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### News updates

#### First list of Foundation Apprenticeships published – FE Week, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025



The list of the first Foundation apprenticeships has been published on the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education's website today [First list of foundation apprenticeships](#). It confirms the name, sector and funding band of each, as well as that the minimum duration is expected to be 8 months, though this will be confirmed once legislation is passed, and the earliest start date as 1<sup>st</sup> August. Read more [here](#).

#### Immigration white paper - published 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025



FE Week's article on the [Immigration white paper: What it means for FE and skills](#) covers proposals such as: the employers' Skills Charge, stricter language rules, an HE levy and mandatory workforce strategies and the impact of the reforms on the UK FE and skills sector. The article also raises some interesting questions about the possible impact on the social care sector.

#### DfE updated Statutory Guidance on Careers Guidance and access - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025



**Department  
for Education**

The DfE published the updated [Statutory Guidance on Careers guidance and access for Education and Training Providers](#) on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. The Statutory Guidance covers the updated Gatsby Benchmarks, recommendations from the Gatsby ten-year review and introduces the government's new work experience policy. FSC is pleased to see the focus on embedding careers advisers, valuing personal careers guidance (Gatsby 8) and recognising qualified Career Development professionals.

## UCAS data shows university applications for AI degrees rise 15% – The London Standard



A thoughtful article from The London Standard [University applications for AI degrees rise 15%](#) on news that applications to AI degrees have risen 15% as compared with a fall in computing applications, with a 15% rise from female students, versus 12% male. The article discusses the benefits to the changing digital economy, AI and information systems as emerging fields and the step towards a more diverse workforce.

## Upcoming Events

### University of Oxford – Keble College webinars 27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025



From May, Keble College will be presenting a series of webinars designed to offer support to state school students and their parents, carers, teachers and counsellors. The webinars will cover such as personal statements, admissions tests and interviews. Running from 27 May to 31 July, you must book in advance. Details and eligibility criteria can be found on the [Keble College outreach page](#).

### University of Portsmouth live webinars – June 2025



University of Portsmouth interactive webinars to support students and parents/carers during June and July. Get help with decision-making, ask questions or listen in on topics like student finance, choosing a course and how to get the best from your degree. We like Introduction to Applying to uni and UCAS on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Getting started – Degree Apprenticeships 10<sup>th</sup> June and Helping your Young Person choose a university and course 25<sup>th</sup> June. Sign up [here](#).

### University of Cambridge - Homerton College Subject Focus Sessions, June and July 2025



Homerton College Subject Focus Sessions are open to all prospective undergraduate students and offer an opportunity to learn more about studying your subject at Cambridge, together with an introduction to life at Cambridge. Covering Music, Computer Science, Philosophy, Politics, Medicine and Archaeology in June alone, there promises to be something for everyone. To find out more and register, see: [Homerton College subject focus sessions](#).

### Smallpeice Trust GIRLS INTO ENGINEERING 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August, Loughborough University



Encourage her curiosity and problem-solving skills with our Girls in Engineering residential course. Over three days, students will engage in hands-on activities, including soldering and using AI to diagnose health conditions, while tackling real-world engineering challenges. ***This course is open to female students aged 12-14. Spaces are limited - register now at: [Girls into Engineering](#).***

### Discover Economics events – starting 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025



Discover Economics runs regular events aimed at students and teachers, as well as feature events from partner institutions providing information on economics study pathways and opportunities. To find out more about upcoming events starting 12<sup>th</sup> June at LSE, Royal Holloway, UoL, Bank of England Museum, KCL, Loughborough and in Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Economics of Football Day), you can register at: [Events | Discover Economics](#).

## Big Bang Young Scientist fair – 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025



The Big Bang Young Scientist fair returns this year at the Birmingham's NEC from Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 June [The Big Bang Fair 2025](#). With hands-on workshops, activities and exciting live shows, the event is free to state-school students in England and Wales in years 6 to 8. Sessions for budding scientists, engineers and designers include Biomimicry, Drone Coding, Climate change and Design solutions. Register your school [here](#).

## Medic Mentor – FINAL free VIRTUAL Get into Medicine conference for students of 2024/2025



The FINAL Medic Mentor FREE virtual Get into Medicine conference for students aged 14-18 (and their parents/carers) takes place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9:30am-3:30pm [Medic Mentor](#). Covering aspects such as the UCAT entrance exam, extracurricular and work experience, personal statements, medical school interview skills, and applying for scholarships, students and their parents/carers can sign-up to attend [here](#).

## Recommended Websites & Resources

### FutureSmart Careers Blog: Building your career in Construction and Property



Keep an eye out for this month's FutureSmart Careers blog 'Build your Career in Construction and Property'. With insights and tips including how to explore careers in the sector, build on the foundations of your experience, access green careers related resources, and seek roles for women, apprentices and interns, our blog should support your students towards Constructing their career. Read the blog [here](#).

### UCAS Adviser news – Supporting your students with offers and results



Some top ideas for staff supporting students 1) making sure they reply to offers **applicants who receive all decisions by 14 May must reply by 5 June**, or their application will be declined by default (unless they're in Extra) and 2) **Adviser Live** webinar: **Supporting students on results day** 12:30 on 4 June for expert insights, practical strategies, and live Q&A to help guide students through results day. [Register now](#).

### Green Careers from Amazing Apprenticeships – Choices magazine



It's World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, so what better time for the Amazing Apprenticeships magazine to highlight Green Careers? With the Government's target for the UK to reach 'Net Zero' carbon emissions by 2050, many organisations are focusing on the positives impact they can have on the environment through products, services, and apprenticeship programmes they offer. This handy rapid read [Top Tips to find a Green Apprenticeship](#) is a great tool.

### Opendays.com - your UK university and college open day directory



Here at [FutureSmart Careers](#) we're in an Open Days state of mind as in-person university open days aimed at year 12 students will be running across the UK in July for September 2026 entry. A useful way to support your decision-making around City vs Campus (rural / seaside), Sandwich vs Degree Apprenticeship, full-time vs part-time, tour the campus, take subject tasters and personal statement talks, book your place via: [Opendays.com](#).

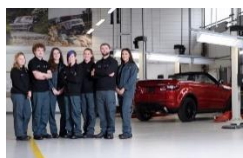
## Apprenticeships in Local Government – A Day in the Life



Local councils are evolving – with greater powers and responsibilities being devolved to local areas. That means more opportunities to shape the services that matter most, from housing and transport to jobs and climate action. It's a time of change and bold thinking, and local government needs young people with fresh ideas to tackle challenges and create solutions for local communities. Shape the future: [A Day in the Life - Local Government](#).

## Apprenticeship Opportunities

### 2025 Apprenticeships at Jaguar Landrover



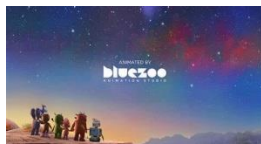
An apprenticeship programme at JLR opens doors to innovation and technology like no other, enhancing your skills and engaging your curiosity, working with teammates on projects that fundamentally shape the vehicles of the future. Gain practical hands-on experience from the very beginning, supported by nationally recognised qualifications, accredited by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. For more information and to register for upcoming vacancies, see: [JLR Careers](#).

### Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship with Surrey Police – apply now



A three-year, practical, vocational degree which will equip you with the skills and experience needed to meet the demands of modern policing [Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship \(PCDA\)](#). You will be employed as a police officer from day one and receive a starting salary of £32,907 with the potential to rise to £51,231 within the first seven years. The Surrey Police [recruitment guide](#) should help answer questions about becoming a Police Officer.

### Blue Zoo Animation Studio Internships



Get ready to kickstart your career - applications for the Blue Zoo Animation Studio 2025 Internships are OPEN. This year, alongside our artist internships, we offer exciting new opportunities for digital generalists and games designers; 3D Animation, Production and within the Digital team. Each will be paid the London Living Wage and hybrid working from our vibrant Camden studio in London is a requirement. To find out more, visit Blue Zoo Careers at: [careers.blue-zoo.co.uk/vacancies](https://careers.blue-zoo.co.uk/vacancies).

### Mulberry Apprenticeship vacancies – applications open now



Mulberry has the following apprenticeship vacancies - Leather Craftsperson apprenticeship (Location: The Willows, Bridgwater, Somerset, Production Team) and Development Team Apprenticeship (The Rookery, Chilcompton, Somerset, Development Team). Applications must be submitted via the Mulberry Careers Page to be considered. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an assessment centre in July/August, with successful apprentices starting in September 2025. See: [mulberry.com/gb/mulberry-careers](https://mulberry.com/gb/mulberry-careers) to apply.

### Apprenticeships at the Royal Household



Grow your skills with an [Apprenticeship at the Royal Household](#). We're committed to training and development, our apprenticeships are aligned to specific needs, whilst supporting skills gaps in industry sectors. You'll be supported every step of the way and join our internal apprentice network. We've had apprentices in hospitality, butchery, chefs, painting and decorating, furniture making, IT infrastructure and HR. Sign up to receive [job alerts](#).

## Wessex Water – Young People’s Panel, work experience opportunity



Wessex Water are now accepting applications to the [Young People's Panel 2025](#). The panel offers an opportunity for sixth formers and college students across their region to gain valuable work experience. Panellists spend visit day one learning about the company and spending time with directors and senior managers before being set real-life tasks, then pitch their ideas in Apprentice-style presentations on day two. Find out more and apply [here](#).

## For Careers Leaders/Heads of Careers Department

### ‘T-Levels and other vocational qualifications, where are we now’ webinar – 16<sup>th</sup> June



Free webinar at 3:30-5:00pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, for education settings already delivering T-Levels, covering the implementation of T Levels, defunding of BTECs and the introduction of new vocational qualifications, including AAQs. An opportunity to ask questions and find out from other participants what their organisations are offering and what challenges or solutions they have found. Register at: [T Levels & other vocational qualifications - where are we now?](#)

### CDI Conference for Careers Leaders 2025



**REMINDER:** There is still time to book a place at the National Careers Leaders Conference 2025 – Wednesday, 18th June, at the Royal National Hotel, London, £135 for members. Keynotes include Looking beyond the benchmarks at key themes from the Good Careers Guidance report and Reflections on a career in career education – what has changed, what can we learn and what still needs to be done. For further information and booking: [National Careers Leaders' Conference - CDI](#).

### Exeter Maths School – stakeholder review



[Exeter Maths School](#) are undertaking a review of their offer to be sure that their Student Outreach programme remains relevant, effective and inspirational to students across the South-West and are keen to consult with key stakeholders across the region. You can support their efforts by completing this brief [Student Outreach Consultation form](#).

### National Apprenticeships Week (NAW) 2026 planning webinar



National Apprenticeships Week (NAW) 2026 is being held during February 2026, and the team at Amazing Apprenticeships are running this useful planning webinar on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 3:30pm. Find out how you can get involved and begin preparing [here](#).

### Belong – Student Mental Health survey



Belong has recently surveyed students regards their mental health [Students' health is not OK, and that's not OK | Wonkhe](#). The findings make interesting reading with positive ideas from students for improvements, such as better alignment between mental health service provision and the wider learning environment, reducing barriers to accessing everyday health resources, and more accessible information and advice on health-related matters. Read more [here](#).



## National Apprenticeships events – Oct 2025 to Feb 2026



**REMINDER:** Events will take place across the UK to bring school and college students, and parents or carers, together with Top UK employers, universities, colleges and training providers to discover more about career options. With the events in North and South London in October and November 2025, Cardiff in February and Bristol in April 2026, you can book to attend as an individual or send a school group. Find out more [here](#).

## Migrant Help Schools Programme



The Migrant Help Schools Programme offers assemblies and workshops to Schools and Colleges aimed at informing students about displaced people in the UK, providing definitions for useful terminology, dispelling myths and encouraging discussions helping to promote a welcoming environment in schools, colleges and local communities. For further information or bookings: [Migrant Help Schools Programme](#).

## Get in touch

### FutureSmart Essentials for schools



FutureSmart Careers offers a range of well-loved packages for schools but can also tailor a plan to fit schools' needs exactly. Our FutureSmart Essentials package includes:

- Suite of downloadable resources
- 9-5 careers advice helpline
- Monthly newsletters with news, events and opportunities

Many schools upgrade to **FutureSmart Pro** which includes all of the benefits of Essentials plus additional in-school support from our team of qualified advisers for workshops, personal guidance sessions, talks and other activities tailored to the schools' exact requirements.

## Contact us



For all other enquiries, please contact our team at [enquiries@futuresmartcareers.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@futuresmartcareers.co.uk) or give us a call on Tel: 0330 311 9509

We'd love to hear from you!