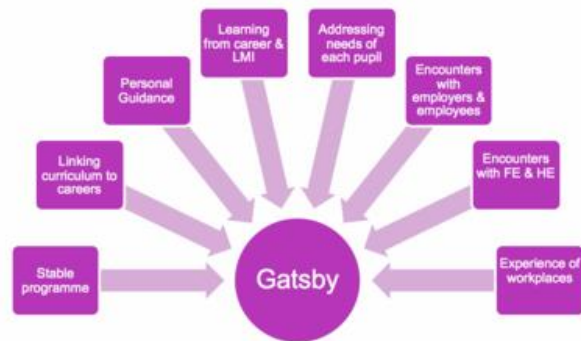




## National news

### Review of Gatsby benchmarks



The Gatsby Foundation has clarified, refined and strengthened the Gatsby benchmarks to ensure that the programme is fit for the future. All eight benchmarks have been retained and careers leaders still have the autonomy to design and deliver their own careers guidance programme. The review keeps careers at the heart of education and leadership and ensure that programmes are tailored to meet the needs of each young person. There is a focus on using information and data to inform decision-making, to engage parents and carers and to offer a variety of encounters and experiences.

[Read more](#)

## BBC Early Careers apprenticeships now open



Applications for BBC Early Careers apprenticeships are now open. Opportunities include broadcast and media systems technical operator, data analyst, journalist and post production technical operator.

More apprenticeships will be available in December such as business admin (level 3), human resources support (level 3), junior production coordinator (level 4), multi-channel marketer (level 3) and production (level 3).

[Read more](#)

## Which skills are employers seeking in your area?



Explore which jobs are advertised the most in your UK local authority area, and how many local residents have the relevant skills to fill them, using this interactive tool from the Office for National Statistics.

[Read more](#)

## Progression at age 16 of young people from underrepresented backgrounds towards careers in STEM



A new report by the Education Policy Institute (EPI) and the [Centre for Youth and Education](#) (CfEY), supported by [Mission 44](#), highlights the need for targeted efforts to increase post-16 participation in STEM subjects for currently underrepresented groups.

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## Higher education reform to back opportunity and protect students



The government has announced a significant package of measures to support students and stabilise the university sector.

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## Growing demand for green skills



According to LinkedIn's Green Skills Report 2024, demand for workers with green skills in the UK grew by 46% last year. The report states there are simply not enough workers with the right skills. LinkedIn data shows that in 2023, hiring for green talent was highest in the utilities sector, the farming, forestry and ranching sector and also oil, gas and mining. The types of jobs UK employers are looking for include energy auditor, environmental engineer and solar technician.

[Read more](#)

## What are the highest paying jobs in the UK?



Forbes has used data from ONS and Census 2021 to look at the highest paying jobs in the UK, with the median full time salary. The top five are:

- Pilots and air traffic controllers - £91,208
- IT directors - £81,588
- Chief executives - £81,328
- Marketing, sales and advertising directors - £80,912
- Public relations and communications directors - £73,944

[Read more](#)

## What are T-levels and what are the grades worth?



A report from the Education Policy Institute has found that students studying T Levels are less likely to complete their qualification than other types of courses.

Nearly one in three people doing a T-level in health and science drop out in their first year, while a third of those on legal, finance and accounting courses fail to finish.

T Levels were introduced in 2000. There are currently more than 20 T Level subjects to choose from.

[Read more](#)

### **Amazon UK 2025 apprenticeships now open**

Amazon UK apprenticeships are now open with start dates for 2025 and various locations. Apprenticeships include areas in digital, commercial, finance and analytics, marketing and sales, operations and engineering and creative.

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### **Jobs of the future report**



A new report suggests that 11 million additional graduates will be needed to fill jobs in the UK by 2035 in industries such as computing and engineering, teaching and education, and health.

[Read more](#)





## London news

### London university receives top Ofsted marks for degree apprenticeships



Queen Mary University of London has received an 'outstanding' Ofsted rating. Reference was made about leaders working “effectively” with big-name employers to tailor its apprenticeships to meet skills needs and recruited students from under-represented groups. At the time of inspection, the university had 436 apprentices studying standards from level 4 to 7 in sectors such as digital, healthcare and finance.

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### New figures reveal most advertised jobs in London



Latest data from the ONS show that the most advertised jobs in London are for sales accounts and business development managers - followed by programme and software development professionals and business sales executives.

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### Work begins on new £22 million 'ultra-sustainable' North London SEND school

A new £22m 'ultra-sustainable' SEND school is being built in Brent, North London. The Wembley Manor School is due to open in September next year and expected to deliver over 400 SEND places across the borough.

[Read more](#)

## Jet2 opening new base at UK airport

Jet2, the airline and tour operator, has announced that London Luton Airport will be its latest UK base. Flights to 17 destinations across Europe and the Mediterranean, including the Canary Islands, will start next summer. Jet2 chief executive Steve Heapy said the move would create 125 jobs initially.

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## North East

### Major investment boost announced for North East space sector



The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) has awarded £2.5 million to the North East Space Communications Accelerator (NESCA). The move is set to put the North East on the map in space research, which could drive economic growth and create high-skilled jobs.

[Read more](#)



## New figures reveal most advertised jobs in Newcastle



The most advertised and in-demand jobs in Newcastle between April and June this year, according to data from ONS, is sales accounts and business development managers. This is followed by programmers and software development professionals and care workers and home carers.

[Read more](#)

## Supported employment service named best in UK

# DurhamEnable

[DurhamEnable](#) has been ranked "excellent" in supported employment for people with disabilities, neurodiversities and long term health conditions. Durham Enable provide a range of services to people aged 18 or over, who live in County Durham and have a learning disability and / or autism.

[Read more](#)

## High-flying local college to offer groundbreaking aviation diploma



Stockton Sixth Form College will offer Aviation Generation's innovative Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Aviation Operations from September 2025. It will be the first institution outside

London offering an aviation diploma. The two-year course focuses on three key areas: industry operations, airline and aviation management, and sustainability challenges within the sector.

[Read more](#)



## South

### New figures reveal most advertised jobs in Cornwall



Latest figures from ONS show the most advertised and in-demand jobs in Cornwall. Vacancies for care workers and home carers were the most advertised jobs between April and June this year - followed by chefs and kitchen and catering assistants.

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### New figures reveal most advertised jobs in Dorset



Latest figures from ONS show the most advertised and in-demand jobs in Dorset. Vacancies for care workers and home carers were at the top of the list, followed by chefs and catering assistants.

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### **'Much needed' specialist school for pupils with autism opens in Surrey**



A specialist school in Surrey has opened, which will take 200 autistic students between the ages of four and 19. Hopescourt School is currently at a temporary site until the permanent school site is ready in Spring 2026. The school will be run by Bourne Education Trust and Surrey County Council.

[Read more](#)

### **Funding for charity helping young people find work**



Young Somerset charity, which helps young people to gain the skills needed to find a job in retail or hospitality, has been given £294,000 to expand its service. The charity runs a cafe and shop at the Taunton library for people aged between 16 and 25 years old.

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## South Yorkshire

### Defence firm to open £25m artillery factory

**BAE SYSTEMS**

The BBC reported that Britain's biggest defence firm, BAE Systems, has announced the creation of 50 new jobs as part of a £25m investment in Sheffield. BAE said it would open a new artillery development and production facility which will house a state-of-the-art factory. It will specialise in artillery expertise and will open in 2025.

[Read more](#)

### New initiative launched to support people into work



South Yorkshire's Mayor and leaders from across Local Government and health came together to officially launch WorkWell, a new early intervention service that's supporting people with physical or mental health conditions to stay in work or return to work.

SYMCA was recently awarded more than £3.5m as one of 15 pilot areas across England to deliver WorkWell. SYMCA will provide the service in partnership with SYHA.

The new service provides a referral mechanism for employees and employers to ask for the support they need. WorkWell offers a tailored early-intervention work and health support and assessment service, and a single, joined-up gateway to other support services.

### Meeting current and future demand in adult social care

Sheff News reports that there will be 13,000 more people aged over 65 by 2030 in Sheffield and the importance of adult social care. There is a real need to retain, recruit and develop a strong social care workforce. Sheffield currently has 17,500 people in social care roles and vacancies are higher than ever. [Sheffield CARES](#) works with colleges and universities to support the social care workforce, including a section on a career and finding a job in care.

[Read more](#)

### Doncaster sixth form students visit hospital to explore careers in health

Sixth form students, from Hall Cross Academy, who are interested in a health career, recently took part in a work industry visit to the Doncaster Royal Infirmary. The students were able to visit different wards and theatres and also speak with healthcare professionals about the various career pathways and job roles. For more information about the Trust and its educational programs, please visit: [www.dbth.nhs.uk/education](http://www.dbth.nhs.uk/education)

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### Useful websites and resources



[Howdens career site](#)

Refreshed careers site looking at the various business areas and different roles and career routes available.

### [UniTasterDays Teachers Guide to University 2025](#)

Free comprehensive guide designed to help teachers and careers professionals build effective university links and deliver informed university guidance in secondary schools and colleges.

### [Amazing Apprenticeships Choices Magazine](#)

The November edition of Choices is out now all about apprenticeships, ways to search for vacancies and a focus on engineering careers.

### [STEM Learning](#)

Free resources, careers support, a focus on STEM career pathways and CPD for teachers and careers professionals.

### [British Psychological Society](#)

The BPS provides a number of careers resources for schools, colleges, and higher educational institutions.

## Dates for your diary



**National**



- Amazing Apprenticeships - [Time for Change: The different ways we can support apprentices with additional needs](#) – 3 Dec 2024, 1pm
- Amazing Apprenticeships - [Apprenticeships with Dunelm](#) – 3 Dec 2024, 4pm
- RPC (international law firm) - [Exploring legal careers: Solicitor apprenticeship insights with RPC](#) - 5 Dec 2024, 5pm
- ASK - [Using the levels of apprenticeships to progress your career](#) – 9 Dec 2024, 3.30pm
- Amazing Apprenticeships - [Time for Change: The role of apprenticeships in tackling social mobility](#) – 14 Jan 2025, 1pm
- ASK - [How to search and apply for apprenticeships](#) – 23 Jan 2025, 3.30pm
- ASK - [Exploring the range of apprenticeships](#) - 10 Feb 2025, 3.30pm
- [National Apprenticeship Week 2025](#) - 10 – 16 Feb 2025
- ASK - [Using Find an Apprenticeship to search and apply](#) – 27 Feb 2025, 3.30pm

#### London

- [London Careers Festival](#) - 3-14 Feb 2025
- [The National Apprenticeship Show - London and South East](#) - Sandown Park Racecourse, 11 Feb 2025, 10am – 2.30pm and 12 Feb 2025 10am – 2.30pm

#### North East

- [National Apprenticeship & Education Events, North East](#) - Newcastle Civic Centre, 11 Feb 2025, 9.30am – 3pm
- [Durham Careers Fair](#) - Durham Town Hall, 26 Feb 2025, 10am - 2pm

#### South

- [National Career Guidance Show - South West](#) - Sandy Park Way, Exeter, 6 Feb 2025
- [Plymouth Careers Fair](#) - New Continental Hotel, Plymouth, 26 Mar 2025, 10am - 2pm

#### South Yorkshire

- [Rotherham Careers Fair](#) - AESSEAL Stadium, Rotherham - 5 Mar 2025, 10am - 2pm
- [Opportunities Doncaster Live](#) - Doncaster Racecourse - 6 Mar 2025, 3.30pm - 6pm

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