



Super-Curricular Newsletter

National Apprenticeship Week 2026 is part of the Department for Education's ongoing [Skills for Life](#) campaign which is engaging young people, adult learners, and employers with government skills and training programmes and the opportunities they bring. The week brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy. [National Apprenticeship Week \(apprenticeships.gov.uk\)](#)

9-15 FEBRUARY 2026

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

Natioanl Apprenticeship Week - 9 February to 15 February

This week is ideal for students who are not yet decided about their future career paths and are keeping an open mind about their next steps. NAW are offering a series of Remote Work Experience opportunities from companies including Siemens Energy, Leonardo Hotels and the NHS, as well as broadcasts from companies including Boots and Virgin Media.

They'll be covering different sectors including Energy, Engineering, Hospitality and Law, you will get the opportunity to engage with experts in their field, take part in challenges and find out exactly what an apprentice does from those currently doing that role. Please click [here](#) to see what's available.

SIEMENS ENERGY Remote Power Your Potential: Remote Apprenticeships with Siemens Energy Explore 11th - 12th February 2026 10 am - 3 pm 2-days Deadline: 9 th January 2026 Age: 14 - 19	FUTURES FOR ALL Remote Apprenticeships in Action: 4 top employers. Real apprentices. Explore 10th - 11th February 2026 9.30 am - 2.30 pm 2-days Deadline: 14 th January 2026 Age: 14 - 19	LEONARDO Hotels Remote Hotels & Hospitality with Leonardo Hotels - from Apprenticeships to Management! Explore 11th - 12th February 2026 10 am - 2.30 pm 2-days Deadline: 21 st January 2025 Age: 14 - 19	NHS Apprenticeships Remote Apprenticeships Uncovered: A Future in the NHS Explore 9th - 10th February 2026 9.30 am - 2 pm 2-days Deadline: 9 th January 2026 Age: 14 - 19	united infrastructure Remote Celebrate National Apprenticeship Week with United Infrastructure Explore 9th - 11th February 2026 9.30 am - 2 pm 3-days Deadline: 23rd January 2026 Age: 14 - 19	Joined Up Care Derbyshire Remote Joined Up NHS Apprenticeships Explore 9th - 12th February 2026 9.30 am - 2 pm 2-days Deadline: 14 th January 2026 Age: 14 - 19
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Allergy Aware Remote Get a Taste for Hospitality this National Apprenticeship Week! Explore 10th - 11th February 2026 10 am - 2 pm 2-days Deadline: 13 th January 2026 Age: 14 - 19	Boots No7 BEAUTY COMPANY National Apprenticeship Week Discover 10th February 2026 2 pm - 3pm Register by 9 th February 12 noon Age: 11 - 19	SSCL National Apprenticeship Week Discover 12th February 2026 2 pm - 3 pm Register by 11th February 12 noon Age: 11 - 19	Virgin Media O2 Live Talk - National Apprenticeship Week: Winning in the workplace with SSCL Discover Stream on demand - 60 minutes	dwf Library Talk Ben Winstanley, DWF Group National Apprenticeship Week: Discovering Legal Apprenticeships Discover Stream on demand - 60 minutes	worldskillsuk excellence at work Library Talk Becoming the Champion of your own career: Meet WorldSkills UK's Skills Champions Discover Stream on demand - 60 minutes
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Apprenticeship Opportunities - North West

Wirral Region

Provider / Organisation	Location / Area Covered	What they offer / Typical Apprenticeships	Key Notes / How "Live" they Are
Wirral Met College	Wirral / Liverpool-Region	Wide range: admin & digital; automotive; construction (carpentry, bricklaying, electrics, plumbing, etc.); engineering; accounting; health & science; HR/management; more vocational & technical apprenticeships including higher-level (Level 4/5/6). WMC+2WMC+2	They list many "current apprenticeship vacancies" (hundreds) via their vacancies page. WMC+1
Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Trust (via Wirral Met / independently)	Wirral / Wirral-Liverpool region	Healthcare / clinical support; business administration; lab & science-based technician support; peri-operative support; allied health support (therapy/physio/OT support) apprenticeships. wuth.nhs.uk+1	They've run campaigns to create many apprentice roles locally. wuth.nhs.uk+1
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP)	Chester / Cheshire & Wirral area	Mental-health / wellbeing-support apprenticeships (e.g. Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner), among other health/mental-health roles via apprenticeships. nhsjobs.com+2chester.ac.uk+2	They currently have live or recently advertised apprenticeship-role adverts (e.g. for Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner) with application deadlines. nhsjobs.com
University of Chester	Chester (and surrounding North-West)	Higher-/degree-level apprenticeships: nursing (Registered Nurse), Nursing Associate, social work, advanced clinical practice (MSc), other degree-apprenticeship routes (Level 5–7) in health/social care/clinical fields. chester.ac.uk+2chester.ac.uk+2 HSBC - Schools and apprenticeships Careers HSBC Holdings plc	They actively deliver many of these courses for employers in the North West — useful if you want a degree-equivalent apprenticeship rather than a basic vocational one. chester.ac.uk+1
University of Liverpool	Liverpool	University-based apprenticeship scheme (various work/study apprenticeships) — roles can vary depending on department (administration, technical support, etc.) University of Liverpool	Their scheme has external recognition (award-winning) and uses standard apprenticeship models (work + qualification). University of Liverpool

**Manchester**

Programme / Provider	What they offer / Why it's a good option	Notes
Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) — degree apprenticeships	Degree-level apprenticeships (business, digital/tech, health/social care, etc.) combining work + study. Manchester Metropolitan University+2 Manchester Metropolitan University+2	Current open vacancy: e.g. "Digital Degree Apprenticeship – Software Developer" with employer in Manchester. Manchester Metropolitan University
Salford City College — apprenticeships across many sectors	Offers many apprenticeships (from business, care, construction, IT, hospitality, etc.) across Greater Manchester / North West. apprenticeships.salfordcc.ac.uk+2 apprenticeships.salfordcc.ac.uk+2	Good for starting straight after GCSE/A-levels or as a first qualification/training path.
Training 2000 — general & technical apprenticeships in North West	Wide range: accountancy, business, engineering/manufacturing, healthcare, even degree-level schemes. Training 2000+1	Useful if you're open to vocational or technical careers; they cover many sectors.
University of Salford — construction, engineering, health, science & more degree apprenticeships	Offers BSc/BEng-level apprenticeships (e.g. civil engineering, construction management, surveying, health/clinical fields). University of Salford+1	Good if you want a university-level qualification while working (without student debt).
The University of Manchester — technical apprenticeships	Offers technical apprenticeships (likely in IT, lab-work, support roles, etc.). apprenticeships.manchester.ac.uk	Option if you're open to technical/academic-adjacent apprenticeships in Manchester area.
Local government apprenticeships — e.g. via Manchester City Council	Council-based apprenticeships for "young people" and adults — could include admin, planning, social care, maintenance, etc. Manchester City Council	Good if you want more standard-stable public-sector roles, potentially closer to home.



EDF Apprenticeships

Vacancies Are Open Now!

EDF are open for applications in many different areas, covering lots of different roles, including: Nuclear Engineering, Cyber degree apprenticeships, Countryside Ranger and Worker roles, Chemistry degree apprenticeships, Associate Project Management, HR and Construction roles - plus many more!

These are just some of the amazing apprenticeships that are currently live, but for full details of everything available, please visit the EDF website.

Applications for some roles close on the 31st January, so make sure you check the deadline carefully for each advert, and remember to get your application submitted with lots of time to spare!

[Find out more!](#)



Virtual events – students

We have a constantly evolving selection of Interactive KS3+ Virtual Events. Gives students a more inspiring way to explore careers with real-life industry volunteers sharing their journeys, pathways, and career tips.

IMPORTANT: events are designed for students, but registration must be completed by a teacher or group leader for safeguarding reasons. If you are interested in attending message Ms Hanlon shanlon@st-ansealms.com or speak to one of your subject teachers.

What to expect?

Inspiring talks

...by our workplace volunteers who come from a vast array of industries, sharing their stories and bringing the world of work to life with their different routes in and insights – from subjects that are relevant to skills required to do the job.

Interactive sessions

...to spark curiosity and career ambition (and to keep them on their toes).

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Maintenance Apprenticeships 2026

What Is It?
(Engineering Technician)
44 Month Programme

During an exceptional 44-month maintenance apprenticeship training programme, you will learn and develop the technical skills & theory, to become a member of our outstanding maintenance team.

APPLY TODAY

Launch your career



Live Q&A

...so students can ask their burning questions and get exactly what they want out of the sessions.

Use the links below to register.

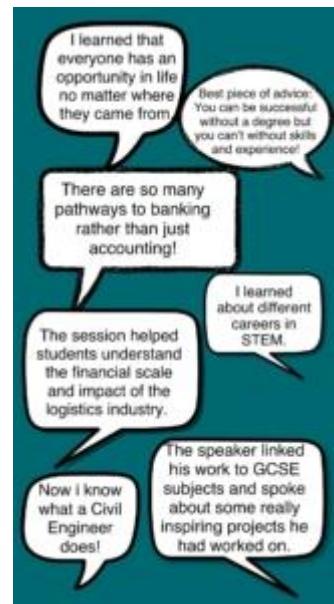
[Wed 21 January – 9:30 – 10:30 – Exploring Careers in Human Resources \(KS4\)](#)

[Wed 28 January – 11:00 – 12:00 – Making the Future: Craft in Lifestyle and Fashion](#)

[Thu 29 January – 11:00 – 12:00 – Aviation Careers for Creatives: Design, Art, and Communication](#)

[Thu 26 February – 9:30 -10:30 – Making the Future: Craft in Construction and Conservation](#)

[Thu 21 May – 11:00 – 12:00 – Exploring Careers in Human Resources \(KS3\)](#)



WORK EXPERIENCE



Business



Design Engineering



ICT & Digital



Science & Maths

Sellafield Ltd offers a 1-week work experience programme designed to help you explore early career opportunities as you plan your next steps.

Held at our West Cumbria sites and Hinton House in Warrington, the programme mirrors our varied career paths and is open to students aged 14–18 (Years 10–13).

You'll gain insight into life at Sellafield Ltd, meet our employees, including those starting their careers, and discover the opportunities available.

We value diversity and inclusion, creating a supportive environment for all. As a Level 3 Disability Confident Employer, we provide assistance during the application process—simply declare a disability or contact us for support. - [Work Experience - Sellafield Ltd](#)

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Why do the EPQ qualification?

- The EPQ is awarded UCAS points worth half an A-Level
- It provides an opportunity for you to extend your abilities beyond the A-level syllabus
- It prepares you for university or your future career
- It is recognised by universities and employers

If you are going to study medicine, dentistry, veterinary or apply for a course at a Russell Group university then you should complete an EPQ qualification.

EPQ Deadline – 12th February 2026

New uptake for any student thinking about starting the Extended Study Qualification!

Meet in 213 on Monday during registration (10.30 start).



SUBJECT TASTER SESSIONS

Leeds Futures: free events for Year 12s

Are you thinking of studying English, History, Creative Arts, Music or Theatre at university? Leeds Futures is a free programme offering an insight into the University experience through online sessions, taster seminars and a campus visit.

- [Leeds Futures – English/History](#): choose to focus on English or History, try a bit of both, or discover new subjects!
- [Leeds Futures – Creative Arts](#): from Fine Art, to Sustainable Fashion and History of Art, explore a wide range of art related courses.
- [Leeds Futures – Music](#): whether you're interested in Music Performance, Technology or Psychology, find out about options to pursue your passion for music at university!
- [Leeds Futures – Theatre and Performance](#): take part in a 2-day campus immersion and meet people who share your passion for theatre!

[Find out more and secure your place now](#)

Any questions please reach out to Charlène Gaubert, Projects and Events Officer at c.gaubert@leeds.ac.uk.

VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Wed 21 January, 9:30-10:30am

Work with People: HR Careers

Virtual Events for January and February

This interactive virtual session introduces students to the world of Human Resources (HR) - the team behind recruitment, wellbeing and positive workplace culture.

Designed for Key Stage 4 (suitable for Key Stage 3), students will hear from different HR professionals and explore the people-focused skills needed in the workplace.

[Register - HR Careers](#)

Wed 28 January, 11-12pm

Creative Crafts: Lifestyle and Fashion

Discover how ideas go from concept to creation - to become beautifully crafted items. This virtual careers event introduces the skilled makers behind everyday objects, including a weaver and designer working across fashion and interiors, and a leatherworker specialising in luxury goods and classic car interiors!

Curriculum links: Art & Design • History

- Design & Technology • Geography
- Science • Maths

[Register - Lifestyle & Fashion Crafts](#)

[Lifestyle and Fashion](#)



Thu 29 January, 11-12pm

Aviation Careers for Creatives: Design, Art and Communication

This session puts students face to face with four industry professionals.

They'll hear from corporate affairs at a UK airline, communications at Virgin, an aviation photographer and a branding expert from a leading Manchester agency.

Students will discover how creativity drives brand identity, reputation and marketing - and explore aviation careers that don't involve flying a plane.

Curriculum links: English • Media Studies • Art & Design • Business Studies • Computing

Register - Creative Aviation Careers

[Design, Art and Communication](#)

Tuesday, 3 February, 11:00-12:00

STEM by the Water: Careers Protecting Our Wetlands

Curriculum links: STEM, Geography

[STEM by the Water](#)



Unsure about your career? Virtual Work Experience

[Free Virtual Work Experience | Springpod](#)

Connect with world-leading organisations



Work Experience - [Work Experience – Speakers for Schools](#)

Why do I need to do super-curricular activities?

You can develop a deeper into your subject in many ways, such as:

- reading books, specialist magazines and journals
- visiting museums and galleries
- watching films and documentaries
- listening to podcasts
- attending online seminars and lectures
- entering academic competitions

Think about the ideas you are discovering, consider the arguments being made, and form your own thoughts and opinions about them. You might find it useful to discuss what you are learning with a friend, relative or teacher which could be great practice for an academic interview.



[Start | Future Talent | Explore employer opportunities \(u-explore.com\)](#)

Remember to keep a record of your activities so you can accurately reflect on them when writing your personal statement.



Undergraduate Study

Cambridge Event Listings

There are several events hosted by the University of Cambridge which may be of interest this term. These events are free of charge, and many in-person events offer free accommodation and/or travel bursaries. As always, the full list of upcoming events is available on the [Cambridge Events Listings page](#)

Lucy Cavendish Academic Attainment Programme – Year 12

Applications are now open for the Lucy Cavendish College Academic Attainment Programme! The AAP is a two-year, free programme for around 1000 high-achieving UK state-school students in Year 12 (S5 – Scotland/Year 13 – N.I) who meet certain Widening Participation criteria. The focus of this programme is on raising attainment, by providing students with further support in their A-Level studies, and in making applications to competitive universities. Students will also receive advice from the Lucy Cavendish College Admissions Team on every stage of the university application process across the two years, and they will complete a Supracurricular Exploration Project to encourage them to think more seriously about their degree choices.

We have had some fantastic results from previous participants, with **9 in 10 receiving offers** to study at Russell Group universities, and participants almost doubling their chances of being offered a place at either Oxford or Cambridge.

Our [website](#) has even more information about this exciting programme, and it also contains the link to apply. Any questions?: email outreach@lucy.cam.ac.uk

Students can apply here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Sz6MBs6K2Z> until 7th October 2025

STEM SMART – Year 12

STEM SMART is a widening participation initiative from the University of Cambridge in association with Isaac Physics, to provide free, complementary teaching and support to UK students in Year 12 who are considering applying to Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Computer Science, or Engineering courses at university. Students receive weekly remote learning tutorials, and may be selected to attend a four-day residential in Cambridge in August 2026.

Students can apply via the [STEM SMART website](#)

Subject Interview Webinars, September – Year 13

The webinars for 2025 have now all taken place. Magdalene is collaborating with other college to host Subject Interview Webinars. Currently we have over 25 subject sessions planned, covering all but Linguistics and Archaeology courses. Academics will talk through typical interview questions, and students can have a go at answering them.

Students can sign up here for 2026: [Pembroke Interview Webinars](#)

King's College London Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series 2026 are now open!

This programme is for students **across the UK in Year 11, 12, and 13** interested in becoming a **doctor or dentist**. [Please circulate this opportunity to students who you think will be interested.](#)

Over the course of the programme students will hear from a wide variety of speakers to help build their understanding of the **opportunities and challenges** of being a doctor and dentist, as well as guidance on the application process. Last year's lectures included the following:

- Medical and dental specialties: cardiology, oral surgery, renal transplant, and many more!
- Q&A's each week with current medical and dental students
- Support with the application process: UCAT, personal statements, and interviews
- Q&A with admissions colleagues from King's various universities

Lectures will be held on Tuesday or Friday evenings between 5:00 – 6:30pm. Our first lecture will be on Tuesday 24th March 5pm.

For more information and to apply, [students should follow this link](#). The deadline is **Monday 9th February 2pm**

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FUTURES FOR ALL

- UPCOMING TALKS

Here is the [Inspirational Talks | Futures For All](#). Live broadcasts are a great way for students to hear directly from leading figures from a range of industries, and have the opportunity to ask questions via a moderated Q&A. Please feel free to share with your staff and students! Please note that you have to register your students in advance.

HOW TO JOIN THE LIVE BROADCASTS

- Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready.
- You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)
- Watch previous talks on our library [here.](#)