



# 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

Canaccord Wealth Management Insight Programme will take place on 24 and 25 June 2026, hosted by Investment Managers Alysha Goddard and Tom Stevens. This two-day online event introduces future talent to the world of Wealth Management. Participants will gain insight into how each function contributes to the growth and success of Canaccord Wealth, along with an overview of the wider industry. The programme features guest speakers and presentations delivered by colleagues from across the business.



If you're not sure what Wealth Management is, you can check out this Career Guide to Wealth Management - Bankers By Day.



Check out this list of Creative Employers. Sign up to their newsletters, follow them on socials or sign up to our newsletter to be made aware of in-the-know news and common themes across employers in the sector.

Many employers are now using AI within their recruitment processes. Here is an example from Vodafone that explains "How our AI in Hiring Project is helping candidates and hiring managers to be at their best".



If you'd like to learn about how you can use AI in your job or apprenticeship search, check out these learning modules:

Using AI for Career Preparation - In this module, you'll discover how AI tools can become your time saver for career research, CV building, and networking. By the end, you'll not only understand how AI can enhance your career prep but you'll also have the practical skills to make it happen.



Using AI for Interview and Assessment Preparation - This module is designed to show you how AI tools can support your journey to becoming interview-ready, helping you refine your skills, craft standout responses, and boost your confidence. By the end, you'll have actionable insights into leveraging AI for career advancement.



## JOB OF THE WEEK



Herpetologist

A herpetologist is a zoologist who specialises in the study of amphibians (frogs, toads, salamanders) and reptiles (snakes, lizards, turtles, crocodiles).

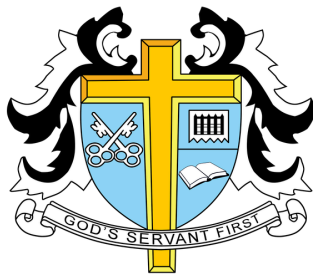
They focus on the behavior, ecology, genetics, and conservation of these animals, working in universities, zoos, museums, or environmental field agencies.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The government has announced £1 billion to create 200,000 new jobs and apprenticeships for 16-24 year olds – including a £2,000 incentive for employers taking on young apprentices and a new Jobs Guarantee expanded to ages 18-24.

Source

If you have any questions please email Mrs Bradley at [kbradley@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk](mailto:kbradley@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)



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Interestingly, a recent report by Adobe shows that 92% of UK undergraduates now use AI (up from 66% last year), but only 36% have received any training from their institution. Read the [full report about AI in Higher Education here](#).

If you're planning to go to university, you could be eligible for more funding than you think. [Explore scholarships, bursaries, and grants](#) matched to your background, achievements, or chosen course, and get support for your study and living costs.

Alongside scholarships, bursaries and grants, you will also be able to apply for Student Finance. EVERYONE in the UK is able to apply. Student finance can be split into two key components:

**Maintenance Loan** - this is paid to you and is designed to help towards your rent and bills, keep you fed, and cover all your other living expenses while you're in university.

**Tuition Loan** - Tuition fees are charged by universities and colleges to cover the essential elements of your course. This money is paid straight from Student Finance to the University.

All student loans currently charge interest. This means some people feel unable to use existing [student loans](#) for university or college, due to their faith or conscience. This is most common among some Muslims whose faith prohibits engagement with interest. The government has committed to introducing a student finance product with an alternative to interest payments. This new student finance product will be compatible with Islamic finance principles. It will be known as [alternative student finance](#).

If university isn't something you're exploring then you may wish to consider [Degree Apprenticeships](#). They enable you to gain a full undergraduate or master's degree while you work. Degree apprenticeships take three to six years to complete, depending on the course level. You'll spend most of your time working and you'll also study part-time at university. For example, you might go to university one or two days per week, or in short blocks, such as a week at a time. Overall, you spend about 20% of your time studying vs. 80% of your time working.

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Join a dynamic, growing brand with big ambitions. Canaccord Wealth is a top ten UK wealth manager (by assets under management). Your development is what helps our business grow, so we're keen to support you and your skills. We'll offer you new challenges, nurture your existing talents and build on your experience."

Find out more about [Canaccord Wealth here](#).

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Undergraduate LSE offers a unique opportunity to study the social sciences at a university with a worldwide academic reputation. The information you find in this section is designed to help you at every stage of our Undergraduate admission process."

You can learn more about [London School of Economics here](#).

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**YEAR 12 STUDENTS - WORK  
EXPERIENCE - 29TH JUNE - 3RD  
JULY 2026**

[Link to how to add a placement](#)

**ANY QUERIES OR HELP NEEDED PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE  
CONTACTED MRS LINDSAY OR MRS BRADLEY WHO IS BASED IN SIXTH  
FORM OR EMAIL [KBRADLEY@ST-THOMASMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK](mailto:kbradley@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)**

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## Mike Clark

I left St Thomas More High School in 2010 and went on to study International Business Management at the University of Kent, graduating with a 2:1. Like many graduates, I didn't have a completely clear idea of my long term career path, but I was eager to get started in a sales role.

My career began in telesales for a real estate media title in central London at Estates Gazette. Over the ten years I spent there I progressed from Sales Executive to Head of Business Development, gaining invaluable experience in sales, commercial strategy and leadership. During that time I also married my long term partner and we had two amazing children, which has hands down been the

most rewarding part of my journey so far.

Four years ago I made the move to CBRE, the world's largest commercial real estate advisory firm. I initially joined as a Director leading the Tech, Media and Telecom sector for the UK. Recently I was promoted to Head of Growth for London, a role focused on driving strategy and identifying opportunities across one of the most dynamic commercial real estate markets in the world. Throughout my career I've learned a huge amount about sales, but equally about **leadership**, **collaboration** and **building strong teams**.



### PROFILE:

NAME: Mike Clark

JOB: Head of Growth,  
London Markets, CBRE

SUBJECTS studied at A  
LEVEL: Business Studies,  
Geography and ICT

What next? University of  
Kent, International Business  
Management 2:1

YEAR left STM: 2010



# ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH

## JUNE 2026



Outside of my day job, I've always had an **entrepreneurial streak**, something that runs in my family. Around 18 months ago a friend and I launched the *It's Only Kids Football Podcast*, which focuses on parenting and coaching in grassroots football and aims to improve the experience for kids, parents and coaches. What started as a passion project has grown quickly and recently ranked in the **Top 50 Football Podcasts in the UK**. Watching the podcast and wider business grow month by month has been hugely rewarding.

Looking back, my time at St Thomas More helped lay many of the foundations that shaped my career. I gained many qualities that have stayed with me throughout my professional life. Those early lessons around **resilience**, **teamwork** and **ambition** have played a big role in how I approach both business and leadership today.

**Quote I live by:**

***“Embrace what you don’t know, especially in the beginning, because what you don’t know can become your greatest asset.” — Sara Blakely***






## How to support your students with Degree Apprenticeship applications - What Works!

**Monday 8th June 3.30pm**

How can schools better support students applying for Degree Apprenticeships?

Join **My Great First Job's** free webinar on Monday June 8th at 3.30pm to hear about what's working now!

 Book your free space here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_I0KpkuujQ4mecRjg8b0i\\_Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I0KpkuujQ4mecRjg8b0i_Q)

Every year, I work with students through a six-stage mentoring programme designed to help them navigate the increasingly competitive Degree Apprenticeship recruitment process.

One thing I've learned is that success rarely happens by accident.

The students who secure opportunities usually have the right support, guidance and preparation in place to not just support the initial application, but to help them manage the application process.

That's why I'm running a free 45-minute webinar for teachers, careers leaders and sixth form staff who want to strengthen the support they provide to students considering Degree Apprenticeships.


I'm delighted to be joined by Judith Howard, Careers Advisor at Northampton School for Boys, whose school has developed a highly successful approach to supporting students into Degree Apprenticeships. Judith will be sharing what's worked for her students, the systems they've put in place, and practical ideas that other schools can adapt and implement.

In this session, we'll cover:

- The key challenges students face when applying for Degree Apprenticeships

- What successful schools are doing differently
- Practical strategies teachers and careers teams can implement next year
- Lessons from a proven school programme that is achieving results
- The support students need at each stage of the application journey

My goal is simple: for every teacher to leave with actionable ideas they can take back to their school and use immediately.

 Monday 8th June.  3:30pm – 4:15pm

 Free online webinar

Register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_I0KpkuujQ4mecRjg8b0i\\_Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I0KpkuujQ4mecRjg8b0i_Q)

Please share with colleagues, careers professionals and anyone supporting students with post-18 pathways.

Hope you can join us!

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# Together we make a mark

## Launch into Law with White & Case's Solicitor Apprenticeship programme

As a solicitor apprentice in our City of London office, you will gain invaluable experience working as a commercial lawyer in a global law firm. You will rotate through different practice groups with extensive training and support at every step. Earn a salary while studying for your degree and solicitors qualifying exams, and gain all the experience you need to make your mark at our Firm.

**43**

offices across  
29 countries

**6**

year degree  
apprenticeship  
programme

**£32k**

starting salary,  
increases annually

**£175k**

salary on  
qualification

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