



Next Steps Newsletter

Current opportunities:

National Apprenticeship Week 6th – 12th of February 2023



National Apprenticeship Week brings together the entire apprenticeship community to celebrate everything that is amazing about apprenticeships.

We will be working with schools, colleges, teachers, students, employers, parents and apprentices to ensure that you have everything you need to make the week a huge success.

We've been busy creating a collection of exciting events:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/events-calendar/>

Kent and Medway Careers Hub: Technical and Vocational Pathway Campaign



[Start – Careers Information for Kent \(startprofile.com\)](https://startprofile.com) and [KentChoices: Home \(kentprospectus.co.uk\)](https://kentprospectus.co.uk) are providing a full guide to all things Technical and Vocational pathways, including useful information on routes in to Apprenticeships, T Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs). There are spaces for Young People, Teachers and Careers Leaders and Parents to help demystify the range of opportunities open throughout the county. There are helpful guides, links and videos and real-life examples of people who have undertaken this important and effective route in to the world of work.

To help you understand and navigate this incredible resource, we will be running a live webinar at 6PM on Tuesday 7th February. Free for anyone to join, this event is open to parents, teachers and young people to find out more about the routes open to them. To register for the event, please visit:

<https://kentchoices.info/Start-NAW23>

North Kent Apprenticeship Event at Northfleet Technology College



February 8, 2023 - 3.00pm - 5.30pm at Northfleet Technology College, Colyer Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent. DA11 8BG

Join us for an opportunity to explore the benefits of apprenticeships, discover opportunities in the area and find out how to make a successful application. This event is suitable for all ages, particularly young people from age 11 upwards and their parents/carers!

- DISCOVER - Apprenticeships are on the rise, so join us to find out how they can be a great way to kick-start or progress further within your career.
- NETWORK - Speak to the various professionals in attendance to explore different industries and the opportunities available.
- LOOK TO THE FUTURE - This event will be a great opportunity to start thinking about your next steps and help you to make more informed decisions about your future.

<https://www.kentprospectus.co.uk/events/detail/north-kent-apprenticeship-event-3720>

National Apprenticeship Week Event with 30 Global Employers!



On Monday 6th February from 5pm - 8pm students from across the nation will have access to the UK's biggest Virtual Apprenticeship, Work Experience & Careers Expo with over 30 of the world's biggest employers in attendance!

This will take place under one huge Webinar 'Expo' on Zoom, where students can drop in and out of multiple different workshop sessions, keynote presentations, panel discussions and employer networking booths throughout the night. So, if you're already certain on your career path and want to gain more opportunities, or maybe a little unsure about what to do in the future - you don't want to miss this event!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-NAW>

UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair



This free event takes place on Tuesday 7 March at the University of Surrey, and features a range of universities, apprenticeship providers and colleges. There will also be seminars on topics such as: Why do an apprenticeship; Choosing a university course; UCAS personal statement and application advice; and Student finance. The fair is ideal to inspire and motivate Year 11 and 12s, as well as any undecided Year 13s. For details see UK University Search Fair University of Surrey 2023.

<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/surrey-spring-2023>

Economist Degree Apprenticeships



Applications are now opened for the Government Economic Service's degree apprenticeship scheme. This is an opportunity to work in a central government department or agency on some of the most important social, environmental and economic issues facing the UK. For details, see The Government Economic Service Degree Level Apprenticeship - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-government-economic-service-degree-level-apprenticeship>

Apprenticeship Summer School at the Sutton Trust



High-quality apprenticeships not only offer young people the opportunity to earn while they learn but also ensure they gain valuable skills and get a foot on the career ladder. The Sutton Trust Apprenticeship Summer School is a three-day residential where students can meet leading employers and like-minded peers, and learn more about how to access top apprenticeships.

<https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/apprenticeship-summer-school/>

Springpod Work Experience



Springpod has a library of live and on-demand virtual work experience programmes; recent additions include Barclays, Atkins and the NHS. Each programme is free for students in Years 10-13 to access and takes around 10 hours to complete, so can easily be scheduled around school and other commitments. These are an ideal way for students to explore different career choices. They are currently accepting applications for their February 2023 programmes, which include technology (with Siemens), finance, hospitality, engineering and manufacturing (with Volvo) and many more.

<https://www.springpod.com/>

TUI Funded Pilot Scheme



TUI Launches Fully Funded Pilot Training Scheme In The UK
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TUI Airways has opened recruitment for its latest pilot training scheme, which will commence in September 2023. A total of 30 cadet pilots are expected to be trained over the 19-month program, going on to fly the airline's fleet of Boeing 737 aircraft.

Uniquely, the scheme will be fully funded by TUI Airways, meaning that trainees do not have to make any upfront financial commitment. Training costs will be reclaimed from the pilot's salary during the first four years of their employment as a cadet pilot. TUI Airways has confirmed that the post-deduction salary for this period, according to the airline's current pay scale, would be £32,867 (\$40,862) per year.

<https://careers.tuigroup.com/uk/pilot-cadet-programme/>

Medic Mentor Summer School



Medic Mentor runs a summer school for aspiring doctors, vets and dentists, and applications are now open for their widening participation programme, which provides funded places on the summer school for Year 12 students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The application deadline is Tuesday 28 February; please see Widening Access to Medicine for details and eligibility criteria. Please note that applicants are expected to have attended one of Medic Mentors 'Get into ...' conferences prior to applying for the summer school.

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/widening-access-to-medicine/>

Theatre Careers at Old Vic



The Old Vic's new Hub is a platform for information about a wide range of theatre careers. As well as insights into different careers, there are application tips (CVs, interviews, pitching, writing marketing copy and more) and a series of career-specific workshops (such as set design, stage management and puppet making) that students can work through at their own pace.

<https://www.oldvictheatre.com/discover/the-hub>

Insight into Bristol University



This summer school is for students who identify as Black/Asian or of mixed backgrounds featuring one or more of these groups, or identify as belonging to another Minority Ethnic group (excluding White Minorities). The summer school runs from 24-28 July, and all accommodation, meals and travel are paid or reimbursed by the university. The website still has details for last year's programme, but I've received an email saying this year's programme is open for applications, so it might be worth contacting them via the Insight into Bristol summer school website to find out more.

<https://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/outreach/post-16/insight/>

Osteopathy Open Day



The European School of Osteopathy is holding an open day Wednesday 8th March 2023, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. This is for students aged 16 and over who are interested in a career in healthcare. Visitors will be able to tour the campus, find out about studying osteopathy in Kent and/or London and view the dedicated teaching clinic. To book, please visit Open Days - ESO. For more information about osteopathy as a career, see Careers Resources.

<https://www.eso.ac.uk/open-days/>

Introduction to ODP



This free MOOC is an introductory course exploring Operating Department Practice. It has been produced by Canterbury Christ Church University and the NHS, and includes information about working as an Operating Department Practitioner as well as introductory modules on topics such as infection control, anatomy, physiology and safer surgery. To find out more, see Introduction to Operating Department Practice.

Where could your degree take you? In Southampton University's new series of webinars, recent graduates talk about their careers after studying the following degree subjects:

- History, Film and English - Tuesday 7 February
- Electronic & Electrical Engineering – Thursday 16 February
- Chemistry and Biochemistry – Tuesday 7 March
- Allied Health Professions – Tuesday 14 March
- Physics – Tuesday 21 March To find out more and register interest in attending, email liaison@southampton.ac.uk.

<https://www.ahpcourses.co.uk/courses/odp>

Channel Talent



This term, Channel Talent has a large programme of free interactive university webinars that offer curriculum enrichment and/or support for students considering HE. These include general 'What's it like to study ...' sessions, talks on student finance, and enrichment webinars on topics such as Psychology of Art, Youth Culture in Germany, Achieving Energy Security, Computational Chemistry and many more. To view the full programme, go to Channel Talent - Interactive school webinars.

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/>

Taster sessions and open days for your students – Swansea University



With the continued success of our Current News Webinar Series, we are holding 16 new sessions this term on a variety of different subjects from Psychology to Business and Film. The webinars are delivered on current topics by lecturers who are experts in their fields.

This series is particularly useful for Year 12 students to help them with course choice and Year 13 students who may want to find out more about their chosen subject, in preparation for university or the university interview process.

<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/teachers-and-advisers/current-news-webinars/>

Clyde & Co Global Virtual Experience Programme



Explore the role of a Trainee Solicitor in our market-leading Projects and Construction practice, Cyber Insurance team and Pro Bono practice in a global law firm.

<https://www.theforage.com/virtual-internships/prototype/QBfhTrfzu53YDvH3A/Clyde-&-Co-Virtual-Experience-Programme>

Insight to Babcock Engineering



A fantastic virtual event coming up with Babcock International on Thursday 9th February, 5pm - 6:30pm for your students to be involved with. Babcock are a world leading engineering company specialising in aerospace, defence, and nuclear engineering. This is going to be a really fascinating and interesting session on a type of engineering students may not know too much about.

<https://www.babcockinternational.com/insights/>

Undergraduate Open Days at Lincoln University



We can't wait to welcome you to an Open Day in 2023. They're the perfect way to get a feel for Lincoln and the amazing student experience we have become known for. Coming to an Open Day will help you gather all the information you need to help you decide what and where you would like to study. You will have the opportunity to explore our range of undergraduate programmes by chatting with our passionate course tutors and current students, tour our range of facilities and learning spaces, and view our modern, purpose-built accommodation to help you find your new home from home. Our next Open Day dates will be available for booking soon. If you're looking to study with us in September but haven't yet had the chance to visit us, you can still join us at one of our upcoming [Informal Visit Days](#).

<https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/studywithus/opendaysandvisits/informalvisits/>

Biggest Business Event of the Year! - Goldman Sachs, PwC, KPMG, Fidelity International & more!



On the 6th of February between 5pm – 8pm Young Professionals are going to be joined by 8 of the world's biggest finance, accounting, and consulting firms in existence. We have two of the Big 4 Firms PwC and KPMG, world renowned Goldman Sachs, Global Asset Management Firms Legal & General and Fidelity International, Mid-tier Accounting Giants Mazars and Grant Thornton as well as CIMA.

Throughout the evening we will have lots of opportunities for networking where you can go in and out of different exhibition booths, ask questions directly to business, accounting, finance, and asset management professionals whilst hearing all about the different routes into the industry including work experience placements and apprenticeship programs.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-NAW>

Virtual Midwifery Workshop



Lecturers from the undergraduate Midwifery course at Canterbury Christ Church University are holding another free virtual workshop on Wednesday 8 February, 5-7pm for those looking to find out more about the career and thinking of applying. Please would you be able to share the below opportunity to any students who may be interested, thank you.

This workshop will provide students with additional knowledge around the role of a midwife, expected values, interpreting information and knowledge on which websites you should be using to improve performance at interview.

<https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/applying/visit-us/midwifery-virtual-orientation-event>

UAL Foundation Diploma (Level 4) at Canterbury College



UAL Foundation Diploma (Level 4) – UAL / BTEC at Level 3 in a visual arts subject at Merit / MMD or higher or 1 x A Level in a visual arts subject (plus two others) at C or above and 3 x GCSE passes at grade 4 or above (grade A* - C). Exceptional applicants who do not meet these course entry

requirements may still be considered at your one-to-one interview. All applicants must bring a portfolio of visual art work, demonstrating your passion for the subject.

As with level 3 provisions, ESFA funded courses are free for the student if they are 18 (or younger) on the 31st of the year the course runs. If a student is older than this, they can apply for an advanced learner loan. As this is a post Level 3 qualification its more likely that the latter is the case.

<https://www.ekcgroup.ac.uk/canterbury-college/art-and-design/ual-foundation-diploma-art-design-level-4>

Careers Tools:

Personalised careers advice and information with National Careers Service

National Careers Service

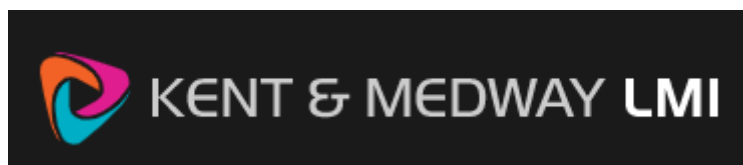
The National Careers Service has a useful tool to help support people in helping to determine what careers they might be suited to. It would be a useful thing for students to complete, particularly those who lack direction.

There are two quizzes:

1. 'Discover your skills and careers'- 5-10 mins, generating suggested roles
2. 'Skills Health Check'- 10 assessments, each 15-30 mins long. Generates a report on what skills they have and what they need to work on.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment>

Start in Kent



Start in Kent includes helpful information about jobs and career opportunities in our region as well as information about local education and training provision.

It will support students on their journey towards the world of work, helping them make informed choices about study options and be employment ready.

How will my child use this platform?

We will issue students with their login details or let them know how to create their own account. They will then use the platform during lessons and can also keep exploring at home.

It will help your child to:

- Use real-world labour market information to aid their career planning
- Discover what employers want from their future employees
- Make more informed education and training choices
- Build a digital profile to help with writing applications, CVs and preparing for interviews

How can I use the platform?

We encourage you to use Start in Kent with your child at home. Parents and carers can access the platform without the need to login but you can also create yourself an account for free.

<https://kent.startprofile.com/page/home-page>

Wye School Skillsometer



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Skillsometer can help you discover what jobs you might like to do in the future. You will be presented with a series of statements. Select the emoji shows how you feel about each statement. You will then be given suggestions of jobs linked to what you most enjoy doing. For each job, you will be presented with some headline UK data.

<https://www.wyeschool.org.uk/personal-development/careers/labour-market-information>