


Highlands
School & Sixth Form

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.

 [Listen to this newsletter](#)

OPPORTUNITIES





[Insight into University](#) is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university including degree apprenticeships and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It provides access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, apprentices, employers and current students. There is a cost but bursary available if you meet the criteria.




Are there lots of questions about university going around in your head? Would you like to know what it's like before you take the leap and apply for a STEM university degree? Well now you can - with [EDT's Industrial Cadets Residential Insight into University experiences](#), you get the chance to try out a STEM degree subject at leading universities throughout the UK. Each opportunity has its own eligibility criteria.

There are two new areas to explore on the Springpod website:

- 
- [Networks](#) - This feature allows you to discover companies aligned to your interests. You can enrol in unique programmes and unlock additional opportunities.
 - [Opportunities](#) - This is where you can discover internships, jobs, apprenticeships with employers.



Logistics is like solving a giant real-life puzzle—one that actually helps the planet. Every day, people in logistics figure out faster routes, reduce pollution, and keep the world's goods moving smoothly. Futures for All are joined by Generation Logistics & ASDA to [unpack how a career in logistics makes a real difference](#). You'll be hearing from Oli Hunt, the role of Senior Director for Central Logistics at ASDA, a role that offers huge variety!



With careers tools, course tasters, apprenticeship vacancies, city guides, and more, the [UCAS Hub](#) shines a light on your future, your way. Start by exploring your options, favouriting subjects, and using our handy tools.

JOB OF THE WEEK

[Fire Safety Engineer](#)

A fire engineer has an important role. They use science and engineering principles to protect people and property from the devastating effects of fires. Fire engineers design fire safety measures, conduct risk assessments and ensure the structural integrity of buildings.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

There are concerns around the availability of STEM skills in the UK workforce. 49% of engineering and technology businesses report difficulties with recruitment because of skills shortages. This makes STEM a great area to focus your development as you'll be in demand!

[Source](#)

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



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OPPORTUNITIES



Think the RAF is just about flying? Think bigger. Explore careers. Build real skills. Prove your potential. The [RAF virtual work experience platform](#) allows you to explore RAF careers, develop your skills and prepare for your future.



If you're looking to explore careers in the Armed Forces but are unsure whether the Army, Air Force or Navy is best for you, [this guide on the Government website](#) is a good place to start.



[Unibuddy](#) is a feature on the UCAS website that allows you to speak to current university students. You can filter the list by university or subject to find students with similar interests to you. You can ask them about their journey, application tips or what university life is really like. This is a great way to get honest opinions.



"[Young Enterprise](#) is for everyone, not just the loudest in the room or the top of the class. If you're curious, creative, ambitious (or even a little unsure), there's something here for you. Through [our programmes](#), you'll figure out how to manage money, develop employability skills and maybe even launch a business. More than that, you'll grow your confidence, discover what you're capable of and start shaping your own path."



From construction and operations, to marketing and HR, there's a career in nuclear for you. [This three minute quiz](#) will help you identify your strengths and align them with exciting opportunities within the sector. Simply select the options that best resonate with your professional aspirations and skillset to discover a new professional path.



[The Forage](#) is a catalogue of free, virtual "job simulations" designed to help you explore careers and build practical skills. Each simulation typically takes a few hours and is created in partnership with major employers, giving a "day-in-the-life" preview of different careers. They're free, require no application or prior experience, and are meant to help you gain confidence, explore roles, and prepare for job applications.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"When you join the European Space Agency, you join an international and friendly environment that offers a range of benefits and services provided on site. These may vary from establishment to establishment."

They have a 15 places to join their [Junior Professional Programme](#), designed for Masters graduates.

Find out more about [Careers at ESA here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"The University of Bath offer courses in engineering, humanities, management, science and social science. We're highly ranked in independent league tables for overall performance, student satisfaction and graduate employment."

You can learn more about the [University of Bath here](#).

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



Barnet and Southgate College Showcases Future of Technical Education at Careers Advisor Event.

[Barnet and Southgate College](#) recently hosted a well-attended careers session for local school careers advisors, offering valuable insight into upcoming changes in further education and how these will better support learners across a range of abilities and aspirations.

The event focused on the evolving technical education landscape, particularly the move away from often vague “Intermediate” BTEC pathways toward clearer, more purposeful routes. Advisors were introduced to two new structured pathways designed to provide stronger progression and outcomes for students.

The first, the Further Study Pathway, also referred to as “The Bridge” is aimed at students who narrowly miss key GCSE grades, such as those achieving Grade 3s. This pathway emphasises strengthening core academic skills alongside diagnostic vocational tasters, enabling students to confidently progress to Level 3 programmes, including T Levels or A Levels, by 2028.

The second, the Occupational Pathway or “Trade-Ready Route,” is tailored for students eager to enter the workforce or begin an apprenticeship at 17. With a focus on hands-on learning, students develop practical expertise in the college’s simulated work environments, including construction, hair and beauty, and motor vehicle studies. Successful learners will achieve a Certificate of Occupational Competence, equipping them with industry-relevant skills.

In addition, the College outlined a major shift for students achieving Grade 2 or below. The traditional GCSE resit cycle is being replaced by a more supportive Stepping Stone Model. In Phase 1, learners focus on building functional literacy and numeracy skills without the immediate pressure of resits. Only once they demonstrate readiness do they progress to Phase 2, where they undertake GCSE studies, an approach expected to significantly improve pass rates.

The session was praised by the Career Leads from Highlands School and Hampstead School for its clarity and forward-thinking approach, helping careers advisors better guide students through an increasingly structured and responsive further education system.

JUNE OPEN EVENTS

- Wednesday, 3rd June - Colindale Campus
- Wednesday, 10th June - Southgate Campus
- Wednesday, 17th June - Barnet Campus

