



DERBY MOOR
SPENCER ACADEMY

The Derby Moor **DISPATCH**



Work experience opportunities, university events, open days, apprenticeships, and more. Speak to your Tutor or any of the Sixth Form staff.

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Food Technical Degree Apprenticeship

What you'll need

A passion for food, a willingness to learn and the confidence to work with different teams across our business. You'll also need 112 UCAS points and GCSE Grade 4 in Maths and English.

Scan the QR code to find out more



What you'll do

Help ensure our products meet the highest standards, learn from industry experts and gain experience across our Food Technology function.

What you'll gain

Gain a fully funded degree in Food Technology Management, develop specialist skills and build the foundations for a rewarding career in food manufacturing.



Manufacturing for
 **Morrisons**

Manufacturing Degree Apprenticeship

What you'll need

A can-do attitude, strong teamwork skills and the determination to learn in a fast-moving environment. You'll also need 112 UCAS points and GCSE Grade 4 in Maths and English.

What you'll do

Experience life at one of the UK's largest food manufacturers, lead projects and learn how our products are made from start to finish.

What you'll gain

Gain a degree in just 3 years while developing leadership skills that could prepare you for a future management role.

Scan the QR code
to find out more



Manufacturing for
 **Morrisons**

**+BOWMER
KIRKLAND**

**CONSTRUCTION
DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS**

**LAUNCH
EVENT**

SAVE THE DATE



**WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2026 5:30PM – 7PM
DERBY MUSEUM OF MAKING**

**Join us to discover everything you need to know about our
Construction Degree Apprenticeship Scheme**

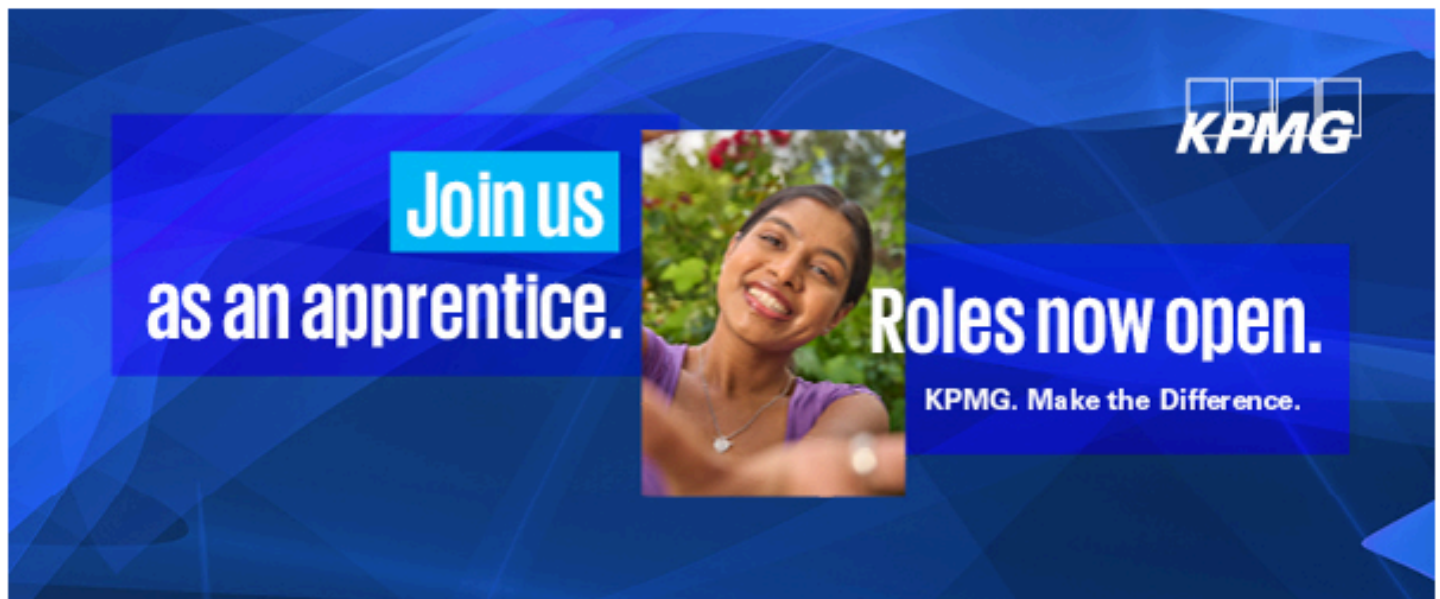
REGISTER HERE

- Find out about the roles available and how to apply
- Meet current and previous apprentices
- Hear short presentations from our leadership team
- Q&A session and opportunities to find out more



We build careers

bandk.co.uk



Join KPMG's Class of 2027 – applications are now open!

We're thrilled to announce that applications for our 2027 apprenticeship programmes in **Audit, Tax** and **Corporate Services** are officially open. We're so excited to welcome the next generation of talent and can't wait to see how you'll make the difference at KPMG.

Apply now to join us in Audit, Tax or Corporate Services

Roles will fill quickly, so apply early to secure your 2027 position. Whichever programme you choose to join, you'll benefit from

- **Exceptional learning and development:** you'll have a structured training programme, dedicated study time to work towards a professional qualification or degree, mentoring opportunities and a range of professional development resources.
- **A supportive and collaborative culture:** You'll be surrounded by colleagues who are passionate about their work and want to help you succeed.
- **The opportunity to make the difference:** At KPMG you'll work on projects that make a real difference to our clients and communities. You'll be helping businesses to operate more sustainably and make a positive contribution.
- **A competitive salary of £25,500 – £28,000** depending on your office location

[Search and apply now!](#)



FULLY FUNDED APPRENTICESHIPS WITH DALCOUR MACLAREN

Dalcour Maclaren's Rural Chartered Surveyor Apprenticeship is open for applications. Students can apply directly using the school links on the poster.

**DALCOUR
MACLAREN**

MORE THAN A JOB. A CAREER WITH PURPOSE.

Role in the spotlight
Apprentice Surveyor

[Apply now](#)

Apply now for our **fully funded apprenticeship**.
Gain experience and a qualification to start your career as a Rural Chartered Surveyor.

LAND & PROPERTY APPRENTICESHIPS NOW OPEN

Tell me about the role

- Get involved in major projects that need land and property.
- Work with landowners, farmers and other clients.
- Help negotiate compensation when land is needed for projects.
- Learn how land is valued and managed, while building your career as a Surveyor.

Could this be for me?

- Are you passionate about delivering a sustainable future?
- Do you enjoy working with others?
- Are you a keen learner, like challenges and have great attention to detail?

Entry requirements

- 5 GCSE incl. English & Maths (4/C+) or equivalent
- Have a full UK driving licence and your own transport

Benefits include

- **Great salary**
- Paid study leave
- Birthday off work
- **Staff discounts**
- Health & wellbeing support
- **Regular socials**

[Find out more](#)

Need help applying? Here's what to expect

[Find out more](#)

Step 1. Apply

Follow the links above to apply. Remember to research who we are and what we do!

Step 2: Informal chat

An informal 10–15-minute chat to get to know each other and answer any questions.

Step 3: Assessment day

Join an assessment day with practical tasks and team activities in one of our offices.

Step 4: Receive feedback

Whatever the outcome, we'll call you with constructive feedback.



APPRENTICESHIPS & CAREERS

COMBAT MEDICAL TECHNICIAN 	APPRENTICESHIP GAINED
 Can you stay calm under pressure and help save lives? As a Combat Medical Technician, you'll provide emergency care, support injured soldiers and help get them to safety. We'll provide the training and support you need to succeed. 	Start a Level 3 Healthcare Support apprenticeship, lasting up to 24 months and offering pay over £27,200 (around £523 a week before tax), giving you practical skills, real experience and a foundation for your future.

	Army Apprenticeships Earn While You Learn Army Jobs Earn while you learn with British Army apprenticeships. Get nationally recognised qualifications, develop practical skill... army.mod.uk
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The Higher and Degree Vacancy Listing

The Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listing showcases hundreds of vacancies from a diverse mix of employers starting in 2024. The variety of vacancies listed range from Engineer to Police Constable – there's something for everyone.

For the full range of live vacancies, please visit the government website, Find an apprenticeship <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Are you thinking of applying for an apprenticeship?

If you are thinking about applying for an apprenticeship but don't know what to expect, you can take a short course to see if it's the right pathway for you. Click on the link below for more information.

Apprenticeships Unlocked Trailer | Springpod & Skills for Life

Apprenticeships – Meet the Employer

The NEW Meet the Employer platform has just launched! Explore the skills employers look for in their apprentices and learn about application processes, help and support

available and apprentice experiences. Some of the employers included below have profiles, which you can view by clicking on their logo. To view all of the latest new profiles, please [click here](#).

Amazing Apprenticeships application guide

If you are interested in applying for an apprenticeship, this useful guide will help you to prepare for the application process and be ready to show you are the right person for the role you want. This guide explores key information to include in your application forms, CV's, cover letters, assessments, interviews and much more! To download this guide please [click here](#).

SEVERN TRENT



Thinking about your next step?

Explore our upcoming Early Careers Opportunities at Severn Trent!

We offer the following programmes across a variety of business areas:

- Apprenticeships
- Graduate and Year in Industry programmes
- Work Experience
- Summer Placements

**Check out our Early Careers Page
& Register Your Interest:**





2027 TRAINEE VACANCIES ARE OFFICIALLY LIVE! 🎉

djh have plenty of Accountancy opportunities across the Group (22 locations & counting!) for upcoming Graduates & College-leavers next year.

Our aim is to recruit and have offers sent out to successful students by around March/April 2027 so they can get through exam season without the worry of looking to secure an opportunity after finishing their courses.

Our applications will officially close on the 4th January, so please could you encourage your students to apply through the link 👉 [here](#) as we'd hate for them to miss out!

Of course - if they have any questions about our recruitment process, they are more than welcome to email earlycareers@djh.co.uk and our Talent Co-ordinator will be able to help.



RETAIL DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP WITH MORRISONS.

Morrisons provide over 9 million customers every week with good quality fresh food and a great shopping experience they won't find anywhere else. On their 3-year Retail Degree Apprenticeship, you'll work towards a degree while preparing for a brilliant management career within their unique food retail business. Please click below for more details - **closing date Tuesday 1st December 2026**

[RETAIL DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP – FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP – GOV.UK](#)



Level 6 Civil Engineering Apprenticeship- Start date September 2027 DE1 3EE, St Helens House, Derby

Competitive salary, 37.5hrs including study time, plus Pension, Parking, Profit Share, Private Healthcare, Professional Subs and Cycle to Work Scheme.

GCA are looking for the following criteria to be considered for the role:

- Self-motivated and interested in a position with responsibility
- Academically able, having achieved GCSE Maths B, English C or predicted
- Confident and a desire to excel in a client facing role, liaising with contractors and architects
- Able to work as part of a team and individually, to a high standard
- Able to communicate clearly with excellent written and verbal English

THE ROLE

The apprentice shall be responsible for developing drawn information (in Revit, CAD, 3D Civils drawing packages) with the assistance of engineers in the office. They will be responsible for managing the flow and record keeping of design information – including maintaining an up to date record of GCA drawn information and incoming third party information through emails and GCA's document management procedures. Over the course of the apprenticeship the apprentice will be introduced to engineering design concepts in line with the learning undertaken at university and will apply this learning to real world projects.



The apprentice will have the opportunity to develop strong communication skills, but will be comfortable with communicating by phone and by E-mail from the start of their probation; they will be expected to liaise with clients, contractors and members of the wider design team throughout the process of delivering projects.

THE GCA TEAM

GCA is a well-established practice with offices across the Midlands, operating since 1975. We have been providing high quality detailed technical design on projects UK wide. Our client base includes other professionals, such as architects, developers, fabricators and provide building owners. We specialise in Engineering Consultancy which demands solutions to complex and problematical Schemes for a wide array of projects. We have designed tree houses, badger sets, eco houses, river alterations and remodeled museums which gives some idea of our design versatility. We are proud of the support provided to all our staff including HR, mentoring, individual personal development plans and excellent working environment.



REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

We value and promote a positive work-life balance and encourage every member of our team to get involved with community and company events. Providing a balanced, enjoyable career is important to us and we work hard to make sure everyone feels a valued part of our organisation.

- Attractive salary dependent upon experience
- 25 days holiday (Includes Christmas closure) plus statutory Bank Holiday
- Annual profit share, dependent on profits, but averages at 2.5% of salary
- Annual salary reviews
 - AXA private healthcare
 - Stakeholder pension
 - Professional subscriptions
 - Professional exam fees
 - Engineering training courses
- CPDs, workshops and mentoring
- Regular social and family events
 - Free on-site parking
 - Cycle to work scheme
- Flexible, friendly and supportive work environment

To apply please send your covering letter and CV to recruitment@gca-consulting.com

Virtual Insight into University



Insight into University is a virtual experience that helps students explore STEM degrees, apprenticeships, and related careers. It offers access to university life, STEM projects from top UK universities and global companies, first-year lectures, and live sessions with academics, admissions tutors, apprentices, employers, and current students.



Course topics

- Hear from STEM professionals at top UK companies, from early-career apprentices to senior leaders and recruiters, about their journeys, inspirations, and projects.
- Join live Q&A sessions with STEM professionals, admissions officers, students, and professors in a supportive environment.
- Get expert advice on university applications, interviews, admissions tests, student finance, and support services.
- Take part in hands-on STEM activities like bridge building, making ice cream at the chemical level, and flight experiments.

"I absolutely loved the course. It has helped me discover my true passion, and love which I hope to pursue in the future."

100%

of students increased their awareness of STEM opportunities available to them

92%

of students felt the skills and knowledge gained from the course would have a positive impact on their future studies or career.

Course requirements and registering your interest

This course is open to all students aged 16+ who have a genuine interest in STEM subjects and is suitable for all abilities. To apply, please visit our website [here](https://www.etrust.org.uk).





Join us for the KPMG Celebrating Black Heritage Virtual Event on Wednesday 21 October 2026, from 16:30 to 17:30.

Celebrate Black History Month with us as we explore the importance of heritage, belonging and success. Hear from KPMG colleagues, members of our African Caribbean Network, and current graduates and apprentices as they share their perspectives on belonging, allyship and building impactful careers through the strength of community.

Technology professional and career consultant, Thandi Rose will join our panel Q&A, where you will also gain insight into KPMG's inclusive culture and the networks that support our people to thrive.

School and College Students register [here](#)

inspiring the future

Wed 11 November 2026, 11-12pm

Creative Craft Careers: Making the Future Better for People

Discover how creativity, excellence in crafts and making can improve lives and strengthen communities. Students could meet makers working in ceramics, weaving, musical instrument making, bookbinding or community arts, and explore how their work supports wellbeing, self-expression, connection and the preservation of stories and culture.

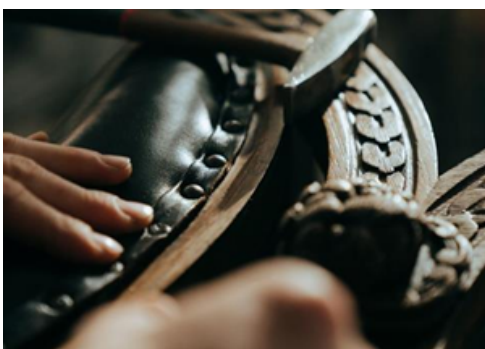
[Register to Attend: Making the Future Better for People](#)

Thu 21 January 2027, 11-12pm

Sustainable Craft Careers: Making the Future Better for the Planet

How can the things we make contribute to a more sustainable future? Meet professionals from areas such as furniture restoration, sustainable fashion, basket making, upholstery, conservation, and discover how repair, reuse, restoration and responsible material choices can reduce waste and give objects a longer life.

[Register to Attend: Making the Future Better for the Planet](#)



inspiring the future

Tue 16 March 2027, 11-12pm

Creative Craft Careers: Making the Future Better through Skills

Discover the specialist skills behind careers that continue to shape the world around us. From stonemasonry and blacksmithing to glassmaking, jewellery, woodcarving and textiles, students will explore how traditional skills bring together creativity, precision and technical expertise, and why they still matter today.

[Register to Attend: Making the Future Better through Skills](#)

Wed 19 May 2027, 11-12pm

Innovative Craft Careers: Making the Future Better through Innovation

What happens when centuries-old skills meet new technology? Students could meet jewellery designers using CAD, furniture makers working with CNC technology, digital textile makers, ceramicists or product designers, and discover how makers are combining hands-on skills with new technologies, materials and processes to rethink how things are designed and made.

[Register to Attend: Making the Future Better through Innovation](#)





FOR STUDENTS CONSIDERING HIGHER EDUCATION, ACCESS TO THE RIGHT SUPPORT CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE. THAT'S WHY THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK IS OFFERING TWO EXCITING PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE EXPLORE UNIVERSITY LIFE, INCREASE CONFIDENCE AND MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE

Build a university journey that's uniquely theirs

Applications are open! Next Step York is a tailored two-year programme that helps students explore higher education, experience university life and make informed choices about their future.

Students can:

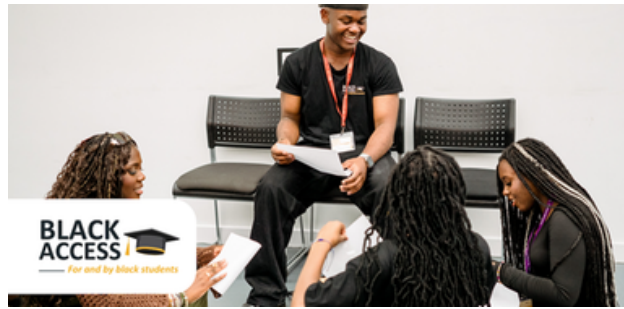
- Explore university life first-hand
- Build study skills and confidence
- Learn about student wellbeing and finances
- Connect with current York students
- Attend an Academic Conference and Summer Residential
- Unlock potential alternative offers and transition support

From exploring campus and meeting new people to building confidence in their next steps, students consistently tell us how valuable the experience has been:

"Next Step York helped bring me out of my shell and understand a lot of the misconceptions about uni."

- Next Step York participant

[Please click here for further details](#)



A supportive community for Black-heritage students

Black Access is a student-led initiative designed to support Black heritage sixth form and college students as they explore higher education. Co-created with current Black students at York, the programme provides a welcoming community where participants can hear authentic experiences, ask questions and gain support from people who have been in their shoes.

By signing up, students will benefit from:

- Honest insights into studying, living and succeeding at university from current Black students at York
 - Mentorship and tailored support throughout sixth form or college
 - A community of students of Black heritage from across the UK
 - Increased confidence when making decisions about higher education
- Potential access to alternative offers and other admissions benefits, subject to eligibility criteria

The sense of community and belonging created through Black Access is something students consistently value:

"I feel more excited about attending York because previously I was afraid of what my experience would be like as a Black student, but it's reassuring to know that there is a lot of support available, especially from other Black students."

- Black Access participant

[Please click here for more details](#)



Real Estate Insight Days 2026:

Manchester – 17th November

Leeds – 18th November

London – 24th November

These are fully funded one day events for Year 12 and 13 students who have an interest in the property sector and would like to learn more about the Industry.

The day will be attended by both industry volunteers and current Real Estate students. Students travel costs will be covered and a busy day of activities will follow including:

- Going on a site visit
- Working on a small project
- Attending a Q&A session

APPLY NOW



Applications are now open for our Springboard programme at The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) – a free, 10-month programme that helps Year 12 students from outside London and South East England explore higher education, develop their academic interests and prepare competitive university applications.

Through a combination of campus visits, an online academic programme, and personalised application support and expert guidance, Springboard provides students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to make informed decisions about their future.

By taking part in LSE Springboard, your students will:

- Explore university life first-hand through three immersive visits to LSE, including a final graduation at the end of the programme with fellow participants.
- Receive tailored application support, including personal statement feedback and opportunities to strengthen university applications.
- Broaden their academic horizons through a specially designed online course led by LSE PhD tutors in partnership with The Brilliant Club.
- Build their knowledge and confidence through webinars covering university choices, student finance, budgeting and wellbeing.

“After the personal statement workshop during the second campus visit, I feel much more prepared for my university applications because the admissions team clearly explained what they look for in a strong application.”

- 2026 Springboard Participant.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT SPRINGBOARD](#)



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

BELONG AT BIRMINGHAM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Belong at Birmingham is part of our Pathways to Birmingham programmes and is designed to support students from backgrounds currently under-represented within higher education in learning more about university-level study and accessing degree programmes at the University of Birmingham.

Students who are accepted onto Belong at Birmingham will be invited to attend online events during autumn and spring term of Year 13 where they will hear from experts on a range of topics related to higher education and be supported in their transition to university. There will also be funded opportunities to visit the University of Birmingham campus and meet our staff and students in person.

Benefits of taking part include:

An alternative offer at least two grades below our standard offer for that programme

Eligibility for financial support

On-course support throughout their time at Birmingham, including access to peer mentors, additional academic guidance and bespoke careers support

[Learn more about our eligibility criteria](#)



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE SOLICITOR DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY?

Causeway Education are working with Wedlake Bell (independent London law firm) for the third year running to host a free insight programme to support students who are interested in this pathway.

Wedlake Bell hire two solicitor apprentices each year and this programme can provide specific support for their application but also support more generally for other solicitor apprentice applications. Solicitor degree apprenticeships are highly competitive, so engaging in this programme is an excellent way to get free guidance and support to help students succeed.

 Online webinar: Thursday 3rd December, 4.15-6pm on Zoom = The application masterclass will provide step by step support for the solicitor degree apprenticeship application, which can be used generally for application but with specific Wedlake Bell examples and support, ahead of their deadline. This webinar is interactive with break-out rooms and Q+A opportunities. Students across the UK can apply for this opportunity.

Both opportunities involve the chance to meet and chat with the Early Careers team at Wedlake Bell, as well as their current solicitor apprentices who have gone through the application process successfully.

Deadline for the online webinar: Monday 1st December, 5pm.



PROGRESSION PROGRAMMES

We're excited to announce that applications for our progression programmes are now open. We have 3 different programmes: AccessLeicester, Pathways to Banking and Finance and Pathways to Medicine (run in collaboration with The Sutton Trust). Students are more than welcome to apply to multiple programmes, however they will be only selected for one. Please ensure students meet the eligibility criteria before they apply. Information on each of the programmes and how to apply can be found [here](#). We're looking forward to hosting students from your schools once again and hope successful students enjoy their time as part of the programme.

Benefits of the programmes are:

1. A reduced offer to study at the University of Leicester
2. A guaranteed interview for students interested in studying Medicine.
3. A £1000 bursary for students who decide to study at University of Leicester, for each year of study.



JUNIOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE

JEM is a University of Leicester programme enabling local Year 12 students to find out more about careers in Emergency Medicine. Working with healthcare professionals and current medical students, you will gain first-hand experience of treating a seriously ill patient. This event is aimed at anyone with an interest in a future in the healthcare system. Please view the website for more information and to apply.

Medicine Outreach

Leicester Medical School offers a range of exciting outreach opportunities for students in Years 7-13 to enable them to find out more about the varied and rewarding career as a doctor, as well as what it is like to study medicine at university.

All of the events and programmes are completely free for students to take part in. To see the upcoming events and to sign up, please visit this page.

Post-16 University Experience Days

I am pleased to announce that we have released the dates for this year's University Experience Days, including:

Wednesday 4 November 2026 – AWSAM (Ancient World & Classics)

Friday 6 November 2026- Student Life Experience Days

Monday 14 December 2026 - STEM in action

Wednesday 16th December 2026- Student Life Experience Days

These are a fantastic opportunity for Year 12 students to visit the University of Leicester and explore what studying at university is really like! At each event, there will be opportunities to tour our campus, speak to current students and get involved with hands-on, interactive activities. And as a thank you for your work with us you will be able to access a travel bursary to help with transport on the day.



YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR A FREE WEBINAR TO FIND OUT ALL ABOUT THE SUTTON TRUST EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMMES, TAKING PLACE AT 4PM ON 16 SEPTEMBER. CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW TO REGISTER. [REGISTER NOW](#)

What are the programmes about?

Pathways to the Professions

Pathways to the Professions provides students with 18-month long insights into careers in either Engineering, Banking and Finance, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine or Law. Featuring work experience with sector leaders, opportunities to meet current undergraduates, employers and industry professionals, the chance to take part in a university residential (where applicable) and much more, this programme is the perfect first deep dive into a sector a young person might want to make their career.

Access Apprenticeships

Access Apprenticeships helps students with an interest in degree apprenticeships work out if an apprenticeship is right for them, and how to make it happen. Featuring work experience with leading employers, networking opportunities with current apprentices and industry experts, visits to organisations who run apprenticeship programmes and more, this programme is packed with opportunity. Students can choose between Banking and Finance (London based), Engineering (Manchester based), and Law (London and Manchester based). Please also note that students interested in apprenticeships who live outside of Manchester and London can still find benefit in the career insights provided by the Pathways to the Professions programmes.

[Find out more about Pathways to the Professions](#)
[Find out more about Access Apprenticeships](#)





SCAN ME



Young Advocates

If you are aged 16-19 and are interested in creative projects, learning new skills and gaining experience in the cultural sector, join us at QUAD to meet other like minded young people who would like to advocate youth

For ages 16 - 19

**3rd Thursday
of the month
starting
17/09/26**

4.30 - 6.30

Attendance is FREE

**Free Trent Barton bus travel
to meetings available on request**

email education@derbyquad.co.uk to book your space

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THE BRILLIANT CLUB - UNIPREP, OUR UNIVERSITY TRANSITION PROGRAMME.

Upcoming UniPrep Webinars

As previously stated, UniPrep, (Password: UniPrep26), is ready for your students immediately. On sign-up, students get access to live webinars on Personal Statements, Student Finance, Study Skills, Well-being at Uni, Results Day Prep and much more! During the webinar, your students can get their questions answered by experts and other university students. In addition, they get access to our website, which has recordings of previous webinars. Our next webinars are:

- Supporting Your Child's University Application – Tuesday 17th Nov 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- Managing Finances - Tuesday 9th Feb 4:30pm - 5:30pm

This year, we also have a series of webinars for parents and carers, designed to build their understanding of the higher education application process and the transition to university. These sessions will equip them with the knowledge and confidence to support their child with the transition to Higher Education. If you work with parents or carers who may benefit from these webinars, we would be grateful if you could share the information using the links below.

Next Steps

Action: Students:

Share the sign up form directly

Use this suggested email template: : the email offers further information about the programme and how to sign-up

Action: Parents/Carers

Please share this this direct link to your parent/carer community to give them access to upcoming webinars and zoom links



University of
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Pathways to Veterinary Medicine





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Pathways to Veterinary Medicine

Pathways to Veterinary Medicine is a programme delivered at the University of Nottingham in partnership with the Sutton Trust.

This free programme is aimed at students who are interested in studying a veterinary medicine or animal and bio-veterinary science degree and following a career in the veterinary profession.

Running over a two-year period, the programme provides ongoing support and guidance through:

- veterinary and animal and bio-veterinary science-related tasters, lectures and masterclasses
- opportunities to speak to current undergraduate Veterinary Medicine Student Ambassadors
- advice and guidance sessions on UCAS, interviews, careers and employability
- a residential summer school
- work experience support

All sessions will take place online or at the University of Nottingham.

Pathways to Veterinary Medicine is an excellent opportunity to enhance your university application.

Email: Pathways-VMAS@nottingham.ac.uk

Who should apply?

All applicants must:

- be starting year 12 in September 2026
- attend, and have always attended, a state-funded, non-fee paying school/college
- studying three or more A levels, including biology and chemistry
- have achieved at least five GCSEs at grades 9 – 6 (A*–B), including English and Maths. A minimum of two of these qualifications should be at grades 9 – 7.

There are additional eligibility criteria which can be viewed on the Sutton Trust website shown in the 'How to apply' box below.

How to apply

Applications for Pathways to Veterinary Medicine are now open and close on 2nd November 2026.



www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-veterinary-medicine/

ARE YOU AN ASPIRING APPRENTICE?!

One of the hardest parts of landing yourself an apprenticeship is that there is so much competition! So how do you stand out in an oversaturated market?

The Future Apprentice of the Year Awards celebrate ambitious young people who are ready to earn while they learn - recognising the skills, curiosity, creativity and potential that could make you stand out from the crowd as a prospective apprentice. This year, there are six award categories to choose from with an impressive line-up of partners including: Sage , EY, Tesco , Rolls-Royce , Howden and BAE Systems.

However, this is so much more than the kudos, prestige, or an award title for your CV. By getting involved, you will;

- ✨ Build valuable experience with real application and assessment processes
- 🤝 Connect with some of the UK's leading apprenticeship employers
- 💡 Discover your strengths and develop skills for your future career
- 🏆 Compete for incredible opportunities including work experience, 1:1 mentoring, insight days and even the potential for an apprenticeship offer with some partners

If you want to find out a bit more first before committing, register for the 'Meet the Apprentices' webinar (quick sign-up, no application required);

- Learn more about the awards and hear from our Partners' Apprentices
 - Sign up to the webinar [here](#)
 - Date: 21st October, Time: 5.30 pm (approx 1 hr)

Explore the different categories on the website, find the award that best matches your skills and ambitions, and when you are ready to turn your potential into something BIG 🙌 [Apply Here](#)



Careers in the Rail Industry

Over the next five years there will be tens of thousands of new jobs in the railway, including many apprenticeships. This heralds a life-changing opportunity, for people of all backgrounds, to consider a rewarding role in an industry that's going places.

Railway 200 invites people, interested in science, technology, engineering and maths, to think about a career in rail and become the pioneers of tomorrow. A wide range of exciting, and sometimes surprising, roles are available such as architect, ecologist, drone pilot and data controller.

If you're interested in a role in rail, visit [Routes into Rail](#).



Unifrog – Future Talent Programme

Since we launched Talent pool, our newest tool, in December, 2,100 students have already signed up to receive tailored courses and apprenticeship opportunities from a diverse range of universities and employers.

For students who need some extra support to identify, develop, and evidence their skills, we've created the Future Talent Programme to help them stand out from the crowd! With a mix of live webinars and independent study, they'll gain confidence and the know-how to be able to assess their own skills and create an action plan.

This programme is predominantly aimed at Y12 students from disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds, but students from all backgrounds are welcome to take part:

[Get students to sign up here](#)





MUSEUM OF MAKING – SATURDAY ART CLUB VOLUNTEER STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Derby Museum's, Museum of Making will be launching its fourth Craft and Making Saturday Art Club, as part of the National Saturday Art Club in November 2026 and we need student volunteers!

The club is aimed at 13–16-year-olds with an interest in craft and making. The sessions aim to develop creative and communication/social skills. This will be achieved during the programme by introducing different craft practices linked to traditional and contemporary materials. Activities will include introductions to new techniques and skills such as blacksmithing, Jewellery making, clay and much more!

This year's programme will run between the 7th of November 2025 until the 20th of March, excluding the following dates -

19th Dec
26th Dec
2nd Jan
13th Feb
20th Feb

The club will create a piece of work for a National Saturday Club Final Show, an exhibition in Somerset House. In July, we will be attending the private show and a graduation ceremony to celebrate the participants at the end of the programme. By taking part as a Student Assistant, you will be a positive role model for the students - sharing your experiences, creative interests, and current progression in education, all whilst supporting staff in the weekly activities.

We are looking for up to 6 students to support the project. As a volunteer, you need to sign up to our volunteer database, complete an Enhanced DBS check and complete an online safeguarding training module ahead of starting the role. This would be fully supported by the team. The volunteers must also have a background in Arts/Design and Craft processes and be aged 17 and over.

We are keen to have Student Assistants that feel confident supporting the participants, professional makers, and museum team in the weekly Saturday morning sessions. This opportunity, whatever your career plans, will look great on your CV and help you build transferable skills such as confidence, leaderships, communication, organisation, and teamwork.

If you are interested in supporting this group, please contact Kathryn Levy via email at kathryn2@derbymuseums.org.

University Open Days

Please see below to search all University Open Days in the coming months.

[Search the Opendays.com calendar of university and college open days - search for an open day.](#)



UNDERGRADUATE OPEN DAYS

Our Undergraduate Open Day is on Sunday 8 November - explore courses, meet academics and current students, and experience life at the University of Derby themselves.

Upcoming events at the University of Derby

Our Next Open Day:

Undergraduate Open Day

Sunday 8 November,

9:30am - 3:00pm

[Book Now](#)



Y12/Y13 CREATIVE INDUSTRIES TASTER DAYS

We are delighted to be offering two Creative Industries Taster Days this autumn for Year 12 and Year 13 students. Wednesday 4 November and Wednesday 18 November. Inspire your students to explore their creative future!

Our Creative Industries Taster Days provides Year 12 and 13 students with the opportunity to experience university study first-hand through engaging subject-specific workshops, meet academic staff, and explore our specialist creative facilities at our Markeaton Street campus.

Whether your students are interested in art, music, media, or related creative disciplines, these events offer a fantastic insight into studying at the University of Derby.

You're invited!

**Discover your route from Level 3
to degree at our Higher Education
Open Evening.**

Animal Care

Equine

Sport

Public Services

Broomfield Hall

21 October 2026

5.00pm - 7.00pm





**UNIVERSITY
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**AUTUMN
MASTERCLASS DAY
FRIDAY
23 OCTOBER**



The Autumn Masterclass Event is taking place on Friday 23 October, 10:00am – 2:30pm. This event is designed for Year 12 and 13 students to experience a range of engaging, hands-on, career-focused sessions in a supportive, industry-standard environment.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in up to three taster masterclasses across the day, selecting from the following areas:

Aesthetics
Business
Hospitality and Tourism
Computing
Engineering & Built Environment
Psychology & Criminology
Mental Health & Wellbeing
Editorial make-up
Bakery/ Culinary Arts Management/ Professional Chef
Graphic Design
Education

What's included:

Up to 3 hands-on masterclasses per student

Free lunch

Can't make it but your students can?

Where permission is given by the school, college and/or teacher, individual students are welcome to book and attend the event independently.

Teacher bookings and student bookings can be made here
[Book here](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE

I am delighted to share two exciting film work experience opportunities that could be a fantastic chance for students to explore the world of film, television and screen production.

These opportunities are ideal for students who are creative, curious, and keen to find out what happens behind the scenes—from gaming, camera work and editing to sound, design, production and the many different roles that bring screen projects to life.



OPPORTUNITY 1

DISCOVER CREATIVE CAREERS: LOVE FILM, TV OR GAMES? TURN IT INTO A CAREER!

OPPORTUNITY 2

DISCOVER CREATIVE CAREERS: BEHIND THE SCREEN: YOUR FUTURE IN FILM, TV, GAMES & ANIMATION

🌟 2027-28 Platinum EDT Placements



These placement opportunities are for school leavers (post A-level/BTEC/Higher/Advanced Higher or equivalents).

This is a free service that will allow students to complete a 10-12 month gap year PAID placement to help inform and shape their career choices whilst gaining valuable work experience and developing their skills and knowledge to boost their future employability.

EDT PLACEMENTS 2027-28 FLYER

[HTTPS://WWW.ETRUST.ORG.UK/PROGRAMMES-PLATINUM-PLACEMENTS](https://www.etrust.org.uk/programmes-platinum-placements)

FREE Webinar for students who would like to find out more about our placement programme,

Topic: EDT Placements Open Day session

When: Wednesday 4th November 2026, 4pm to 5pm

Registration link: [Click here](#)

🌟 Industrial Cadets: Digital Confidence in the Workplace course

Age Group - 18+

Students will take part in interactive activities designed to build their digital skill set and complete a project that then applies these skills to a real-world industry challenge on our learning platform at their own pace and upon completion receive a Silver Industrial Cadets award.

Cost - £50 with fully funded bursaries available for eligible students.

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/programmes---digital-skills-in-the-workplace>

WORK EXPERIENCE

We're excited to share that E.ON will soon be launching a brand-new Virtual Work Experience Programme, designed to help young people explore the world of energy and discover the careers that will shape the future.

Delivered through E.ON's New Energy Academy, this free online programme provides students with an engaging insight into the energy industry and the vital role it plays in creating a cleaner, more sustainable future. Through interactive activities, challenges and real-world examples, students will learn about the changing energy landscape and the exciting opportunities available within the sector.

What does the programme cover?
The experience is divided into four self-paced modules:

The Energy World

Explore how the energy industry is changing and why the transition to cleaner energy matters.

Life at E.ON

Discover the projects, people and work happening across E.ON to support customers and communities.

Skills for the Future

Learn about the skills employers are looking for and how they link to careers in energy.

Pathways and Opportunities

Explore routes into the industry, including apprenticeships, graduate programmes and future careers.

Students can complete the programme at a time and pace that suits them and will receive a certificate and digital badge upon successful completion.

Why are we launching this?

We know that access to traditional work experience can be a challenge for many young people. Through this virtual programme, we're removing barriers and opening up opportunities for students to gain valuable industry insight regardless of location or circumstance.

The programme is designed to inspire the next generation of talent by showcasing careers across engineering, technology, sustainability, customer operations, data, digital and professional services, while helping students understand how their skills and interests can contribute to a greener future.

Register Your Interest

We're currently compiling a list of schools and education partners interested in promoting the programme to their students. If you'd like to receive launch information, supporting resources and guidance on how your students can access the programme



[E.ON 'Powering your future' - Register your interest](#)