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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

IT'S NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK!



This week is dedicated to celebrating all things apprenticeships. During this week, you will find lots of opportunities to learn more about apprenticeships including where to find them, how to apply to them and top tips from employers and current apprentices. You can view lots of events here.

Explore 1,600+ Higher and Degree apprenticeships in the January 2026 edition of the Higher & Degree Vacancy listing. Discover vacancy details from over 65+ employers, including vacancy locations, salary information and direct application links.

All About T Levels | Thurs 26th Feb - 6-7pm | On this call we'll tell you how T levels work, how we at Lloyds support students with extended work experience and you'll hear from apprentices at Lloyds joining us through the T level route.

Understanding T Levels: The Industry Placement Webinar | Mon 2nd March - 3:30pm-4:15pm | The rise in popularity has been matched by the increase in employers opening their doors and designing T Level Industry Placements that support students to develop their skills, and provide crucial opportunities to apply their learning in a real workplace. Join this webinar to hear about Industry Placements from Suzanne Chambers of the T Level Delivery Division at the Department for Education.

Get Career Confident has brought together a range of virtual work experience opportunities available to young people. They do not run virtual work experience placements, they research and list established organisations offering placements.

Rapid Read: Apprenticeship levels explained.

With apprenticeship levels ranging from level 2 (foundation and intermediate) through to level 7 (master's level) and lots of recent changes, this updated Rapid Read will help you understand the different levels and which might be right for you.



Career of the Week



Forensic Linguist

A forensic linguist is a language expert who applies linguistic knowledge to legal contexts, acting as a detective to analyse written or spoken evidence. They investigate cases by examining idiolect (unique writing style), authorship of threats or notes, and contractual language, working with law enforcement and legal teams to uncover the truth.

Labour Market Fact

As employers 'top up' the salary of an apprentice beyond National Minimum Wage, the average apprentice salary in the United Kingdom is £27,721 per year or £14.22 per hour. This varies across different apprenticeships and regions.

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Access the [brand new ERIC Library](#) from Monday 9th Feb 2026. "A library of bite-sized creative careers talks designed for school, college or university students. Each talk is 10-15 minutes long, made for young people aged 14-21. The library will be available all year round, with new talks added regularly."

Did you know that [Not Going To Uni have a podcast](#)? It is hosted by a current apprentice, Ethan. On the podcast, he interviews other apprentices who give you advice and valuable tips. The aim of the podcast is to help you kickstart your career with confidence.

Heard of an apprenticeship but not sure what it's all about? The [UCAS Parent and guardian guide to apprenticeships](#) shares what you need to know and practical tips for supporting someone who might be thinking about an apprenticeship.

This [apprenticeship glossary](#) will help you to understand any words that you haven't come across before. There are also a lot of myths about apprenticeships. This [myth buster](#) will support you to realise the facts from the fiction!

Employer Spotlight



"Start your career with impact and purpose. At Nationwide, you will build a meaningful career and help shape banking to be fairer, more rewarding, and for the good of society. With structured development, hands-on experience, and support at every step, you will gain the confidence to start a rewarding career in banking."

You can [read more about careers at Nationwide here](#).

World Spotlight



Country: Ireland

Key Links: [Study in Ireland](#)

Key Information:

- If you decide to stay after graduation, you'll have plenty of opportunities, as Ireland is home to an impressive number of international companies. Organisations such as Google, Dell, Apple, Facebook, Twitter, GSK, and Pfizer all have headquarters in the country.
- Six institutions feature in the world's top 500 according to [QS World University Rankings 2025](#). Trinity College Dublin is the highest entry, at number 87.
- Irish universities offer a variety of undergraduate programmes which can be taken on a full- or part-time basis. Full-time courses typically last for three years.
- Entry requirements differ among institutions and courses, so it's important to check with your chosen university before applying.

Uni Spotlight



"Students fall in love with Bristol - a city small enough to remain friendly, but large enough to offer lots of interest and excitement. With our central location, outstanding facilities and active Students' Union, you can enjoy the best of student life. We're ranked 51st in the World and 8th in the UK."

You can [read more about the University of Bristol here](#).

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HOUSE COMPETITION



AKS HAS GOT TALENT

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO PERFORM?

ARE YOU IN YEAR 7,8 OR 9?

Speak to your Head of House to enter.

House Perform- Thursday 12th March

OAKS Hall

1.30pm-2.15pm

All welcome to watch

