

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

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OPPORTUNITIES

 Use the [SACU Cloud Tool](#) to match your A-levels to degree subjects. It allows you to see where students with your A-levels were placed in previous years and view actual A-level combinations by course, by subject and by university group.

 [Young Enterprise](#) is for everyone, not just the loudest in the room or the top of the class. If you're curious, creative, ambitious (or even a little unsure), there's something here for you. Through our programmes, you'll figure out how to manage money, develop employability skills and maybe even launch a business. More than that, you'll grow your confidence, discover what you're capable of and start shaping your own path.

 [Red Bull Wingfinder](#) is a personality assessment that focuses on your strengths, the things that you're naturally inclined to be good at, and gives you the tools and coaching to be even better.

 [Panjango Online](#) allows you to explore a gamified world of work. It gives what you're learning in the classroom context and purpose by directly linking the curriculum to real world challenges. Panjango Online features more than 3000 challenges relating to more than 400 different careers across 150 workplaces.

 Welcome to [Destination Nuclear](#) - your place to explore careers across the sector. Whether you're starting out or building on your skills, you can find guidance, roles and real examples to help with your next step. This isn't a typical career - and that's the point.

 The [Wheel of Strengths](#) tool helps you find out how your skills, interests and personality traits match up with a range of job roles. You may discover job roles you hadn't thought of and be surprised at where your skills could take you. You could use the [worksheet](#) to record and reflect on what you find out and even create an action plan to help you to reach your ambitions.

 Up until the age of 16, most students in England study GCSEs. After that, your options become much more varied. Apprenticeships, T-levels and the International Baccalaureate are among the choices available - but the most popular options are A-levels and Btecs. [In this article](#), you can take a closer look at each.

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Demolition
Operative](#)

A Demolition Operative safely dismantles structures, performs "soft strips" (removing internal fixtures, windows, and hazardous materials), and separates recyclable waste.

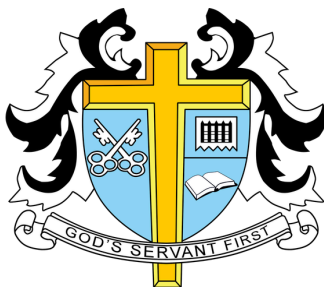
To work in the UK, you typically need a [Certificate of Competence of Demolition Operatives](#) card, a CSCS card, and an [Asbestos Awareness Certificate](#).

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

If the global workforce were represented by a group of 100 people, 59 are projected to require reskilling or upskilling by 2030.

11 of the projected 59 are unlikely to receive it; this translates to over 120 million workers at medium-term risk of redundancy. [Source](#)

If you have any questions please email
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Discover Active Formula 1 Placements, Graduate Schemes, Work Experience and Entry-Level Jobs Across Every Department. Formula Careers track live openings across all teams, helping you navigate opportunities in departments and teams throughout the industry. Stop guessing how to get hired and access expert guides, tailor your application, and secure your place on the grid.

Routes into Rail provides a single source of advice and information on careers offered in the rail industry. It aims to inspire and educate a new generation of talent – providing information to young people on the variety of entry pathways available and showcasing, through multimedia content, that rail has a job and a career for everyone.

Discover your future in engineering with This is Engineering. Whether you love sport or space, fitness or fashion, construction or computing, medicine or music, engineers are at the heart of it.

Although most people think about the NHS as being their local hospital, when you visit your dentist, your GP or even your local pharmacist you could be speaking to someone employed by the NHS. And increasingly there is more and more NHS staff whose work is not based in a hospital, but who work in local health centres, GP practices or even in patients' own homes. Learn more about roles in the NHS on the Step Into The NHS website.

Go Construct provides resources for anyone looking for a career in the construction and built environment sector. We showcase the many rewarding opportunities available and help people from all backgrounds to enter an exciting and growing industry which has a huge impact on the UK's housing, industry and infrastructure.

Tired of wasting hours hunting for internships, entry-level roles, training programmes, networking events or mentoring schemes? We've already done the hard work for you. Our team scouts the internet daily to find the best early-career opportunities and brings them all together in the ERIC app. See which creative industries we cover here.

 **ENJOY YOUR SUMMER BREAK!** 

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We are Network Rail.

We're problem solvers and solution finders. We design stations, repair tracks, code software, do finance, and so much more. We also drive career direction for people like you.

Choose a career with us and you're choosing a career with real meaning. You'll be part of a large and growing UK organisation that genuinely cares about its people and the world around us."

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"From the moment you join King's as a student, you'll also become part of one of the best student cities in the world with our campuses making us the most central university in London.

With world-class teaching facilities, a cosmopolitan student community and historic architecture, there's so much to explore."

You can learn more about Kings College London here.

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Year 10 Explore Post-16 Options at St Thomas More Sixth Form

Last Thursday, our Year 10 students took part in a series of post-16 subject taster sessions designed to give them an insight into the wide range of courses available at St Thomas More Sixth Form. The morning formed part of our Post-16 Day programme and gave students the opportunity to hear directly from subject teachers about what studying their subjects at Sixth Form level is really like.



Students attended short presentations covering a variety of A Level and vocational courses, including Psychology, Sociology, English Language, Film Studies, Religious Education, Applied Science, History, Politics, Geography, and BTEC Sport. They also heard from members of the Sixth Form team about the opportunities available to students who choose to continue their studies at St Thomas More after Year 11.

During each session, staff explained course content, assessment methods, the skills students would develop, and how each subject can support future university, apprenticeship and career pathways. The event encouraged students to begin thinking about their GCSE option choices, strengths, interests and future aspirations as they prepare for making post-16 decisions in the years ahead.

Teachers also highlighted the academic expectations for Sixth Form study and discussed the entry requirements needed to access different courses, all students need 5 GCSE's Grade 9-5 including English & Maths, and if choosing to take a particular subject, some would require Grade 6+ for the student to be able to take that chosen subject. Students were reminded that strong attendance, positive attitudes to learning and commitment to their studies throughout Key Stage 4 will help them meet the grades required for their chosen post-16 pathway.

The event provided a valuable opportunity for Year 10 students to begin exploring their future options and gain a better understanding of the exciting opportunities available at St Thomas More Sixth Form.

[Drivers Manual POST 16 options.pdf](#)



Post-18 Day Inspires Year 12 Students



Last Friday, our Year 12 students took part in an exciting and informative Post-18 Day, designed to help them explore the wide

range of opportunities available after sixth form.



Throughout the day, students engaged in networking sessions, CV clinics, mock interviews, careers mentoring, university and apprenticeship guidance, personal statement workshops, presentations, and a careers panel Q&A. These activities provided valuable insights into different education, training, and career pathways while helping students develop key employability skills.



We were delighted to welcome a wide range of employers, universities, organisations, and alumni, including representatives from UKHSA, Southend Careers Service, the Department for Work and Pensions, the National Crime Agency, Dell Technologies, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service, Rickard Luckin, ECO Green Group, EDGE, Tolhurst Fisher, and several leading universities. A particular highlight was hearing from former St Thomas More students, who shared their experiences of



university, apprenticeships, and the world of work.

Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on how beneficial it was to speak directly with professionals, receive personalised advice, and gain a better understanding of the decisions they will soon be making about their futures. *"It was helpful to hear from people working in careers I'm interested in. The advice I received has given me a much clearer idea of what I want to do after sixth form."* – Year 12 Student



A huge thank you to all our volunteers, alumni, employers, and university representatives whose generosity and support helped make the day such a success. Their guidance and inspiration are helping our students become informed, confident, and future-ready. One of the organisations volunteers remarked: *'All students I spoke to were incredibly polite and respectful. Despite some students not knowing what they wanted to do when leaving school, they were engaged in the session, well behaved, and focused on the task at hand. I thoroughly enjoyed speaking to each student and left the school feeling very fulfilled and warm. I genuinely wish each student the best in their future endeavours. The students I met seemed to have a good relationship with their teachers, and the atmosphere on the day was great.'*





Apprenticeship applications move fast.

Help students prepare early.

[Share this session](#)



Apprenticeship applications can feel months away, until suddenly they are not.

Many Year 12 students are interested in apprenticeships but are not always sure where to start, what employers look for, or how early they should begin preparing.

The strongest applicants often start before applications open.

That is exactly why we are running our **Group Mentoring Session: Ace Your Apprenticeship Applications for 2027**.

Date: Friday 16th July

Time: 5-6PM

Location: Online

Free to attend

[Learn more about the event](#)

This online session is designed to help Year 12 students understand the apprenticeship application journey and take their next steps with more confidence.

Students will learn:

- How apprenticeship applications work
- Key timelines to be aware of going into Year 13
- What employers look for in applicants
- How to start standing out early
- How Pathway CTM can support them

[Share with your Year 12s](#)



For students considering apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships, or simply exploring their post-18 options, this is a practical way to move from uncertainty to action.

Spaces are limited, so please encourage any interested Year 12 students to secure their place today.

Kind regards,

The Pathway CTM Team

ROUTES IN HEALTHCARE: EXPLORING THE HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT ROLE

Take part in a hands-on workshop hosted by the Health & Care Academy in the specialist training ward at Brentwood Community Hospital.

This interactive session will give you a practical introduction to working in health and care through the role of a Healthcare Assistant (HCA).

EXPERIENCE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT

You will:

- ★ Discover the role of a Healthcare Assistant
- ★ Learn about Infection Prevention and Control, including: Hand hygiene, Using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), The 5 Moments of Hand Hygiene and Bed-changing skills
- ★ Take physiological measurements and record NEWS observations
- ★ Learn Basic Life Support skills
- ★ Take part in a Healthcare Escape Room challenge

**THIS FUN AND INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP WILL GIVE YOU A
REAL INSIGHT INTO LIFE ON A HOSPITAL WARD WHILE
HELPING YOU DEVELOP PRACTICAL SKILLS THROUGH
REALISTIC CLINICAL ACTIVITIES.**

This opportunity is available to students
aged 14 – 16 years old.

Date: Wednesday 22nd July or
Thursday 23rd July

Time: 10am – 3:30pm

Venue: Brentwood Community Hospital

**APPLY THROUGH
THE EXPERIENCE HUB**

