

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



National Writing Day will take place on Wednesday 24 June. National Writing Day is an annual celebration of the power of writing creatively, inspiring people of all ages and abilities to try writing for fun and self-expression. To celebrate the day, we are going to share some information on where a love of writing could take your career!



Writing is a lifelong skill empowering communication and self-expression. It enhances self-confidence and critical thinking skills, but also encourages creativity. Writing is also part of everyday life, from making plans with friends over text or WhatsApp, writing emails in the workplace, or even making a shopping list. However, 1 in 3 children currently leave primary school without the writing skills they need to succeed in life.



Rap, hip-hop or Shakespeare – it's all poetry and here's a chance for young poets aged 16-22 to show off their word skills. Enter up to three poems in the Young Poets Competition for a fee of £3 per poem. There is a top prize of £200, with second and third prizes of £150 and £100. Young Poets Competition closes on 31 July 2026.



We hear about climate change, inequality, and injustice every day, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed. But the future isn't fixed. It's shaped by what we do next. That's where you come in. We're inviting young people around the world to imagine new stories about the future – and share them in a creative challenge. Learn more about the challenge on this page and submit your entry by 19 July 2026!



Ever wondered how journalists always find stories to cover? In this video, Phil Wilkinson shares how to spot strong story ideas, source original journalism, and decide which stories are worth telling. A must-watch for anyone thinking about a career in news and reporting.



The Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award is one of the most prestigious poetry competitions for 11-17 year olds in the world. If you're aged 11-17, submit your poems for the chance to be among the 100 winners and kick-start your writing career.

JOB OF THE WEEK



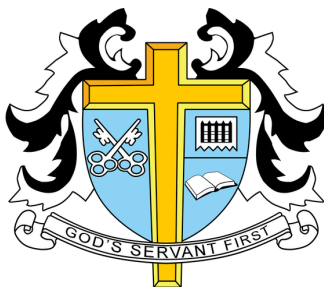
Editorial Assistant

Editorial assistants provide support at all stages of the publication process for books, journals, magazines and online content. As an editorial assistant, you'll need an impeccable eye for detail and the ability to spot mistakes. It's also important to possess commercial awareness of trends in the publishing industry and have excellent time management skills so you always hit strict deadlines.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In higher education, courses related to health and medicine have the highest proportions of employed recent education leavers in priority occupations. Courses in architecture, building and planning; engineering; and computing also have over two thirds of employed recent education leavers working in priority occupations.
Source

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In this video, Cameron Watson shares how he broke into publishing and built a career in marketing at #Merky Books (Penguin Random House). Now a Marketing and Audience Executive, he explains what marketing roles really involve, the skills that helped him stand out, and gives honest advice on getting into publishing—no connections needed.



The skills you gain through studying English are marketable in most job sectors. [Read this guide](#) for inspiration on what job roles an English degree could lead to.



Artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming sectors from healthcare to education, with its impact on journalism being particularly profound. As the media landscape evolves, AI presents both powerful tools and significant threats to press freedom, integrity, and public trust. [Read this blog](#) to explore how AI is reshaping journalism, examining both the risks it poses and the opportunities it creates.



Forbes also published an interesting piece on "[Will AI Replace Writers? Here's Why It's Not Happening Anytime Soon](#)". "Yes, robots can do a lot of amazing things, but one thing they will never be able to do is write like a person. AI writing tends to be mechanical and formulaic—which is fine for technical writing, but problematic when you need to convey warmth and authenticity in order to engage readers and build trust."



[Drive Your Future](#) is an engaging schools programme from Toyota & Lexus UK, designed to introduce students to the exciting world of automotive careers and apprenticeships. Each session explores different areas of the industry; from cutting-edge vehicle technology and sustainability, to career pathways, apprenticeships, and real-life employee journeys within the Toyota and Lexus networks.



Cinemagic is looking for imaginative and original films made by young people to be screened as part of [CINEMAGIC YOUNG FILMMAKER 2026](#). The films can be about anything at all! Fact or fiction, comedy or drama, news programme, music video or documentary. Competition deadline is 3rd August 2026.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Our mission is to create enduring work that creates value for our clients. Work that's world-renowned, that sparks conversation and populates culture. Memorable work. Different-shaped work. Work that translates to every market. Work that connects brands and people across the globe in ways marketing rarely does." Find out more about [VCCP here](#) - they run work experience and a paid entry level programme!

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Go further with Bath Spa University. Explore ideas. Expand specialist knowledge. Build career prospects and follow your passion. There are so many reasons to embark on further study. Whatever your ambition, we're here to champion it – through academic guidance and career-focused support within an inspiring setting."

You can learn more about [Bath Spa University here](#).

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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

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*





SUMMER CAREER BINGO

How many can you check off before August?



Update
your resume



Complete a
job simulation



Learn a
new skill



Attend a
networking event



Explore a new
career path



Conduct an
informational
interview



Connect
with an alum



Apply for
a role



Practice
interview
questions



Build a portfolio
project



Update your
LinkedIn



Join a talent
network



Watch a career
webinar



Learn about
a new industry



Read a book
or article on
career growth



Set a career
goal and make
a plan

Undergraduate open days

Visit us at an open day to find out more about your subject of interest and to see whether Southampton is the right place for you.

Register your interest →



2025 undergraduate open days:

In person Open Days:

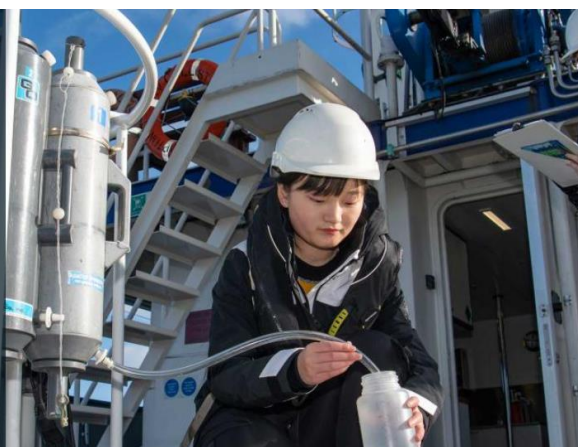
- Saturday 21 June
- Sunday 22 June
- Sunday 14 September
- Sunday 5 October
- Saturday 18 October

Subject talks, tours & drop-ins for:

- **Geology & Environmental Geoscience Programmes**
- **Marine Biology & Oceanography Programmes**

School of Ocean and Earth Science

We research, teach and carry out impact activities to improve understanding and stewardship of our changing planetary life-support system. Our community of staff and students are tackling key societal challenges from forecasting impacts of future climate variability to the sustainable exploitation of Earth's resources.



Top 40 in the world for
Ocean and Earth
Science

QS World Rankings 2023



Study at NOCS, one of
the world's largest ocean
and earth science
research and training
centres

98%

of Ocean and Earth
Science graduates were
in employment or
further study 15 months
after graduation

Graduate Outcomes 2020/2021



Attend a subject talk

Hear directly from our expert academics in a subject talk.

You'll explore the available study pathways, how you'll learn on the course and what your career options might be. It's also a chance for you to ask any questions about your subject.

Tour our campuses and facilities

Our guided tours are usually separated into campus tours and subject tours. These are a great opportunity to explore both life on campus and the unique study spaces and facilities.

You'll see our: ***Facilities, libraries, study spaces, labs, workshops, green spaces, food and drink locations, sports facilities, social spots***

Chat to students about their experiences

Learn first-hand from current undergraduates what it's like to be a University of Southampton student. Get their top tips for applying, living and studying here.

Discuss your course with academic staff

Have an informal chat with our academic experts to find out what your options are.

Visit our accommodation

See some of our dedicated student accommodation at our nearby halls of residence. Our accommodation talk will also introduce you to the different kinds of rooms you can choose from, as well as the locations and costs.

Subject demonstrations

Academics and students will be showcasing some of our workshops, labs and studios and offering demonstrations to give you a taste of hands-on learning. Check the programme for timings and more details.

Explore Southampton and Winchester city centres

Explore Southampton and all that this exciting city has to offer. Or, take a self-guided tour of England's beautiful former capital city and discover things to do in Winchester.

Hear about our student life hub

Learn about the support that will be available to you. You'll hear from our support services on things like careers, enabling services, the student hub, sport and more.

Travel bursaries

We understand that travel costs can be a barrier when you attend a University event. We offer travel bursaries of up to £100 to help you to cover these costs. If you are attending one of our Open Days in 2023, you may be eligible. If you are eligible, you will be reimbursed after attending the event. You will find more information and terms and conditions on the travel bursary application form.



Insight into University: Ocean & Earth Science at The University of Southampton



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FOR YEAR 11 & 12

Explore the different processes that drive the global Earth system! Hosted at the National Oceanography Centre Southampton, you'll combine geology, geography & oceanography, and develop a wide range of practical and transferable skills.

What is involved?

- Gain experience investigating coastal marine environments, including physical processes such as tides and the ecosystems they support.
- Develop an understanding of environmental geoscience, including human interactions with marine and coastal systems and the impacts of climate change.
- Spend time on board our teaching and research vessel Callista in Southampton Water and the Solent.

Dates

Monday 20th July – Tuesday 21st July 2026
(1 night residential)

Cost/funding

£270 (bursaries available for eligible students)

How to apply/find out more

To apply, please visit our website [here](#) or **scan the QR code!**

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