

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**.

Its all about Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship week (NAW2025) is just around the corner 10th - 14th February and we would like to share as much as we can with students and parents to gather an understanding of apprenticeships as a Post 16 option. These are some of the things you can do if you're keen to learn more about apprenticeships and make NAW2025 a really impactful event for your career knowledge, growth and future planning.

- [Amazing Apprenticeships Parent Zone](#)
- [Amazing Apprenticeships Student Zone](#)
- [Amazing Apprenticeship Video](#)

[Here are the events](#) that are already listed for the week, you can already register to as many as you'd like. Some are broad and about apprenticeships in general whereas others are specific to certain industries/employers. You can also find events directly from employers and education organisations by searching #NAW2025 on social media platforms.

The week is run by a company called [CareerMap](#) who are giving away [a range of prizes](#) during the week (including a MacBook Pro and JustEat vouchers!).

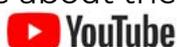
You might be thinking, "Ok, great...But I don't really know much about apprenticeships at the moment!". Here are some of the questions you might have:

- [What is an apprenticeship?](#)
- [Is an apprenticeship right for me?](#)
- [What do the different Apprenticeship levels mean?](#)
- [Should I go to university or do a Degree Apprenticeship?](#)
- [How can I educate my parents/carers about Apprenticeships?](#)
- [How do I apply for apprenticeships?](#)
- [What support is there for me if I have additional needs?](#)



Job of the Week

[A Geneticist](#) is a scientist or physician who studies the science of genes, heredity, and variation in organisms. They study how genes work in humans, animals, plants, and microbes, and how they are passed on. Watch the video to learn more about the industry.



LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Apprenticeship starts were up by 0.7% to 339,580 in academic year 2023/24, compared to 337,140 reported for the previous year.
Under 19s accounted for 23.2% of starts (78,930) in 2023/24.

[Source](#)



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If you already know that you want to follow the university route, you can find lots of events using [UniTasterDays](#).

The [Met Office work experience programme](#) consists of two distinct phases. The first is an online work experience. This standalone programme is available to all UK-based students aged between 13 and 18, and all who register are guaranteed a place. As part of this programme, you'll explore typical roles in the Met Office through a series of videos, projects and webinars. Following completion of the online programme, you can apply for a second phase of work experience - a two to three day in-person placement, for which limited places are available.

["The National Apprenticeship & Education Events"](#) are designed to inspire school & college leavers, and other young adults, to discover more about career and further education opportunities.

Our events bring together thousands of Students aged 15+ from schools, sixth forms & colleges, parents, guardians & individuals together with Top UK Employers, Universities, Colleges & Training Providers. Our events provide those all-important face-to-face conversations in a fun and interactive setting."

[Apprenticeship Insights - Hosted by BAE Systems](#) is an online webinar taking place on 10th Feb at 530pm. You can gain find out about the amazing apprenticeship opportunities on offer. You can look forward to talks about our careers, interactive Q&A sessions, and the chance to meet current apprentices. They suggest that you come prepared with all of your best questions to make the most of the session.

Mock Interviews

We held our annual Mock Interviews for our Year 11 students in December 2024. We had an excellent turn out from students, who all performed really well in their interviews. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to interview our students and give them this opportunity to gain confidence and experience within this situation.





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Year 9

Options & Parents Evening Thursday 13th February

Post 16 advice and guidance available.
Drop in to see what colleges have to offer. Our careers advisor Mrs Hodgson is available for advice on the evening.



Pathway to Progression

Key Stage 4 2025

Job of the Week

[An astronomer](#) is a scientist who studies the universe and the objects within it. They use equipment like telescopes and cameras to observe astronomical objects, such as stars, planets, moons, comets, and galaxies. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

“The University of Manchester is a centre of teaching excellence, world-class research, outstanding student experience, and social responsibility. Part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities, it’s institutions like ours that have the greatest responsibility to act as the world faces big challenges. Together, we face this head on.” Read more about [The University of Manchester here.](#)

EMPLOYERS SPOTLIGHT

“We are at the forefront of nuclear technology and innovation – always delivering to keep our nation safe and secure. Our workforce is 7,000 strong and brings together globally respected and exceptional professionals. We have been named as one of the top [Best Big Companies](#) to work for in the Sunday Times Best Companies Awards.”

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

“You’ll not only play a part in powering, protecting & connecting people everywhere, you can expect all the training and qualifications you need to progress yourself.

Getting your ideas noticed and gaining the support to develop your skills and knowledge. Step into a friendly, welcoming environment: a place where you can be your best & feel like you belong.” Read more about [Rolls Royce Careers here.](#)

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You may have heard the term “gender pay gap”. This refers to the difference between what men and women are paid for the same job role. [A new report](#) has researched this topic to see what impact this is currently having. For example, “women are 36% more likely to be providing unpaid care than men, and are more likely to take a career break or a part-time role to fit around the children.”





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UNI SPOTLIGHT

"The University of Reading has been at the forefront of UK higher education for nearly a century. Over the decades we have become innovators and pioneers, pushing academic boundaries and leading social change. We strive to create a stronger, better University, building on our past to create an exceptional future." Read more about [The University of Reading.](#)



LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Did you know that the average national salary in the UK is £40,311?

Or that there are 747,106 current vacancies in the UK? You can check these statistics any time using the [Adzuna website!](#)

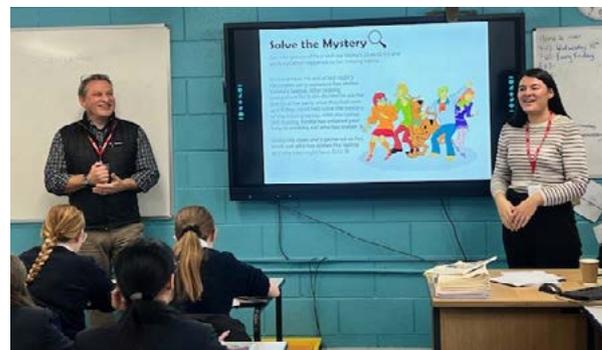
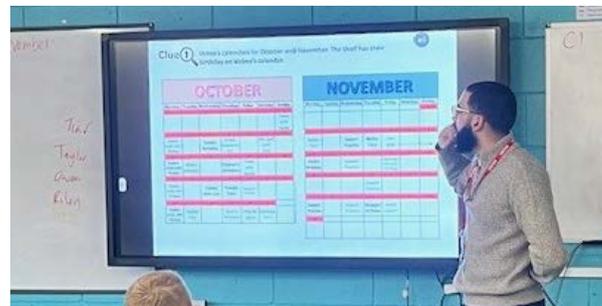
They update these statistics every week so you know you're getting the most up to date information available.



STEM Day

Thanks to Salford Foundation and Capgemini for a great insight into what [Capgemini do as a global IT company.](#) Employers worked with year 8 to understand aspects of IT from coding to cyber security. This was to raise students understanding of different roles within the STEM industry. The students engaged really well with the day.

Thanks again for the opportunity.



**GUEST SPEAKER
IN SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 12TH
FEBRUARY.
THE APPRENTICE
CONTESTANT ON
BBC ONE
-
ADAM CORBALLY**

