

# 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.

**GIVEAWAY**

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 [maria.mainwaring@northoxfordshire-academy.org](mailto:maria.mainwaring@northoxfordshire-academy.org)

## 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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## TRINITY COLLEGE UNIVERSITY of OXFORD

### **APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR OXFORD'S UNIQ!!**

**What** As one of the most established programmes of its kind in the UK, UNIQ offers participants access to step-by-step online support as well as a residential based in an Oxford college. The programme is completely free and gives pupils the chance to meet Oxford academics, speak to current students and learn first-hand about the application process and what life might be like at Oxford.

**Who** Year 12 state school students with good GCSE grades or equivalent from backgrounds that are underrepresented at Oxford. Students can find out more about the programme and selection criteria on the UNIQ website [uniq.ox.ac.uk](http://uniq.ox.ac.uk).

**When** From April 2025 through to point of application in Year 13.

**Where** This is an online programme of academic and application support with the opportunity for an Oxford residential experience in the Easter or Summer vacation of 2025.

**Links** Applications open NOW with deadline 23 January 2025 for more information UNIQ website or email [uniq@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:uniq@admin.ox.ac.uk).

### **Astrophoria Foundation Year Oxford**

**What** The University of Oxford's Astrophoria Foundation Year is a one-year fully funded programme with additional full bursary to cover accommodation and living expenses. The course enables motivated students to reach their academic potential through a supportive and challenging academic course aimed at developing their skills, self-belief and academic confidence. Students passing the course are awarded a nationally recognised Certificate in Higher Education (CertHE) qualification. If passed at the required level, they will be automatically admitted to their chosen undergraduate degree course, without the need to re-apply. Students are also supported to apply to other universities using their CertHE qualification if not continuing onto the full degree programme at Oxford.

**Who** For UK state school students predicted to meet A level entry requirements ranging from BBB-AAB (depending on course selected) with significant academic potential, who have experienced severe personal disadvantage and/or disrupted education which has resulted in them being unable to apply directly for an Oxford undergraduate degree programme.

**When** Full time study will begin in October 2025.

**Where** University of Oxford.

**Links** Applications are open now via UCAS by the standard deadline 29 January 2025



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## APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 11th February 2025  
From 6pm

**BOOK NOW FOR A FACTORY TOUR**

[Click Here](#)



# MEET THE EMPLOYER

Please 'meet the employer' on the Amazing Apprenticeship website. Click the link. Some are even recruiting!!

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Current Vacancies

## Apply through Abingdon & Witney College

Job Title	Employer	Location	Salary	Closing Date
<a href="#">APPRENTICE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR</a>	Monard Electrical Contractors LLP	Oxford	£ 13650-22900	12-Jan-25
<a href="#">Sales and Business Administrator Apprenticeship</a>	React Industrial Solutions LTD	Bicester	£16,000	20-Jan-25
<a href="#">Apprentice Business Administrator</a>	Laing O'roure Services LTD	Oxford	£19,968	21-Jan-25
<a href="#">New- Scheduling Apprentice</a>	KFP Total IT Solutions LTD	Abingdon	£18,000	28-Jan-25
<a href="#">Apprentice Landscape Gardener</a>	TC Garden Services	Lechlade	£12,480	30-Jan-25
<a href="#">Apprentice Gardener</a>	Topiarus Horticulture LTD	Chipping Norton	£17,000	30-Jan-25
<a href="#">Apprentice Landscaper</a>	4th Landscape Services LTD	Kidlington	£16,489	30-Jan-25
<a href="#">Business Administrator Apprenticeship</a>	Shire and Wold Domestic Staffing LTD	Bicester	£ 14000-19000	31-Jan-25
<a href="#">New- Horticulture Operative Apprentice</a>	Two Oaks Landscapes Limited	Aylesbury	£17,472	31-Jan-25
<a href="#">New- Engineering Technician (Mechanical) Advanced Apprenticeship</a>	Diamond Light Source Limited	Didcot	£16,766	31-Jan-25
<a href="#">New- Engineering Technician (Electrical) Advanced Apprenticeship</a>	Diamond Light Source Limited	Didcot	£16,766	31-Jan-25



# University Enrichment Year 7 to 12

## Trinity College Beyond the Classroom Online Academic Enrichment Programme back in 2025!

What Our online after-school academic enrichment programme is back for 2025 and will feature a new series of mini lectures, Explore taster sessions, academic skills talks and advice about preparing for university study and submitting a competitive application to university and the University of Oxford.

A certificate of participation from Trinity College, Oxford, for those attending 7 or more sessions! Plus an extension programme for students in year 12 considering applying to study one of the 19 subjects Trinity College admits for study at the University of Oxford. The Extension Programme includes a FREE one night- two day residential taking place at Trinity College on the 10-11th April 2025, a mini tutorial in chosen subject area, access to the library, free time for revision and private study to explore the subject in more detail and meet other participants on the programme. Throughout the year, students are also supported with suggested reading and other materials, take, online mini tutorials and will receive additional support with their Oxford application. Who Any state school student in Year 7 to 12 interested in exploring learning across a broad range of themes and cross subject beyond the classroom and/or applying to Oxford.

When Beginning 5 March until 9 July 2025.

Where Online via Teams.

[Links Students can sign up to Beyond the Classroom now and anytime up to 8 July by completing our Registration Form. Year 12 deadline for applying for extension programme 5 March.](#)

