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Life -changing education

Welcome to this month's Careers Newsletter

There are many exciting articles in this month's edition, from work experience and career simulations to apprenticeships, employer events and college open days. I encourage all students to explore the opportunities available and take positive steps towards their future aspirations.

Sarah Quick, Careers Leader



Career of the Month: Civil Engineer

- Design roads, bridges and major infrastructure
- Average UK salary: £30,000–£65,000+
- Routes in: University, Degree Apprenticeship or Apprenticeship
- Skills needed: Maths, teamwork and problem solving

Explore the Springpod Civil Engineering Career Simulation.

Year 10 & 12

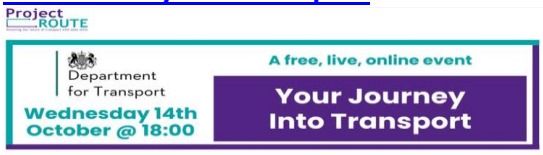
The Importance of Work Experience – 85% of employers truly value work experience

Work Experience for Students | 10 Reasons It's Important - Think Student

- Helps students explore different careers and discover what they do (and don't) enjoy.
- Gives a realistic insight into the workplace and prepares students for life after education.
- Develops key employability skills such as communication, teamwork, organisation and problem-solving.
- Builds confidence and encourages students to step outside their comfort zone.
- Motivates students by showing how education links to future careers.
- Strengthens CVs, college, university and job applications.
- Creates opportunities to meet professionals and build valuable networks.
- Helps students identify their strengths, interests and career aspirations.
- Encourages independence, responsibility and self-confidence.
- Can lead to future opportunities such as part-time work, internships or apprenticeships.



[Your Journey Into Transport]



[Civil Engineer Career Simulation | Springpod]





[Sainsburys KickStarter Virtual Career Experience]

Students that are looking for a college experience or vocational course locally please check out these open events.
[SEND Padlet]

[Apprenticeships: What's the real story Tickets, Tuesday 24 November • 6 PM - 6:45 PM GMT+0 | Eventbrite]

Weird & Wonderful Careers

Did you know people are paid to do these jobs?

- Netflix Tagger
- Food Stylist
- Golf Ball Diver
- Professional Sleeper
- Pet Food Taster

Which one would you choose? Or what would you like to create?

[How Pure Maths at A-Level helped me in Engineering - Pathway CTM]

Planning a GAP year check out these websites

[All trips worldwide] - GAP360

[Best Gap Year Programs to Travel Abroad | 2026 - 2027 | Gapforce UK]

[Landing: Summer Travel for Teens with Global Leadership Adventures – Bing Search - GLA]

Labour Market Information –A must read!

[Sway] Labour market information

Top Apprenticeship companies - *Did you know?**

Companies including KPMG, EY, HSBC, Barclays and British Airways all offer apprenticeship routes that allow you to earn while you learn.



TOP 30 COMPANIES FOR APPRENTICES TO WORK FOR

The JobCrowd

RANKING	COMPANY	APPRENTICE QUOTE
1	NFU Mutual	"The training is excellent and really helps you reach your goals."
2	Berkeley Group	"There's always a new challenge to take on or something different to learn."
3	Virgin Media 02	"I always feel appreciated and valued in the roles I take on here."
4	Galliford Try	"The managers genuinely care about helping you succeed."
5	Croudace Homes	"You're trusted with responsibility from day one, which is really rewarding."
6	Frazer-Nash Consultancy	"The work/life balance here is fantastic."
7	Thames Water	"Everyone is supportive and encourages you to develop and progress."
8	National Gas Transmission plc	"There's a great range of training opportunities available."
9	TJX Europe	"The role gives me plenty of freedom while helping me build my skills."
10	Lockheed Martin UK	"The work is both challenging and really rewarding."

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11	Chaucer Group	"Everyone is so approachable and helpful, making it a great place to learn."
12	Menzies LLP	"The work is enjoyable and there's a clear path for progression."
13	ISIO	"The support you receive is first class, and there's always something interesting to get involved in."
14	Ernst & Young	"The managers are incredibly supportive and approachable."
15	Grant Thornton	"Everyone brings out the best in one another."
16	HSBC	"It's a fantastic environment to learn, grow and develop."
17	Barclays	"There are so many opportunities here, which is brilliant."
18	EDF Energy	"The team is fantastic and the managers are always there to support you."
19	Michelmores	"You get to work with some really interesting people, and the team spirit is fantastic."
20	Pinsent Masons	"You're made to feel welcome from the start, almost as if you've been here for years."



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21	Cushman Wakefield	"There's always something new to learn every day."
22	Boots	"The opportunities for career development are excellent, and I really feel they believe in me."
23	ASDA	"The managers genuinely put our wellbeing first, which helps create such a positive environment."
24	Network Rail	"The team is full of great ideas, which keeps the work interesting and enjoyable."
25	British Airways	"The work is interesting and fun, and it's a great environment for learning."
26	Mars	"I find the work really interesting and engaging."
27	Morgan SIndall	"The training covers a great variety of areas, and the managers make you feel valued."
28	KPMG	"Having the opportunity to work alongside experienced managers is a real benefit."
29	Avara Foods	"My colleagues are fantastic and make coming to work a pleasure."
30	Unilever	"All of the managers and trainers are brilliant and genuinely great people to work with."

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Transport for London

Apprenticeship Vacancies:

TfL is recruiting for a range of Level 2-4 apprenticeships including:

Follow the links to explore roles:

London Underground:

Level 2 - London Underground Track

Level 3 - London Underground Escalators

Level 3 - London Underground Power

Level 3 - London Underground Pumps

Level 4 - London Underground Construction Site Supervisor

Level 3 - London Underground Rail Engineering Workshop

Level 3 - London Underground Signals

Level 3 - London Underground Fleet

Level 3 - London Underground Low Voltage Cables

Level 3 - London Underground Service Control

Engineering:

Level 3 - Trams Engineering

Level 3 - Highways and Traffic