

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 T Levels Week takes place from 19th to 23rd October 2026 to celebrate technical education achievements and highlight student, teacher, and employer successes. You can find out more by searching the hashtag #TLevelsWeek on social media.

In these student stories, you can hear directly from students who are taking a T Level course about why you might like to consider them when thinking about your next steps.



Here is everything you need to know about T Levels, including what subjects they're offered in, how they're assessed and what the grading equates to.

Considering a T Level but unsure what the workload or placement is actually like? This Springpod programme helps you explore how T Levels work, combining classroom learning with a substantial industry placement, so you can decide if this route suits your learning style before choosing it. You'll know what to expect - and whether it's the right next step for you.



These handy posters show you which Springpod industry programmes link well to which T Level subject, allowing you to try the industry before signing up to the T Level course.



Sainsbury's are running a series of Virtual Career Experience Days, as part of their KickStarter Experiences, taking place during the October half-term. You can explore exciting career opportunities, develop new skills, meet members of the Sainsbury's team, and gain a better understanding of careers in retail and the supermarket industry.



The Foot Anstey work experience opportunities are designed to give you a genuine feel for life in a commercial law firm. You'll learn more about the variety of career paths available, develop key professional skills and connect with people across the business. From legal careers to the many teams that support our clients and colleagues, you'll discover what it's really like to be part of Foot Anstey and take the next step in your career journey. Their next event is Mon 26th October.



Future Doctors have 4,000 free places for students aged 14-18 to join a free online course designed for students interested in careers in medicine and healthcare. All students receive a signed certificate from their doctors for taking part. Upcoming events are on; Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25, and Nov 1.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Building Control Surveyor

They review architectural drawings, structural calculations, and technical specifications before work starts then visit properties at key stages - such as foundations, damp-proof courses, and structural completions - to verify safety and compliance.

Every new build property in the UK must be signed off by a Building Survey before it can be sold or lived in.

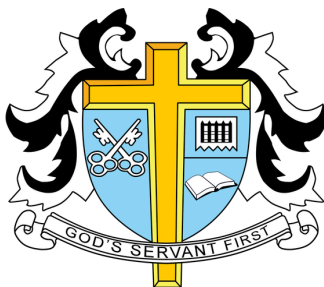
LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Education and Early Years T Levels pathway attracts the highest number of enrolled students and completers in England.

There were nearly 3,780 results for the Education & Early Years T Level Course in the 2025/26 academic year alone.

Source

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



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Join [this live session](#) on 20th October at 4pm to learn more about what it's like to study a Politics, International Relations or International Development degree at the University of Portsmouth. You'll find out about our course highlights, modules, placement opportunities and careers support, as well as plenty of time to get your questions answered.



Need help navigating the UCAS application process? Applying to university can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. Join the University of Roehampton on 22nd Oct at 530pm for a [practical, step-by-step guide to the UCAS application process](#), designed to help you understand what's involved and feel more confident about applying. They'll break down each stage of the application, share helpful tips and advice, and highlight key things to consider when completing your UCAS application.



Interested in finding out more about careers in pathology? The Pathology Training Leads are hosting a [Virtual Pathology Work Experience Day](#) on 28th October, from 9:15am to 4:30pm. The day will provide an opportunity to hear from professionals working across a wide range of pathology disciplines, alongside careers information and opportunities to ask questions directly to those working in the field. The event will be delivered via Microsoft Teams and is open to anyone interested in finding out more about careers in biomedical science and pathology.



Imagine the year is 2029 and you are about to graduate with a degree in business management and a GREAT idea for a new business start-up! Join [Associate Professor David Steinberg](#) from Heriot-Watt University on 3rd Nov at 7pm and discover how current research is helping to shape the business world of the future. In this highly interactive session, you will be asked to make decisions on the development of your company from incubator to global success! How will your Intelligent Virtual Store Design (IVSD) provide products and services to bring the in-store shopping experience into the home? Will your company flop or will you take over the emerging metaverse?



Numerous universities run Open Days in October, be sure to register and attend the ones you're interested in. Open days are the best way to get a feel for a university, their course offer and facilities. You can see the dates here: [UCAS](#), [OpenDays.com](#) and [UniTasterDays](#). On UniTasterDays, you can also look at [incentives and deals](#) to help with the cost of travel, hotels if required and food to attend open days.



EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

[Balfour Beatty](#) is a major infrastructure and construction company helping to build and maintain the systems people use every day, from roads and railways to buildings and energy infrastructure. Early career routes include apprenticeships, placements and graduate opportunities across engineering, construction, project management, quantity surveying and business. Students interested in seeing real projects develop from ideas into finished structures may find this sector particularly rewarding.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

[King's College London](#) is a large university with campuses across central London. It offers courses spanning health and medicine, law, humanities, social sciences, sciences, business and technology. Students benefit from being close to major hospitals, businesses, government and cultural institutions.

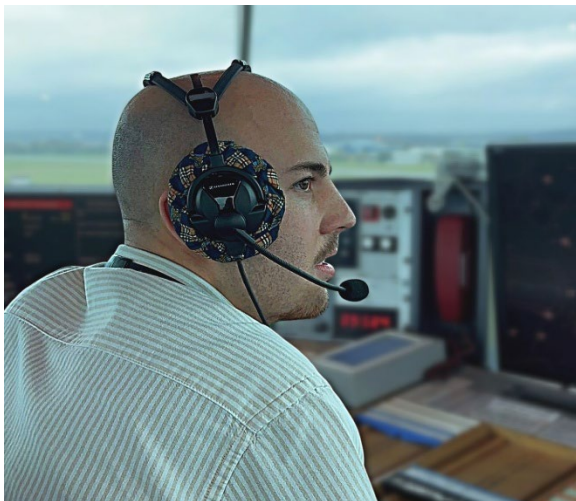
King's could particularly appeal to students looking for a busy city experience and opportunities to connect their university studies with organisations and careers across London.

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Leo Bruce

I left St. Thomas More in 2020 after spending seven happy years there completing both my GCSEs and A-Levels, and helping shape me into the person I am today. Ever since being a young boy, I've always been crazy about aviation and have always had the ambition to one day work in the industry that I'm so passionate about. Unfortunately, the final year at STM was cut short due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and not only did this effect all of our lives, but the aviation industry was one of the hardest hit sectors.

Faced with an industry which was tainted in unpredictability, I took the decision to wait and instead further my education. I went to the University of East Anglia from 2020 to 2023 to study BSc Environmental Sciences, and whilst not exactly related to my dream of aviation, it was a degree composed of my favourite subjects at STM, Geography and Geology. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at university, I met so many great friends and had a fantastic experience and I graduated with a 2:1 in 2023.



Control Assistant at Southend Airport. Over the next two years, I became fully qualified in the assistant position, supporting the Air Traffic Controllers and gaining vast amounts of experience in the environment. I was able to go away on a course with the Met Office to become an accredited aviation weather observer as a part of my role.

After two years, was extremely fortunate to be selected in my unit to go on and train to become an Air Traffic Controller. This involved an intensive six-month course based in Gloucester, learning all the regulations and rules in UK and European Air Traffic Control. After several exams and classroom-

PROFILE:

NAME: Leo Bruce

JOB: Air Traffic Controller at London Southend Airport

SUBJECTS studied at A LEVEL: Geography, Geology and History

What next? University of East Anglia, BSc Environmental Science

YEAR left STM: 2020

Towards the end of my degree, the aviation industry was once again on the up and recovering from the pandemic. An Air Traffic Control position opened at London Southend Airport, and I was determined to get it! I remember visiting the control tower as a part of the selection process, and the moment I got to the top and saw the control room, I was in awe and knew that this was the career for me.

Just a couple months after graduating, I was over the moon to be offered the role as an Air Traffic

based learning, we then got to be able to do it for 'real' albeit start training to control traffic on state-of-the-art simulators. I passed my Aerodrome Control Instrument course in June 2025, enabling me to return to Southend and start controlling aircraft for real!

Since then, I have been a Trainee Air Traffic Controller for the tower (ADI) environment, meaning I am responsible for all vehicles and aircraft manoeuvring on the airport's taxiways and runway, any aircraft flying in the vicinity of the airport and all aircraft landing and taking off. It is a surreal

experience, and an enormous amount of responsibility which we are trained for from day one and I love every minute. At the time of writing, I have nearly completed all my training after hundreds of hours with an instructor helping me get to the stage where I can gain my personal licence and be on

my own. Whether I'm controlling a small Cessna for someone learning to fly, or a big EasyJet taking people away on their holidays, I still pinch myself that I am able to do such an amazing career.

I still fondly look back to my years at STM which undoubtedly helped me become the person I am today, and gave me so many qualities which I take in daily life.

Quote I live by: "Everything will be alright in the end. If it's not alright, it's not the end."





On Tuesday, Year 13 students took part in an enrichment session led by Tom Maude, UK Student Recruitment Officer from the University of Leicester, focusing on UCAS applications and the new personal statement format.

Students received guidance on the UCAS application process, key deadlines and how to approach the new three-question personal statement. Tom shared practical advice on demonstrating subject interest through wider reading, super-curricular activities, work experience and personal achievements, as well as common mistakes to avoid when writing applications. The session also explored the responsible use of AI, highlighting how it can support brainstorming and proofreading while ensuring personal statements remain authentic and reflective of students' own experiences.

Student feedback was very positive, with many finding the guidance on getting started with their personal statements particularly useful. Students also valued the advice on using AI appropriately and understanding what universities are looking for in a strong application. The session provided valuable support and increased confidence as students continue preparing their university applications and next steps beyond sixth form.

Sixth Form Success Evening: Exploring Post-18 Pathways

This week, St Thomas More Sixth Form welcomed students and parents/carers to our annual Sixth Form Success Evening, an informative event designed to support families in exploring the wide range of opportunities available after Year 13. The evening featured inspiring contributions from former St Thomas More students, who shared their experiences of different post-18 pathways.



George Lamparter spoke about his journey through a degree apprenticeship with the Police, discussing entry requirements, the benefits of earning while learning and the opportunities apprenticeships can provide for career development.



George Sanders, now a Trading Market Underwriter at Zurich, gave an insightful presentation on his apprenticeship journey into the insurance industry. He shared the realities of the apprenticeship application process, including CV screening, online assessments, assessment centres and interviews, and encouraged students to stay resilient in the face of rejection, highlighting that he submitted 47 applications before securing one of his two apprenticeship offers. George also provided practical advice on tailoring CVs and cover letters, creating a LinkedIn profile, staying organised during applications, and building a professional network. He explained how his apprenticeship has enabled him to gain valuable workplace experience while studying towards industry qualifications, demonstrating the diverse and rewarding opportunities available through apprenticeships.



Students and parents also heard from Tom Maude from the University of Leicester, who provided valuable guidance on the university student finance process and the additional funding support available to students transitioning into higher education. The session helped to address common concerns around funding university study and encouraged continued conversations at home about future aspirations and next steps.

The evening highlighted the three key post-18 routes available to students: university, apprenticeships and employment, enabling families to gain a greater understanding of each pathway and make informed decisions about their future.

ROUTES IN HEALTHCARE: EXPLORING THE HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT ROLE

Take part in a hands-on workshop hosted by the Health & Care Academy in the specialist training ward at Brentwood Community Hospital.

This interactive session will give you a practical introduction to working in health and care through the role of a Healthcare Assistant (HCA).

EXPERIENCE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT

You will:

- ★ Discover the role of a Healthcare Assistant
- ★ Learn about Infection Prevention and Control, including: Hand hygiene, Using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), The 5 Moments of Hand Hygiene and Bed-changing skills
- ★ Take physiological measurements and record NEWS observations
- ★ Learn Basic Life Support skills

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REAL INSIGHT INTO LIFE ON A HOSPITAL WARD WHILE
HELPING YOU DEVELOP PRACTICAL SKILLS THROUGH
REALISTIC CLINICAL ACTIVITIES.**

This opportunity is available to students aged 14 – 16 years old.

Date: Tuesday 27th October 2026 or
Wednesday 28th October 2026

Time: 10am – 2pm

Venue: Brentwood Community Hospital

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THE DECEMBER SESSIONS (18:30 – 19:30 GMT)

WEBINAR 1 // TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Pathways into Accountancy from School with ACCA

Discover in-demand skills and explore pathways into finance - from apprenticeships and foundation levels to university options.

WEBINAR 2 // WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

Day in the Life of an Accountancy Apprentice

Get the inside scoop directly from current apprentices walking you through a typical day, how they started, and what qualifications helped.

WEBINAR 3 // THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Where a Career in Accounting Can Take You

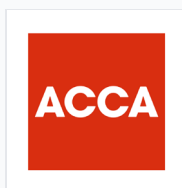
Did you know over 50% of FTSE 100 CEOs started in finance? Hear inspiring stories from senior professionals leading global businesses.

WEBINAR 4 // TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

How to Get Hired: Applications & Interviews Explained

Turn confusion into confidence with an interactive application masterclass.
Get insider tips on acing interviews and assessment centres.

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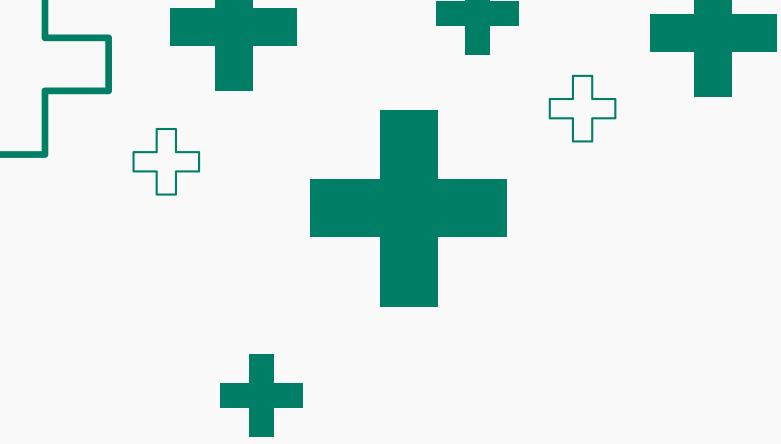
Registration is free and grants you access to all live sessions, on-demand replays, and career certificates.

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Wednesday 28 October



1pm



Online - register online

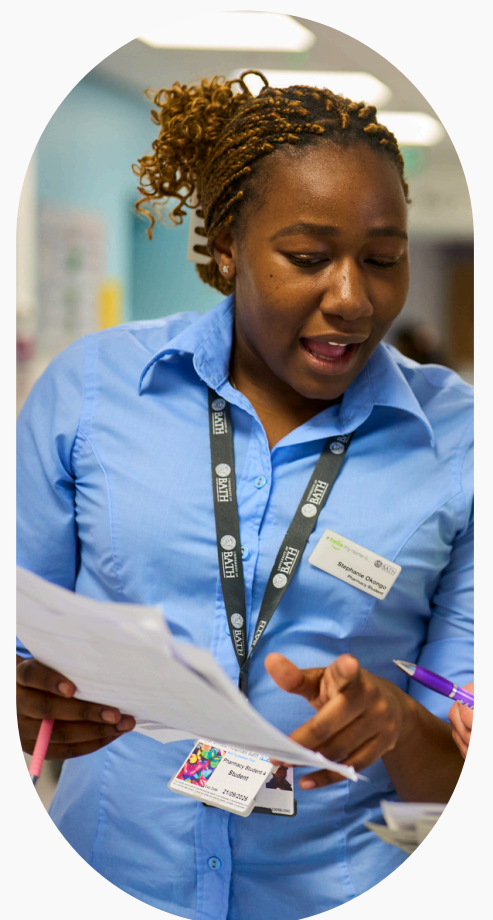
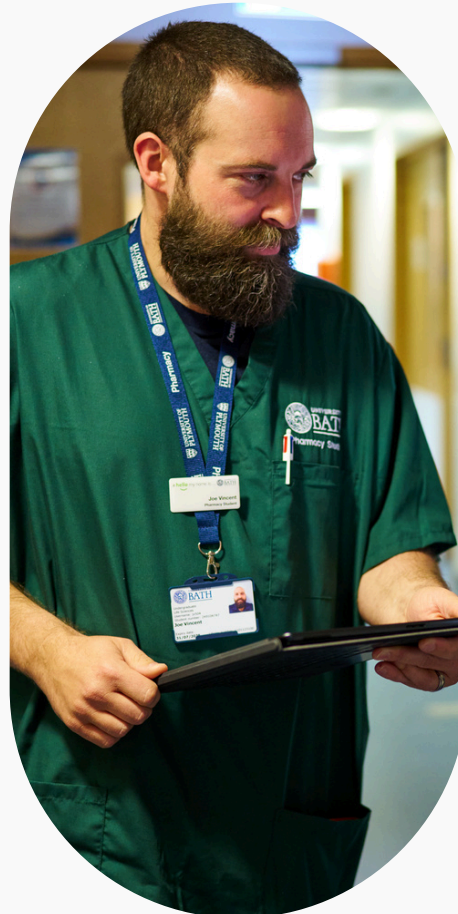
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OPEN EVENTS 2026/27

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.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/a/etinet.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/a/etinet.org/newrickstones-sixth-form/home	TBC
Shoeburyness		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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