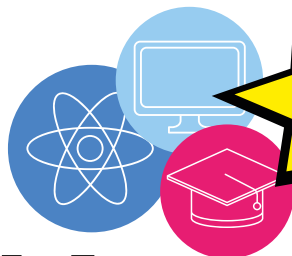




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This newsletter is a collation of all the different opportunities around careers and next steps that we have heard about that will support your child. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in.

Links are **underlined**.

## OPPORTUNITIES

There is a new documentary series on BBC, ["The 9-5 with Stacey Dooley"](#). Stacey takes five 16-18-year-olds into industries that are crying out for young workers to give them the ultimate work experience.



If you are looking to apply to Medicine, the [Medical Schools Council have a useful tool](#) that allows you to view and compare different Medical schools entry requirements.

From September 2025, Apprenticeships now earn UCAS points. This means you could do an Apprenticeship at the end of Year 11 and then go onto University, which hasn't been possible in the past. [Click here to discover how your apprenticeship can earn UCAS Tariff points](#), helping you access higher education and take the next big step in your career.

Prosthetics and orthotics has a wide range of job roles for you to consider. Each job role has a range of career paths to explore. The resources [on this webpage](#) act as an introduction to the opportunities a career in prosthetics and orthotics can offer you.


Want to know what it's like to do a Degree Apprenticeship in Finance? NGTU ambassador, Ethan sat down with Elaine, Apprenticeship Delivery Manager from Lloyds Banking Group to chat about career opportunities, skills, and what to expect. Catch up on the conversation - [watch here!](#) And, if you're feeling inspired, take a look at the different finance roles currently available [on the NGTU website](#).



A list of all [UK Medical School entry requirements](#). The creators of this list also have a helpful website; "Everything that you need to know about applying to study medicine, dentistry or pharmacy at a UK university. This site is produced and updated by the Medical Schools Council." [Check it out here](#).



### **Job of the Week - [Art Therapist](#)**

They help individuals with emotional or mental health difficulties, to express themselves and explore their feelings. Art therapy is a form of psychotherapy that uses art as a way to communicate. Watch the video to learn about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.  **YouTube**

### **LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT**

According to a new report by Pathways, student career aspirations are rooted far deeper than you would expect. The research found that 44% of students still want the job they dreamed about in primary school.

[SourceSource](#)



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## AE Yates Industry Insight day



A group of Year 9 & 10 students were treated to an Industry Insight Visit at A E Yates to provide students some information about what the company do and the construction Industry. A E Yates and the team led by Saffron were awesome. They first delivered a presentation about different roles within the company whilst sharing some Labor Market Information about the roles, progression routes into the industry.

The students then listened to individual talks from the CEO to Senior Project Managers that gave them an insight into their roles and day to day responsibilities. This was an opportunity to inspire and illuminate the thoughts in the students about their next steps.

Saffron then led the students through a team building construction task and an experience in a truck simulator, where the students got the opportunity to navigate a course by driving a truck through the course. After this the students then went on a site tour led by Mike, giving them all a real insight into the sheer volume of the site and the different phases to the project.

The students really enjoyed it but learned so much about A E Yates and what the company does. We would like to thank A E Yates Ltd. Saffron, Sven, Mike and Dale for the day and giving our students this brilliant opportunity.



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## OPPORTUNITIES

Amazon and Springpod have created a series of [new online work experience opportunities](#) to help you understand how digital skills are used in the workplace. You will need to create a free account online.



There are many benefits of using AI, from saving time to automating simple tasks. However, it also has some disadvantages you should be aware of too. AI can make mistakes and it might copy human biases, such as using unfair stereotypes and assumptions of people. A popular use for AI right now is for job hunting. But how can you use AI to apply for work? Will it help, and is it ethical? [Read this article to find out more.](#)

Virgin have launched their free, virtual work experience which is due to take place from 28th-31 July 2025. You will learn more about the company, hear from business leaders and get the inside scoop on life as an apprentice, intern or graduate at Virgin Media. [You can apply for a place here.](#)

Young people are set to benefit from 120,000 new training opportunities as part of a radical skills revolution, giving them the chance to develop skills where they are most needed across the workforce to rebuild Britain. More skilled brickies, carpenters and healthcare support workers will soon be trained up as the government continues its drive to get Britain working. [Read the full press release here.](#)

The National Trust is launching an apprenticeships scheme for 130 young people who might not otherwise consider a career in the National Trust. Apprenticeships will be based at locations round the country and provide opportunities for a range of careers including horticulture and countryside management, as well as project management, information technology, finance and HR. [Register your interest here.](#)



For College and Sixth Form open evenings, you will need to look on each individual organisations website, WHS do share all information of dates if we are made aware. They usually post them in September and some Sixth Forms only have one date!

### LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Which skills are employers seeking in different areas of the UK?

You can [use this website](#) to select a UK local authority and explore local trends in online job adverts.



### Job of the Week

[Museum curators](#) manage collections, plan exhibitions, and educate the public on topics relevant to the museum's exhibitions. They are often also responsible for managing volunteers.

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







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## College Taster Days

Year 10 Students are having the opportunity to get an insight into the range of post 16 progression routes offered by a range of Colleges.

Through June and July students will engage with at least one college experience day to give them an insight into college and the campus. This is to ensure students can be informed of the wide range of Post 16 progression paths so they can make an informed decision for their future.

We also encourage all students and parents to access the college websites to get as much information about college open days and events to attend early in September, October and December.

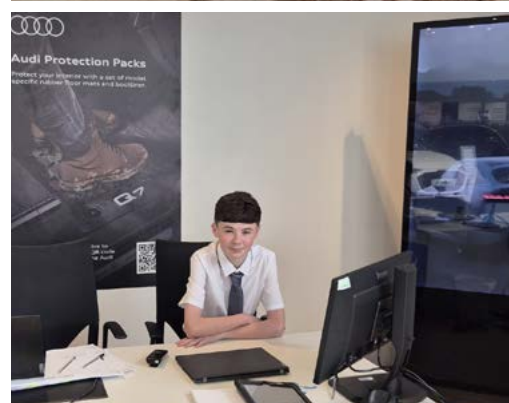


## Work Experience



Wow, what a great week of work experience for the year 10 students. Most of year 10 students got an opportunity to experience a week in the world of work by gaining access to a wide range of work placements in so many different sectors. Students developed their understanding of living in the wider world, gaining more responsibilities and independence. The week also provided students to develop their employability skills whilst carrying out their duties on placement.

The feedback from employers has been excellent and the students have all had an evaluation highlighting the fantastic engagement from them. Students have indicated that they believe it has allowed them to have more independence and support them develop the skills required for their next steps after Westhoughton.





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## Alumni Assemblies

During the Spring term Westhoughton students had an experience of a wide range of Alumni students deliver their career journey since leaving Westhoughton High School.

The students were really interested to hear about the previous students stories and with so many inspirational messages delivered this week current students could relate to ensuring they work hard, look for opportunity, seek support and guidance from staff as well as follow your passion.

We would really like to thank all the previous students for all the emails and messages recrossing their journey since WHS.



## Job of the Week

### Cyber Security

A Cyber Security Analyst's primary role is to protect an organisation's computer systems, networks, and data from cyber threats, unauthorised access, and attacks.

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



## Labour Market Information Fact

According to the 2025 Gen Z Careers Survey Report, co-created by Springpod and Amberjack, 60% cite financial pressure as their top career influence and 69% say career planning causes them stress.

[Source](#)

## EMPLOYERS SPOTLIGHT

"From Consumer Banking to tech, marketing and beyond — we offer a diverse array of careers. You'll find a variety of career paths and opportunities to learn and grow. We're committed to supporting our employees and helping them succeed every step of the way." Read more about [JPMorganChase Careers here.](#) **JPMorganChase**

"Think big. Act bold. Transform the future. With Lloyds Banking Group. This is where you'll make an impact. Reach 28 million people every day. Businesses, customers and communities. Share your ideas. Show us your energy. Work on projects with purpose. We'll help you turn all that ambition into achievements. And build a career that sets you apart." [Read more about Lloyds Careers here.](#)

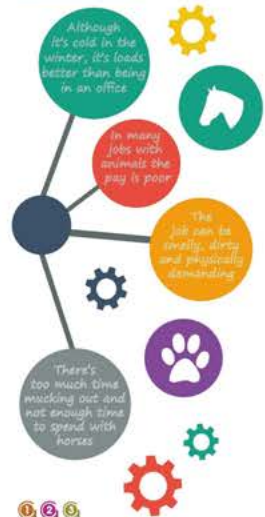


"We're keen to open up new routes to working at the National Trust. That's why we're continually growing the number and range of apprenticeships we offer. We want you to learn, discover and develop your career. And we'll do everything we can to offer you the training, support and development that you need to achieve your goals." [Read more about National Trust Careers here.](#)



## Animal Care

### What's it LIKE?



### Jobs you MIGHT do

Animal care worker  
Assistance dog trainer  
Kennel assistant  
Pet groomer  
Pet shop assistant  
Stable hand or groom

### Things you MIGHT do

- Basic care: feeding, grooming, riding or exercising the animals
- Muck out, clean yards and exercise areas
- Care for small animals, fish and birds in a pet shop
- Look after dogs or cats in a cattery or kennels
- Clip, shampoo and blow dry animals
- Live in for some stable work
- Start work very early and be willing to work flexible hours
- Check animals for signs of illness
- Keep records of care such as feeds, medicines and exercise
- Handle money and give receipts
- Advise customers or owners

## Farming and Gardening

### What's it LIKE?



### Jobs you MIGHT do

Agricultural worker  
Farm worker  
Forest worker  
Garden centre assistant  
Gardener  
Greenhouse assistant  
Grounds person or greenkeeper  
Horticultural worker

### Things you MIGHT do

- Feed pigs, sheep, poultry, cattle
- Muck out the animal pens, using either a pitch fork or tractor
- Clean equipment, for example in the milking parlour
- Milk cows using milking machines
- Work outside in all weathers
- Work flexible hours
- Round up animals on foot or in a 4-wheel drive vehicle
- Grow plants from seedlings
- Plan out flowers and shrubs
- Keep records
- Advise customers and sell goods

## Office Work

### What's it LIKE?



### Jobs you MIGHT do

Administration assistant  
Clerical assistant  
Customer service assistant  
Data entry clerk  
Receptionist  
Reprographics assistant  
Typist

### Things you MIGHT do

- Answer the telephone and take messages
- Use office equipment such as photocopiers
- Create and use spreadsheets and databases
- Mail out brochures or forms
- Fill in and process forms
- Deal with customers and visitors
- Word process and print letters
- Enter information on to a computer
- Work with figures
- File paper information
- Sort the post
- Use computers to deal with customer enquiries

## Armed Forces

### What's it LIKE?



### Jobs you MIGHT do

The Army  
The Royal Navy  
The Royal Air Force  
All the armed forces have multiple roles from chef to engineering and medical

### Things you MIGHT do

- An initial basic training course of 10-14 weeks. This will help you get fit, teach you about life in the Armed Forces, the value of discipline and how to use weapons and equipment
- Get posted all over the world
- Learn a trade or job as well as your military duties and skills. This can lead to qualifications. Most jobs in the Forces are also done in civilian life
- Be prepared to fight or keep the peace
- Learn to take orders - no arguing
- Be neat and tidy. Your bedroom, clothing, shoes and kit must be kept pristine
- If you enjoy sport you may get to play for the Forces
- You may not have specific working hours.

## Hairdressing and Barbering

### What's it LIKE?



### Jobs you MIGHT do

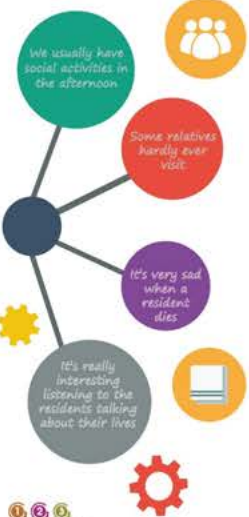
Barber  
Hair colourist  
Hairdresser  
Receptionist  
Salon assistant  
Trainee stylist

### Things you MIGHT do

- Book appointments over the telephone or face to face
- Welcome clients, take coats and help with gowns
- Shampoo and condition hair
- Help and advise clients about new styles and treatments
- Cut hair with scissors or razor
- Perm or straighten hair
- Colour or put highlights in hair
- Set hair using rollers or blow dry hair
- Use straighteners and curling tongs
- Sell hair products
- Keep the salon tidy and clean, sweep up, clean mirrors, wipe basins
- Create styles for special occasions

## Social Care Work

### What's it LIKE?



### Jobs you MIGHT do

Care assistant  
Care worker  
Healthcare assistant  
Home care worker  
Residential care worker  
Support worker

### Things you MIGHT do

- Work with people in their own home or in residential care
- You could work with children, people with physical or learning disabilities, older people in care or families
- Clean and make beds, help to serve meals
- Help people to eat their meals
- Organise outings and help with activities
- Chat and listen
- Check people are taking medication
- Help people with going to the toilet, washing and dressing
- Keep records
- Talk to relatives
- You need to be 18 before you are allowed to do some kinds of care work. 16-17 year olds can work in care providing they are supervised and doing an apprenticeship

## Catering

### What's it LIKE?



### Jobs you MIGHT do

Baker  
Barista  
Bar person  
Butcher  
Cafe worker  
Cook/chef  
Kitchen assistant  
Kitchen porter  
Waiting staff

### Things you MIGHT do

- Work in hotels, cafes, restaurants, fast food outlets, on trains or in a canteen
- Make drinks and snacks or prepare high class meals
- Weigh ingredients
- Prepare vegetables, raw meat or fish
- Check stock in and out
- Make bread and cakes in a small bakery, supermarket or plant bakery
- Start work very early or work in the evening
- Wash up, use dishwashers and clean food preparation areas
- Write down food orders
- Use a till and handle money

## Hotel Work

### What's it LIKE?



### Jobs you MIGHT do

Bar person  
Cleaner  
Hotel porter  
Hotel room attendant  
Kitchen assistant  
Receptionist  
Waiting staff

### Things you MIGHT do

- Clean rooms, make beds, change sheets
- Prepare and cook simple food
- Load and unload dishwashers
- Clean the kitchens
- Write down orders
- Carry bags and cases
- Take meals and drinks to rooms
- Book taxis and other services for guests
- Make up drinks and serve in the bar
- Make out bills and collect payment
- Take reservations
- Use computers to check bookings or stock

## Sport and Leisure Work

### What's it LIKE?



### Jobs you MIGHT do

Fitness instructor  
Leisure centre assistant  
Lifeguard  
Personal trainer  
Recreation assistant

### Things you MIGHT do

- Work on reception, take bookings, entrance fees and answer telephone calls
- Oversee activities or assist at sessions
- Clean and tidy up the buildings and equipment for use
- Set up sports halls for different sessions, such as nets for badminton or cricket
- If there is a swimming pool take turns in being lifeguard
- Check the changing rooms and help customers with lockers
- Keep records, talk to customers
- You might teach a sport if you have the right qualifications
- Deal with problems and complaints from members of the public
- May have to give first aid





## Workforce Headlines

- Greater Manchester's **workforce is deep and broad**, and shares similarities with many other city regions – it shrank slightly in the latest survey.
- While many city regions have similar workforce profiles, **GM has a particularly high concentration of Financial & Professional Services** workers (19.6% vs. 16.5% in West Midlands, 16.6% in Liverpool).
- The Public Sector **employs just over 1 in 3 workers in GM**, across health, education, emergency services, and local government. This is slightly above average when compared with other regions.
- Since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, the **number of the working age population claiming unemployment related benefits is up by around 38%** (to approx. 96,000 people).
- Around **1 in 5 workers in GM are employed on a part-time basis** – but this varies hugely by sector, locality, and gender.
- Just under half of GM's population are employed or self-employed** – roughly 1.33m out of approximately 2.87m. This has dropped by around 30,000 since the last survey (September 2023) as the healthcare and hospitality workforces shrunk slightly.

## GM Workforce Overview

Industry (SIC)	Number of Jobs	Proportion (%) of jobs
A, Agriculture & fishing	2,300	0.2%
B,D,E Energy & water	15,800	1.2%
C Manufacturing	87,900	6.8%
F Construction	79,000	6.2%
G,I Wholesale, retail, hotels & restaurants	198,600	15.5%
H,J Transport, Digital & Communication	134,600	10.5%
K-N Banking, finance & insurance etc.	252,200	19.6%
O-Q Public admin, education & health	427,300	33.3%
R-U Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services	79,800	6.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,284,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS, March 2024

## Bolton: Employment

- Of people aged 16 to 64 years living in Bolton, **65.6% were employed** in the year ending December 2023. This is a decrease compared with the year ending December 2022 when the local rate was 69.3%.
- Around 6,600 people aged 16 and over in Bolton were **unemployed** in the year ending December 2023. This is a **rate of 5.3%**.
- Around **53,500 people or 30.2%** of the population aged 16 to 64 years in Bolton were "**economically inactive**" in the year ending December 2023, up from 46,200 people (26.2%) in the year ending December 2022.
- Economic inactivity in Bolton is **higher** than across the North West (23.3%) and Great Britain (21.2%).

AREA TYPE	Metropolitan District
POPULATION	298,903
GDP	£7.3 billion
AVERAGE SALARY	£30,079
LABOUR FORCE	183,035
JOB DENSITY	0.76

## Bolton: Largest Industries

- Based on the total number of jobs, the largest industry in Bolton is **Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles**. Other major industries include **Manufacturing, Human Health And Social Work Activities**, which represents over 10% of roles.
- Financial & Insurance companies** make up 3% of the Bolton economy, and 3% of the roles across England.
- 2% of the total jobs in Bolton are in **Information and Communication**. In England as a whole they make up 5% of total jobs.
- The fastest-growing industry in Bolton is **Mining And Quarrying**, with jobs in the sector increasing 900% between 2021 and 2022 from 10 to 100
- The industry with the biggest decline in Bolton between 2021 and 2022 was **Transportation and storage**, which saw an 30% decrease in roles, going from 10,000 to 7,000
- In Bolton, the number of roles in the **Information and communication sector** has risen by 11% over the past year, above the 5% annual increase seen in England.

## Bolton: Job Groups

- Business data for the year ending September 2023 show the most common job group in Bolton is **Administrative Occupations**, accounting for 11% of all roles in the area.
- In England as a whole, the largest job group is **Business, Media And Public Service Professionals**.
- ONS figures suggest that there are 137,000 jobs in Bolton, meaning there are **0.75 jobs per member of the Bolton working-age population**.

OCCUPATION	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE ↓
Administrative Occupations	13,000	11.3%
Corporate Managers And Directors	9,800	8.5%
Science, Research, Engineering And Technology Profs	8,800	7.6%
Business & Public Service Assoc. Professionals	8,500	7.4%
Business, Media And Public Service Professionals	8,200	7.1%
Skilled Construction And Building Trades	7,200	6.3%
Teaching And Educational Professionals	6,800	5.9%
Caring Personal Service Occupations	6,800	5.9%
Elementary Trades And Related Occupations	6,700	5.8%
Secretarial And Related Occupations	5,800	5.0%



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