



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



Take a look at [Engineering Development Trust's programmes](#) that help you to learn more about STEM careers, the skills you need to succeed and how you can access different job roles. There is a free programme (scroll to the bottom of the page) but some are paid for, please contact EDT if you feel you may be eligible for a bursary funded place.



EDT also have [paid work placements](#) in the STEM industries. You will gain invaluable experience working in industry, develop their skills and knowledge, and boost their future employability.



[Discovering Durham University](#) is a podcast show run by students. The marketing team asked students what their most important issues were when considering the University, and they came up with five episodes.



Explore 2,400 Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies in the [January 2025 edition of the Higher and Degree listing](#). Discover vacancy details from over 80 employers, including locations, salary information and direct application links. The Higher & Degree Listing is a bi-annual publication, with the next release due in October 2025.



This blog shows [how at risk the top 20 jobs in the UK are of AI Job Displacement](#). From Administrators to Nurses to Programmers, take a look & see what risk score each role has!



Take a look at this [webpage full of different job roles](#)! Click on each one to enlarge it and read more.



[Hire Ahead](#) is a new apprenticeship search platform. We are not sure why there are so many, it is hard to keep up! However, it is good to know about all of them to ensure you are seeing all the opportunities available.

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Investment Banker](#)

Investment bankers are financial advisors for corporations and other large organisations. Investment bankers often help companies and other entities raise or borrow money for expansion and improvement.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

According to The Student Room, over 40% of their forum members now actively consider a degree apprenticeship alongside traditional university study. But uni is still viewed as "more fun."

[Source](#)

If you have any questions or need support, please email rkirby@gracecollege.org.uk



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urfuture have built a new app that helps you to connect with employers. The app has not replaced all employer's recruitment processes yet (maybe one day!) so it's not quite time to ditch the CV just yet. We just want to ensure you're aware of all the platforms and support systems in place to help you on your journey.



"Right now, you might have just finished school, the sun is shining, and the last thing you want to be doing is stressing about your future career. That's why we're here: to help make this summer your best one yet, just by signing up to our Talent Community. By joining our Talent Community, you'll be one of the first to know about our 2026 Apprenticeship opportunities. At KPMG, we offer Apprenticeship programmes in areas like Audit, Tax & Law, KPMG Business Services, Technology & Engineering and Consulting, where you can make the difference to businesses and communities."



Here are a few websites that you can use to find university open days:

- [UCAS](#)
- [OpenDays.com](#)
- [UniTasterDays](#)
- The individual university's websites



If you need help deciding which university/course is right for you, this guide from UCAS will prove useful and this list of 20 things you can compare may also help your decision making.



If you speak a second (or third or fourth...) language, you may be way ahead in terms of your cognition. But did you know it can also help you get ahead in your career? Being bi-lingual or multi-lingual are significant in terms of everything from pay and performance to your thinking and your relationships. You can read more about this here.

In next week's newsletter, we'll be giving you a challenge per week that you can do over the 6 week break to help prepare for your future!

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"At the John Lewis Partnership, home to both retail favourite, John Lewis and supermarket leaders, Waitrose, you become more than just an employee, you become a Partner – a co-owner in our unique business. Whether you're passionate about retail, tech, logistics, or anything in between, we have a range of exciting opportunities."

Read more about [John Lewis Careers here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Your time at Essex will be full of opportunities to meet new people, try new things and develop new skills. Your success is at the heart of everything we do. What's more, did you know The University of Essex is first in the East of England for overall positivity*? Or that we're 23rd in the UK in the Guardian University Guide 2025?"
Read more about [University of Essex's Courses here](#).

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