

# 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

We know it's the first week back and February feels AGES away... However, we want to bring your attention to the fact that 10th-14th February is National Apprenticeship Week. This is one of the biggest events in the careers calendar.

We will share more information with you about specific events the week before the event. But, for now, these are some of the things you can do if you're keen to learn more about apprenticeships and make NAW2025 a really impactful event for your career knowledge, growth and future planning.



Here are the events that are already listed for the week, you can already register to as many as you'd like. Some are broad and about apprenticeships in general whereas others are specific to certain industries/employers.



You can also find events directly from employers and education organisations by searching #NAW2025 on social media platforms.



The week is run by a company called CareerMap who are giving away a range of prizes during the week (including a MacBook Pro and JustEat vouchers!).



You might be thinking, "Ok, great... But I don't really know much about apprenticeships at the moment!". Here are some of the questions you might have:

- What is an apprenticeship?
- Is an apprenticeship right for me?
- What do the different Apprenticeship levels mean?
- Should I go to university or do a Degree Apprenticeship?
- How can I educate my parents/carers about Apprenticeships?
- How do I apply for apprenticeships?
- What support is there for me if I have additional needs?

If you have any questions or need support, please email [Amanda.Birch@woodgreenacademy.co.uk](mailto:Amanda.Birch@woodgreenacademy.co.uk)

## JOB OF THE WEEK



### Geneticist

A Geneticist is a scientist or physician who studies the science of genes, heredity, and variation in organisms. They study how genes work in humans, animals, plants, and microbes, and how they are passed on.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Apprenticeship starts were up by 0.7% to 339,580 in academic year 2023/24, compared to 337,140 reported for the previous year.


Under 19s accounted for 23.2% of starts (78,930) in 2023/24.

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If you already know that you want to follow the university route, you can find lots of events using [UniTasterDays](#).



The [Met Office work experience programme](#) consists of two distinct phases. The first is an online work experience. This stand-alone programme is available to all UK-based students aged between 13 and 18, and all who register are guaranteed a place. As part of this programme, you'll explore typical roles in the Met Office through a series of videos, projects and webinars. Following completion of the online programme, you can apply for a second phase of work experience - a two to three day in-person placement, for which limited places are available.



EquityEd has been started by current university students who want to make the education pathways beyond Sixth Form more accessible to everyone. "At EquityEd, we bring the opportunities directly to you. We want to make sure that all opportunities are accessible to all state-school students and not gate kept by a minority. Gain access to opportunities for Secondary, Sixth Form, & College students from top institutions and organisations starting today by [using our website](#)."



"At Rolls-Royce, we want you to be at your best. That's why we've created [two comprehensive preparation guides](#) to help you know what to expect when it comes to applications, interviews and Assessment Centres. Whether you're applying to a Rolls-Royce Early Careers programme or elsewhere, these guides can give you a helpful insight into the recruitment process. So, you can feel ready and confident for the journey ahead."



"The [National Apprenticeship & Education Events](#) are designed to inspire school & college leavers, and other young adults, to discover more about career and further education opportunities. Our events bring together thousands of Students aged 15+ from schools, sixth forms & colleges, parents, guardians & individuals together with Top UK Employers, Universities, Colleges & Training Providers. Our events provide those all-important face-to-face conversations in a fun and interactive setting."

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"You'll not only play a part in powering, protecting & connecting people everywhere, you can expect all the training and qualifications you need to progress yourself. Getting your ideas noticed and gaining the support to develop your skills and knowledge. Step into a friendly, welcoming environment: a place where you can be your best & feel like you belong."

Read more about [Rolls Royce Careers](#) [here](#).

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

"The University of Manchester is a centre of teaching excellence, world-class research, outstanding student experience, and social responsibility. Part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities, it's institutions like ours that have the greatest responsibility to act as the world faces big challenges. Together, we face this head on." Read more about [The University of Manchester](#) [here](#).

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## WEX OPPORTUNITIES



### YEAR 10 WEX OPPORTUNITY

WORK EXPERIENCE AT SANDWELL MUSEUMS 23RD-27TH  
JUNE 2025

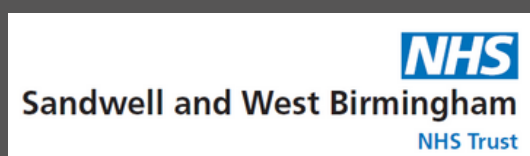
WE HAVE 10 PLACES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS FROM ACROSS SANDWELL TO APPLY FOR OUR WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK. WORKING TOGETHER STUDENTS WILL EXPLORE AND DISCOVER ASPECTS OF MUSEUM WORK INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, CREATIVE LEARNING FOR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. YOUR TASKS WILL BE INTERACTIVE, CREATIVE AND PROJECT BASED— HANDS ON AS WELL AS MINDS ON!

AS A STUDENT ON WORK EXPERIENCE WITH US YOU WILL ALSO LOOK AT WHY MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE ARE IMPORTANT AND HOW MUSEUMS CAN CHANGE LIVES...BUT THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT YOU!

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BE ABLE TO WORK AT ALL 4 OF OUR MAIN SITES.

WWW.VISITSANDWELL.COM/SANDWELL-MUSEUMS SOCIAL  
MEDIA @SANDWELLMUSEUMS

[CLICK HERE FOR THE APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN THIS TO MISS BIRCH IN N108](#)



### Work Experience Opportunities for year 10 and year 12/13

Work Experience at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital applications for 2025 placements in June & July will GO LIVE on their website in February 2025.

<https://www.swbh.nhs.uk/work-for-us/work-experience/>

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### NEW YEAR NEW START

New Year New Start – our annual Careers Fair on  
Sat 1 February 2025 9.30am – 2pm at The  
Hawthorns, West Midlands. Register for your free  
tickets by clicking the link

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/connexions-sandwell/new-year-new-start/e-xjrmag>



FREE Careers Event for 14 – 19 year olds  
**NEW YEAR NEW START**

**Saturday 1 February 2025  
9.30am - 2pm**

Discover your next steps with the help of Employers,  
Training/Apprenticeship Providers, Colleges, Universities  
and Connexions Sandwell Careers Advisers.

At West Bromwich Albion Football Club,  
The Hawthorns, West Bromwich, B71 4LF

This is Ticketsource bookable event  
Book your tickets via our website.  
[www.connexionssandwell.co.uk](http://www.connexionssandwell.co.uk)



## PARENT'S GUIDE

### THE PARENTS' GUIDE TO

The Parents' Guide to is dedicated to parents of  
14-19 year olds so they can help their teens get  
the most out of GCSE and sixth form, with advice  
on post school options and well being

### Finalising university applications (Y13)

The UCAS deadline is coming fast on 29 January 2025. Hopefully, most students will already have completed all parts of their application. For those that haven't, parents might find [The Parents Guide to University](#) helpful in supporting their teens collate all the information they'll need to include, particularly the section on personal statements. It's included in KS5 membership, so download from "my guides" section of your dashboard..

Our brief summary about completing personal statements might also be useful: [The Parents' Guide to UCAS personal statements](#).

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