

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



Recycle Week 2026 takes place from September 14 to September 20, 2026, with the theme "Rescue Me" focusing on rescuing recyclable items from the rubbish bin. Recycle Week is a great opportunity to think about how the choices we make today can shape a more sustainable future, and the careers that can help make it happen.

Recycling is about much more than putting the right item in the right bin. Behind it is a huge range of people and careers working to reduce waste, protect natural resources and develop new ways of reusing materials.



The Environmental Agency are running a virtual work experience opportunity. Students aged 13+ can explore Environment Agency careers, sustainability, flood and coastal management through interactive activities. The programme is self-paced and provides a certificate to add to CVs.



This online programme focuses on sustainable Careers in Forestry. It allows you to explore careers including forest ranger, nursery grower and forestry consultant. You will investigate conservation and sustainable woodland management while developing valuable employability skills including teamwork, communication and problem-solving.



The Heathrow Environmental Engineering Sprint is aimed at students aged 16+ who are considering a career within environmental engineering, and want to experience tackling a realistic sustainability and biodiversity challenge. This is a great opportunity to experience how engineering can help organisations become more environmentally sustainable.



Green Jobs for Nature (GJfN) is all about making careers geared towards restoring and replenishing our natural environment more visible and achievable for all those thinking about their future work. The Green Jobs for Nature website is focused on the 'nature' side of green jobs, specifically roles that directly contribute to managing, protecting and restoring our natural world.



The environment needs diverse perspectives and passionate individuals to pursue nature-focused careers. Could this be you? Take the quiz here.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Environmental Consultant

An environmental consultant helps businesses and governments follow environmental rules and reduce their ecological impact.

Competition for entry-level roles can be strong, but demand for environmental expertise continues to grow due to increasing regulation, net-zero commitments and the need for climate adaptation across the UK.

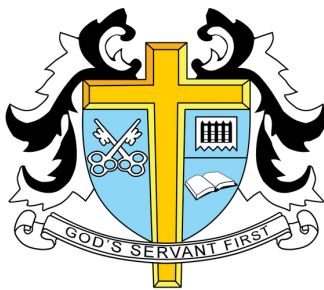
LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Here are the top five best paid "green jobs" in the UK. This shows their average salary per year.

Environmental Lawyer - £82,875
Geoscientist - £75,000
Environmental Policy Advisor - £45,000
Sustainability Director - £63,105
Renewable Energy Engineer - £61,000

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In this live, interactive Politics session on 17 September, University of East Anglia will be joined by Dr Sally Broughton Micova, Associate Professor in Communications, Policy & Politics in the School of Politics, Philosophy and Area Studies at UEA, who will explore Election Interference – Source, Method & Significance. The session is designed to support students' current studies whilst offering an insight into university study.



CreaTech Careers Festival takes place from 23–25 September 2026. The three-day festival explores careers at the intersection of creativity and technology, covering Screens & Storytelling, Live Stage & Experience, and the Future of Creativity. You can expect short talks, real career stories and practical advice from people working across the creative industries. All online, all on demand.



At the Introducing Deloitte event on 28 September, you'll learn more about Deloitte, their people and their culture. You'll also gain insight into what it's like to work at Deloitte and network with the people who work there. Hear from colleagues as they share personal insights into their journey at Deloitte and what their career means to them. You'll then get an overview of the career opportunities available to you. Towards the end of the session, you'll network with Deloitte representatives from different areas of the business, choosing the career paths you want to discover more about. See other Deloitte events here.



With IBM's apprenticeships and internships opening soon after this event on 7 October, you'll have the freshest insights to power your application. Mentioning this event and your key takeaways is a fantastic way to prove your genuine passion for the industry and IBM and stand out from the crowd.



ADM are an essential global agricultural supply chain manager and processor, providing food security by connecting local needs with global capabilities. ADM career areas include: Commercial, Credit, Customer Service, Engineering, Finance, IT, Logistics, Maintenance, Operations (including business strategy, procurement, production, warehouse, dispatch and distribution), Production, Risk and Sales. They are running a virtual insight session from 14 October.



EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

Aldi is one of the UK's largest supermarket chains, with stores and distribution centres across the country. Its early careers opportunities can include apprenticeships and graduate programmes covering stores, logistics, buying, property and business functions.

For young people who enjoy working with others, solving problems and taking responsibility, Aldi offers routes into retail and management with structured training and opportunities to progress.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

The University of St Andrews is Scotland's oldest university, based in the coastal town of St Andrews in Fife. It offers subjects across science, humanities, social sciences and medicine and is known for its close-knit student community. Students can explore flexible degree options, study abroad opportunities, societies, volunteering and careers support. It may particularly appeal to students looking for a smaller university-town experience.

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YEAR 11 POST-16 PROGRESSION

Planning for the Future Starts Now!

This week, KBRADLEY (Katie), Careers Co-ordinator, introduced Year 11 students to Abigail Tisdall from Southend Careers Service and outlined the careers support available throughout this important academic year. Students learned about the guidance available as they begin making decisions about their next steps after GCSEs.

Exploring Post-16 Options

Students were encouraged to start researching and discussing the wide range of opportunities available after Year 11, including:

- ✓ Sixth Form
- ✓ College
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ T Levels
- ✓ BTEC and Vocational Qualifications
- ✓ Mixed academic and vocational study programmes

These pathways offer different routes into further study, training and future careers.

Personalised Careers Guidance

Throughout the year, every Year 11 student will receive a one-to-one careers guidance interview with Abigail Tisdall. These appointments provide valuable, personalised support, helping students to:

- Explore career interests and ambitions
- Understand progression pathways
- Research suitable courses
- Receive guidance with college and sixth form applications
- Prepare for life beyond GCSEs

Students should regularly check their Year 11 Careers Team on Microsoft Teams for appointment details, preparation materials and careers resources.

KEY MESSAGE FOR FAMILIES

-  Attend local sixth form and college open evenings.
-  Explore different learning environments and courses.
-  Keep options open by applying to at least four post-16 destinations.
-  Consider a range of pathways before making final decisions.

Exploring a variety of opportunities now will help students make informed choices and keep as many progression routes available as possible when GCSE results are received next summer.

OPEN EVENTS 2026/27

Students and families are strongly encouraged to attend local open evenings and open events to find out more about courses, facilities and student life. Details of forthcoming events can be found in the following link 

[OPEN EVENTS 2026-27.pdf](#).

Mrs Bradley, Careers Co-ordinator

Supporting every student on their journey towards a successful future. ✨

For careers information and guidance, please contact Mrs Bradley via the school.

OPEN EVENTS 2026/27

Please check the individual websites for the latest information including times of these events and how to book to attend if required.

6th Forms:	Website/link:	Proposed date:
Appleton	www.theappletonschool.org	Thursday 15 th October 2026
Basildon Academy	www.basildonacademies.org.uk/sixthform	Thursday 1 st October 2026 5.00pm until 7:00pm
Beauchamps	www.beauchamps.essex.sch.uk	TBC
Belfairs	www.belfairsacademy.org.uk	Monday 12 th October 2026
Billericay	www.billericayschool.com	Thursday 12 th November 2026
Brampton Manor	www.bramptonmanor.org	January 2027 TBC
Bromfords	www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk	TBC
Cecil Jones	www.ceciljonesacademy.net	Thursday 15 th October 2026
Chase	www.chasehigh.org	Thursday 8 th October 2026 4.00pm until 7.30pm
Chelmsford County High	www.cchs.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-open-evening/	TBC
The Coopers' Company and Coborn	www.cooperscoborn.org.uk/sixth-form	Wednesday 18 th November 2026 4.00pm until 7.00pm
Felsted	www.felsted.org/admissions/sixthform	Saturday 3 rd October 2026
FitzWimarc	www.fitzwimarc.com	Thursday 5 th November 2026
Greensward	https://sites.google.com/aetinet.org/greenswardwebsite	Thursday 13 th November 2026 6.00pm
Harris Academy	www.harrischaffordhundred.org.uk/5/sixth-form	TBC
KEGS	www.kegs.org.uk	Wednesday 18 th October 2026 5.00pm until 8.00pm
King Edmund	www.kes.essex.sch.uk	Wednesday 18 th October 2026
King John	www.thekjs.essex.sch.uk	Thursday 8 th October 2026 6.30pm until 9.00pm
London Academy of Excellence	https://lae.ac.uk	Jan TBC
Mayflower	www.mayflowerhigh.essex.sch.uk	Thursday 5 th November 2026
Witham	https://sites.google.com/aetinet.org/newrickstones-sixth-form/home	TBC
Shoeburyness	www.shoeburynesshigh.co.uk	Thursday 19 th November 2026 6.00pm until 8.00pm
Southend High for Boys	www.shsb.org.uk	Thursday 5 th November 2026

Southend High for Girl	www.shsg.org	Wednesday 4 th November 2026
St Bernard's	www.stbernards.southend.sch.uk	Thursday 3 rd December 2026 6.30pm until 8.30pm
St Thomas More	www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk	Thursday 1 st October 2026 (External) 4.00pm until 7.00pm Thursday 22 nd October 2026 (Internal)
Sweyne Park	www.sweynepark.com	10 th November 2026
Westcliff High for Boys	www.whsb.essex.sch.uk/sixth-form	Thursday 12 th November 2026
Westcliff High for Girls	www.whsg.info	Thursday 22 nd October 2026

College's		Proposed Date:
South Essex College www.southessex.ac.uk		
Southend Campus	5pm – 8pm	Wednesday 23 rd September 2026
	5pm – 8pm	Thursday 14 th January 2027
	5pm – 7pm	Wednesday 10 th March 2027
Thurrock Campus	5pm – 8pm	Thursday 1 st October 2026
	5pm – 8pm	Thursday 21 st January 2027
	5pm – 7pm	Wednesday 24 th March 2027
Centre for Digital Technologies, Basildon	5pm – 7pm	Tuesday 20 th October 2026
	5pm – 7pm	Tuesday 2 nd February 2027
	5pm – 7pm	Tuesday 13 th April 2027
Centre for Construction and Engineering, Stephenson Road	5pm – 7pm	Tuesday 10 th November 2026
	5pm – 7pm	Thursday 11 th February 2027
	5pm – 7pm	Thursday 22 nd April 2027
Centre for Advanced Engineering, Luckyn Lane	5pm – 7pm	Tuesday 6 th October 2026
	5pm – 7pm	Wednesday 27 th January 2027
	5pm – 7pm	Thursday 18 th March 2027
USP www.uspcollege.ac.uk		
Xtend Digital	5.20 pm – 7pm	Wednesday 25 th February 2026
Palmers Campus	5.20 pm – 7pm	Thursday 16 th October 2026
Seevic Campus	5.20 pm – 8pm	Wednesday 19 th November 2026
Writtle College www.aru.ac.uk/study/open-day/your-writtle-college-open-day		
	Saturday	10 th October 2026
Chelmsford College https://www.chelmsford.ac.uk		
Open events dates for both campuses.	6pm – 8.30pm 6pm – 8.30pm 6pm – 8.30pm	TBC
Colchester Institute https://www.colchester.ac.uk/events/		
Colchester Campus	10.00am until 1.00pm 5.00pm until 8.00pm	Saturday 17 th October 2026 Tuesday 20 th October 2026

	5pm – 8pm	Thursday 12 th November 2026
Braintree Campus	5pm – 8pm	Monday 19 th October 2026
	10am – 12.00pm	Saturday 14 th November 2026
Colchester Sixth Form College www.colchsf.ac.uk/admissionsevents/		
	6.15pm – 9.15pm	Wednesday 21 st October 2026
	6.15pm – 9.15pm	Thursday 22 nd October 2026
Stansted Airport College www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk		
	10am – 2pm Saturday	TBC
	5pm – 8pm Thursday	

Please note this is not an exhaustive list. Students can also use this live map to see which places of study are near to them: <https://www.makehappen.org/guide/clickable-map-of-sixth-forms-colleges-and-universities-in-essex/>

And or use <https://applicaone.com/> **to find places of study and submit application on this site or directly to the education setting.**

Please visit our website for further information about <https://www.southend.gov.uk/school-admissions/sixth-form-school-information-events>

Details above are correct at time of publishing – check websites for changes / updates and times - This information is accurate of 09/09/2026

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Career Builder Schemes Open Evening

Looking for a career in engineering?

Our award winning Career Builder Schemes give you the chance to gain a nationally recognised qualifications, all while being employed and building experience.



Ipeco, Airport Business
Park, Rochford SS4 1YH



Thurs 1st Oct 2026
From 4.00 PM

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Or scan the QR code:



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FUTURES FOR ALL



Insight Day with International Leading Law Firm Reed Smith

Reed Smith is offering Year 10 and 11 students the chance to attend a face-to-face Insight Day and explore careers in law. Students will hear from lawyers and business professionals, learn about life at a leading international law firm, take part in engaging sessions, and receive practical careers advice for their future. Perfect for students curious about law or business.

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6th October 2026

10.30am – 4.30pm

**Find out more about the opportunity and
how to apply.**