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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES



Observe GP is an online alternative to work experience for aspiring medics aged 16 and over, who are living in the UK. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team. [Watch the introductory video](#), so you have an idea of what to expect.



BSMS Virtual Work Experience: [This course](#) provides online work experience for those considering to apply to medical school. You will be taken through six areas of medicine, exploring the roles, skills required, and challenges faced by today's doctors.



[In this virtual work experience](#), you'll take part in realistic activities designed to mirror the work of NHS professionals. You'll build confidence in spotting signs of common conditions, practise effective consultation skills, and reflect on the importance of empathy in healthcare. By the end of the programme, you'll have a clearer understanding of how to pursue a career in health, from university routes to on-the-job training.



This [Virtual Work Experience](#) programme is bursting with engaging content designed to introduce you to the various healthcare science careers available, plus pathways into a healthcare science career with NHS England!



Wednesday 26th November, 6-7pm: Come along to this virtual session to learn more about the process of Applying to Medicine at the University of Leicester. From choosing the right university, to understanding the entry requirements (including the need for work experience, the UCAT and MMIs), visit our website for more information and [how to sign up to attend](#).



Healthcare interview preparation talk and Q+A, Thursday 8th January. [Join the University of Brighton](#) for a live talk from one of our health admissions tutors to learn about how healthcare interviews work, and how you can best prepare for a healthcare related university interview.

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@highlearn.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK

[General Practice Doctor](#)

As a GP, you'll provide ongoing medical care for patients in the community, treating a range of illnesses and conditions. You'll consider physical, emotional and social factors to provide a holistic approach to care. All GPs carry out administrative work, but if you're a partner in a practice, you'll also have business and management responsibilities.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

"There were 1,308,825 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff directly employed by NHS England on 30 September 2023. The number of staff increased across all groups over a 10 year period, doctors by 37.0%, and nurses, midwives and health visitors by 23.1%."

[Source](#)



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On November 19th, International Men's Day celebrates worldwide the positive value men bring to the world, their families and communities. We highlight positive role models and raise awareness of men's well-being. Our theme for 2025 is "Celebrating Men and Boys". [Watch here.](#)



An apprenticeship at Pfizer means doing work that helps millions of people across the world benefit from life-changing treatment. It means working for a company that believes in equity, excellence and protecting your work-life balance. And it means working with colleagues who take your ideas seriously and support your learning and development. Watch the Apprentices in Action video [here.](#)



Bristol Medical School Virtual Open Day. A talk on medicine at Bristol University led by one of our academics followed by a live Q&A with our staff and students. Catch up on the recording [here.](#)



Listen to The Unofficial Guide to Medicine Podcast for a dose of careers advice for medical students. [Listen here.](#)



If you have a passion for helping people and are looking for a compassionate, intellectually stimulating and varied career, then studying medicine at Kent and Medway Medical School could be for you. The next virtual open day is Thursday 26th March; find out more [here.](#)



Cancer Research UK's early career programmes are unique as no previous experience or qualifications are required. This is because we are committed to breaking down barriers and creating an inclusive and diverse workforce, which we believe will help us beat cancer. Read more [here.](#)



On Wednesday 26th November, 5:30pm - 6:30pm join the University of Sunderland for an informative session with our nursing admissions tutors who will help you to optimise your interview performance. Find out more [here.](#)

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Our early careers programmes are designed to empower you as you enter the world of work. At GSK, we're driven by ambitious goals and a purpose to positively impact the health of billions of people. Our vibrant culture fosters collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity, where varying perspectives are valued and celebrated."

Find out more [here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Coventry is a forward-looking, modern university with a proud tradition as a provider of high quality education and a focus on applied research. Your future is personal and so is your journey with us. Recognised for its outstanding student experience, we give you options to shape a path that's uniquely yours." Read more about Coventry University [here.](#)

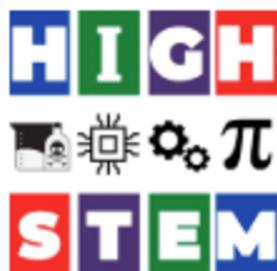
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Tech Mentor No-Code Hackathon - A chance to win £1,000 prize money

The technology sector is rapidly transforming every part of our world, from cybersecurity and app design to healthcare innovation and sustainable energy. For students aged 14–18, early exposure to these opportunities can spark curiosity, build confidence, and help them uncover future career paths they might never have considered.



Highlands students are invited to apply for the Tech Mentor No-Code Hackathon, taking place on **Saturday 13th December, from 10am to 4pm**. Please forward the following information:



- The hackathon will be fully online via Zoom, running from 10am to 4pm (UK GMT).
- Students will work in teams to tackle a surprise real-world challenge using no-code platforms.
- They'll be guided by experienced mentors who will support them throughout the day.
- Each participant will receive a certificate of participation
- The cost is £15 per student, which covers platform and administration costs.

Winners from this hackathon will be invited to the **National Finals on 11th July 2026**, where they'll compete for:

- 1st Place: £1,000 for the winning team and £100 to each winning team member's school.
- 2nd Place: £750 cash prize for the team.
- 3rd Place: £500 cash prize for the team.

For the competition link please see Dr Len's STEM classroom announcement [for y9, 10, 11, 12 and 13](#).

Good luck!

Dr Len