

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



Black History Month 2026 in the UK takes place throughout October with the official theme "Honouring our Communities." Celebrating Black History Month means shining a light on achievements, recognising contributions, challenging inequality, inspiring future generations, and promoting greater understanding, inclusion and representation.



On 7th October, join Sanctuary Foundation for a special Great Big Live Assembly to celebrate Black History Month - a fast-paced, fun, and inspiring 10-minute event designed especially for secondary school children across the UK! The event will feature inspiring Black role models and guest contributors and a spotlight on this year's Black History Month theme: "Honouring Our Communities". This year's focus highlights the everyday, often unseen contributions of Black individuals who shape, support, and sustain British society. It recognises people such as volunteers, teachers, NHS nurses, carers, and community leaders who hold communities together. The assembly will be streamed live on YouTube. Can't make it live? No problem! Sign up and they'll send you a link to watch on catch-up.



This iCAN Pulse webinar, taking place on 26th October at 5pm, will bring together Black leaders from across the UK and US insurance markets to share their career journeys, the people and communities that have shaped them, and the responsibility leaders have to support those coming behind them.



ICAEW features a series of videos showcasing some of their most inspirational black members. They share their experiences and insights on issues such as leadership, skills and intersectionality in the profession. The videos are from a range of presenters, including senior professionals such as Ololade Adesanya, a Director at EY.



BHM Heroes is a broader collection covering people from sport, medicine, the military, arts and other professions. Profiles include Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Samantha Tross, F1 Racer Lewis Hamilton, and Footballer Marcus Rashford.

OuterCircle is an apprenticeship organisation helping young people access and succeed in apprenticeships. They arrange events, have current apprentices who act as mentors and an online community to help you succeed. Many of their members are from ethnically diverse backgrounds and can share their real, recent experiences of applying to (and securing!) apprenticeship opportunities.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Social Worker

They are a trained care professional who helps individuals, families, and communities cope with difficult life challenges, improve their well-being, and protect vulnerable people from harm.

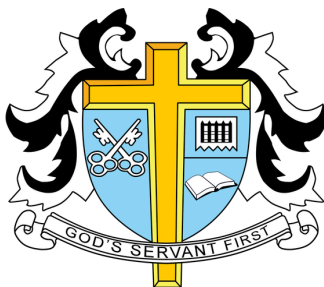
Social Workers usually work for local councils and sit within an adult or childrens team, depending on who they support. In England, they must be registered with Social Work England to legally work in the role.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

A disproportionately high percentage of Black African and Black Caribbean workers are employed as nurses, healthcare assistants, and social workers. For example, public sector statistics show that children's social care and NHS non-medical bands feature some of the highest representations of Black staff across public services.

Source

If you have any questions please email
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Whether you're looking at apprenticeships, work experience, internships or graduate schemes, this session is your launchpad. Lloyds Banking Group are one of the world's biggest financial services companies, with over 30 million digital customers and brands you already know. On 6th October from 5-6pm, you'll find out how they help Britain prosper, what makes their culture what it is, and exactly when this year's opportunities open.



Thinking about an AWE apprenticeship? This session on 6th October from 5-6pm is your chance to get fully prepped before applications open, with practical advice to help you feel confident when you apply. AWE's apprenticeship roles open on 12 October, so this is the perfect way to get ahead before then.



On Wednesday 7th October Deloitte is taking Year 12 and Year 13 students inside their organisation, a Big Four firm and the largest professional services business in the world, to explore their BrightStart apprenticeships and work experience schemes. This is a key route into the firm for school leavers, where you can earn a salary, work on real client projects and study towards a professional qualification at the same time.



Does a legal career within an international organisation sound like something you'd be interested in? Join Young Professionals on 9th October from 5-6:30pm for an exclusive virtual event with Clifford Chance, one of the world's leading law firms, to gain valuable insights into the profession and explore the opportunities available to kickstart your career.



This session from My Great First Job takes place on 20th October and will show you how to really stand out on an applicant list. When you are having an interview for an Apprenticeship or a place at University, you'll find that most of the applicants will have the same levels of qualifications as you... So finding ways to stand out is super-important.



Createch is now live! This is your guide to careers at the intersection of creativity and technology. Learn where creativity meets tech through short talks, real career stories and practical advice from people working across the creative industries. All online, all on demand. You must be registered to access the talks. Register for free.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

BAE Systems is a UK engineering, technology, aerospace and defence company, working on projects including aircraft, submarines, ships, cyber security and advanced technology. Its extensive early careers programme includes work experience, apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships, undergraduate placements and graduate roles. Opportunities cover engineering, software, cyber, project management and business, giving young people routes to earn qualifications while contributing to large-scale projects.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

UCL is a large university based in the heart of London, offering courses across subjects including sciences, engineering, humanities, languages, social sciences, architecture, education and health. Students join a diverse international community and can access research, societies, volunteering and career development opportunities. Its location can be particularly valuable for students wanting to experience city life alongside access to London's employers, cultural organisations and professional networks.

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South Essex Colleges Group - Post-16 Assembly

Year 11 South Essex Colleges Group Assembly

Year 11 students welcomed Shannon Bridgeman from [South Essex Colleges Group](https://www.southessex.ac.uk) today for an informative assembly exploring the wide range of post-16 pathways and opportunities available after GCSEs. Students heard about the different routes available, including further education courses, apprenticeships, A Levels and T Levels, as well as the range of specialist provision and facilities available across the Group's campuses. [\[southessex.ac.uk\]](https://www.southessex.ac.uk), [\[youtube.com\]](https://www.youtube.com)

A key message from the assembly was the importance of researching options and entry requirements carefully. Students were reminded that achieving Grade 4 or above in both GCSE English and Maths is particularly important. Where students do not achieve a Grade 4 in either English or Maths, they will be required to continue studying and resit the relevant GCSE alongside their chosen college course.



Students were also encouraged to research their options early and attend college [Open Days](#) and experience events. These provide an excellent opportunity to explore different campuses, find out more about individual courses and get a feel for where and what they might like to study.

Another important message was to keep options open when making post-16 applications and not rely on just one outcome. When considering courses and providers, students should look at options based on the best GCSE results they could achieve, a realistic choice and a safe choice. Making more than one application can provide alternative pathways when GCSE results are received and help students make a confident and informed decision about their next steps.

Overall, the assembly encouraged Year 11 students to explore, ask questions, visit providers, check entry requirements and work hard towards achieving the GCSE grades they need, reminding them that there are many different routes available to help them progress towards their future career ambitions.

Charles Russell Speechlys

Insight into Charles Russell Speechlys
Monday 12th October 5pm - 6pm

Work for an international law firm

FAO Careers, Y12, 13 and University Students - Law Opportunity with Charles Russell Speechlys [Student web link to share:](#)

Hello,

We're excited to invite you to an exclusive, online **Insight to Law event with Charles Russell Speechlys**, giving you the opportunity to gain insider knowledge from one of the world's leading law firms.

About Charles Russell Speechlys:

Charles Russell Speechlys is a globally recognised law firm, known for its work with clients across industries including real estate, private wealth, and technology. With a strong commitment to nurturing future talent, Charles Russell Speechlys offers some of the very best **solicitor apprenticeship opportunities** for students interested in starting their legal careers straight out of school.

What to Expect:

- **Exclusive insights** from lawyers, current solicitor apprentices and trainees at Charles Russell Speechlys, sharing their experiences, career paths, and what it's like working in a top law firm.
- **Practical advice** on navigating the legal profession, including information on their highly-regarded **Solicitor Apprenticeships and training contracts**, which offer a unique opportunity to qualify as a solicitor
- A **Q&A session**, where you'll have the chance to ask direct questions and receive tailored advice from professionals who understand the path to success in the legal world.

This online event is perfect for those looking to gain a clearer understanding of the legal industry and seeking guidance on how to break into the profession with one of the UK's most respected law firms.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Monday, 12th October 2026
- **Time:** 5pm - 6pm
- **Who:** Students at University and Year 12 and 13
- **Location:** Zoom (link will be provided upon registration)

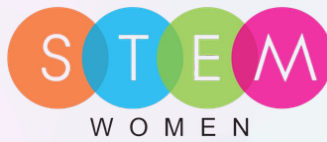
Register Here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rlqtj7RBRjiolL9opyHTfq#/

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect directly with legal experts and get a head start in your career journey.

Dan Miller

Founder and CEO W: young-professionals.uk



LONDON APPRENTICESHIP CAREERS FAIR

OCTOBER 9TH 2026 10AM – 12:30PM
QEII CENTRE – WESTMINSTER, LONDON

GET YOUR FREE TICKET HERE:



SCAN HERE

ARE YOU IN YEAR 12 OR 13, IDENTIFY AS A WOMAN OR NON-BINARY, AND
CONSIDERING APPRENTICESHIPS?
COME ALONG TO OUR FREE CAREERS FAIR LONDON

- **Meet** employers at their stalls: discover careers and pick up branded merch.
- **Watch** live talks in the theatre, including an exclusive networking tips session.
- **Receive** an exclusive guide: all attendees get our STEM Women Apprenticeships Guide to help you navigate the world of apprenticeships.

ENTER THE GIVEAWAY!

Visit @stemwomenevents on Instagram to enter



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Stanley cup,
Jellycat &
STEM
WOMEN
merch
worth £100!

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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.theappletonschoool.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

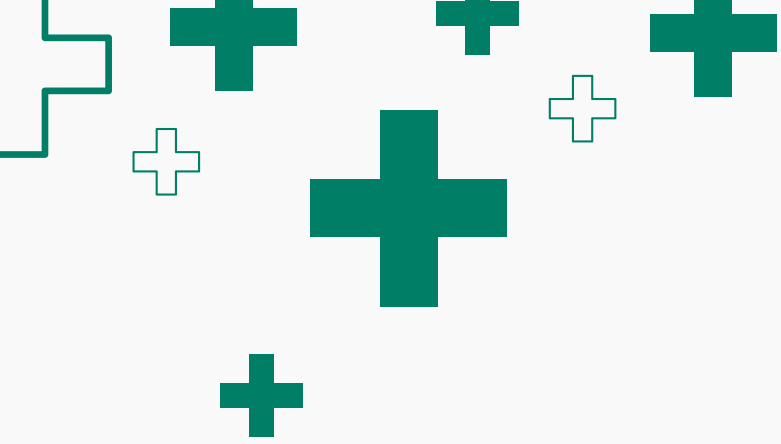
	5pm – 8pm	Thursday 12 th November 2026
Braintree Campus	5pm – 8pm	Monday 19 th October 2026
	10am – 12.00pm	Saturday 14 th November 2026
Colchester Sixth Form College www.colchsf.ac.uk/admissionsevents/		
	6.15pm – 9.15pm	Wednesday 21 st October 2026
	6.15pm – 9.15pm	Thursday 22 nd October 2026
Stansted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



Wednesday 28 October



1pm



Online - register online

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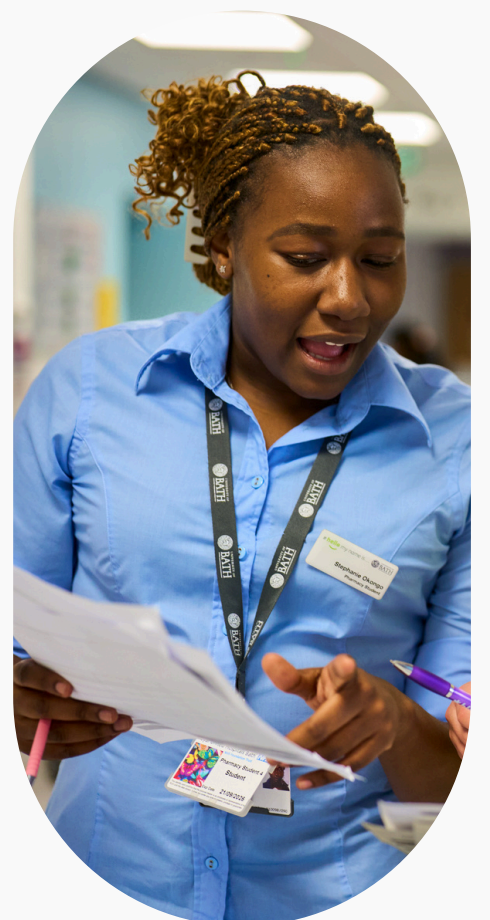
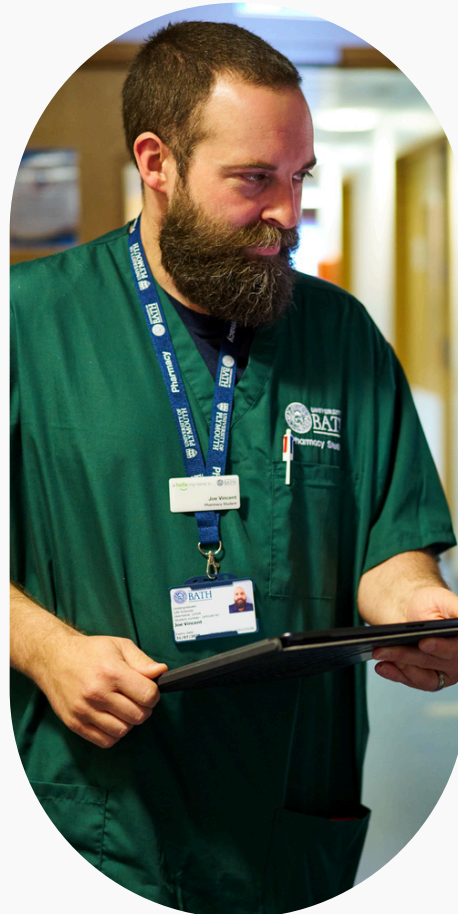
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YOUR CHANCE TO ASK YOUR QUESTIONS LIVE

Discover Pharmacy in Bath and Plymouth

Study a University of Bath Pharmacy degree at either the Bath University campus or the Plymouth University campus.

Join our **free live webinar** and get your questions answered by current students and academics.



SAVE THE DATE

28
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2026

- ✓ Find out about our three different pharmacy courses and discover which one is right for you.
- ✓ Ask students what placements are really like.
- ✓ Find out about support you will receive at university.
- ✓ Explore career prospects and salary expectations after graduation.

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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**



COMBAT MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

Can you stay calm under pressure and help save lives? As a Combat Medical Technician, you'll provide emergency care, support injured soldiers and help get them to safety. We'll provide the training and support you need to succeed.



APPRENTICESHIP GAINED

Start a **Level 3 Healthcare Support apprenticeship**, lasting up to 24 months and offering pay over **£27,200** (around £523 a week before tax), giving you practical skills, real experience and a foundation for your future.

MASTER YOUR CRAFT



VIRTUAL EVENTS

INSIDE ARMY CAREERS:

7 WAYS TO SERVE



WEDNESDAY 7 OCT
12:00 - 12:30

REGISTER TODAY

WOMEN IN TECH:

ROYAL SIGNALS STORY



THURSDAY 15 OCT
18:00 - 19:00

REGISTER TODAY

YOUR ARMY JOURNEY EXPLAINED:

REGULAR SOLDIER



WEDNESDAY 28 OCT
12:00 - 12:30

REGISTER TODAY

VIRTUAL HARROGATE OPEN DAY



WEDNESDAY 4 NOV
18:00 - 19:00

REGISTER TODAY

INSIDE ARMY CAREERS:

MEET THE INFANTRY



TUESDAY 17 NOV
18:00 - 19:00

REGISTER TODAY

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING: INFANTRY



SOLDIER

You'll be at the heart of the action, working to keep vulnerable communities safe and prevent conflict, doing something that really matters.

GUARDSMAN

Take part in global operations, State Ceremonial and Public Duties like the Trooping of the Colour.

PARATROOPER

As a 'Para' you will be in one of our high-readiness battalions, ready to be the first to deploy anywhere in the world.

DOWNLOAD OUR FACT SHEET



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

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SPOTLIGHT ON - REMEMBRANCE

FREE REMEMBRANCE RESOURCE

Bring Remembrance into the classroom with our free, curriculum-linked resource. Explore the stories behind remembrance, encourage meaningful discussion, and help students reflect on Service, sacrifice and legacy through engaging activities designed for education settings.

[ADD TO YOUR CURRICULUM](#)

SUPPORTING CAREERS EDUCATION

FREE LESSON LIBRARY

35+ FREE LESSONS, assemblies and activities ready to use in the classroom.

- SUPPORTS GATSBY BENCHMARK 3

[PLAN YOUR NEXT LESSON](#)

EMPLOYER TALKS (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

Interactive sessions helping students explore Army careers and pathways.

- SUPPORTS GATSBY BENCHMARKS 2 & 7

[REQUEST A TALK](#)

CAREERS FAIR (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

Invite us to your careers fair to discuss roles, apprenticeships and opportunities.

- SUPPORTS GATSBY BENCHMARK 5

[CONTACT THE OUTREACH TEAM](#)

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

Build teamwork, resilience and communication skills through practical activities.

- SUPPORTS GATSBY BENCHMARKS 1 & 4

[BOOK A WORKSHOP](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

Four-day residential experiences that develop leadership and confidence.

- SUPPORTS GATSBY BENCHMARK 6

[APPLY FOR A PLACEMENT](#)

APPLICATION TIPS

APPLICATION TIP 2:
THERE'S MORE THAN ONE ROUTE TO SUCCESS



"FROM APPRENTICESHIPS TO PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, YOU CAN GAIN TRANSFERABLE SKILLS AND CIVILIAN RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS WHILE EARNING A SALARY."

[DISCOVER OVER 39 APPRENTICESHIPS](#)

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GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

CAN YOUR STUDENTS LEAD A DISASTER RELIEF MISSION?

Develop map reading, data analysis and Geographic Information System (GIS) skills as they identify the best location for an earthquake response base, inspired by the role of an Army Geographic Technician. Suitable for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

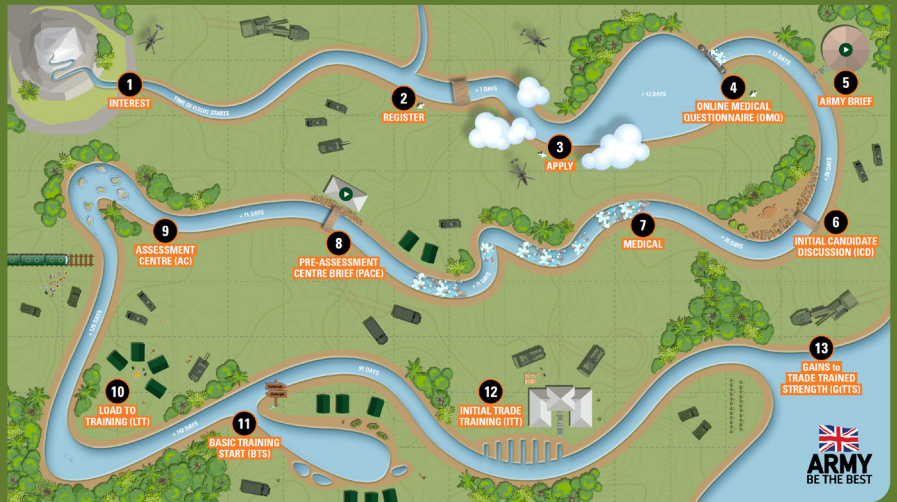
[ADD TO YOUR CURRICULUM >](#)

PARENTS

RIVER PROCESS MAP

A clear, interactive guide to help families and educators support young people as they explore Army opportunities, understand each stage of the journey, and feel confident offering the right guidance.

[VIEW THE MAP >](#)



STUDENTS

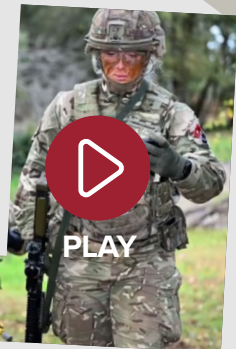
FROM MILITARY POLICE TO ICE HOCKEY CAPTAIN

EVER WONDERED WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BALANCE AN ARMY CAREER WITH COMPETING IN ELITE SPORT?

Meet **Charlotte**, a Corporal in the Royal Military Police, who combines her Army role with captaining the Army Women's Ice Hockey Team.

From travelling overseas and taking part in adventurous training to competing on the ice, Charlotte shares how the Army has helped her grow, develop new skills and pursue her passion for sport.

WATCH HER STORY TO DISCOVER LIFE IN THE ROYAL MILITARY POLICE AND HOW THE ARMY CAN SUPPORT YOUR CAREER GOALS, INTERESTS AND AMBITIONS.



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YOUTUBE SERIES - PARENT VOICES



THE ARMY JOURNEY: A PARENTS INSIGHT



A mother and father open up about what it's really like supporting their children through the Army application journey. From those first conversations and unanswered questions to understanding how the process really works.



RAY'S STORY



A son's real journey joining the British Army at Army Foundation College Harrogate. From struggling with fitness and the bleep test to finally passing, this is a powerful story of determination and resilience.



THEY WANT A CAREER IN THE ARMY



Joining the Army can seem exciting, but as a parent or guardian, you will also have questions if your child tells you that they want to join. You would not be alone, watch our film of parents talking about how they felt when their child said they wanted to join.

HUBS

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS >

- PODCASTS
- APPLICATION GUIDANCE
- MYTH-BUSTING
- EXPERT WEBINARS



EDUCATORS >

- LESSON RESOURCES
- WORKSHOPS
- CAREERS GUIDANCE
- EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT



KNOW SOMEONE WHO'D BENEFIT?

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST >

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH COLLEAGUES, PARENTS AND CARERS

Help more people access helpful resources, events and advice.

WANT TO STAY CONNECTED >



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