

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



Apprenticeship Insights - Hosted by BAE Systems is an online webinar taking place on 10th Feb at 530pm. You can gain find out about the amazing apprenticeship opportunities on offer. You can look forward to talks about our careers, interactive Q&A sessions, and the chance to meet current apprentices. They suggest that you come prepared with all of your best questions to make the most of the session.



The XMaS Scientist Experience is a nationwide opportunity for any female/female-identifying Year 12 UK Physics students to join us on an all-expenses-paid 4-day trip to the ESRF in Grenoble, France, at the end of June/beginning of July. Our aim is to encourage students to consider science careers, foster a sense of community, encourage self-belief. We don't need applicants to already excel at physics, but we do want students who are curious about the world around them, who are creative and keen to learn more about science and who are willing to share their enthusiasm. Deadline for Submission: Midnight on 27th February 2025. If you're not in Year 12 yet but this is of interest - remember it for the future! It is an AMAZING opportunity.



With the rise of AI and Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) in recruitment, ensuring you have an ATS friendly CV is essential for landing that interview. Many employers, including those in the charity sector, now rely on automated systems to filter through applications. To ensure you make it past the initial screening, follow these crucial tips on optimising your CV.



In this virtual Sociology session taking place on January 20 @ 11:10 - 11:55, Dr Pamela Odih from the Department of Sociology at Goldsmiths, University of London will run an interactive talk for students on Race, Racism and Leisure - Black Youth Culture in Urban Spaces.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Astronomer

An astronomer is a scientist who studies the universe and the objects within it. They use equipment like telescopes and cameras to observe astronomical objects, such as stars, planets, moons, comets, and galaxies.

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

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Did you know that the average national salary in the UK is £40,311? Or that there are 747,106 current vacancies in the UK?

You can check these statistics any time using the Adzuna website! They update these statistics every week so you know you're getting the most up to date information available.

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Join the University of Liverpool as they guide you through applying to university via UCAS, including key dates and top tips on how to make an effective application. This is part of an ongoing webinar series where the University of Liverpool offer free webinars to help you understand every element of the university application process. 23 January 2025 at 6pm.



If you are interested in art, design, media and architecture courses, join the University of Brighton to find out how to create a portfolio that will get you noticed and set you apart from other applicants. 29th January or 11th February at 5pm.



“If you’re looking for a role with excitement, intrigue and something that really makes a difference then now is the time to join AWE. We are at the start of a once in a generation – possibly two generations – programme to design and produce a replacement warhead for the UK’s continuous at sea deterrent. We will do this while continuing to deliver the Trident programme as well as managing ambitious state-of-the-art capital and construction projects – some of which have never been done before.” Check out their current roles here.



“A 4 day residential held at the University of Reading for students to learn more about the vast range of careers available within the Real Estate industry and the different routes into them.” If you’d like to do a Summer School with a University but Reading isn’t the right institution for you, just search the name of the university you’re interested in followed by “summer school” to find more information on what they offer. Many universities offer summer schools but often they are for specific year groups.



You may have heard the term “gender pay gap”. This refers to the difference between what men and women are paid for the same job role. A new report has researched this topic to see what impact this is currently having. For example, “women are 36% more likely to be providing unpaid care than men, and are more likely to take a career break or a part-time role to fit around the children.”

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“We are at the forefront of nuclear technology and innovation – always delivering to keep our nation safe and secure. our workforce is 7,000-strong and brings together globally respected and exceptional professionals. We have been named as one of the top Best Big Companies to work for in the Sunday Times Best Companies Awards.”
Read more about AWE Careers here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

“The University of Reading has been at the forefront of UK higher education for nearly a century. Over the decades we have become innovators and pioneers, pushing academic boundaries and leading social change. We strive to create a stronger, better University, building on our past to create an exceptional future.”
Read more about The University of Reading here.

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WEX OPPORTUNITIES



YEAR 10 WEX OPPORTUNITY

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

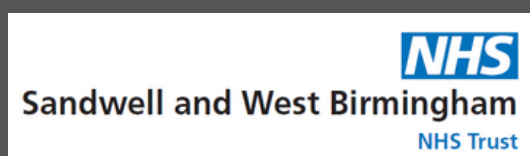
WE HAVE 10 PLACES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS FROM ACROSS SANDWELL TO APPLY FOR OUR WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK. WORKING TOGETHER STUDENTS WILL EXPLORE AND DISCOVER ASPECTS OF MUSEUM WORK INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, CREATIVE LEARNING FOR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. YOUR TASKS WILL BE INTERACTIVE, CREATIVE AND PROJECT 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-xjrmaa>

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

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BE A CAREERS CHAMPION

CONNEXIONS SANDWELL IS LOOKING TO RECRUIT 8 VOLUNTEER CAREERS CHAMPIONS.

ARE YOU IN YEARS 9 TO YEAR 13?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP DEVELOP THE CAREERS PROVISION AVAILABLE TO YOUNG PEOPLE?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP YOUR COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK SKILLS, HELP OUT AT EVENTS AND GIVE YOUR IDEAS TO IMPROVE SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE?

CHECK YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL FOR THE ADVERT, JOB SPECIFICATION AND APPLICATION FORM. VOLUNTEERING IS A GREAT WAY TO PRACTICE YOUR SKILLS AND LEARN NEW THINGS IT'S ALSO VERY USEFUL TO PUT AS EVIDENCE ON YOUR CV WHEN YOU ARE APPLYING FOR JOBS, TRAINING, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY.

FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO SANDWELL_CONNEXIONS@SANDWELL.GOV.UK BY FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2025.

INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM.

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