



Careers Newsletter

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To those students who have joined an ALET school or college this September – Welcome! To everyone else – Welcome back! This newsletter is designed to keep you up to date on Careers offerings over the next month or so, including general events and information, information on Universities, Apprenticeships and Work Experience. If you have any questions or anything you'd like to be included then email amy.sutcliffe@utcreading.org.uk.

General

9th September, 6pm: Demystifying Careers in Tech

Join Bud, Jess and **industry pros** to explore the variety of tech roles, how to get your foot in the door, and the skills you need to stand out in one of the fastest growing industries ↪ **Bring your questions, get honest answers!** [To Register click here.](#)

Sport qualifications online

Join **Sport4Life** to gain your qualification differently. Pick from Sports Leaders, Business and Administration, Health Sector courses + more. If you're 16-29 and out of work, Sport4Life courses are fully funded, including **free** mentoring. [For more information click here.](#)

Be bold and get your work seen

Check out these tips for contacting professionals, whether that's in the creative industries or beyond 🌟 If you're new to reaching out, make sure you read this article from friends over at **Young Creative Council**. Remember, they're just humans at the end of the day! [Click here to read this article.](#)

20th-27th September – London Tech Week. London Tech Week provides the tech eco-system with a platform to come together to drive change. This year, the agenda supports economic recovery in a sustainable, inclusive and resilient manner and addresses challenges, from bridging the digital divide to battling the Covid-19 pandemic. To find out more about what is happening during London Tech Week click [here.](#)

2nd November – Equal Engineers Engineering and Technology Careers Fair.

Come along and find out about apprenticeships, placements, internships, graduate and returnship opportunities from engineering and technology employers. For more information and to register [click here.](#)

University Information

22nd September, 6th November, 4th December – University of Portsmouth Open Days. Come to an Open Day on [Wednesday 22 September](#), [Saturday 6 November](#) or [Saturday 4 December](#) and we'll help you explore our island city, student life and the University, and get a taste for undergrad life in Portsmouth. Our autumn Open Day events will be held on campus, however if circumstances do change and we have to hold these events virtually, we'll email you directly.

23rd September – 14th October, Mondays - Thursdays, 18:00 - 19:00 Swansea University Current News Webinars. Our free webinars, aimed at Year 12 & 13 students, are a unique opportunity for students to discover a range of subjects in the form of scintillating current news lectures, delivered by our world-leading academics. It's a chance for you to interact with experts in their fields and ask questions that can deepen your interest and help you narrow down your search for university courses. For more information on available webinars and to sign up click [here](#).

9th October: Oxford Brookes University Open Day. Planning is underway for our series of Open Days this Autumn, with the first one being held on Saturday 9th October. Our Open Day offers students the chance to find out more about what it's like to be a student here, as well as giving insight into our courses and the support we offer. You will be able to join us for the following:

- Subject taster sessions
- Live Q&A sessions with our academics and support staff
- Talks from admissions, finance, wellbeing and accommodation

Please [book your place here](#).

23rd October: Brunel University Open Day. Hear about courses and subjects, tour our London campus, explore all aspects of university life, talk to our staff and students, and find out what Brunel has to offer. For more information [click here](#).

UCAS & Personal Statement Support from University of Hertfordshire. The University of Hertfordshire look forward to supporting you in the coming months whether virtually or in person. We have an exciting range of talks, tasters and on campus events taking place to inspire and support your students on their Higher Education Journey. You can find out more about what we've got coming up [here](#). We appreciate the next few months will be busy with UCAS applications and we have some great resources to support you with your personal statements if you need a little inspiration. You can access our downloadable personal statements guide [here](#).

Tips for writing your personal statement: University of Salford. Your personal statement is a chance for you to tell us why you want to study your chosen course or subject, and is submitted to [UCAS](#) along with the rest of your application. We know writing your personal statement can be a daunting task - so we've given our top tips to help you get started. [Click here for more information.](#)

Work Experience

It may seem a bit early to be thinking about work experience for summer 2022, but there are lots of different programmes out there that work to different timings, some in October half term, some in the spring and some with very early deadlines, so it pays to be prepared! We shall post opportunities we come across here, but if there are specific companies that you are interested in working for, it is worth getting in touch with them directly in order to find a great placement.

Government advice on Work Experience placements: Work experience is time spent in a workplace learning about a job role, a company or a career sector. Most work experience is unpaid though there are some types of opportunities where you can earn money. Companies are starting to develop 'virtual' placements, where you work remotely using digital technology, without having to go in to the workplace. To read more [click here](#).

25th July-29th July 2022: EY Business Academy. If you're already considering an alternative to university, this programme will help you build the skills you need for a head start on the EY Business Apprenticeship. Our paid Business Academy balances on-the-job experience with business skills sessions and work shadowing. Working in supportive teams in either **Assurance, Tax or Turnaround and Restructuring Strategy**, you'll gain insight to our business, take part in learning sessions and have lots of opportunities to network with our people to kick-start your EY career. We operate an open access policy, meaning we don't screen out applications on your academic performance alone. You must however be in Year 12/5th year, completing three A levels/Five Highers (or equivalent) and have a minimum of grade 4/C GCSE (or equivalent) in English Language and Maths. You must also live within a one hour commuting distance of the office location you're applying to, and have strong motivations for exploring alternatives to university. [For more information and to apply click here](#).

Free Virtual Work Experience with Springpod. Discover the world of work, gain unique industry insights and complete workplace-style activities with leading employers in the UK. And the best part - it's free.
<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>

Work Experience with Kier: Your chance to sample the world of Kier. Every project we work on draws on the skills and expertise of our people. Their job is to make a positive impact on the world. Because what we achieve together in a day will have benefits that last for generations.
<https://www.kier.co.uk/careers/work-experience/work-experience-contacts-map/>

Apprenticeship Information

This is obviously not the time of year that students would be applying for apprenticeships, but it's a good time of year to start looking! Below is information on apprenticeships and companies currently recruiting for you to browse through.

20th & 21st October: Rate My Apprenticeship Virtual Event. You're invited to [RateMyApprenticeship's Virtual Event](#) on 20th & 21st October.

Featuring 15 of the best apprenticeship employers in the UK, this is your opportunity to:

- ☐ Meet Aldi, Deloitte, Vodafone + more
- ? Ask any questions you have about apprenticeships
- 💡 Get exclusive application advice
- 🏆 PLUS win prizes!

Spaces are limited, so [register](#) NOW to avoid missing out

Apprenticeships at Mazars. Mazars is a positively different international and integrated professional services firm operating in 89 countries around the world; specialising in Audit, Tax, Consulting, Financial Planning, Accounting & Outsourcing and Advisory Services with entrepreneurship and a desire to create value at the heart of our DNA. We differentiate ourselves by the opportunities we offer our people, our approach to working with clients and our passion for responsible business. To find out more about apprenticeships at Mazars click [here](#).

Apprenticeships at Premier Foods. Food is our passion at Premier Foods and we have a whole host of great brands including Ambrosia, Bisto, Batchelors, Loyd Grossman, Oxo, Plantastic, Sharwood's and Mr Kipling safeguarded by over 4,000 colleagues based at sites across the UK. We work with schools and support industry-led initiatives to raise awareness and ensure a pipeline of highly skilled new talent for the food and drink industry. That's why we offer apprenticeship programmes and invest in skills and training for engineering, IT, manufacturing and food science. We're committed to support apprenticeships so that talented individuals can 'earn while they learn'. To find out more about apprenticeships at Premier Foods click [here](#).

Programmes with LTSB. LTSB is a social mobility charity that prepares and supports bright young people from disadvantaged backgrounds into meaningful roles with major firms. We make sure those at risk of under-employment find careers equal to their ambition and ability, and can contribute from their first day on the job. LTSB offer 3 different intensive programmes throughout the year, where you are prepared for the world of work:

LTSB Business and Finance Programme

The Natwest Group: Digital, Data and Customer Service Apprenticeships

The Natwest Group: Contact Centre Apprenticeships

For more information click [here](#).

Apprenticeships with AstraZeneca: At AstraZeneca, we put patients first and strive to meet their unmet needs worldwide. Working here means you'll learn and earn in a supportive team. Guided by expert managers, mentors and buddies who will help you develop the skills you seek and push and encourage you to get the most out of your time at AstraZeneca. The scientific apprenticeship programme allows apprentices to learn and develop in a team with a renewed focus on building the AstraZeneca medicines pipeline, with 7 new oncology medicines being added to our pipeline. Our Oncology team is driven by speed, you will be backed by leadership and empowered at every level to prioritise and make bold moves. Allowing you to make the best of our structured education and work-based environment while you study towards a degree via distance learning with the University of Kent. For more information click [here](#).

Apprenticeships at Amazon: Are you ready to build your future? Amazon is looking for curious and enthusiastic people to join our Apprenticeship programs across Europe and the UK. Whatever your background, qualifications or career aspirations, we have a place for you here. Your passion and talent will help Amazon continue to deliver and innovate for our customers; and we want to deliver and innovate for you too! We have big plans to help you grow into your best self and develop your career with us. For more information click [here](#).

Apprenticeships at Bloomberg: At Bloomberg, we work on purpose. And we can help you find yours. If you're passionate about the financial markets, solving complex problems and challenging the status quo, we want to hear from you. Whether you're a learner looking for an apprenticeship or internship, a graduate seeking a full-time position, or just want to learn more about what we do, take your first step toward a career at Bloomberg below. Who knows where it may take you next. For more information click [here](#).

Apprenticeships at EY. Working across 150 countries within four business areas; Assurance, Consulting, Strategy and Transactions and Tax, our teams work at the cutting edge, drawing upon fresh thinking and advanced technology to help make better business decisions. You'll have the scope, scale, and challenges to unleash your potential. Innovation is our mindset and technology is our power; enabling us to move business to new uncharted depths and deliver better and faster solutions for clients. No matter which area you join, you'll harness pioneering technology that will empower smarter working, bolder thinking, and collaboration with no boundaries. Start your career and discover our world, your way. For more information click [here](#).

Apprenticeships in the Army. You've got potential, and we want to help you unleash it. This is your chance to earn as you learn, and see corners of the world you've only dreamt of seeing. Being a soldier in the Army is more than you think; it's becoming part of a bigger picture - making mates for life, learning new skills and doing more than you ever thought possible. [For more information click here.](#)