

CAREERS

NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

Opportunities

We know it's the first week back and February feels AGES away... However, we want to bring your attention to the fact that 10th-14th February is National Apprenticeship Week. This is one of the biggest events in the careers calendar.

We will share more information with you about specific events the week before the event. But, for now, 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.

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?

If you already know that you want to follow the university route, you can find lots of events using UniTasterDays, UCAS and the individual university's websites.

If you have any questions or need support, please email Zoe.Uphill@akslytham.com



Career of the Week



Geneticist

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 how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

Labour Market 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.

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The Met Office work experience programme consists of two distinct phases. The first is an online work experience. 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.

EquityEd has been started by current university students who want to make the education pathways beyond Sixth Form more accessible to everyone. "At EquityEd, we bring the opportunities directly to you. We want to make sure that all opportunities are accessible to all students. Gain access to opportunities for Secondary, Sixth Form, & College students from top institutions and organisations starting today by using our website."

"At Rolls-Royce, we want you to be at your best. That's why we've created two comprehensive preparation guides to help you know what to expect when it comes to applications, interviews and Assessment Centres. Whether you're applying to a Rolls-Royce Early Careers programme or elsewhere, these guides can give you a helpful insight into the recruitment process. So, you can feel ready and confident for the journey ahead."

Employer Spotlight

"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.

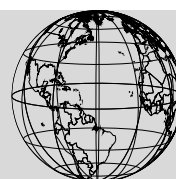
World Spotlight

Country: Belgium

Key Links: [Prospects Guide](#) | [Scholarships](#) | [Visa Information](#)

Key Information:

- Belgium is home to world-renowned universities and the headquarters of international organisations such as the European Union (EU) and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). Its tuition fees are also relatively affordable compared to the neighbouring European study hubs of France and Germany.
- Dutch and French are the primary teaching languages, but English-taught programmes are also available.
- All universities are publicly funded. Six of the country's institutions feature within the global top 350, according to [QS World University Rankings 2025](#).
- Undergraduate tuition fees for non-EU students typically range from €2,000 to €8,000 (£1,650 to £6618) per year.



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.

Opportunities

Blackpool Youth Council for 11 to 18 year olds

Blackpool Youth Council are involved in activities and campaigns that enable them to make positive changes for young people in Blackpool. They work with different organisations and partners across the town to help shape and decision makers that affect the lives of local young people.

Blackpool Youth Council are aware of the needs of individuals or groups of young people who may experience disadvantage or are unable to speak for themselves. Their aim is to raise the profile of young people in a positive way.

Wednesdays, 5.00 to 7.00pm

Email: youthservice@blackpool.gov.uk

University of Central Lancashire are offering talks throughout the year, starting with "Athletes in the Working World" on Thursday 16th January 2025. They host a wide variety of events open to the public. Events range from conferences, performances and exhibitions, alumni, Saturday Club, sport and outdoor events, public lectures, festivals, events at the Harris Museum and more.

Apprenticeship Academy

Are you interested in an Apprenticeship? Do you want to find out more? We are delighted to inform you that we have invested in a new programme called the Apprenticeship Academy. It allows us to register all of our Year 10-13 students that are seeking an apprenticeship to ensure they have everything they need to be successful on their journey. It is of the utmost importance to us that our students are able to get specialist advice on all their options when they finish their education with us. You can sign up to the Apprenticeship Academy [here](#), starting on 26th February 2025.



HOUSE COMPETITION

HOUSE MUSIC QUIZ

16th JANUARY 2025
1.30-2.10pm
OAKS HALL

The poster features a background of four vertical stripes in green, yellow, red, and blue. Musical notes and a staff with notes are scattered across the background. At the bottom of each stripe is a silhouette of a house animal: a bear on the green stripe, an eagle on the yellow stripe, a bull on the red stripe, and a lion on the blue stripe.