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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




During this Future Forward: [Deutsche Bank Virtual Insight Evening](#), you'll hear directly from current apprentices about their experiences and day-to-day life at Deutsche Bank, and gain insider tips on how to make your application stand out. Whether you're exploring your options or ready to take your first step into the world of banking and technology, this event is your chance to learn from those who've been exactly where you are now. Taking place on Tue 2nd Dec from 5:30 - 6:30pm.




Curious about a future in Accounting and Finance? [Join this session](#) on Tue 9th Dec at 4pm as we introduce the subject, explore what it's all about and why it plays a vital role in today's world. Glimpse into life as a university student - from lectures and tutorials; how you're assessed to internships, study abroad, and future career paths.



On Wednesday 10th Dec from 5:30 - 6:30pm, join Pearson for an [interactive session](#) where you'll discover how to create a powerful personal brand and make a lasting impression online. Get insider tips from Pearson's Early Careers and Talent Team on how to strengthen your LinkedIn profile, grow your network, and showcase your skills to future employers.



Join Elis, commercial laundry services with UK-wide delivery, to understand the circular services and the principles that guide what they do. Learn about their development programmes, built to support emerging talent, foster long-term career growth and provide opportunities to those facing barriers. They'll also explain how collaboration with local organisations creates meaningful local impact, supports vulnerable people and creates opportunities. Taking place on 10th Dec from 2:00 - 3:00pm, [register here](#).



After deciding university wasn't for her, Emily, a Foundation Apprentice at Barclays, started her career journey on an Apprenticeship programme which allowed her to explore different industries (these are known as "rotations"), learn new skills and met a lot of supportive people. [Read her story here](#).

JOB OF THE WEEK

[Investment Banker](#)

As an investment banker, you'll provide a range of financial services to companies, institutions and governments. You will help them achieve financial goals and implement long and short-term plans. You'll manage corporate, strategic and financial opportunities and you may also advise and lead management buyouts, raise capital and secure new deals.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

"When students first enter secondary school at age 11, their top three career ambitions are sports (29%), art/music (19%), and animal care (15%). By the time they reach GCSE year (age 16), the rankings have shifted, with health (16%) taking the top spot, followed by art/music (15%) and sport dropping into third place (13%). [Source](#)


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Join the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) for an exclusive virtual insight event and discover how this powerful organisation protects millions of people – and billions of pounds – across the UK. Taking place on Monday 15th December from 6:00 - 7:00pm.




Real Talk with Real Graduates – Sheffield Business School... On Tuesday 2nd December from 4:30pm, you will get a chance to speak directly with graduates who've walked the path you're considering. Whether you're exploring business programs or already planning your application, this session will help you make informed decisions with confidence.



Barclays' Apprenticeships are a rare blend of opportunity: meaningful work, professional development, a good salary, and investment in your potential – all within a globally-respected financial organisation. Whatever your experience, whatever your age, it's a firm foundation for the career you want, with support to achieve what you're capable of. If you never imagined you could find success in a world-class bank, or you never thought apprenticeships could be the start of something big, it's time to think differently.



Listen to this recording to hear more about Baillie Gifford's Investment Research programme. You'll hear from our current trainees and managers about the structure of the programme, and hear advice on the application process and training opportunities.



Interested in working in finance, specifically within the investment bank, but not sure where to start? Are you excited by supporting multiple businesses on a global level? UBS are looking for ambitious students to join our 2026 Apprenticeship Program within our Investment Bank Chief Operating Office business. Find out more.



Ever wondered what it's really like to work in accountancy? This Virtual Work Experience with Price Bailey will give you a behind-the-scenes look at one of the UK's leading accountancy and business advisory firms.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Whether you're leaving school after your GCSEs or you've got a degree, at Deloitte we have a wide range of career options for you! Our exciting programmes are designed to help you learn on the job, gaining new skills and qualifications along the way. As well as growth opportunities, we'll encourage you to explore your chosen business area as much as possible, so you can steer your career in the direction you want."

Find out more here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) is a world-leading university, specialising in social sciences. LSE was awarded University of the Year 2025 and ranked top in the UK for 2025 and 2026 by the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide. Based in the heart of London, we are a global community of people and ideas that transform the world." Read more 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