

National Careers Week Special

Developing 'Career Management Skills' like the ones in the CDI infographic below can help pupils to better navigate their journey through 'life, learning & work'.



Welcome to the April edition of our career's newsletter. As always, I hope you find the information both useful

and informative. Details of careers events, resources and opportunities are detailed below.

Post-16 (after GCSEs) Applications

A reminder of the steps that your child should be taking to secure their post-16 options can be found on the Connexions next steps timeline on the next page. Our target is for all Year 11 pupils to have applied for 2 post-16 (sixth form and/pr college) places, and we would expect that process to ideally be completed by now. If your child has yet to make an application and/or is having difficulty in finding a course,

Pupils can research post-16 course options through Unifrog and the National Careers Service Course Finder:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course>

Careers appointments

All Year 11s should have been seen by the time they start their exams. If your child is having difficulty securing a place on a course for next year and would like a priority

or urgent appointment, please contact Mr Langford or your child's tutor, who can make an appointment for them.

Upcoming local college open days

[Waltham Forest College](#) - 15th May

[Access Creative College](#) - 20th April

[Capel Manor College](#) - Open events in April and June

[New City College](#) - 14th to 16th May

[Newham College](#) - 15th May

[Big Creative Education](#) - 24th April

- AUGUST - Finish here!**
- Check your options in the light of your results
 - Enrol with your college or sixth form
 - Make sure you now have your national insurance number or ring 0300 200 3500 if you have not got one yet
 - If you still have no suitable offers for September, contact the Redbridge Connexions Team on 020 8708 2600 for advice, guidance & support**

- Start from September
- Finish in August

- JULY**
- If going to college, check out date and time for when you need to enrol and what you might need to take to enrolment
 - Your exams will now be all over so time to relax and get ready for September
 - If you have no suitable offers for September, contact the Redbridge Connexions Team on 020 8708 2600 for advice, guidance & support**

- SEPTEMBER - Start here...**
- Think: what do I really want to get out of this year and am I achieving my full potential?
 - Find out about the different options you can take. Look on <https://nationalcareersservice.dfe.gov.uk/JobProfiles>, for careers information
 - Your Careers Leader / Careers Advisor can help you find all the details you need to help plan your next steps/talk to the right people
 - You may be able to speak to a Redbridge Connexions Personal Adviser who can support you with looking at your options and provide more intensive support with your next steps - if you need it. Talk to your Careers Leader to find out when they are in

- OCTOBER**
- Go on-line, look at sixth form/college courses and apprenticeship/training provider information – apply well before application deadlines
 - Start visiting sixth forms/college/ apprenticeship providers at their open days/evenings
 - Talk to tutors and students at these events to find out what's on offer and what learning there will really be like!

- NOVEMBER**
- Use your predicted grades, interests, learning styles and your Career Action Plan to help make your choices
 - Talk to your subject teachers about what studying specific subjects at Post 16 will be like
 - Weigh up the pros and cons of the different options
 - Begin applications for courses at 6th form/college
 - If you're interested in apprenticeships then register with www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk and explore / apply to vacancies with after June start dates

Next Steps Timeline for Year 11 Pupils

- JUNE**
- Remember - official school leaving date is the last Friday in June so you can't start an apprenticeship until after then
 - Continue revising for exams
 - If you have no suitable offers for September, contact the Redbridge Connexions Team on 020 8708 2600 for advice, guidance & support**

- MAY**
- Have you received an offer for the options you want after Year 11? If you haven't heard from your interviewer, ring up!
 - Due to the 'raising participation age' you will need to stay in education/training until you are 18, so it is very important you secure a suitable Education /Employment/ Training place for September

- APRIL**
- Create a revision plan that works for you and stick to it
 - Make sure you have at least one offer for sixth form/ college by now
 - Check if there are any additional costs to courses (some might require you to buy equipment or materials) and discuss any support you might need with student advisors

- MARCH**
- Are you clear about your plans for next year? If not, speak to your Careers Leader to get help from your Careers Adviser / Redbridge Connexions Personal Adviser
 - It is still not too late to apply to some 6th forms & colleges but places will be filling up!

- FEBRUARY**
- Start applying for apprenticeships if this is your main plan
 - Check start dates are after June
 - Have a sixth form/college place as back-up - just in case you don't get one by end of Aug
 - Check School leaver vacancies via www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk, apply on employer websites, contact training providers, etc
 - Lots of colleges support with finding apprenticeships too

- DECEMBER**
- Continue finding out about courses and apprenticeships - check out dates of open days/evenings - start attending them
 - Revise well for mock exams to get best grades - these grades will be used as "predicted grades" for sixth form/college references

- JANUARY**
- Review your mock exam results against your option choices
 - Is your original idea still realistic?
 - Visit sixth form/college open events, make applications if you haven't already done so
 - Make sure you have a back-up plan in case your first choice does not work out
 - Check Sixth Form closing dates – they are likely to be Jan/Feb but they can vary

Careers Events and Opportunities

Springpod Virtual Work Experience (for Year 10 pupils and up)



In-depth, interactive and informative virtual work experiences from industry experts in the world's leading employers.

10-hour placements that you can complete in your own time (within 2 weeks), consisting of engaging talks from industry experts and mini workplace-based activities, projects and quizzes. You will receive a certificate upon completion.

Find out more, sign up for the platform and a placement here: <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>



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NHS Foundation Trust

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**A-LEVEL
SUMMER SCHOOL
8-12 JULY 2024**

AN EXCITING PROGRAMME FOR 6TH FORM STUDENTS INTERESTED IN STUDYING MEDICINE

SUPPORTING THEM TO TAKE THEIR FIRST STEPS TOWARDS A CAREER IN HEALTHCARE

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE:
TALKS ON MEDICAL CAREERS
WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT
TIPS ON APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

SCHOOLS ARE ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY 1-2 APPLICANTS AND SUPPORT THEM TO APPLY

WE ENCOURAGE APPLICANTS FROM UNDER-REPRESENTED BACKGROUNDS

TO START YOUR APPLICATION, CLICK HERE OR SCAN BELOW

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 3RD MAY 2024*

*Applications will be judged and selected students notified by mid-May 2024
Applications may close early should we receive a high number of applicants

Oxford Brookes Subject Taster Days

We have spaces available on the following Subject Taster Days, please [apply as soon as possible](#) if you are interested in joining us for the day.

- Discovering Occupational Therapy (1 May)
- Engineering (8 May) (very limited spaces)

- Computer Science (9 May) (very limited spaces)
- Art & Design (15 May)
- Architecture (22 May)

Our Subject Taster Days will give you the opportunity to gain first-hand experience of studying at university level and student life. You will have the opportunity to:

- Take part in lectures and interactive academic sessions
- Experience practical work and engage in discussion on the topics
- Discover our facilities and student life during a Campus Tour
- Hear about the career potential of the courses on offer

Each Subject Taster Day is free to attend and will give an insight into a range of courses within a subject area. You can find a list of which courses are included and how to apply on our [Subject Taster Day webpages](#).

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

TfL Level 2 and 3 apprenticeships still open



Help make London a great place to work, live and play!

Our level 2 & 3 apprenticeship programmes are now open!

Take action for a greener future

Do you want to work for an iconic brand that keeps London moving?

Do you want to shape the future of our great city and make an impact?

Join us and help us build a better London.

We believe we're a great place for you.

Don't miss out - **APPLY NOW!**

What's in it for you?

On top of the competitive salary, we offer a range of amazing benefits, such as 2 FREE Oyster cards, 75% discount on National Rail, minimum 29 days of annual leave. dedicated ongoing support, networking opportunities and many more.

We would encourage you to apply sooner rather than later as we may close roles earlier due to volume of applications.

Good luck!

TfL Early Careers



Capital City College Apprenticeships

The Capital City College Group have commenced enrolment and onboarding for our apprenticeship cohorts in 2024.

As a leading institution in the field, the largest further education provider in London we invite you and your team to join us in shaping the future talent.

We welcome the opportunity of a meeting where we can offer you a tour of our state-of-the-art facilities and resources available at one of our ten fully equipped sites. We aim to demonstrate how our bespoke apprenticeship service can integrate with your company's objectives, and introduce talent excellence, and staff development.

At the heart of our mission lies a commitment to empowering individuals with the technical knowledge and skills necessary for success. Our track record speaks

volumes, having been honoured with Ofsted GOOD in all aspects of provision with our apprentices highlighted for gaining skills they can apply successfully in the work-place. We pride ourselves on partnerships with industry leaders such as Siemens, Alstom, Thales, Transport for London, and many more.

We offer specialised apprenticeships tailored to meet the demands of modern industry with all standards integrated with the 3 pillars of sustainability.

Our apprenticeship portfolio of 39 apprenticeships includes:

- Accounting
- Customer Service
- Business Admin
- Teal Leading
- Surveying
- Engineering
- Facilities Management
- Property Maintenance
- Rail
- Procurement
- HR
- Data
- Software

Whether you seek to nurture fresh talent or enhance the skills of your existing workforce, our experienced team will support you every step of the way.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to secure a meeting date that suits your schedule as we only have limited places in our 2024 cohorts.

Contact our team today



Face-to-face Routes into STEM 2023/24

Routes into STEM is an experience that provides an amazing opportunity to help students understand the different routes to further STEM education and career pathways.

Who is it for?

Students in Year 9 who are interested in finding out more about STEM careers.

What is involved?

- A three-day experience at STEM educational providers and STEM companies local to them
- Students will explore STEM careers, participate in interactive workshops, site tours and hear from young professionals

What are the outcomes?

- Gain first-hand information and experience hands on activities at STEM educational providers and companies to make informed decisions about their future
- Go on campus tours and get thinking about future studies in a mature and informed manner
- Speak with apprentices/graduates about their experiences
- Develop valuable skills such as presentation skills, team-building, and social skills, and see how they can be applied to their CV, Application Form or Personal Statement
- Become a Bronze Industrial Cadet

London dates & locations

- Tuesday 28th May 2024 - STEM educational provider or STEM company Day - TBC
- Wednesday 29th May 2024 - University Day - University of Westminster, W1W 6UW
- Thursday 30th May 2024 - STEM company Day - Murphy Group, DA5 2AW

Cost / Funding

This course is fully funded for students from your school. (Normally £175 for all 3 days).

How to apply?

To apply, please visit our website [here](https://www.etrust.org.uk/f2f-routes-into-stem) or scan the QR code!

Limited places available, do not delay and apply today!

What do our students say:

"I enjoyed being able to engage in big projects in a comfortable environment"

"The tours gave me a better idea of the environment I would be working in"

100% felt confident about the STEM career opportunities available to them after completing the course

100% of students would recommend the course to a friend or family member



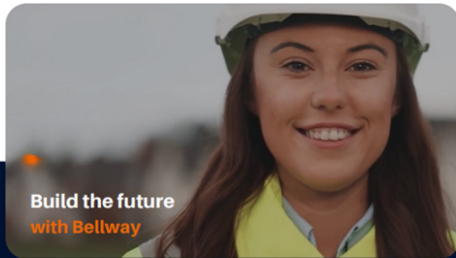
www.etrust.org.uk

Link to website: <https://www.etrust.org.uk/f2f-routes-into-stem>



Meet the Apprentices Live Virtual CareersTalk

Sorry you missed us live, please click on the link below and listen to our live event recording.



Click [HERE](#) to watch an event recording from Bellway Homes Careers Team.

[Click HERE to APPLY](#)

Women in Construction Poster & Podcast Link

Apprenticeship Careers & Curriculum Webinar Series
22nd - 26th April

- Monday - Barclays, Jacksons Civil Engineering
- Tuesday - Defence Equipment & Support, Tideway East, Wates
- Wednesday - National Grid, Balfour Beatty
- Thursday - Redbridge Council, Atkins Realis, CTRL-S
- Friday - Scott Brownrigg Architects & more!



Access the programme links here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qfVuSdcdhSlqjs6dPrU3H3lrUzyIXSKj/view?usp=sharing>

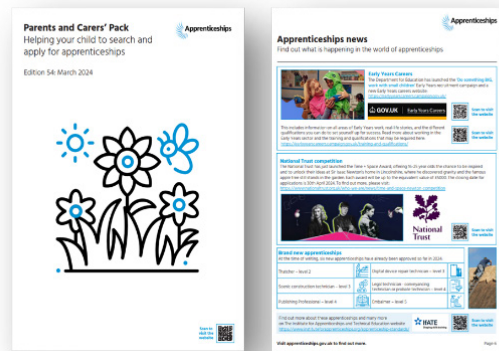
Speakers for Schools



Recorded talks in the Speakers for Schools Inspirational Talks Library can be found [here](#).



March Parents & Carers Pack



This month's edition of the Parents & Carers Pack includes the latest apprenticeship news, gives insights into apprenticeships with Arnold Clark, shares Alex's story as a former T Level student moving into a Civil engineering apprenticeship and much more. Click [here](#) to download the pack.

Webinar - How To Impress In The Application Process



In the latest ASK L&D webinar, hear from an apprentice and the Early Careers Manager from Dunelm and apprentices from the Black Apprentice Network and UBS, who share their advice and guidance for how to impress employers when applying for apprenticeships. The recorded link will be available [here](#).

Tesco Apprenticeship Webinars



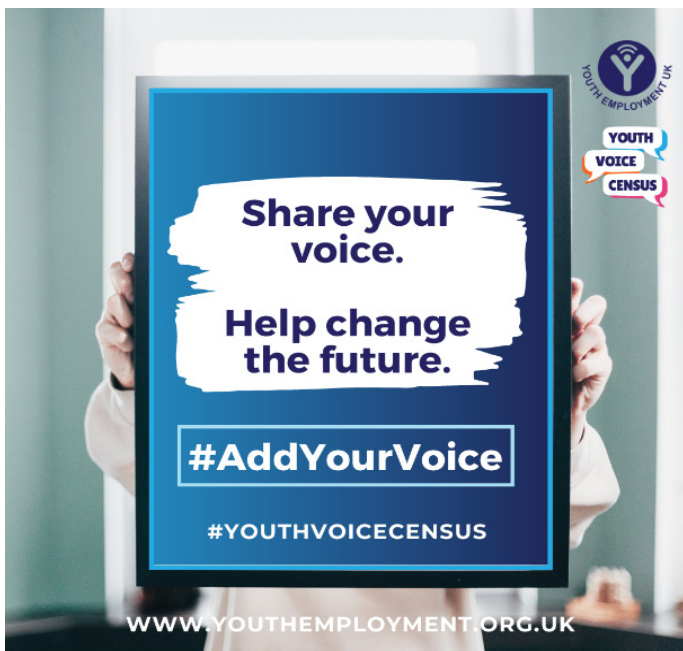
Join our upcoming webinars with Tesco on **Tuesday 14th May from 4pm - 5pm or 6pm - 7pm** to learn more about their exciting new Stronger Starts **Retail Apprenticeship programme**, which offers an excellent salary, amazing benefits and the opportunity to gain a Level 2 apprenticeship in a supportive environment.

New Apprentice Case Study Films - Lsbu Group



In partnership with Amazing Apprenticeships, the LSBU Group have recently launched new apprentice case study films to showcase apprenticeship opportunities available in Southwark. Including an apprentice Bricklayer, Chartered Manager, Building Surveyor and Town Planner, view the films [here](#).

Youth Voice Census 2024



This year's Youth Voice Census is now open for responses from young people aged 11-30 across the UK. This is their chance to share how they feel about issues related to education, employment, training, work and where they live. The findings help to create data evidence for improving policy and youth support in the UK. Please share the census with your students through the link [here](#).

Live Webinars

HIGHER TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS

WEBINAR FOR YEAR 12 AND 13 PARENTS AND CARERS

Wednesday 24th April 6:00-6:30pm

If your child is looking for a post-18 qualification that is flexible, job-focused and an excellent way to progress to a higher/degree apprenticeship, a full degree or a highly-skilled job, join this webinar all about **Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)** run by Amazing Apprenticeships on behalf of the Department for Education, especially for parents and carers.

HTQs are:

- Level 4 and 5 qualifications, such as HNCs, HNDs and Foundation Degrees
- Approved against employer-developed standards for specific job roles
- A high quality alternative to traditional routes such as apprenticeships or full-time degrees
- Taken after a level 3 qualification, such as A-levels, T Levels or BTECs or to upskill during your career

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/bp4sww7t> or scan the QR code to register to join the webinar

How to research and apply for HTQs Weds 24th April 2024, 6:00pm

Join this webinar to hear from Joanne Fradd, Policy Lead, Department for Education, to find out everything you need to know about HTQs, including:

- What are HTQs?
- Where are HTQs available?
- How and when do you apply for HTQs?
- How does the funding work?
- Where could a HTQ lead to?
- Where can you find out more?

[BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)

ASK Webinar: Everything you need to know – Spring term round-up
Thurs 25th April 2024, 3:30pm

THE
ASK
PROGRAMME

APPRENTICESHIPS
AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

This termly update is the second in a series of key information webinars for teachers and careers leaders. Expert speakers from Amazing Apprenticeships and the DfE will highlight what's new in technical education and apprenticeships and will cover any recent changes in policy and funding

[BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)

On-Demand Webinars

Recorded on Monday 4th March 2024

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK
WEBINAR SERIES



MONDAY 4TH MARCH
12.30PM - 1.30PM

Catch this special webinar to meet members of the BBC's Early Careers team and learn about the apprenticeship opportunities available at the BBC, the world's largest public broadcasting organisation. Meet apprentices and apprenticeship scheme managers to gain insight into life at the BBC, the wide variety of apprenticeship schemes available, what the recruitment process is like, and how to make your application stand out from the crowd.

WATCH ON DEMAND

Inspire Inclusion: Army Apprenticeships and Careers

Recorded on: Tuesday 5th March 2024

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK
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TUESDAY 5TH MARCH
4.00PM - 5.00PM

In celebration of International Women's Day 2024, join this exclusive webinar in partnership with the British Army to help to inspire the next generation of females about the amazing career opportunities available to them through the Army. We will be joined by a panel of inspiring female ambassadors from the Army, representing professions across 7 different career streams, including: Medical, Intelligence & Communications. HR & Finance, Combat, Logistics & Support, Engineering and Music.

WATCH ON DEMAND

ASK Webinar: How to find and apply for apprenticeships

Recorded on: Thursday 29th February 2024



A step-by-step guide to the different vacancy platforms for apprenticeships, including Find an Apprenticeship, and tips for supporting your students/child during the application process.

WATCH ON DEMAND

Celebrating Female Apprentices in Trades

Recorded on: Thursday 7th March 2024

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THURSDAY 7TH MARCH
12.30PM - 1.30PM

Join us in celebration of International Women's Day this week to celebrate inspiring female apprentices in domestic trades. Hear from a panel of amazing female apprentices about their experiences working in the trades, what their career journey has been like and how they hope to progress in the sector in the future.

WATCH ON DEMAND

If you have questions related to learning pathways, jobs or careers please contact Mr Langford:

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