



# 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

### IT'S NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK!



This week is dedicated to celebrating all things apprenticeships. During this week, you will find lots of opportunities to learn more about apprenticeships including where to find them, how to apply to them and top tips from employers and current apprentices. You can view [lots of events here](#).

Meet David from South London, he moved to the UK from Romania at the age of eight and did not speak English when he arrived. David successfully secured a Level 4 project management apprenticeship with Jellyfish. [In this video](#), David talks about why he chose an apprenticeship, what his job involves, the role of AI in modern workplaces, misconceptions about Gen Z and why school is about more than just academic knowledge.

Explore 1,600+ Higher and Degree apprenticeships in the January 2026 edition of the [Higher & Degree Vacancy listing](#). Discover vacancy details from over 65+ employers, including vacancy locations, salary information and direct application links.

 [All About T Levels](#) | Thurs 26th Feb - 6-7pm | On this call we'll tell you how T levels work, how we at Lloyds support students with extended work experience and you'll hear from apprentices at Lloyds joining us through the T level route.

 [Understanding T Levels: The Industry Placement Webinar](#) | Mon 2nd March - 3:30pm-4:15pm | The rise in popularity has been matched by the increase in employers opening their doors and designing T Level Industry Placements that support students to develop their skills, and provide crucial opportunities to apply their learning in a real workplace. Join this webinar to hear about Industry Placements from Suzanne Chambers of the T Level Delivery Division at the Department for Education.

## JOB OF THE WEEK



Forensic  
Linguist

A Forensic Linguist is a language expert who applies linguistic knowledge to legal contexts, acting as a detective to analyse written or spoken evidence. They investigate cases by examining idiolect (unique writing style), authorship of threats or notes, and contractual language, working with law enforcement and legal teams to uncover the truth.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

As employers 'top up' the salary of an apprentice beyond National Minimum Wage, the average apprentice salary in the United Kingdom is £27,721 per year or £14.22 per hour. This varies across different apprenticeships and regions.  
[Source](#)

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### Rapid Read: Apprenticeship levels explained.

With apprenticeship levels ranging from level 2 (foundation and intermediate) through to level 7 (master's level) and lots of recent changes, this updated Rapid Read will help you understand the different levels and which might be right for you.

Get Career Confident has brought together a range of virtual work experience opportunities available to young people. They do not run virtual work experience placements, they research and list established organisations offering placements.

Access the brand new ERIC Library from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026. "A library of bite-sized creative careers talks designed for school, college or university students. Each talk is 10-15 minutes long, made for young people aged 14-21. The library will be available all year round, with new talks added regularly."

Did you know that Not Going To Uni have a podcast? It is hosted by a current apprentice, Ethan. On the podcast, he interviews other apprentices who give you advice and valuable tips. The aim of the podcast is to help you kickstart your career with confidence.

If you'd prefer to read than listen, the Not Going To Uni case studies are another great way to learn from current apprentices and take inspiration from their journeys.

Heard of an apprenticeship but not sure what it's all about? The UCAS Parent and guardian guide to apprenticeships shares what you need to know and practical tips for supporting someone who might be thinking about an apprenticeship.

This apprenticeship glossary will help you to understand any words that you haven't come across before. There are also a lot of myths about apprenticeships. This myth buster will support you to realise the facts from the fiction!

From Quizzes to Arcade games, this website has a range of interactive activities to help you learn more about apprenticeships.

### EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Start your career with impact and purpose. At Nationwide, you will build a meaningful career and help shape banking to be fairer, more rewarding, and for the good of society.

With structured development, hands-on experience, and support at every step, you will gain the confidence to start a rewarding career in banking."

You can read more about careers at Nationwide here.

### UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Students fall in love with Bristol - a city small enough to remain friendly, but large enough to offer lots of interest and excitement.

With our central location, outstanding facilities and active Student Union, you can enjoy the best of student life. We're ranked 51<sup>st</sup> in the World and 8<sup>th</sup> in the UK."

You can read more about the University of Bristol here.

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## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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### Tutor Time Takeover

w/c 09/02/2026

**Monday**  
Welcome to National Apprenticeship Week 2026! Watch this 5-minute film and discover the benefits of apprenticeships. The video answers some key questions around apprenticeships, what you can expect and the opportunities available.

**Tuesday**  
The Apprenticeship Quiz 2026! How much do you know about apprenticeships? Test your knowledge and find out key facts and information with our fun quiz!

**Wednesday**  
Apprentice Story Films Explore the exciting story films that showcase the breadth of apprenticeships available. Students, teachers, careers advisers, apprentices, university representatives and more.

**Thursday**  
#TLevelThursday Watch this video to find out about the new #TLevel apprenticeships, including Firefighting, Engineering, Broadening, Zookeeping and more.

**Friday**  
Find an Apprenticeship Use the government apprenticeship search to find local apprenticeship opportunities. These are real vacancies that you could apply for in the local area.

FIND OUT MORE: [AMAZINGAPPRENTICESHIPS.COM/NAW](http://AMAZINGAPPRENTICESHIPS.COM/NAW)



As part of our National Apprenticeship Week celebrations, the Careers team have taken over tutor time every day this week to share apprenticeship and technical qualifications information with students through fun quizzes, videos and slideshows.

You can visit [www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com) to find out more.

### LOCAL APPRENTICESHIPS SPOTLIGHT

"Apprentice Educator, Busy Bees Childcare, Salisbury.

Join Our Busy Bees Family – Start Your Career in Early Years

Today! Are you passionate about working with children and ready to begin a rewarding career in the Early Years sector?

At Busy Bees, the UK's leading nursery group, we're looking for enthusiastic, caring individuals to join us as Early Years Apprentices.

Our apprentices are valued members of the team – you won't just be watching; you will be learning, contributing, and growing from day one!

Benefits include a competitive salary, ongoing training and career progression, 28 days holiday per year and even your birthday off!"

To find more exciting apprenticeship opportunities in the local area, click [here](#).

## TESCO RETAIL APPRENTICESHIPS

**Stronger Starts**

Retail Apprenticeship

Retail apprentices will gain a Level 2 National Standard in Retail qualification, hands-on experience of how a store operates, and the opportunity to experience different roles and tasks across the store.

Applications for September 2026 are now open and you can find out more on their website [here](#).



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## POST-16 PROVIDER OPEN EVENTS & APPLICATION DEADLINES

		OPEN EVENTS INFORMATION	APPLICATION DEADLINES (for September 2026 entry)
S6C		All open events are now finished. Contact them directly for a tour.	Applications open: 1st October 2025 Applications close: 31st January 2026
WILTSHIRE COLLEGE		Thursday 5th February 2026, 5pm Thursday 30th April 2026, 5pm	Apply before February half term but be aware that some courses get filled up so the earlier the better.
SOUTH WILTS		Taster Day for Applicants: Wednesday 24th June 2026	Application deadline Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BROCKENHURST		All open events are now finished. Contact them directly for a tour.	Application deadline Friday 6th February 2026.
PETER SYMONDS		All open events are now finished. Contact them directly for a tour.	Applications open: 15th September 2025 Applications close: 8th December 2025
BURGATE		All open events are now finished. Contact them directly for a tour.  Taster Day: Wednesday 12th November 2025, 8:30am – 3pm <i>You must register for a place via the website before 2nd November 2025</i>	2026 applications are now open, no advertised deadline yet.
BISHOPS		Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	2026 applications are now open. Deadline Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 4pm.
ANDOVER COLLEGE		Thursday 12th February 2026 Wednesday 6th May 2026 Saturday 13th June 2026	No official deadline but be aware that some courses get filled up so the earlier the better.
SPARSHOLT		Saturday 7th February 2026 Saturday 7th March 2026 Wednesday 29th April 2026 Thursday 11th June 2026	(Open on the 5th October). They take applications right up until the start of the course, but only if places are available (so apply much earlier if you can).
RINGWOOD		All open events are now finished. Contact them directly for a tour.	Application deadline Thursday 11th December 2025
BARTON PEVERIL		All open events are now finished. Contact them directly for a tour.	Application deadline 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026.

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