

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.

Well Done

to past WHS Alumni with their university offers, we love to see how our past students are getting on and what their next steps are going to be.



JOBS OF THE WEEK



CNC Machinist

A CNC machinist is a skilled technician who sets up, programs, and operates computer controlled machinery (lathes, mills, grinders) to produce precision metal or plastic components.

They interpret technical drawings, select tooling, and ensure strict quality standards for industries like aerospace and automotive.

Concierge

Working in hotels or resorts, Concierges assist guests with bookings, travel advice, and personalised services.

While formal qualifications aren't required, experience in hospitality or customer service is essential.

Common entry routes include roles such as receptionist or guest services staff, and volunteering in customer facing positions to help build relevant experience.

Uni Spotlight

"Uni of Gloucestershire is a vibrant and friendly university welcoming students from all over the world. Our smaller size means we have a strong sense of community with outstanding support systems that enable students to thrive."

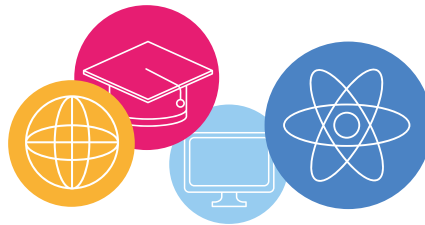
You can read more about the [University of Gloucestershire here](#).



"Our undergraduate degrees will inspire you to make exciting discoveries, challenge preconceived ideas and reach your full potential. Discover our Russell Group education in London. Applications for our [summer school 2026](#) are now open."

You can read more about the [Queen Mary University of London here](#).





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EMPLOYERS SPOTLIGHT

“At Morgan Stanley, you work alongside the best and the brightest with a team that believes there’s always more to learn, more to improve upon and more impact to be made. Collaboration and diversity of thought allow us to identify innovative solutions, drive tangible results and help our clients achieve their goals. Discover the pathway to join our team.” You can read more about careers at [Morgan Stanley here](#).

“At Marriott, you can be a part of something bigger than yourself, be inspired by what’s possible and discover your own future. When you join us, you can begin your purpose, belong to a global community, and become the best version of you.”
You can read more about careers at [Marriott here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

T Levels are a qualification choice that follow GCSEs and give students a head start towards the career they want. They suit students who wish to start working towards a skilled occupation, prefer a practical approach to learning and want a predominantly classroom-based course.

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) are level 4 and 5 qualifications that have been approved to deliver the skills employers need because they are high-quality, job-focused qualifications.

A Buyer role within Procurement at Rolls-Royce is about securing the critical resources we need to innovate and deliver, managing complex supply chains, and driving value across our global operations. [In this free virtual experience](#), you will explore the strategic world of sourcing and supplier management, gain vital procurement skills, and see if this essential field could be the right path for you.



Preparing For Your Future is your FREE online learning programme. Sign-up for free and complete the 5 courses to boost your skills and career confidence. Get a certificate for your CV when you complete each course! Courses include “All about you” and “You, your education and training”.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACTS

About 54% of Student workers are in sales assistant or service roles. Among school-age student workers it was over two-thirds (70%) of workers in these jobs.

Students earn and learn to fund their education, personal items or activities, or to save. [Source](#)

The highest paid jobs in the UK are:
Chief Executive Officer: £97,000–£250,000+
Surgeon: £53,000– £114,000+
Anaesthetist: £103,000–£122,000+
Investment Banker: £50,000–£150,000+
IT Director: £80,000–£150,000+

[Source](#)



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GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE

Good luck to our Year 11 students sitting their GCSEs in a little over a month, the summer GCSE exam timetable starts Friday 1st May a copy can be found on our [website here](#).

"THE BEAUTIFUL THING ABOUT
LEARNING IS THAT NO ONE CAN
TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOU."

- B.B. King

COMPETITION

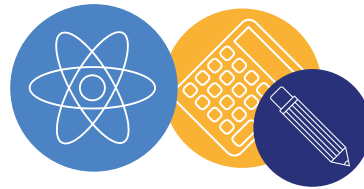
The [British Science Week poster competition](#) takes place every year and invites young people from across the UK to take part. In 2026, the competition theme is taking curiosity to the next level! We're working with a team of scientists and researchers who are curious about what children and young people think will make a 'good'/'positive' childhood in the future. The competition is now open for entries; the closing date is 6 pm on Thursday 16 April 2026.

Year 7 Conveyor Belt Challenge



A Big thank you to Stateside food for visiting school and giving all our Year 7 forms the fun task of the Conveyor belt Challenge! Which group could create the longest conveyor belt to transport their ping pong ball the furthest! A true test of teamwork, involving communication, negotiation and resilience. With only card, straws, skewers, tape and string who could go the furthest. Results are pending.....





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View TechSheCan's full diary of [LIVE Lessons and Assemblies](#) and remember, all of their lessons and assemblies are available to [watch on demand](#) at anytime.

Small Business Summer is a brand-new careers campaign brought to you by Amazing Apprenticeships. To find out more about this exciting campaign please watch the [recorded launch webinar](#).

Check out Springpod's new Skills For Life programmes to explore different pathways and qualifications like T Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications [here](#).



40 Minute Mentor is on a mission to raise aspirations and inspire the next generation of category-defining Founders, through powerful career stories and inspirational mentorship. [Click here for more](#).



Have you ever wondered what it's like to go to university? Are there lots of questions about university going around in your head? Would you like to know what it's like before you take the leap and apply for a STEM university degree? Well now you can - with [EDT's Industrial Cadets Residential Insight](#) into University experiences, you get the chance to try out a STEM degree subject at leading universities throughout the UK.



Myerscough College visits

We are very lucky that we have had 2 Myerscough College visits so far this year for some of our Year 9 students. On both visits the students had excellent behaviour and were really engaged with everything they saw! They had a full tour around the college, being shown everything on offer: from the sports department, to the animals, racing cars to tractors. The experience was really good and all the students loved it. Thank you to Myerscough College for this experience.





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WHS Students meets Careers in Construction with AEYates and Partners

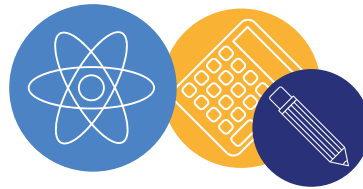
Year 9 students had a great opportunity on Tuesday 17th March to visit the AEYates Wingates site to get a valuable experience of all things construction.

This is the second year running working in partnership with AEYates to give our students an insight into the world of work alongside getting lots of different information about different roles within construction.

The students had a fantastic day working with lots of different people, learning lots of new skills and Mrs Aaron could not have been prouder of the way the students represented themselves and interacted with staff and the activities.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the team at AEYates, Sven, Saffron, Dale and Mick alongside Sarah from Constructing Change, Leila from Flannery, Olivia from DEFRA and Maddie from Atkins Realise for making this happen and providing our students with this learning experience to help support and motivate them through to their next steps after education.





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Online work experience and Career Days

[CareerDays.co.uk](https://www.careerdays.co.uk) offers a series of online work experience and Career Days designed specifically for students aged 13–18. These live, interactive days give students a chance to:

- Learn about a specific career from industry professionals
- Understand day-to-day life, entry requirements, and pathways
- Complete practical work experience tasks
- Ask questions in live Q&A sessions
- Receive a personalised certificate for UCAS or CV use

We've got a range of upcoming Career Days — all taking place online and accessible from anywhere, there is a cost to these events, please look at the full details:

Computer Science Work Experience & Careers Day – Saturday 28th March 2026

Medicine Work Experience & Careers Day – Saturday 4th April 2026

Law Work Experience & Careers Day – Saturday 11th April 2026

Midwifery Work Experience & Careers Day – Saturday 18th April 2026

Dentistry Work Experience & Careers Day – Sunday 19th April 2026

Psychology Work Experience & Careers Day – Saturday 25th April 2026

Architect Work Experience & Careers Day – Saturday 2nd May 2026

Engineering Work Experience & Careers Day – Saturday 9th May 2026

Business Work Experience & Careers Day – Saturday 16th May 2026

Performing Arts Work Experience & Careers Day – Sunday 18th October 2026

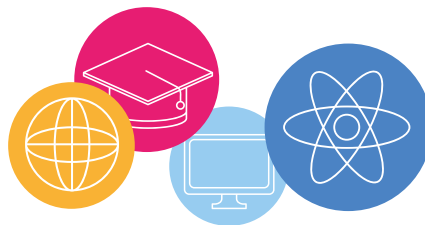
Details, dates & registration: www.careerdays.co.uk

Why this might benefit students:

- **Career insight - live expert input and real-world context**
- **Work experience evidence for UCAS & applications**
- **Accessible for students anywhere - no travel required**
- **Suitable across Years 9–13**



careerdays.co.uk



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Asda - Young futures programme

A group of Year 9 students have been taking part a career education programme at Asda HQ in Leeds 'Young futures programme'. They have focused on different areas of the business. Listening to seminars, working as a team on ideas, presenting their pitch ideas. Great work from all the students involved!



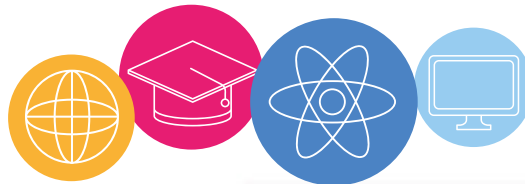
Year 10 College Visits



Year 10 students are looking forward to their college tours in June at Runshaw College and Wigan and Leigh College.

Please take a look at all colleges for their opens days during the summer term, Year 10 is a perfect time to have a first look around and get ready for Post 16 Choices.





FOUR PATHWAYS TO YOUR FUTURE

What This Means for 16-19 Learners (2025-2028)

- The government is simplifying qualifications so that young people choose between **Academic, Technical, and Work-Based routes**.
- By 2028, **A Levels, T Levels, Technical Occupational Qualifications (TOQs), and Alternative Academic Qualifications (AAQs)** will be the main Level 3 options.
- Many older **BTEC and Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQ)** courses will be replaced or restructured to align with these new pathways.
- Schools and colleges will help learners identify the most suitable route based on strengths, career goals, and learning style.

