

In this edition, we're exploring some important topics to help young people and their families feel more informed about careers and the world of work. Discover the wide range of career opportunities available in the British Army, learn what the CIPD's Labour Market Outlook tells us about employment and recruitment, and find out what a National Insurance number is and why you will need one when preparing for employment.



Army Careers

There are over 100 different army careers that many students will not be aware of and as a result, they may have not considered a role in the army for after they complete their school education.

The army also have a parents and guardian page on their website which gives families the information they need for discussing a career in the army.

[Click here to access this page.](#)

The CIPD's quarterly Labour Market Outlook

The CIPD's quarterly Labour Market Outlook (LMO) provides forward-looking labour market information on employers' recruitment, redundancy and pay intentions.

The LMO is published every February, May, August and November. It helps HR professionals and employers anticipate the current job market, [Labour Market Outlook | CIPD](#)

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Amazing Apprenticeships

There are many post 16 options now available including apprenticeships, T Levels and HTQs. Being open-minded about the range of opportunities and equipping yourself with knowledge and information, is the best way to build your confidence and ultimately to support your child to make the best decision for them.

Through the Parent Zone, Amazing Apprenticeships aim to help you to explore those options. [Click here to find out more](#)

A practical route into a career in Accountancy

University isn't the only route into a professional career.

AAT offers a practical, recognised route into accountancy and finance, helping learners develop the knowledge and skills employers value while working towards a professional qualification.

It's a route that can help learners build a strong foundation in finance, with opportunities to progress their careers and work towards further professional qualifications, including ACCA and CIMA.

[Click here to find out more.](#)



Uptree

Case Study of Uptree

After joining Uptree, a student was able to access a range of careers events, employer workshops, and industry insight sessions that helped them explore different career options.

Through these opportunities, they gained a better understanding of apprenticeship and university pathways, developed key employability skills, and increased their confidence when planning their future.

Uptree provided valuable exposure to the world of work, helping them take meaningful steps towards achieving their career goals.

[Uptree Upcoming upcoming virtual events flyer.pdf - Google Drive](#)

It's never too early to start planning for your future career. With so many different career pathways available today, having access to the right information, experiences, and employer connections can make all the difference when it comes to making informed decisions about your future.

That's where Uptree comes in.

Uptree is a free professional network for young people aged 14-21, dedicated to helping students explore career options, develop employability skills, and gain valuable real-world experience. Through the platform, students can access a wide range of opportunities including work experience placements, insight days, employer-led workshops, networking events, careers talks, and apprenticeship opportunities with leading organisations across a variety of industries.

Whether you're just beginning to think about your future or already have a career goal in mind, Uptree offers a fantastic way to explore opportunities, make valuable connections, and take meaningful steps towards achieving your ambitions. Signing up is free, making it an excellent resource for any student looking to gain a head start on their career journey.

Have you got your National Insurance number?

Your National Insurance (NI) number is a unique number that belongs to you for life. You'll need it when you start work or an apprenticeship, as it helps make sure your tax and National Insurance contributions are recorded correctly.

You'll normally get your NI number in the 3 months before your 16th birthday. It will usually arrive by post, so keep it somewhere safe!

You only ever have one NI number, so you don't need to apply for a new one when you start a new job.

Can't find yours? You can find it using the HMRC app or GOV.UK.

Early Careers and Workplace Skills, with A&O Shearman

Thu 8 Oct | 6:00-6:45PM



Ever wondered what employers are actually looking for when they hire? This free virtual session, supported by A&O Shearman, gives students a direct look at what goes on behind the scenes of recruitment, straight from the people who do it.

In 45 minutes, you'll get a clear picture of the skills and behaviours that help young people stand out, plus a look at the different routes into a career, from apprenticeships to graduate schemes.

[What Employers Want: Early Careers and Workplace Skills, with A&O Shearman - Pathway CTM](#)

Become a pilot?

A free evening session for students aged 14-19 and parents, covering qualifications, training routes, costs, pilot's licence's, airline funded opportunities, career prospects and what aspiring pilot's can start to do now to prepare.

The webinar is on Wednesday 30th September and starts at 7pm.

[Register here.](#)

Explore a career in Medicine or Dentistry

Free Live Virtual Get Into Medicine Conference: Sunday 27th September from 9am - 1:30pm

Free Live Virtual Get Into Dentistry Conference: Saturday 26th September from 9am - 1:30pm

These events offer a complete guide through the medical and dentistry application journey.

Register for the medicine conference [here](#)
Register for the dentistry conference [here](#)

Specsavers Bright Stars Scholarship

The Specsavers Bright Stars Scholarship helps exceptional STEM students pursue a career in optometry; a financially rewarding profession that combines science, technology and patient care.

Alongside financial support throughout university, scholars gain valuable practical experience and ongoing guidance from experienced professionals.

To find out more please click [here](#).

Addleshaw Goddard: Solicitor Apprenticeship September 2027 start

Over six years, you will immerse yourself in the world of commercial law, with your time divided between working with Addleshaw Goddard colleagues for four days a week and having one focused study day.

The programme is designed and balanced to provide everything you need for a successful career in commercial law.

This programme is aimed at Year 13 students (or equivalent) and school leavers without a degree. The programme is open to anyone regardless of their socio-economic background.

These vacancies are in Manchester and Leeds. Click [here](#) for more information and to register interest.

Join KPMG's class of 2027

Applications for our 2027 apprenticeship programmes in Audit, Tax and Corporate Services are officially open. Apply now to join us in Audit, Tax or Corporate Services. [Roles](#) will fill quickly, so apply early to secure your 2027 position. Click [here](#) for more information.



Engineering & Physical sciences pathways webinar from the University of Leeds

This online webinar will introduce exciting and often lesser-known subject areas across Engineering & Physical Sciences including Chemical & Process Engineering, Materials Science Engineering and Computer Science.

Delivered by Professor Nicole Hondow, Academic Lead for Student Recruitment, this 45-minute webinar will run from 16:15 - 17:00 on Tuesday 29 September via Zoom.

Register [here](#).



Autism and employment guides



**Ambitious
about Autism**

Starting a new job, preparing for work or simply trying to understand how the workplace works can sometimes feel overwhelming. However, you don't have to navigate it alone. Ambitious about Autism has created a range of practical and accessible guides designed to support autistic young people as they take their first steps into employment and build confidence in the workplace.

The guides can help you better understand your rights at work, whether you may want to disclose that you are autistic, and how to ask for reasonable adjustments that could help you feel more comfortable and supported in your role. They can also be useful when preparing for conversations with employers, managers or colleagues.

With helpful FAQs, an easy-to-understand glossary and real-life examples, you can work through the information at your own pace, focus on the topics that are most relevant to you and find the support that works best for your individual needs.

Ready to feel more confident about entering the workplace?

[Download the guides and explore the advice and support available to you.](#)

Finding a university course that fits you

Choosing a university course can feel like a huge decision and, in some ways, it is. But it doesn't have to feel stressful or overwhelming. With thousands of courses and universities to choose from, taking some time to explore your options can help you find a path that suits your interests, strengths, career ambitions and the type of university experience you're looking for.

Most importantly, remember that you don't need to have your entire future figured out right now. Your interests and ambitions may change as you gain new experiences, and there can be different routes towards the same career. Keeping an open mind and researching a range of possibilities can help you make a decision that feels right for you.

[Finding a university course that fits you – Study Work Grow](#)

What top universities are really looking for?

To support our Year 12 and Year 13 students and parents, we're sharing a free online session led by Kate Grace, a former Head of Careers with over a decade of experience across schools and university admissions.

Kate covers how admissions tutors actually read personal statements, the sixth form choices that build a genuinely competitive application, and the common mistakes that weaken strong ones, with real anonymised examples throughout. Wednesday 30 September, 7 to 8pm, online.

[Everyone who registers receives the slides and replay. Register free here.](#)



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