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Sixth Form Careers newsletter



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Welcome to our 2024 Spring Term Sixth Form Careers Newsletter

We are delighted that so many of our year 13's have been receiving offers for universities they've applied to. The final UCAS deadline is 31st January. We are also very proud of those students who have been working hard completing apprenticeship applications - good luck with your interviews and assessments coming up!

Careers Events/Insights



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London Careers Festival 2024

>>> 27 February to 8 March <<<
new dates Save the dates!

Tue 27 Feb - Fri 1 Mar - City of London's Guildhall
Mon 4 Mar to Fri 8 Mar - online

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<https://www.londoncareersfestival.org.uk/>

National Careers Week 2024 Virtual Careers Fair 4th – 9th March



The Virtual Careers Fair will go live on day 1 of Careers Week. Go to: ncw2024.co.uk to access exhibitors for information and advice on a variety of careers.

Careers Learning Programme

Sign into Uptree to access their free on-line courses and receive a certificate on completion.

https://uptree.co/courses/?pk_campaign=tminus

A recent report from UCAS found that social media is still the top channel where young people seek out information and inspiration. Unifrog have launched their own TikTok account to share top tips for studying, preparing for the future, and to get you excited for upcoming events.

> [Take a look at our TikToks](#)

Introduction to Chemical Engineering: Year 12 Taster Day - UCL



Would you like to find out more about chemical engineering?
Apply now for UCL's year 12 taster day, taking place during February half term 2024.

The taster day will consist of a lecture, tour of our laboratories and the Bloomsbury campus and information on our undergraduate programmes. You will also gain experience of what it's like to be a chemical engineer by working through a design challenge with other participants.

Places are limited so apply early: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/chemical-engineering/centenary-celebrations/upcoming-events-and-activities/outreach-activities>

Date: **13 February 2024**

Time: **10AM-3.30PM**

Location: [UCL Chemical Engineering Bloomsbury Campus](#)

Work Experience & Volunteering



ROTHAMSTED
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Experience Rothamsted

*Work experience programme
for sixth formers*

8th-11th April 2024

Sixth form students with a passion for science can get a taste of what it is like to be an agricultural research scientist at our site in Harpenden.

During the Experience Rothamsted programme you will:

- Tour our science facilities in Harpenden.
- Shadow scientists in the field and in labs, whilst learning about their research.
- Receive presentations, workshops and discussion sessions around science issues and careers.

**CALLING FUTURE
SCIENTISTS**

**APPLY
NOW**

**For more information and
to apply for a place:**

www.rothamsted.ac.uk/work-experience-rothamsted

Closes 16th Feb.

'BEGINNINGS at Baker McKenzie' Programme, Law Insight Day (IN PERSON EVENT)

Date: Tue 23rd Jan 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Baker
McKenzie.**

This event is for: **Year 12s** interested in finding out more about areas of Law, Baker McKenzie and applying for their '[BEGINNINGS at Baker McKenzie](#)' programme (an 18 month development programme for year 12.

Students will need Grade 4+ in GCSE English and Maths to access the programme.

If applying to this event with a view to applying for the '**BEGINNINGS at Baker McKenzie**' programme students from outside of London would need to ensure they can commit to the following in-person events:

- 1 in-person launch event on 9 April
- 3 day summer work experience 13th August – 15th August
- All other session will be virtual

PLEASE NOTE: [PRIME Work Experience School Eligibility Criteria](#) apply



Don't forget to check out Springpod's **virtual work experience programmes**. Many of these are on demand and so available for you to complete when you choose, in your own time.

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search>

Springpod also has a variety of 'subject spotlights' to help you with subject choices – particularly useful for year 12s. Sign up to find out more.

Spotlight on: *App Development*



A career for students with an interest in data and programming, and a passion for continuous learning.

As an app developer, you would be working in one of the fastest-evolving sectors in the UK and globally. If you're interested in data, programming, or technology, this could be a great path for you.

Typical duties include the following:

- Talking to clients about what they want from their app (before and throughout each project)
- Writing the app itself using appropriate programming language
- Running tests, potentially with real users, to identify any issues
- Fixing and improving the code as necessary in light of testing
- Collaborating with designers and other computing professionals to improve the app

Skills required:

- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Excellent programming and general IT skills
- A logical and methodical approach to work
- Accuracy and attention to detail
- Teamwork skills
- Project management skills

Related university subject profiles:

These university subjects are related to this career; check out their profiles in the Subjects library in Unifrog:

- [Computer science and AI](#)
- [Software engineering](#)

Related career profiles:

You may also be interested in:

- [Web developer](#)
- [Computer games developer](#)
- [Software developer](#)
- [Computer programmer](#)
- [Software tester](#)
- [UX designer](#)

Taken from the App Developer profile in the Unifrog Careers Library:

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/science-and-technology/app-developer>

Past student Profile

Tom Ruane (left Sandringham in 2017)
Policy Adviser – HM Treasury (Civil Service)

What A levels did you study?

History, Economics, English Literature & Maths (AS)

What made you decide to do the degree you chose?

I studied History at Durham University. Whilst always being my favourite subject, I had some great teachers along the way (thanks Mr Leat!). I love reading and writing about the past, and I'm a very argumentative person – History definitely provided an outlet for both of those things! It also equipped me with skills that are central to my current job: compressing lots of information, using it to write a concise argument, and arriving at a well-evidence judgement.



Tell us what you are doing now and how you got to be where you are today

I am a civil servant at HM Treasury - the government's economics and finance ministry - working as a Policy Adviser. I advise the government on welfare policy, as part of the Treasury's graduate programme. This primarily involves advising Ministers on the different options to reform the welfare system, particularly around "The Budget" (where the government announces its annual spending and taxation plans).

It wasn't exactly a romantic journey to this; my previous job was working on a COVID test site. I went from scanning QR codes in a car park in Welwyn to advising the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which was a slight shift in responsibility...!

What are your plans for the future?

I want to stay in public service and aspire to become a "senior civil servant" one day. This would involve being very close to decision-making over policy that directly impacts millions of lives across the UK.

What advice would you give to yourself as a sixth former?

To not feel like you have to have your whole life planned out when you are 18. Whilst it's good to set goals, sometimes things happen for a reason – I had no idea what I wanted to do at 22, and at 23 I was in my dream job. Don't beat yourself up if things don't go to plan at first – you should focus on developing the skills and qualities to make you a more employable, but more importantly, a more rounded person when you leave university. And enjoy it!



Apprenticeships

success
at school

Insight Webinar:

Apprenticeship Opportunities in Digital with Google



30th January, 2024

18:30-19:15

Google

Hear from the Head of Apprenticeships at Google alongside two current Apprentices about the different opportunities available!

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3998c315-98f1-4d57-acf7-bc402b15ba53@182a8b31-3dab-4b92-8bb8-9526911aeba0>

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at school

Insight Webinar:

Real Estate Apprenticeships with CBRE



23rd January, 2024

18:30-19:15

CBRE

Hear from the Head of Next Generation Recruitment at CBRE alongside two current apprenticeships about the different opportunities available.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a193838c-7a7f-4845-8d95-71e8002ac422@182a8b31-3dab-4b92-8bb8-9526911aeba0>

Deloitte - Professional Services Application Masterclass (virtual)

Deloitte.

Date: Tues. 13th Feb. 10am – 12:00pm

This event is for: Year 12 students interested in a career in professional services and looking for an apprenticeship/full time job.

Students must meet one of the below criteria:

- The occupation of your main household earner when you were aged 14 is categorised as a lower socio-economic background **or**
- You are/have been eligible for free school meals **or**
- You'd be the first member of your immediate family to attend university.

<https://uptree.co/events/deloitte/486528826/>

Schroders, Finance and Technology Application Masterclass

Schroders

Date: Mon 29th Jan 9:30am - 1:00pm

This event is for: Year 13s who are interested in a career in financial services or technology and looking for an apprenticeship/permanent role and will give you a good understanding of the apprenticeships and other roles available with Schroders.

<http://tinyurl.com/2yex2udd>

The National Apprenticeship Show

London & South East - taking place at Sandown Park Racecourse, Surrey.

27th & 28th Feb. 10am – 2:30pm

**Parents/Carers/Individual dedicated evening opening –
27th Feb. 3:30pm – 6:00pm**

<https://nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/london-se/>



Milton Keynes Central – taking place at Marshall Arena, Milton Keynes.

13th & 14th March 10am – 2:30pm

Parents/Carers/Individual dedicated evening opening – 13th March 3:30pm – 6:00pm

<https://nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/central/>

Think Apprenticeship Subject Films



Discover Amazing Apprenticeships series of short and engaging films covering 12 school subjects and the many apprenticeship roles they link with. Each film introduces a range of apprentice roles linked to the subject and outlines some of the tasks you could expect to be doing in each apprenticeship.

Click here to access a range of subjects: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/think-apprenticeships-films/>

Look out for our bulletin coming soon with lots of activities and events to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week 2024!



Apprenticeship Opportunities

Here are just a few of the many apprenticeships that are current and up and-coming school leaver opportunities for 2024 entry.

BP Apprenticeships for September 2024 start

BP offer wide range of opportunities for school leavers including: • *Finance Foundation Apprenticeship* • *Trading & Shipping Foundation Apprenticeship* • *People & Culture Foundation Apprenticeship* • *Service Engineering Foundation Apprenticeship* • *Aviation Engineering Degree Apprenticeship* • *Project Controls Degree Apprenticeship* • *People & Culture Degree Apprenticeship*.



https://bpinternational.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/bpPrivateExternalCareersSite/job/United-Kingdom---Sunbury/Apprenticeship---People---Culture---Foundation---UK_RQ070348

Simmons & Simmons Solicitor Apprenticeship

You must be a school/college leaver with GCSE grades 4 or above, with at least a 6 in Maths and English, plus A-Level grades at ABB (or equivalent).



<http://tinyurl.com/mrf5wdp5>

Ernest & Young

Offer a variety of Accounting and Business apprenticeships. To register interest in their 2024 opportunities: https://www.ey.com/en_uk/careers/students/programmes/schools/ey-career-starters



GSK

Applications open for apprenticeships in: • *Engineering* • *Manufacturing* • *Data Analytics* • *Laboratory Science* • *Pharmaceutical Science* • *Supply Chain* • *Data Science*



<https://www.gsk.com/en-gb/locations/united-kingdom/apprenticeships/>

Security Service MI5

Apprenticeships in: *software engineering*, *cyber security*

https://www.mi5.gov.uk/careers/i-can-at-mi5?adhoc_referrer=011950192003



Atkins

Apprenticeships include: *Engineering Design*, *Project Management & Business Consultancy*, *Civil Engineering*, *Environmental Assessment & Management*

Register your interest: <https://careormap.co.uk/employers/atkins/apprenticeships>

UCAS

UCAS now advertise apprenticeships and you can filter to area and keyword. Click the following link to explore: <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>

LinkedIn

If you're looking for an opportunity, you can get started on your job search on LinkedIn. You can use LinkedIn to research companies and reach out to the hiring community. You can also apply directly for roles, save job searches, and notify your connections and recruiters that you're open for job opportunities.

SIGN UP TO PATHWAY CTM & CONNECT WITH THE UK'S TOP EMPLOYERS!

- ✓ **FREE** access to employer events and workshops 💰
- ✓ **1-1 free mentoring & support** 🧑🏫
- ✓ **Apply directly for apprenticeships from level 2 - level 7!**
- ✓ **Emails about events, job applications and work experience opportunities** 😊

You are **4x more likely** to get an apprenticeship through Pathway CTM!

REGISTER HERE!



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Upcoming events for this term

- Year 12 Apprenticeship Awareness Assembly
- Chartered Accountancy School Leaver Apprenticeship talk during National Apprenticeship Week
- The start of our Oxbridge programme for year 12

Useful Websites

Here are some useful resources to go to for up to date careers advice:-

- **Unifrog** – Please look at all the useful guide, webinars, tools, information and don't forget to record your activities!
- **National Careers Service** <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>
- **icould.com** - Real career stories, blogs, and buzz quizzes to help you figure out the right career for you <https://icould.com/>
- **Start** - In-depth career profiles (and lots of videos!) to inspire you about different careers and industries, as well as resources to prepare you for further study <https://www.startprofile.com/>
- **Career Experts** - Tips on how to search for, apply for, and get your dream job <http://www.careerexperts.co.uk/>
- **The Student Room** - The UK's largest online student community (visited by 75% of UK students aged 14-24!) <https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/>