

CAREERS & PROGRESSION NEWSLETTER

THIS ISSUE

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In this edition, information on our Creative Conference, work experience in dentistry, pharmacy, engineering and cyber security along with the Trainee Academy programme with Forrester Boyd. Try a day in the life experiences with ACCA or Rejuvavent, or investigate a finance apprenticeship with Network Rail or see about a trading and shipping apprenticeship with BP.

We feature masterclasses from Gresham College, Unifrog, and UCL Access & Widening Participation. You can also join an Open Day at Leeds Arts University, experience Leeds Futures at the University of Leeds, learn about mental health and wellbeing with Universities UK, or attend a degree taster day at Escape Studios London.

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Many thanks,

The Careers Team

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Career Academy

Any law students wishing to take part in Roy's debate competition in December, can you please start to form a small group of no more than 5 and contact Roy directly. This is beneficial for your career in Law, as your day-to-day roles will include debating when dealing with cases. If you are entering, please can you email rebecca.lowe@franklin.ac.uk with your team's name and members of your team. You will be against other Franklin groups and two other sixth forms, so it will be a great day!

Creative Conference

Taking place Thursday 27th November for all students studying Art, English, Performing Arts and Digital Film and Television. Please ensure you attend as part of your course programme as this would have been discussed from your course teachers.

Workshops taking place will be a combination of universities and Creatives from the local and surrounding area, there is also a Q&A after.

Future Creatives Collective with Falmouth University

This free three-day online programme will run during February half term and is designed to support future progression to creative higher education.

A series of live and self-paced online creative workshops, portfolio and application guidance, with support from current Falmouth staff and students.

Taking place Monday 16th- Wednesday 18th February 2026

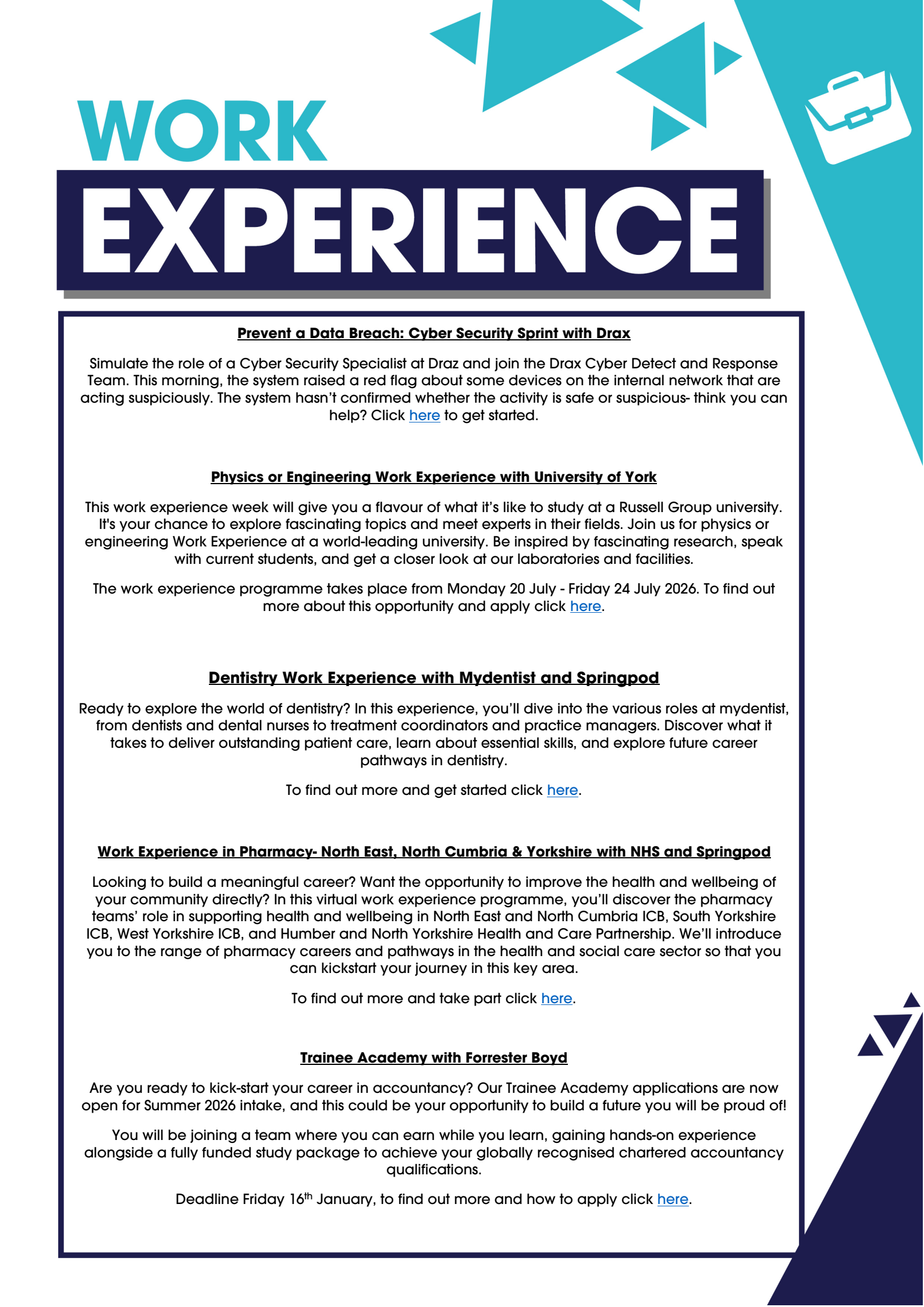
Deadline to apply Friday 23rd January 2026

To find out more click [here](#)

Youth Council with Futures for All

Futures for All is excited to announce that recruitment for their next Youth Council is now open. They are looking for 20 passionate and motivated young people to help shape the future of careers education in the UK.

Applications close Friday 28th November but to find out more and apply click [here](#)



WORK

EXPERIENCE

Prevent a Data Breach: Cyber Security Sprint with Drax

Simulate the role of a Cyber Security Specialist at Drax and join the Drax Cyber Detect and Response Team. This morning, the system raised a red flag about some devices on the internal network that are acting suspiciously. The system hasn't confirmed whether the activity is safe or suspicious- think you can help? Click [here](#) to get started.

Physics or Engineering Work Experience with University of York

This work experience week will give you a flavour of what it's like to study at a Russell Group university.

It's your chance to explore fascinating topics and meet experts in their fields. Join us for physics or engineering Work Experience at a world-leading university. Be inspired by fascinating research, speak with current students, and get a closer look at our laboratories and facilities.

The work experience programme takes place from Monday 20 July - Friday 24 July 2026. To find out more about this opportunity and apply click [here](#).

Dentistry Work Experience with Mydentist and Springpod

Ready to explore the world of dentistry? In this experience, you'll dive into the various roles at mydentist, from dentists and dental nurses to treatment coordinators and practice managers. Discover what it takes to deliver outstanding patient care, learn about essential skills, and explore future career pathways in dentistry.

To find out more and get started click [here](#).

Work Experience in Pharmacy- North East, North Cumbria & Yorkshire with NHS and Springpod

Looking to build a meaningful career? Want the opportunity to improve the health and wellbeing of your community directly? In this virtual work experience programme, you'll discover the pharmacy teams' role in supporting health and wellbeing in North East and North Cumbria ICB, South Yorkshire ICB, West Yorkshire ICB, and Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership. We'll introduce you to the range of pharmacy careers and pathways in the health and social care sector so that you can kickstart your journey in this key area.

To find out more and take part click [here](#).

Trainee Academy with Forrester Boyd

Are you ready to kick-start your career in accountancy? Our Trainee Academy applications are now open for Summer 2026 intake, and this could be your opportunity to build a future you will be proud of!

You will be joining a team where you can earn while you learn, gaining hands-on experience alongside a fully funded study package to achieve your globally recognised chartered accountancy qualifications.

Deadline Friday 16th January, to find out more and how to apply click [here](#).

APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeship- Supply, trading& shipping L3 (advanced)/ L4 (higher) with BP

Our apprenticeships offer a true alternative route into the energy industry for those who don't intend to go to university. We provide the opportunity to begin developing the behavioural and technical skills you need to build an outstanding career whilst studying for an apprenticeship qualification.

We're looking for the sharpest minds and brightest talent and empowering them to progress in our inclusive and agile culture. In ST&S, you'll have the opportunity to be a part of it all, while working with some of the most dynamic, diverse, and high performing teams around.

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

A Day in the Life of an Accountant Apprentice with ACCA

Curious about what a day in the life of an accountant really looks like? Register for the interactive session to hear current ACCA apprentices share their daily routines, real experiences, and top tips. Get the inside scoop from those living it every day and discover what your future in accountancy could look like! You'll be joined by 5 incredible ACCA apprentices who are ready & waiting for your questions.

Wednesday 3rd December 6.30-7.30pm register [here](#)

Level 3 Finance Apprenticeship with Network Rail

Our Level 3 Finance Apprenticeship Scheme is an alternative route to university and provides a unique opportunity to understand various aspects of finance and how they all interact with the wider business. You will enjoy generous study support; with the time and space you need to complete your qualifications. Plus, you will have plenty of opportunities to put your learning into practice.

To find out more and how to apply click [here](#)

Dental Nurse Apprenticeship with Rejuvarent

The apprenticeship in dental nursing is an 18-month government-funded course by City & Guilds, a Level 3 Extended Diploma. Alongside your learning, your job role within the practice will entail assisting dentists, sterilising and preparing equipment, reception duties and supporting patient experience.

Closes Friday 12th December, to find out more about this apprenticeship and to apply click [here](#).

MASTERCLASSES

Masterclasses with Access and Widening Participation

Masterclasses are online, subject-specific, hour-long sessions for students in Year 12 to get a taste of university. Masterclasses will introduce you to subjects available at UCL in 2026. The hour-long sessions will feature a lecture on a specific topic from UCL academics and PhD students. Please find below the subjects for the Masterclasses sessions running in February 2026. To find out more click [here](#)

Subject	Date	Time
Civil Engineering	3 rd February 26	4-5pm
Sociology	5 th February 26	4-5pm
Construction Project Management	10 th February 26	4-5pm
Natural Sciences	12 th February 26	4-5pm
Education, Society and Culture	24 th February 26	4-5pm
History	26 th February	4-5pm

Photobiography with Gresham College

Join renowned British photographer Martin Parr for a rare lecture reflecting on his extraordinary career spanning nearly five decades. Known for his satirical, intimate, and anthropological approach to documentary photography, Parr turns his lens on the quirks of modern life and the subtleties of social class.

In this lecture, Parr looks back on his key projects, global exhibitions, and personal archive, offering unique insights into his working process, his thoughts on photography today, and the stories behind some of his most unforgettable images.

Monday 1st December at 6pm, watch online [here](#).

English Literature Taster: Making sense of Poetry with Unifrog

How do you get a poem to make sense? The trick is to ask the right questions. Join Dr Andrew Hodgson, Senior Lecturer in Poetry from the University of Birmingham, as he shows you how to enter into dialogue with a poem. We'll explore why poems matter and consider the different kinds of sense that a poem can make. If you're thinking about studying English Literature at University, don't miss this taster!

Wednesday 26th November 5.30pm sign up [here](#).



A SPOTLIGHT

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Dentistry

There are a variety of roles in the dental care team. Some jobs need a degree education while you can train on the job for others through an apprenticeship. Whatever your situation or strengths, the dental care team has a role for you

How do I start my career in the dental care team?

Getting started will really depend on the role you want to do. Some roles, such as dentist and dental therapy, and will need a university education such as a degree or diploma. Other roles, such as dental nurse, do not necessarily need a degree education and you can start your career by applying for an apprenticeship.

How do I get experience?

Having healthcare experience is a guaranteed way to make your job or course application stand out and can really give you a head start on your career – especially if it's relevant to your chosen role.

There are lots of different ways you can get healthcare experience, including work experience placements, voluntary roles, paid full or part-time work, internships or even caring for a sick or disabled friend or relative.

There are thousands of organisations that provide healthcare, so you've got a lot of choice when it comes to gaining experience. You could consider an NHS or private hospital, clinic or health centre, a charity (like St John Ambulance), or even a residential care home or day care centre. Experience doesn't always need to be in a dental care setting.

But it's not just about healthcare experience. There are plenty of everyday skills that are hugely beneficial, including good communication and organisation skills, problem solving and quick decision making – not to mention a caring and compassionate nature.

What roles are within Dentistry?

Roles within the dental industry offer different opportunities, they include:

- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Nurse
- Dental Technician
- Dental Therapist
 - Dentist

To find out more about each role click [here](#) to explore.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION



Animation, Games, VFX, Concept Art and Motion Graphics degree Taster Day with Escape Studios London

Students are invited to the final undergraduate taster day of the year on Saturday 6th December, 10:00am to 1:00pm in North Greenwich, London's Design District.

It is a great opportunity to meet other students interested in the screen industries, test-drive industry software with guidance from expert tutors and get to know the 'Escape' way and see if your chosen course is right for you.

To find out more and book a place click [here](#)

Experience life at the University of Leeds with Leeds Futures

Leeds Futures is a national outreach programme designed for individual learners in Year 12/Year 1. This programme consists of a sustained series of activities throughout Year 12 until the point of submitting a UCAS application in Year 13/Year 2.

To find out more and to apply click [here](#).

Student experience: Mental Health and Wellbeing 2026 with Universities UK

Join us for our annual conference on all things mental health and wellbeing on Thursday 26th February 2026. Take part in engaging plenaries, interactive sessions and networking opportunities.

Register now to either join us in-person in London or Online via livestream of the plenary sessions and select breakout sessions.

To find out more and book your place, click [here](#)

Undergraduate Open Day with Leeds Arts University

At a Leeds Arts University open day, you can attend up to three course talks, attend a talk by one of our Directors about the University and being a student in Leeds, tour our facilities and visit our accommodation. Our tutors, student ambassadors and support staff will also be available to answer any questions.

Taking place Saturday 29th November, to enquire click [here](#)





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