a rewarding career in construction. If you’re looking to be part of a dynamic, forwardthinking company, there are a variety of early talent opportunities waiting for you.” Find out [more here](#).

“Our early careers programmes are designed to empower you as you enter the world of work. At GSK, we’re driven by ambitious goals and a purpose to positively impact the health of billions of people. Our vibrant culture fosters collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity, where varying perspectives are valued and celebrated.” Find out [more here](#).



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COLLEGE AND SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENTS AT A GLANCE 2025/2026

Last Updated: August 2025

Bolton

Bolton College Deane Road, Bolton BL1 5BG	Tel: 01204 482000	www.boltoncollege.ac.uk
Wednesday 15 th October 2025	5.00pm to 8.00pm	
Thursday 18 th November 2025	5.00pm to 8.00pm	
Monday 15 th December 2025	5.00pm to 8.00pm	
Monday 9 th February 2026	5.00pm to 8.00pm	
Thursday 12 th March 2026	5.00pm to 8.00pm	

Virtual Open Event: www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/virtual-open
Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

The Sixth Form Bolton Deane Road, Bolton BL1 5BG	Tel: 01204 846215	www.bolton.sfc.ac.uk
Wednesday 8 th October 2025	5.00pm to 8.00pm (to include a 30-minute quiet session 5.00pm-5.30pm*)	
Saturday 22 nd November	10.00am to 1.30pm (to include a 30-minute quiet session 10.00am-10.30am*)	

* Reduced number session - places will be reserved for visitors with special educational needs and disabilities, including those with social or sensory challenges

Tickets will need to be booked to reserve a place to attend. See link below to do this:

[Buy tickets - The Sixth Form Bolton](#)

Application process will open on Friday 4 October 2024 at 12 noon and the closing deadline will be Friday 31 January 2025. Late applications after the deadline date will be put on a waiting list and will only be considered subject to availability of places. Interviews will be held between November and March and these will be held at The Sixth Form Bolton. Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Canon Slade Sixth Form Bradshaw Brow, Bolton BL2 3BP	Tel: 01204 333343	www.canon-slade.bolton.sch.uk
Wednesday 1 st October 2025	5.30pm to 8pm	
Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.		
Application deadline is mid-December 2025, please check the sixth form website for details		

Rivington and Blackrod Sixth Form Rivington Lane, Rivington, Bolton BL6 7BU	Tel: 01204 333266	www.rfhs.co.uk
Thursday 9 th October 2025	5.30pm to 7.30pm	
Thursday 26 th February 2026	5.30pm to 7.30pm	
Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.		
Applications to be made by the end of January 2026		

Thornleigh Salesian College Sixth Form Sharpley Park, Bolton BL1 6PQ	Tel: 01204 301351	www.thornleigh-bolton.sch.uk
Thursday 16 th October 2025	5.00pm to 7.30pm	
Thursday 22 nd January 2026	4.30pm to 6.30pm	
Thursday 14 th May 2026	4.30pm to 6.30pm	
Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.		

Turton Sixth Form Chapelton Rd, Bolton BL7 5LT	Tel: 01204 333239	www.turtonsixthform.com
Thursday 16 th October 2025	5pm to 7.30pm (TBC)	
Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.		

University Collegiate School Sixth Form The Stoller Building, Deane Road, Bolton BL3 5AG	Tel: 01204 928700	www.thucs.org.uk
Thursday 6 th November 2025	4.00pm to 7.00pm	
Prospective students can take a virtual tour of the school on https://tbs.8/XqWmB4 . Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.		

Neighbouring areas

Blackburn College St Paul's Street, Blackburn BB2 1DL	Tel: 01254 55144	www.blackburn.ac.uk
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Tuesday 23 rd September 2025	4.30pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday 1 st October 2025	4.30pm to 7.30pm
Saturday 15 th November 2025	10.00am to 2.00pm

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Bury College Market Street, Bury BL9 0BG	Tel: 0161 280 8280	www.burycollege.ac.uk
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Tuesday 7 th October 2025	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 16 th October 2025	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Saturday 8 th November 2025	10.30am to 1.00pm
Thursday 26 th March 2026	5.00pm to 7.00pm

Online applications for 2026 entry will be open from Wednesday 1st October 2025. Application priority deadline is Monday 24th November 2025. For some of the more popular courses including construction and engineering, applications made before the beginning of November 2025 (again, exact date TBC) will be given priority.

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Holy Cross College Manchester Road, Bury BL9 9BB	Tel: 0161 762 4500	www.holycross.ac.uk
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Saturday 4 th October 2025	10.00am to 1.00pm
Monday 13 th October 2025	5.00pm to 8.00pm

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Ideally, book a ticket on the link below to attend: (awaiting link)

The process for applying starts in Year 11 and our online application process opens at the beginning of October. All applications are online, and the link can be found in the Sixth Form section of the website www.holycross.ac.uk. The closing date for applications will normally be the beginning of December 2025 – exact date to be confirmed, please check the college website for this.

All students who apply by the closing date will be offered an interview and these take place during November to January. Offers of places will be sent 3 weeks after the interview.

The Manchester College	Tel: 0333 322 2444	www.tmc.ac.uk
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Tuesday 7 th October 2025 (all campuses)	5.00pm to 7.00pm
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For further details on each of the campus open events (City Campus Manchester, Harpurhey, Openshaw, Shena Simon, and Wythenshawe - courses and contact details at each campus are stated), as well as to book on for it, please click the link: [School Leaver Open Event](#). Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Myerscough College St Michaels Road, Bilsborrow, Preston, PR3 0RY	Tel: 01995 642222	www.myerscough.ac.uk
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There are a number of Course Advice Mornings being held at different locations and Myerscough have stands at different shows. Please see the link below or website for full details:

[Open Mornings and Events | Myerscough College](#)

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Runshaw Sixth Form College Langdale Road, Leyland, Lancashire PR25 3DQ	Tel: 01772 622677	www.runshaw.ac.uk
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Saturday 20 th September 2025	10.00am to 2.00pm
Saturday 15 th November 2025	10.00am to 2.00pm

To attend the above, you need to register your details (see link below):

[Open Event Registration - Runshaw College](#)

Alternatively, if you can't attend an open event, please email tours@runshaw.ac.uk if you would like to enquire about an after-college tour.

Applications to be made by 1st April 2026

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

St John Rigby Gathurst Road, Orrell, Wigan, WNS 0JJ	Tel: 01942 214 797	www.sjr.ac.uk
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Saturday 4 th October 2025	9.30am to 1.30pm
Thursday 16 th October 2025	4.30pm to 7.30pm
Thursday 6 th November 2025	4.30pm to 7.30pm

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Salford City College (City Skills, Eccles, Future Skills, Pendleton, Worsley)

To book to attend any of the events listed below, please use the following link: [Events Archive - Salford City College](#)

On here, you will also be able to see what courses are offered at which campus.

City Skills Lissadell Street, Salford, M6 6AP	Tel: 0161 631 5000	www.salfordcc.ac.uk
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Monday 6 th October 2025	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Saturday 6 th December 2025	10.00am to 12.00pm

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Eccles Sixth Form College Chatsworth Road, Eccles, Manchester M30 9FJ	Tel: 0161 631 5000	www.salfordcc.ac.uk
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Thursday 9 th October 2025	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Tuesday 18 th November 2025	5.00pm to 7.00pm

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Future Skills at MediaCity UK Dakota Avenue, Salford M50 2PU	Tel: 0161 631 5000	www.salfordcc.ac.uk
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Wednesday 8 th October 2025	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Saturday 29 th November 2025	10.00am to 12.00pm

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Pendleton Sixth Form College Dronfield Road, Salford M6 7FR	Tel: 0161 631 5000	www.salfordcc.ac.uk
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Saturday 20 th September 2025	10.00am-12.00pm
Tuesday 21 st October 2025	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 27 th November 2025	5.00pm to 7.00pm

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Worsley College Walkden Road, Manchester M28 7QD	Tel: 0161 631 5000	www.salfordcc.ac.uk
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Tuesday 14 th October 2025	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	5.00pm to 7.00pm

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Wigan and Leigh College Wigan, Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan, WN1 1RR (Including: Centre for Advanced Technical Studies, Centre for Performing Arts, Pagefield Campus and The Skills Academy)	Tel: 01942 761600	www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk
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Monday 6 th October 2025	4.30pm to 7.00pm
Monday 3 rd November 2025	4.30pm to 7.00pm
Monday 26 th January 2026	4.30pm to 7.00pm
Monday 27 th April 2026	4.30pm to 7.00pm

Leigh, Sale Way, Leigh Sports Village, Leigh WN7 4YR

Monday 13 th October 2025	4.30pm to 7.00pm
Monday 10 th November 2025	4.30pm to 7.00pm
Monday 2 nd February 2026	4.30pm to 7.00pm

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Winstanley College Winstanley Road, Billinge, Wigan WN5 7XF	Tel: 01695 633244	www.winstanley.ac.uk
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Saturday 27 th September 2025	9.30am to 12.30pm	BOOK NOW
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	5.00pm to 8.00pm	BOOK NOW
Thursday 13 th November 2025	5.00pm to 8.00pm	BOOK NOW

Please check their website for further information regarding any future events.

Please note if you are looking at attending any "in person" event, we recommend you check their website or contact them beforehand to ensure the event is still taking place.

