

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

Next week (8-12 June 2026) is National Freelancer Week. During the week, ERIC will run a live session (you can also watch on demand) each day to help you learn how to start, grow and succeed as a freelancer through short talks, videos and real advice from people working in the creative industries. All online, all on demand. 16 different freelancers will star in videos during the week to ensure you're hearing a range of voices and opinions. The topics that will unlock each day are:

- Monday: What is Freelancing & is it for me?
- Tuesday: Your First Steps: How to Get Started
- Wednesday: Get Clients, Get Paid & Market Yourself
- Thursday: The Realities of Freelancing
- Friday: How to Succeed as a Freelancer



Lots of creatives work on a freelance basis. But what does it actually mean? And what jobs could you do? Here are some resources to help you explore...

Prospects - what can I do with my degree?

This resource was originally designed for students leaving university, having just completed a degree within a specific subject area. It can be used by students of any age to consider where studying a particular subject could take you. You can click into each job role to learn more about the responsibilities, demand and pay.



Day of Wrk

Day of Wrk was created to show what people actually do for their jobs through authentic day-in-the-life stories, all housed in one place which will hopefully give young people a more detailed understanding of what a job actually entails, and have the confidence to apply.



What is freelancing

Freelance jobs sound ideal, as you get to work for yourself (usually from home) and they're available in a variety of fields. That said, it takes business acumen and plenty of hard work to make a career from freelancing. This blog post can help you understand what freelancing is, what roles typically have a lot of freelance opportunities and where to find more information on roles available.



JOB OF THE WEEK



Art Conservator

Art conservators are highly specialised professionals who blend scientific analysis, art history, and hands-on craftsmanship to preserve, protect, and restore cultural heritage. They tackle both remedial conservation (physical repair and cleaning) and preventive conservation (environmental monitoring) to ensure artworks survive for future generations.

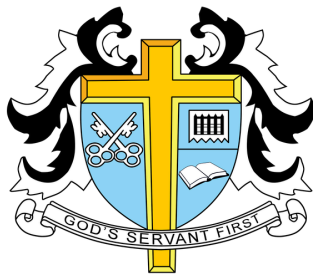
LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Experts estimate 65% of kids starting primary school today will end up working in a specific job that doesn't exist yet.

Technical, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving skills will be in demand in the future.


Source

If you have any questions please email Mrs Bradley at kbradley@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk





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 Break the Wall is Creative Mentor Network's longest running programme, supporting 16-25 year olds break into the creative industry. Mentors on Break the Wall come from all across the creative industries, and it's a great opportunity to connect and meet people across a range of disciplines. Break the Wall is free for all mentees, runs for 16 weeks, and perfect for any stage of your career.

 "Aged 18 to 30 and have a business idea you're passionate about? The King's Trust's free Enterprise programme is here to help you turn that idea into a reality. With expert-led workshops, one-to-one support, and opportunities to apply for funding, we provide the tools you need to create a strong business plan and launch a successful business. We've already helped over 91,000 young people like you to start their own business."

 Learn job ready skills with a Google Career Certificate. Level up your career with flexible online training. Get the hands-on experience and practical AI skills you need to help you stand out to employers in high-paying fields.

 IBM Skills Build has over 1,000 courses in 20 different languages. Their education programmes focus on AI, Cyber Security and Data Analysis. Explore new technologies, build skills that are foundational for the workplace, and earn digital credentials to show what you've learned—all for free.

 Escape Studios provide free, on demand tutorials. "Get a taste for our Animation, Games, Visual Effects, Concept Art and Motion Graphics courses with our insightful series of tutorials created by our tutors. Each tutorial dives into a specific topic in one of our disciplines, helping viewers to expand their knowledge in their own time. Whether you are looking to learn more about Unreal Engine, Maya or Houdini, our tutorials are here to help."

 The Students' Guide to University 2026 will allow you to make an informed choice about university. It includes articles to help you decide whether university is right for you, what you should study, and where you should study it. Topics include researching options, attending events, financing studies, applying, and preparing for university life.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We're a team of tenacious, talented, and genuinely nice people who turn big ideas into even bigger results. If you're ready to roll up your sleeves, learn fast, and bring your A-game, we'd love to help you take on your next challenge and build your future in PR, communications, and social media."

Find out more about Aduro Communications [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Study at the UK's top specialist art and design university outside of London. This is AUB. A place to shape and build your work; to learn, share, provoke and collaborate. AUB is set in one the UK's most beautiful award-winning natural locations; boasting spectacular gardens, nine miles of sandy beaches, forests and a Jurassic coastline."

You can learn more about AUB [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)**



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



Year 10 Creative I-media, Art & DT visit to Solopress

Students from Creative iMedia, Art and Design & Technology recently had the opportunity to visit local print company **Solopress** in Southend, where they took part in an engaging tour of the facilities and gained first-hand insight into the print and design industry.



During the visit, students learned about the history and growth of the company, alongside the wide range of career opportunities available within the business. Employers shared valuable labour market information, highlighting entry routes such as applying directly from school or through agencies for roles like production and packing, as well as the strong potential for career progression within the company.



The experience enabled students to understand the key skills and attributes required in the workplace, including teamwork, attention to detail, creativity and adaptability. By seeing the production process in action, students were able to link their curriculum learning in creative and

technical subjects to real-world applications in industry.

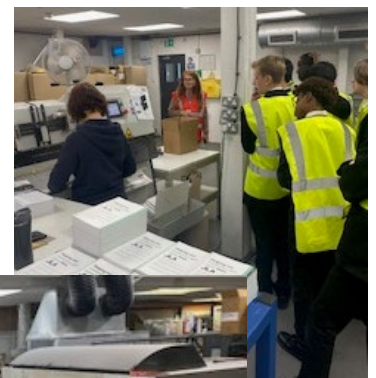


This visit provided a meaningful encounter with employers, and students left with

a clearer understanding of potential career pathways within the creative and manufacturing sectors, as well as the skills and



experiences needed to succeed in these roles.



BRITISH ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER



This newsletter shares helpful updates, resources, and opportunities from the British Army to support young people as they explore career options and build skills.

- **British Army Supporting Education**



APPRENTICESHIPS & CAREERS

GET SKILLED QUALIFIED CONFIDENT STARTED

SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATOR

As a **Supply Chain Operator**, you'll keep the Army moving by managing vital supplies. You'll also earn a Level 2 Supply Chain Warehouse Operative apprenticeship during training.



GOLDEN HELLO

Get an extra £10,000 with a Golden Hello, when you join as a Regular Army Supply Chain Operator in the Royal Logistics Corps. Talk to a recruiter to find out if you're eligible for this financial incentive.

MASTER YOUR CRAFT



VIRTUAL EVENTS



JOINING THE ARMY SERIES:
Officer

TUESDAY 23 JUNE
18:00 - 19:00

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



JOINING THE ARMY SERIES:
Soldier

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY
18:00 - 19:00

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



VIRTUAL HARROGATE OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY
18:00 - 19:00

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

RESOURCES

LGBTQ+ VOICES

Winner of 'best free resource' in the 2021 Teach Secondary Awards, LGBTQ+ Voices include materials for an assembly and a lesson. Both aim to challenge perceptions, linking modern day inclusion efforts with the exclusion of the LGBTQ+ community throughout history.

[DOWNLOAD RESOURCE](#)



CLASSROOM SUBJECTS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

BUSINESS IN ACTION: MANAGING PEOPLE AND SUPPLY CHAINS IN THE ARMY

GCSE Business teaches you how organisations manage people and resources. HR Specialists focuses on people, finances and information while Supply Chain Operators focus on resources, efficiency and planning — both using Business skills in real-life Army role.

KEY CURRICULUM LINKS:

- **Business in the Real World:** Understanding different business types, spotting opportunities, and turning ideas into action.
- **Human Resources (People):** Recruiting, training, motivating people and understanding employment law.
- **Operations:** How goods and services are produced, delivered, and improved through quality and supply chains.

SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATOR

This role builds directly on skills developed in GCSE Business:

- **Organisation** – managing stock and deliveries
- **Numeracy** – tracking quantities, orders and costs
- **IT skills** – using logistics systems
- **Problem solving** – responding to real-life challenges



[SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATOR](#)

VS

HR SPECIALIST

GCSE Business helps students develop skills that align directly with HR roles:

- **Communication** – explaining policies, supporting people
- **Organisation** – managing records and systems
- **Data analysis** – using information to support decisions
- **Problem solving** – resolving personnel issues



[HR SPECIALIST](#)



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Call your local office or email the Army Outreach team at; rg-nrcoutreachadmin@mod.gov.uk

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ARMY APPLICATION AT A GLANCE

MYTH BUSTING: DO YOU NEED TO BE SUPER FIT?

Many people think you need to be super fit to join the British Army, which can make it feel out of reach. If that's a worry for you, you're not alone.

We asked real Regular and Reserve soldiers: do you need to be super fit to join the Army?

WATCH THE VIDEO TO HEAR THEIR HONEST ANSWERS



ALIGNING WITH GATSBY BENCHMARKS

FREE LESSON LIBRARY

Explore our free Lesson Library with over 35 adaptable assemblies, activities, lesson plans and schemes of work - all designed to support careers education.

PLAN YOUR NEXT LESSON



EMPLOYER TALKS (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

Use our interactive presentation to explore the wide range of Army roles. It's a simple, engaging way to help students learn about Army life and the different career paths available.

REQUEST A TALK



CAREERS FAIR (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

We can visit your school's careers fair to talk with students about Army roles, apprenticeships, sponsorship options and what Army life involves, helping them explore opportunities with confidence.

CONTACT THE OUTREACH TEAM



ARRANGE A WORKSHOP (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

This hands-on workshop helps students build confidence, resilience and communication skills through engaging team challenges, giving them a practical way to develop key skills they can use in and beyond school.

BOOK A WORKSHOP



WORK EXPERIENCE (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

Students can join a four-day residential Army experience to build leadership, teamwork and resilience. A one-day version may be offered when training or accommodation limits availability.

APPLY FOR A PLACEMENT



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SPOTLIGHT ON

WORLD MUSIC DAY - 21 JUNE

Celebrate the power of music with the Royal Corps of Army Music.



Perform in one of 14 UK-based bands, travel and play on global stages, and build a full-time, salaried and pensionable career as a professional Army musician - while enjoying sport, adventurous training and clear promotion opportunities.

If you're studying music, you may also be eligible for a British Army Music bursary. With a four-year commitment, **you could receive up to £9,250 per year** for up to three years to help cover tuition fees while studying a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Music Performance at a UK university or conservatoire.



[SEARCH ARMY MUSICIAN](#) >

[DOWNLOAD OUR POSTER](#) >

BRAND NEW PARENT PODCAST!



This parent podcast shares two honest family journeys through the Army application process and Army Foundation College Harrogate, exploring parental reassurance, confidence growth, and how one sibling's experience inspired another to consider joining.

[WATCH NOW](#) >

STUDENTS

ONE INFANTRY - WOULD YOU GO FOR IT?

Thinking about joining the Infantry but not sure what to expect? **You're not alone.**

As an Infantry soldier, you could specialise in Armoured Infantry, Light Infantry or Ceremonial duties. Whatever your path, you'll be part of a front-line team, right at the heart of what the Army does.

INTERESTED?

[WHY NOT ATTEND ONE OF OUR UPCOMING OPEN DAYS](#) >



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YOUTUBE SERIES - MYTH BUSTING: ARMY EDITION



BASIC TRAINING HACKS SOLDIERS SWEAR BY

Want to feel more confident going into basic training? This episode shares simple, tried-and-tested tips soldiers rely on — from boot care to folding kit — that really do make everyday life easier.



BRITISH ARMY TRAINING: WHAT TO EXPECT

Take a behind-the-scenes look at British Army basic training at Catterick. Follow new recruits through daily routines, physical training and teamwork as they learn the skills, values and resilience that shape Army careers.



FEMALE RECRUITS TRAINING

Joining the Army as a female soldier, and want to find out more about what it's like there? Watch two recruits talking about how they're getting on, and any tips they have for people starting.

HUBS

Find parent resources, step-by-step guidance and myth-busting information. Hear real stories on our Parent Perspectives Podcast, explore testimonials and watch expert-led webinars covering careers, applications and wellbeing.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS >



Boost careers education with Gatsby-aligned resources, posters, myth-busting guidance and workshops. Explore real stories, testimonials and expert-led webinars to help you spark meaningful, confident career conversations in class.

EDUCATORS >



NEWSLETTER: REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH COLLEAGUES AND PARENTS

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST >

WHO MAY ALSO BENEFIT

Encouraging your wider team and families to register ensures everyone has access to the same dependable insights, tools and updates - helping them feel informed, confident and better equipped to support young people.

GET IN TOUCH

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