



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

WELCOME BACK!

Coming up in February:

- **Tuesday 3 February, 6pm – 7:30pm – Banking and Finance Industry Overview Workshop** – for students in Year 12 and Year 13. Click [here](#) to register. This has already been sent to students to sign up.
- **Wednesday 4 February, 13:30pm – 14:25pm – Sixth Form Study Room – World of Work Wednesday – Careers in Law** – Katie Shmuel. This is open to students across **all year groups**. Sign up [here](#) to attend.
- **Wednesday 11 February – Alumni Apprenticeship Panel, 13:30pm – 14:25pm**, Sixth Form Study Room. This is open to student across **all year groups**. We have 7 JFS Alumni from a range of different sectors coming to speak to students about their apprenticeship roles, and to give them some handy tips and advice on sourcing applying for apprenticeships. Sign up [here](#) to attend.
- **Wednesday 11 February, 4pm – 6pm – Unifrog Virtual Apprenticeship Fair**. This is a free event for students in Year 10 – 13. Sign up [here](#). From understanding apprenticeships to learning what it's like to work in different industries and acing your application, this fair is a great opportunity to explore your options and get your questions answered by the experts. Join live sessions with employers from across the UK and speak directly to their representatives to achieve your dream apprenticeship.
- **Wednesday 11 February, 6:30pm – 7:30pm** – Apprenticeships in Law – Meet TLT. For students in Year 10-13 and their parents/guardians. Sign up [here](#).
- **Thursday 12 February, 3pm** – Virtual Legal Apprenticeships masterclass run by [LawCareers.Net](#). Click [here](#) to register.
- **Thursday 12 February – Year 13 students** – Virtual IBM Apprenticeship and Post School Internship Application Masterclass. Sign up [here](#). There is high demand for places, This may close early.
- **Thursday 12 February, 5pm – 6:30pm** – Get into Business & Accounting, virtual event. hear from top employers including KPMG, BDO and Fidelity. Sign up [here](#) to attend. For students in **Year 11-13**.
- **Thursday 12 February, 4pm – ICAEW Apprenticeships Explained Webinar**. Click [here](#) to register.
- **Tuesday 10 February, 6:30pm** – Kick start your career in Audit with the National Audit Office. Click [here](#) to register to find out more.
- **Think Cambridge Webinar Series, for students in Years 10-12**. This series runs from the 4 – 13 February and is designed to introduce students who may be interested in applying to Cambridge but don't know much about it, to studying at the University and the application process. Click [here](#) for more details

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SPOTLIGHT ON APPRENTICESHIPS

9-15 February sees National Apprenticeship Week 2026. This month's newsletter will have an apprenticeship focus so that young people and parents can understand what apprenticeship are, how they can be of benefit and how to apply. Applying for an apprenticeship is not an easy option by any means. It takes time, commitment and resilience from the initial stages of searching for an apprenticeship to going through the application process, interview stages to finally being successful in securing an apprenticeship. Apprenticeships are structured training programs, offering qualifications from Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) up to Level 7 (Master's degree equivalent). Ranging from 1-6 years, these work-based programs allow individuals to earn a salary while gaining professional skills and qualifications, categorized as Intermediate, Advanced, Higher, or Degree levels.

Key Apprenticeship Levels

Intermediate (Level 2): Equivalent to 5 GCSE passes (grades 9-4 or A*-C). These typically last 12-18 months, act as a foundation for a career, and generally have no formal entry requirements.

Advanced (Level 3): Equivalent to 2 A-Level passes or a T-Level. This level is usually the next step after Level 2 or requires 5 GCSEs.

Higher (Levels 4, 5, 6, 7): Equivalent to a Foundation Degree, HND, or HNC, and can lead to a undergraduate degree.

Degree (Levels 6, 7): Equivalent to a Bachelor's or Master's degree, involving part-time university study while working.

Duration and Requirements

Length: Intermediate usually lasts 1 year+, Advanced for 2 years, while Higher/Degree can take 3-6 years.

Entry Requirements: Vary by employer; however, higher levels generally require prior experience or qualifications (e.g., A-levels for a Level 4+ role. Where to find apprenticeships:

[Degree and Higher Apprenticeship Listing](#)
[Gov.uk](#)
[HigherIn](#)
[Notgoingtouni](#)
[The Essential Guide to Degree Apprenticeships](#)

For more information, see the UCAS – [Parent and Guardians Guide to Apprenticeships](#)

SPRING TERM 2025

Coming up in March:

- **Sunday 1 March, 9am – 5pm – Future Medics Conference for students in Year 11 and Year 12**. This is a day of tailored taster medicine lectures and interactive workshops to find out what studying medicine is like. Sign up [here](#). There is a £5 Fee for this course.
- **Pathways to Property Insight day**, run by Henley Business School. Multiple locations, applications close on **15 February**. Click [here](#) to find out more.
- **Tuesday 3 March – Reed Smith LLP** – Insight Day for Year 12 and Y13 students. Click here to [apply](#). Application deadline is **9 February**.

REMINDERS

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Apprenticeship Opportunities

A&O Shearman - Solicitor Apprenticeship, London - Application deadline, Wednesday 18 February.

Dunelm - Apprenticeships are now open. You could apply for apprenticeships in Supply Chain & Logistics, Merchandising, Buying, Retail and many more.

Mitchell & Butlers - Build skills, confidence and experience with M&B brands in the hospitality industry.

Capgemini - Digital Media and IT business committed to supporting apprentices in developing their personal brand.

BT Group - Digital Media and IT based careers.

ICAEW - Chartered Accountancy Apprenticeships.

Morgan Stanley - Explore apprenticeship opportunities

Aon - Search current vacancies with Aon and get top tips to help you with your apprenticeship journey.

TFL - A range of apprenticeships available in Business, Technology and Engineering.

EDF energy - If you're passionate about tackling climate change, EDF's Apprenticeship programmes offer an exciting opportunity to build a rewarding career while contributing to a more sustainable energy future.

Rolls-Royce - Rolls-Royce Apprenticeships give an incredible opportunity to learn real skills and earn a salary whilst gaining invaluable experience at a world-changing global organisation.

Schroders Apprenticeship Programmes - Global Technology, Human Resources, Finance, Wealth Management and much more.

Springpod

Offer a range of virtual work experience opportunities for all ages.

Click [here](#) to view.

You can filter by age group to make it easier to view the opportunities.

Show off your writing skills and sporting know-how. Take part in the **Young Sports Journalist** competition. They are seeking well-argued articles from students aged 14-21. Click [here](#) to take part.

Sports Journalists' Association - The SJA Academy is designed for anyone interested in a career in sports journalism. If you're aged 16 or over, and not employed in a journalism role, you can apply to join and it's totally free of charge. Click [here](#) for more information.

CAREER OF THE MONTH



PHOTO JOURNALIST

Medic Mind - Free Webinars

led by experienced educators and industry aligned specialists.

[Medicine | 3 February | 6pm](#)

[Psychology | 4 February | 6pm](#)

[Law | 5 February | 6pm](#)

[Investment Banking | 10 February | 6pm](#)

[Technology | 11 February | 6pm](#)

[Engineering | 12 February | 6pm](#)