

Careers Newsletter



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This issue, we are sharing a range of opportunities designed to support students, parents, and carers as they navigate important education and career decisions. From understanding assessment processes and building key study skills, to finding work experience, apprenticeships, and practical next steps after school, these resources aim to build confidence, clarity, and readiness for the future.

Whether you are a student exploring options or a parent looking to provide the best support, there's something here for you.

HMRC Finance Training Schemes

Interested in starting a career in finance? HMRC offers two structured training routes designed to help you learn while you earn and gain an internationally recognised qualification.

Finance Foundation Apprenticeship Scheme
Perfect for anyone starting or developing their finance career.

- Earn while you train
- Gain a recognised finance qualification
- Ideal entry point for building skills and experience
- Finance Graduate Scheme
- Designed for (but not limited to) recent graduates looking for a structured development path.
- Learn while working towards a professional accountancy qualification
- Build a long-term finance career within HMRC
- Access mentoring, training and career opportunities

Find Out More

Explore the full details of both schemes and what's involved on the HMRC website.

[HMRC-Finance Apprenticeships | Civil Service Careers](#)



Civil Service Careers

Thinking about a career in Medicine?

If you're passionate about health and helping others, it can be an incredibly rewarding path to take.

But what if you don't get into medical school on your first try? Or what if, along the way, you realise that becoming a doctor isn't quite the right fit for you after all?

The good news: there are many exciting and fulfilling careers within medicine and healthcare that don't require you to become a doctor.

This article explores the alternative pathways available — so you can still make a meaningful impact while following a career that truly suits you.

[Career opportunities in medicine beyond being a doctor – Study Work Grow](#)

Labour Market Information (LMI)

LMI helps people understand which jobs are growing, in demand, or declining, so they can plan with confidence.

It can guide learners and parents towards courses and training that lead to real job opportunities. Employers use LMI to identify skills gaps, plan recruitment, and prepare for future changes. In short, LMI turns career planning into informed decision-making; connecting people, skills, and jobs.

Below is the link to the UK LMI from the Careers and Enterprise company: [Sway](#)



10 Surprising STEM Careers in Agriculture

Think farming is just tractors and fields? Think again. Today's agriculture industry is powered by science, technology, engineering, and maths - and it's full of exciting, unexpected careers.

These ten STEM roles prove that farming's future is far more diverse and fascinating than you might expect.

- Geneticist – Developing crops that are more nutritious, resilient, and sustainable
- Agricultural Robotics Engineer – Designing robots to plant, pick, and monitor crops
- Data Scientist – Using data and AI to predict yields and reduce waste
- Precision Agriculture Specialist – Applying GPS, drones, and sensors to improve efficiency
- Environmental Scientist – Protecting soil, water, and biodiversity
- Irrigation Engineer – Creating smart systems to conserve water
- Food Technologist – Ensuring food is safe, high-quality, and innovative
- Soil Microbiologist – Studying microorganisms that boost crop health
- Drone Operator & Analyst – Monitoring crops from the sky
- Renewable Energy Technician – Powering farms with wind, solar, and bioenergy

The takeaway:

Modern agriculture blends innovation, sustainability, and cutting-edge STEM skills - feeding the world in smarter ways.

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Where Can Tourism Take You?

Tourism is about more than travel; it is about creating meaningful experiences. From attractions and events to the moments visitors remember most, every journey is shaped by skilled professionals working behind the scenes.

- Creative
- Strategic
- People-focused

Tourism offers careers that blend culture, business, sustainability, and storytelling; often in incredible places.

Careers That Keep Cities Running

Cities rely on carefully coordinated systems; from transport and energy to planning and maintenance. If you are interested in how places work behind the scenes, explore this blog to discover future job roles that keep cities moving, connected, and thriving.

Careers that keep cities running – Study Work Grow



Tesco Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship – Virtual Info Sessions

Pathway are hosting a series of short online sessions with Tesco, introducing their paid apprenticeship pathway — a clear alternative to sixth form or college.



Who's it for?

Ideal for students who:

- Are unsure about exam results
- Don't yet have a plan after GCSEs or A-Levels
- Want to earn money while gaining real experience

What students will learn:

- What the role is really like
- How to apply with insider tips from Tesco
- How they can earn up to £23,000 (full-time equivalent)
- Why this is a strong alternative to sixth form, college, or a gap year



Added bonus:

Completing the programme includes a Level 2 qualification (equivalent to 5 GCSEs)—keeping future options open.

Session dates:

- **Tuesday 12 May | 5:00–5:50pm**
- **Wednesday 20 May | 5:00–5:50pm**
- **Thursday 28 May | 5:00–5:30pm**



Year 11 & 13 School Leaver Apprenticeships, Internships & Programmes

Kickstart your career with Higherin

Higherin is where you begin your journey, connect with students like you, and feel truly supported.

Everything is designed around what matters to you.

- All in one place
- Find apprenticeships, placements, internships, and graduate roles for ages 14–24+
- All on one platform.
- Fresh, modern design
- A new look that reflects you, not the corporate world.
- Personalised dashboard
- Smarter application tools to make job searching feel less overwhelming.
- Opportunities that fit you

See roles matched to your interests — the more you use Higherin, the smarter it gets (just like your TikTok!).

Click [here](#) to register and explore current opportunities.

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How to Find Work Experience

FREE Webinar for Students & Parents

At InvestIN, we believe early exposure to industry is key to preparing for life after school. But with limited opportunities available, many students aren't sure how to get started.

Join our free webinar on Wednesday 13 May to learn:

- What counts as work experience
- The types of opportunities to look out for
- How to use work experience to strengthen future applications

Practical advice for both students and parents.

Click [here](#) to book your place.



Breaking Down the Army Assessment

Preparing for the Army Assessment Centre can feel daunting — but it doesn't have to be.

Join our FREE online event where we:

- Break down the Assessment Centre step by step
- Explain what really happens on the day
- Share practical tips to help you prepare with confidence

Tuesday, 26 May 2026

6:00 – 7:00pm

Designed for students, as well as parents, carers, teachers, and supporters who want a clear and honest understanding of the process.

Click [here](#) to attend.



Elevate FREE Parent Webinar Series

Elevate is an award-winning organisation that has been helping students become more effective learners. Your child's ability to self-motivate, manage their time and prepare effectively will be a crucial factor to guarantee their success over this academic year.

Join Elevate for their exclusive webinar series where we will show you, as parents, how to best support your child through school.

For more details on the summer series and to register, please click [here](#).

