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# 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.

## 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.

Scan the QR code to find out more

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# 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

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## APPRENTICESHIPS & EARLY CAREERS




The newly launched Inclusion & Wellbeing Project Lead Level 4 Apprenticeship combines Thrive Licensed Practitioner training with project leadership development. You'll deepen your understanding of children's social and emotional needs and learn how to put that knowledge to work with colleagues.

### What makes this apprenticeship stand out?

- **Build the confidence to lead change**
  Develop the skills to bring colleagues on board and lead improvements in wellbeing and inclusion, whether you already lead this work or want to take on greater responsibility.
- **Become a Thrive Licensed Practitioner**
  Understand what may be behind a child's behaviour and how to support their social and emotional development. Learn to use Thrive-Online to assess needs, plan support and review progress.
- **Put your learning to work**
  Work on a real project linked to a priority in your setting. This could mean helping staff respond more consistently to children's needs or improving how wellbeing support is planned and reviewed.
- **Gain qualifications that support your professional development**
  Achieve Thrive Licensed Practitioner status and the Associate Project Manager Level 4 qualification, recognising your specialist knowledge alongside practical skills you can use throughout your career.



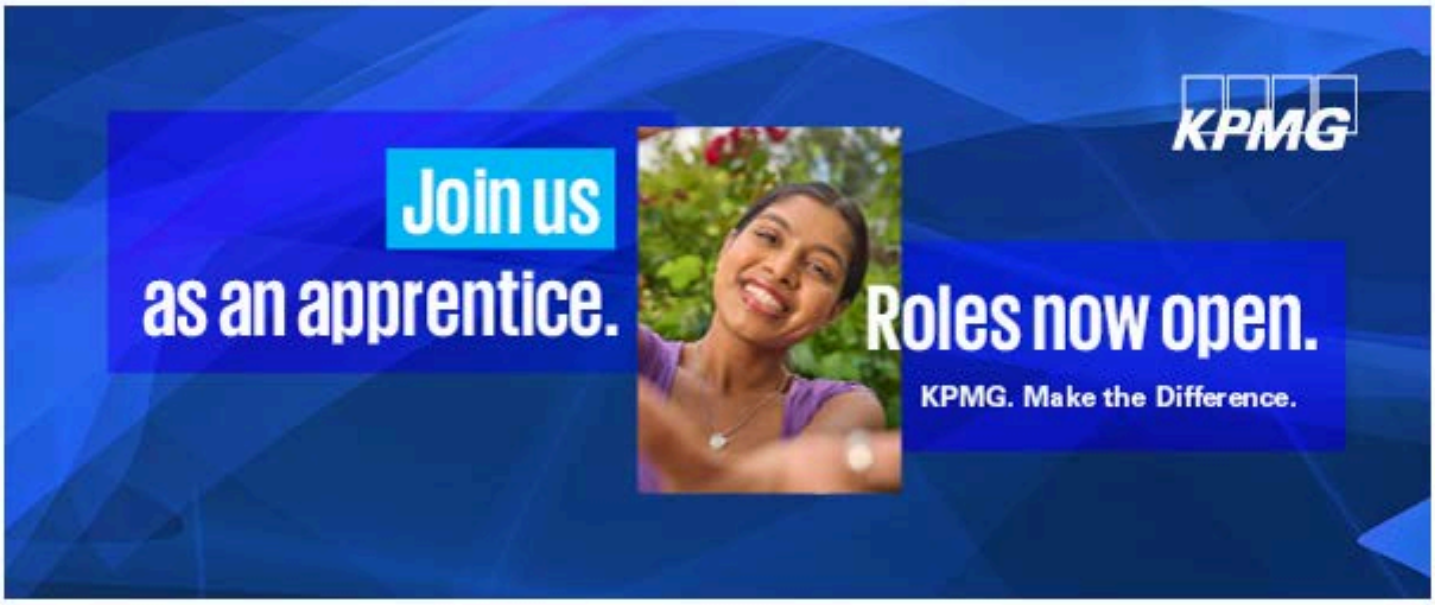

**Key information:**

- Valued at **£7,000** funded through the **Growth & Skills Levy**
- 15-month training, starting **January 2027**
- **Dual qualification:** Associate Project Manager Level 4 & Thrive Licensed Practitioner
- Work-based training delivered through live virtual sessions and tutoring

**Applications to join the first cohort close 16th December.**

Explore the Inclusion & Wellbeing apprenticeship


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DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS
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EVENT
SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2026 5:30PM – 7PM
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Join us to discover everything you need to know about our Construction Degree Apprenticeship Scheme
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
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**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**

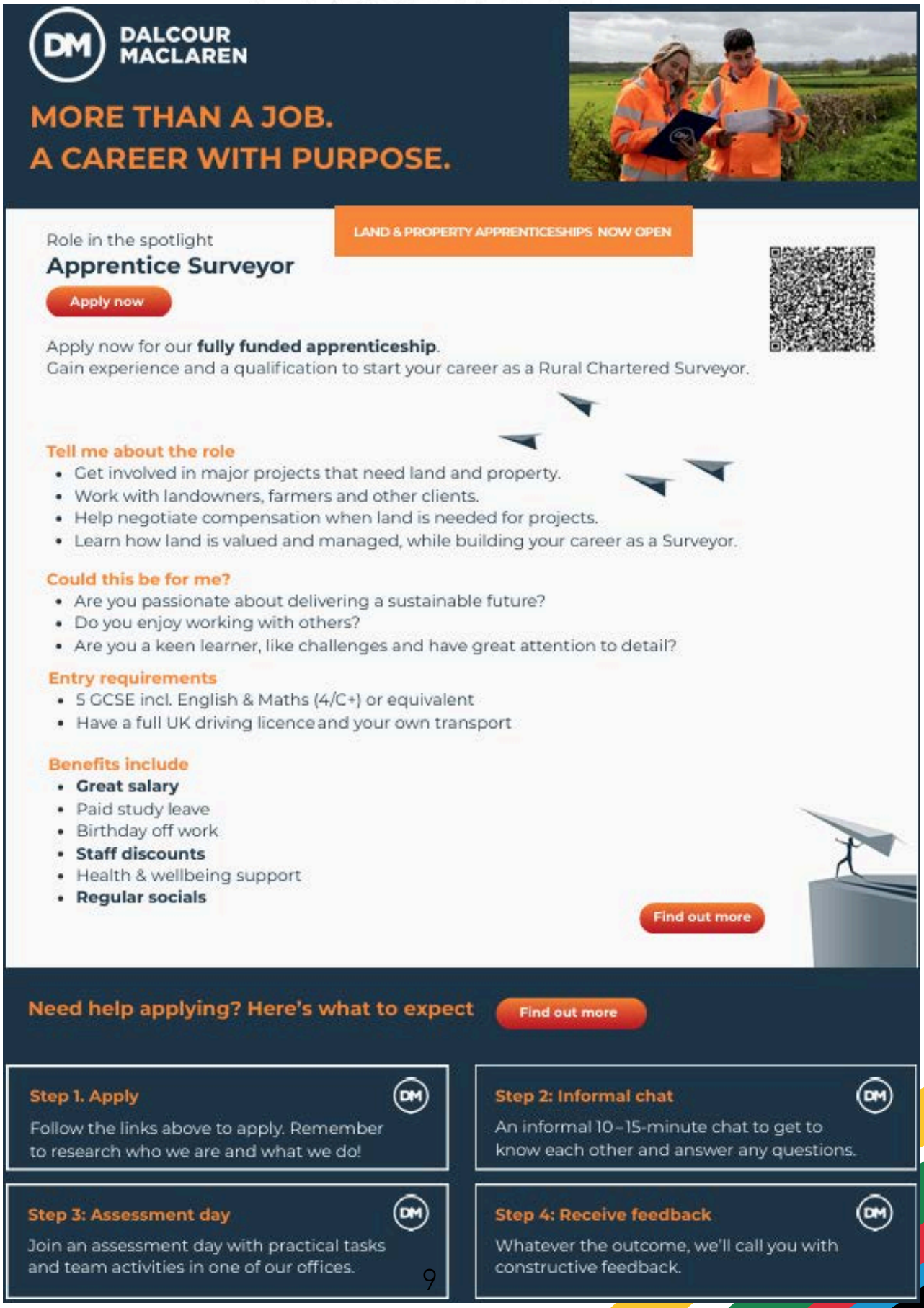
Roles will fill quickly, so apply early to secure your 2027 position. Whichever programme you choose to join, you'll benefit from

- **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.



BBC apprenticeships starting in September 2027 are now open, and most roles close on Tuesday 24 November 2026. Please help us share this with your eligible students before the deadline.

**Who it suits.**

Students who will be 18 or over by September 2027, so mainly Year 13, final-year college and gap-year students. Applicants must also have lived in the UK continuously for the three years before the start date, have the right to work in the UK full time for the whole apprenticeship, and generally not already hold a qualification at the same or a higher level in the same subject.

**What's on offer.**

• Roles across Business, Digital Technology and Data, Engineering and Operations, Journalism, and Production.

• Apprenticeships from Level 2 to Level 6, from school-leaver roles up to degree level.

• A salary of £24,650 to £26,000, plus an extra living allowance for roles in London or the Channel Islands.

• No tuition fees.

• No CV or cover letter. Students complete an application form and, for most roles, an online assessment.

Students Apply Here

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## APPRENTICESHIPS & CAREERS




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Earn while you learn with British Army apprenticeships. Get nationally recognised qualifications, develop practical skill…

army.mod.uk

## 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:



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*Start a career that takes you places*

## In the spotlight: Apprentice Train Driver

***You can now become a train driver at 18!***

### Looking for a career where you can make a difference every day?

As an Apprentice Train Driver, you'll play a vital role in keeping people moving safely and reliably. **No previous train driving experience is required**. We'll provide the training, support and skills you need to become a fully qualified Train Driver.

**Salary: £33,863** (£44,865 after training)

### We're looking for people who will:

- Put safety first and take responsibility for themselves and others
- Are positive, reliable and ready to learn
- Enjoy working with and supporting others
- Care about delivering a great service
- Can commit to our 35–39-week training programme

### What's in it for you?

- A fully funded apprenticeship
- Job security & progression
- **Great salary (train drivers can earn £65k)**
- 30 days holiday (increasing annually)
- Free travel on Arriva Rail services
- 75% off other UK rail companies
- Discounted European rail travel (Year 2)
- Access to discounts through 'Arriva's Village'.



### What is the application process?

1. Apply online by the deadline
2. Application review - we'll contact you within 2–3 weeks
3. Online assessment if successful
4. Selection - complete psychometric testing, a Values Alignment meeting and a safety-critical medical assessment
5. Talent pool & offer if successful

**Find out more**


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Start a career that takes you places
Find your route with us
Whether you're leaving school, starting an apprenticeship or joining as a graduate, we'll help you find your route to success.
Early careers at CrossCountry
School Leaver Opportunity
You can join us straight from school in a number of catering and customer service roles such as First Class Host or Retail Service Manager. Full training will be given.
Apprenticeship >
We offer apprenticeships in many functions and grades. From new colleagues who join our business as a Train Manager or Driver, right through to our senior leaders.
Graduate Scheme >
The Transport Management Graduate Scheme lasts two years and includes rotations across a range of placements. You'll work with a variety of people, build your network and develop the skills to kick-start your career.
Not ready yet?
Try our Virtual Work Experience: Going Places.
Try it now

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**

Consulting Structural and Civil Engineers
Derby - Leicester - Warwick

**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.

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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**

**G**CA 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.

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## 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

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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.



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

## 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.

**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.

EDT Industrial Cadets

www.etrust.org.uk


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EMPLOYER PRESENATION
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# Residential Insight into University

Industrial Cadets | Powered by EDT Pathways to Industry

## FOR YEAR 12/S5-6

**Insight into University is a summer residential where students explore STEM subjects and discover related career paths.**

## What is involved?

- **4–5 day summer schools** offering a taste of university life and a focus on a specific STEM subject
- **University-style lectures and hands-on group projects** with support from academics and student mentors
- **Stay in halls of residence** and take part in evening social activities
- Earn a **Silver Industrial Cadets Award** to strengthen future applications and career pathways

## Dates

4 or 5 days at a UK university between **June-August 2027.**

## Cost/funding

- **£480 for 3 nights** residential and **£595 for 4 nights residential.**
- Bursary places are available for eligible students.

## How to apply/find out more

To apply, please visit our website **here** or **scan the QR code!**

SCAN ME

# ROLLS-ROYCE ENGINEERING DEGREE/HIGHER OPEN EVENING IN DERBY ON MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2026!

These events are a fantastic opportunity for young people to explore the Level 4 and 6 engineering apprenticeships we offer and get a real insight into what it's like to start a career with Rolls-Royce.

Please note this event is bespoke for engineering degree/higher opportunities only there will be a separate open evening for business degree apprenticeships on 9th December and Advanced open evening on Wednesday 13th January (registration link to follow for both evenings)

On the evening, students will be able to:
Explore our full range of Level 4 and 6 engineering apprenticeship programmes at dedicated stands
Hear directly from current apprentices about their experiences & journeys
Get expert advice from our Emerging Talent team on how to apply and stand out.

This event will be hosted at the Rolls-Royce Learning & Development Centre (Gate 5A), Wilmore Road, Derby, DE24 9BD from 5-8pm. Students can sign up for a 1-hour slot of their choice, but spaces do fill up quickly so please encourage them to book on soon if they'd like to attend. Please note – due to venue capacity, each student may attend with one parent or guardian only. We kindly ask that this is respected when registering; thank you.

**FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER VIA THE LINK HERE:**

**ROLLS-ROYCE | EVENT PRE-REGISTRATION**

inspiring the future

**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

## 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

CAUSEWAY EDUCATION

## 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 progressions 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

**JE**M 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:

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

## 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 thisthis direct link to your parent/carer community to give them access to upcoming webinars and zoom links

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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/

## CONFERENCES, WEBINARS & EVENTS




We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Career Essentials virtual events, hosted by our Student Recruitment team. We are offering multiple sessions over the coming months for anyone interested in learning more about Professional Services, Audit, Tax and how to apply to KPMG.

All current sessions are advertised on our Student Events page, with more coming soon!
This month we're shining a spotlight on two of our business areas through the following sessions:

- **Dive into the World of Audit with KPMG – 18th November 2026, 4:00pm to 5:00pm**

Learn about the role Audit plays in the business world, hear from our Audit team about their career journeys, and explore our Graduate and Apprentice programmes.

- **Beyond the Balance Sheet: Why Tax is the Perfect Launchpad for Your Career - 26th November 2026, 4:00pm to 5:00pm**

Get an inside look at the world of Tax, hear first-hand from the people who work in it, and learn how our Graduate and Apprentice programmes could help you start your career.

Both sessions provide a chance for you to get your questions answered by members of the Student Recruitment team and KPMG professionals.
Please visit our Student Events page for further details of all our Career Essentials events and to register your interest in attending.

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## Make an Impact!

With Crustacean Compassion

Discover more & apply

Animal Welfare & Creative Marketing

10th December

10.00am - 2.00pm

Do you love animals? Do you care deeply about the worlds oceans and their inhabitants? And do you want others to care too? Crustacean Compassion is a UK animal welfare charity that wants to change how sea creatures are treated. Join them in their mission, and invent your own creative marketing campiagn!

Please note this opportunity closes on the 24th November 2026

CRUSTACEAN COMPASSION

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**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.

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**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


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## UNIVERSITY EVENTS & OPEN DAYS




De Montfort University (DMU) is delighted to invite your students to apply for the DMU Aspire Progression Programme – a week-long, campus-based experience for learners who would benefit from the opportunities offered by Higher Education but may need additional support to achieve their full potential.

About the Programme
Running from **Monday 21 June to Friday 25 June 2027**, the DMU Aspire Progression Programme offers a mix of engaging academic and personal development activities designed to inspire ambition and prepare students for university study.

Through participation, students will:
Develop an understanding of research methods used at university.
Gain confidence in academic writing and critical thinking.
Enhance their ICT and digital literacy skills.
Strengthen presentation and communication abilities.
Build teamworking skills, collaborating with new people in a university setting.
Create and present an academic poster or pitch, showcasing what they've learned.
Most importantly, grow in confidence and self-belief about their ability to take the next step- whatever that might look like for them.

Students will experience real academic assignments and feedback, while also exploring the wide range of extracurricular activities available at DMU.
At the end of the week, a celebration event will welcome teachers and family members to campus to recognise each participant's achievements. Those who complete the programme will also be eligible for a contextual offer for certain DMU courses. Lunch will be provided each day.

Spaces are limited, and applications close at 5pm on Friday 15 May 2027.
Encourage your students to apply early to secure their place: Apply Here


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## 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

We wanted to draw your attention to this upcoming 3-day remote work experience placement with **software engineering** company **Mindera UK Foundation**, 14th – 16th December.

As a local employer, Mindera will be giving places only to students from Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire & Northamptonshire, so please do encourage your students to apply to this amazing opportunity.
On this live placement students will be exposed to:
Discover Tech Roles: Get a jargon-free look at different jobs, from coding and product management to marketing and design.

Get Hands-On: Try your hand at app wireframing, basic coding, and creative problem-solving.
Solve Real Problems: Work in small groups to design a digital solution for a social issue, with support from industry mentors.

Hear Real Stories: Meet professionals who will share how they started their own tech journeys, including those who took non-traditional paths.

For full details go here:

https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/268B848B-7B00-4AFD-497E-08DCA28B8871

Please note, applications with close 23rd November, and students do have to be 16+ to apply.

Applications for the free National NHS Virtual Work Experience programme have now opened for 2026-2027! This programme has helped over 30,000 secondary school students obtain free work experiences last year. Virtual work experiences have been accepted by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as valuable alternatives to in-person shadowing, backed by the Health Education England Discovery report on the impact of virtual work placements. This programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Mentorverse, and is completely free. Not only is this a reliable alternative to in-person shadowing, but it also plays a significant role in preparing students for their in-person work placements, with structured teaching and opportunities to speak directly with healthcare professionals. The opportunity is open to any student across the UK from 14 years old and above.

Students can apply for free below:

Medicine: https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/

Dentistry: https://dental-mentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/

Developed in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, this carefully curated 6-month medical and 4-month dental programme offers a unique insight into the medical and dental profession. The e-learning format allows students to complete their placements in their own time. Covering ethics, procedures, wider team roles, and facilitating direct conversations with doctors and dentists, this virtual experience serves as an excellent foundation for your students' future careers. Not only does it enrich their UCAS applications, but it also strategically prepares them for in-person work experience placements.

Taking part in the Virtual Work Experience will provide:

- Comprehensive Insights: The programme covers a range of specialities, providing a holistic understanding of medical and dental practices. Each month, a new focus area is introduced, allowing participants to delve into different aspects of the field.

- Flexible Participation:Tailored for students from years 10-13/S3-S6/NI10-14, the programme accommodates various schedules by being virtual. Participants have one month to complete each specialty, ensuring flexibility and ease of participation.

- Recognised Certification: Upon successful completion of all specialities, students will receive a certificate from Medic Mentor and UHB, validating their active participation to include in their UCAS and apprenticeships applications.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

We're excited to share that E.ON has launched 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

Explore the Virtual Work Experience Programme