

CAREERS & PROGRESSION NEWSLETTER

THIS ISSUE

Welcome to the Careers Newsletter!

This week is packed with exciting opportunities! Explore virtual work experiences with the Met Office and NHS via Springpod, plus placements with Wilkin Chapman, Rollits, and Blackrow Group. Find out about apprenticeships with HETA, CATCH, Cavendish Nuclear, teaching apprenticeships at the University of Buckingham, or parts apprenticeships with Vertu Volkswagen. Join masterclasses from Huddersfield, Wolverhampton, and East Anglia universities, dive into musical scores with the Open University, or try cracking cases as a cyber sleuth with Futures for All. Check out university subject tasters at Sheffield, an online open event at Liverpool with new degree options, and psychology experiences at Nottingham Trent.

Don't miss out – your next adventure starts now! 🚀

Many thanks,

The Careers Team

#SEEYOURFUTURE

CENTRE FOR

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fancy being in with the chance of winning a £10 Amazon voucher?

Complete [this](#) short feedback survey to be in the draw!

Career Academy

Your next sessions will be as follows:

<u>Academy</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Room</u>
Business	TBC	46
Health	Rebecca Smith- Social Worker	D08
Law	University of Law	74
STEM	Tronox- Steve	50

These will take place on Wednesday 15th October from 2:45 - 3:45pm.

Please can students remember to fill in the feedback form posted on the Google Classroom after each week's sessions.

HighFlyers

please see the next upcoming session on Wednesday during lunch.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Room</u>
15/10/25	Critiquing literature and analysing	50

Work Experience

If you are looking for or are interested in work experience opportunities, please email amy.croft@franklin.ac.uk for further information on how to apply or visit the CFPD office.

Careers Appointments

If you are unsure of your next steps or want some advice and guidance about courses, training, employment, or apprenticeships – please make a careers appointment.

If you need any help, please follow the guide on the next page, or email zofia.ciopcinski@franklin.ac.uk.



WORK

EXPERIENCE

Virtual NHS Work Experience- General Practice and Mental Health with Springpod

From supporting mental health to providing frontline care, healthcare careers are about making a difference in people's lives. This virtual work experience with Coventry & Warwickshire Trust and Black Country ICB gives you the chance to explore two vital roles: Mental Health Nurse and General Practitioner. Through interactive activities based on real-life case studies, you'll practise observation, empathy, and communication — the skills that sit at the heart of patient care. Along the way, you'll gain insight into the responsibilities, challenges, and rewards of working in healthcare, helping you decide if this is the right path for you.

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

Met Office Careers- Forecasting your Future with Springpod

In this Virtual Work Experience programme, we'll guide you through the diverse careers available at the Met Office, helping you visualise some of the job opportunities that your skills and talent could lead to in the future. But that's not all! Completing this work experience won't just provide you with valuable insights into Met Office careers; it also opens up the exclusive opportunity for you to apply for an in-person work experience with the Met Office!

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

Work Experience- Wilkin Chapman Rollits

We run two separate work experience schemes, which are designed for undergraduates and A Level students. The placements are structured differently across the two groups, which enables us to really tailor the experience to your needs to ensure that the time you spend with us is at the right level, and is meaningful to you.

Applications re-open in November for placements in 2026 to find out more click [here](#).

Work Experience with Blackrow Group

At Blackrow Group, inspiring the next generation in the engineering sector is one of our primary goals. We are dedicated to offering work experience opportunities to young people through collaborative efforts and direct approaches

The work experience we provide is designed to offer valuable insights into the practical aspects of engineering careers. By exposing students to the day-to-day operations of an engineering firm, we aim to inspire and nurture the next generation of engineering talent. Blackrow Group takes pride in playing a pivotal role in guiding young individuals towards fulfilling and successful careers in the engineering sector.

For more information about available roles, apprenticeships or work experience, please contact careers@blackrow.co.uk or apply [here](#).



APPRENTICESHIPS

HETA- Apprenticeship Applications Now Open

Applications are now live on our website to give students the opportunity to kickstart their career in engineering. Our 6-step application process gives us the chance to really get to know our applicants.

It's a rewarding experience that includes learning about them through their online applications, meeting them at open evenings, attending employer open days, and more!

Applications can be completed [here](#).

CATCH- Apprenticeship Applications Open

Are you eager to embark on an exciting apprenticeship journey with CATCH in September 2026? This is an expression of interest for individuals who aspire to join our apprenticeship programme, where we serve as facilitators, bridging the connection between you and our respected employers.

Register your interest and apply [here](#).

Teacher Apprenticeship with QTS and PGCE explained- The University of Buckingham

Find out more about our apprenticeship-levy funded Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship with QTS and PGCE at this webinar. Hear from leaders in the Faculty of Education on how our Teacher Apprenticeship is structured, delivered, and paid for.

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

Vertu Volkswagen Leeds Parts Advisor Apprenticeship- Success at School

The Volkswagen Apprenticeship programme is designed to train and develop apprentices to keep pace with advancing technology and high levels of customer service. This is an exciting and challenging opportunity to receive formal qualifications through extensive product training whilst in full-time employment at one of our retailers. The parts Department is at the heart of our operations. Our parts advisors are responsible for the stock control of a wide range of vehicle parts and accessories.

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

Degree Apprenticeships in Mechanical and Chemical/ Process Engineering- Cavendish Nuclear

Applications for this are now live and close on Thursday 18th December to apply and find out more follow the links below.

<https://jobs.babcockinternational.com/Cavendish-Nuclear/job/Hull-Mechanical-Engineering-Degree-Apprenticeship-HU13-OGD/1252848601/>

<https://jobs.babcockinternational.com/Cavendish-Nuclear/job/Warrington-Chemical-and-Process-Engineering-Degree-Apprenticeship-WA3-6YD/1252062301/>

MASTERCLASSES

How to be a Supreme Court Justice -University of Huddersfield Politics Talk:

In this workshop, designed around the Politics and Government of the USA, you'll have the opportunity to learn the workings of the US Supreme Court and to examine its responsibilities as the interpreter of the US Constitution. You'll hear about the political role of the court in the context of political polarisation in the USA today.

This will take place on 2nd November from 1pm – 2:30pm. To sign up for this talk, click [here](#).

How to ace your Personal Statement for UCAS- University of Wolverhampton

Your Personal Statement on your UCAS application is an important part of the application process. It is a chance to get noticed for your talents and experiences and an opportunity to talk about yourself and your passions, outside of your grades.

Apply and find out more [here](#).

From Notation to Performance: Understanding Musical Scores- The Open University

Find out how musicians turn the notation of a musical score into a memorable performance. Change how you listen to music.

To find out more and join follow this [link](#).

Cyber Sleuths Wanted: Crack the Case with Sytch- Futures for all

Ever wondered how digital detectives catch criminals? Want to learn how tech experts recover data and investigate? Curious about exciting careers in digital forensics, and technology?

No prior experience required- just curiosity and enthusiasm!

Unlock your future, investigate, analyse, protect. Your digital Forensics experience starts [here](#). Solve the case.

Online 4th December- 5th December 9am- 1pm.

Webinar: Politics taster with the University of East Anglia

In this UK Politics session, we will be joined by two leading university academics and political commentators, Professor Toby James and Professor Alan Finlayson, from the School of Politics, Philosophy and Area Studies at University of East Anglia, who will run an interactive talk for students on Reviewing the Party Conference Season.

Tuesday 14th October 2025, to find out more and book click [here](#).

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION



University of Sheffield Subject Taster Days

On the day you'll join a group of other prospective university students for an interactive seminar, lecture or workshop. During the session you'll learn more about your chosen subject, speak to our academic and teaching staff, and experience what it's like to be a University of Sheffield student. Below are just a few of the sessions available... For a complete list of taster days, click [here](#)

History- Who cares about mental illness? (1945-2007)	Tuesday 21 st October	Click here to book
Pharmacy	Thursday 23 rd October	Click here to book
Nursing- The Endocrine System	Wednesday 19 th November	Click here to book
Mechanical Engineering	Wednesday 22 nd October	Click here to book
Bioscience- Targeting Cancer	Thursday 6 th November	Click here to book
English Literature- Othello	Wednesday 12 th November	Click here to book

The University of Liverpool Online Open Event

This Autumn, Liverpool staff and current students will be answering your questions live during our online subject and student support sessions. taking place Monday 3- Friday 7 November 2025.

Book your place using this [form](#).

The University of Liverpool also has a new Pharmacy Degree -This integrated undergraduate and master's programme, designed with pharmacy experts, prepares students for a career in pharmacy through:

- 400 hours of practical experience in NHS, community, and industry settings
- Interdisciplinary learning with healthcare and medical specialisms
- Expert teaching and facilities including advanced labs and a pharmacy suite
- New adaptable block teaching responsive to real-world healthcare needs

Find out more via the attached leaflet in this newsletter or by clicking [here](#).

Nottingham Trent University- Experience Psychology

On this taster day, you'll get to experience what it is like to study psychology. You'll have a chance to meet teaching staff in NTU psychology and see the spaces in which you'll learn more. You will start the day with a welcome and introduction to NTU psychology and hear about the range of courses and options available.

Across the day you will take part in interactive lectures and learn how psychology is being applied to the real world, from right here at NTU! Learn about how we're helping people sleep better, how we're helping to tackle bullying. You will also tour our City campus, meet students and be able to ask questions about the courses and student life at NTU.

This experience can also be used to help your personal statement stand out! Find out more [here](#).





A SPOTLIGHT

ON...

Henley Business School University of Reading

Pathways to Property

Working in close partnership with the real estate sector, we are working to break down barriers for young people from under-represented backgrounds to access the industry. We support future leaders to develop knowledge and experience, raise aspirations and access opportunities as they take their first steps towards becoming a future real estate professional.

Applications for our Year 12 and 13 insight days in Manchester and Leeds close in just over a weeks' time – **Sunday 19th October**

Leeds insight day is Tuesday 18th November

Manchester insight day is Wednesday 19th November

Applications can be found on our website [here](#).

Real Estate Industry

As a reminder this is for any student who wants to find out more about careers within the Real Estate Industry (of which there are many, one to suit most people!).
We will pay for travel to and from the event as well as provide lunch.

Following participation in the Insight Day, students will be eligible to apply for:

- Work experience placements (Yr12 only)
- Our e-mentoring programme (Yr12 only)
- A bursary of up to **£30,000** if they pursue a property-related degree at any university

Additionally, if you choose to study a Real Estate related course at the **University of Reading**, you will receive:

- A guaranteed contextual offer
- An automatic Welcome bursary upon enrolment

To find out more please see the attached leaflet or click [here](#).

PATHWAYS TO PROPERTY

Discover where a career in property could take you



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Business School

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Where business comes to life

PATHWAYS TO PROPERTY

Every day we are influenced by the built environment around us – shops, offices, industrial buildings, houses and in the surrounding countryside. All have an impact on the way we live. Did you ever wonder how these properties are developed, whether the buildings going up in our cities are sustainable or how much they are worth? Join us on one of the Pathways to Property programme activities to find out more.

Regional Insight Days

Come along to one of our regional insight days in a town or city near you. Go on a site visit, meet recent real estate graduates and current students, and learn more about what a career in the property industry looks like.

Summer School

Attend a fully funded residential on the University of Reading campus for 4 days over the Summer. You will have the opportunity to:

- Attend real estate taster lectures
- Go on site visits
- Complete a group project
- Meet key employers at a careers event

Who can apply?

These events are open to any Year 12 student attending (and have always attended) a state-funded school or college in the UK. Yr 13 students can apply to any Insight Days held between Sept–Dec. Places are limited and you will only be able to attend one of these events. Application forms and further information on selection criteria can be found on our website: **live.henley.ac.uk/page/pathwaystoproperty**



Open Online Course (OOC)

Requiring just six hours of study at your own pace, the OOC has been designed to allow students the chance to learn more about a career in property. The OOC runs all year with input from our students and academics at various points. At the end you will receive a certificate.

Sign up now for this free course at:

futurelearn.com/courses/pathways-to-property

What happens after a Pathways event?

- Take part in a work experience placement we help set up
- Receive further support through e-mentoring with our students and people in the industry
- Apply for a bursary of up to £60,000 if you study a property related degree at university. If you study real estate at the University of Reading you will automatically be given a Welcome Bursary.



21% of Pathway students have gone on to study or work in property

Cost

All our events and activities are free for you to take part in.



“ It was honestly so enjoyable,
fun and entertaining. I don’t
want to go home, I’ve made friends
for life and I’ve learnt so much.

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