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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 Care Leavers' Month exists for the public, professionals, carers, decision-makers and the media to come together, celebrate care leavers and raise awareness of the issues in the care system.

Care-experienced and want to understand more about UCAS and how to apply to University? This free online workshop delivered by Become's Propel into Education team will explain:

- An in-depth look at UCAS applications.
- Specific guidance for care-experienced students.
- Concerns or questions care-experienced students may have.

Taking place online on Wednesday 18th November from 6pm.



Starting or continuing university can be exciting, but it can also feel overwhelming at times. This free online workshop will cover:

- Tips for managing stress, staying organised and looking after your wellbeing.
- Where to find support from your university, including wellbeing, counselling and academic support.
- Student networks, communities and ways to connect with other care-experienced students.
- Additional grants, bursaries and financial support available to care-experienced students.

The free support available from Propel into Education and Become. Taking place online on Wednesday 25th November from 6pm.



Care Leaver Covenant is an opportunities directory that includes graduate schemes, internships, entry-level jobs, apprenticeships and work experience, with employers committed to supporting care leavers. Current examples include Sky's 2027 graduate and summer internship programmes, Ringway's infrastructure careers and NHS-related opportunities.



Connects is a dedicated platform for care leavers and support workers. It provides exclusive access to opportunities in education, work, wellbeing, money and your home. As a valued member of Connects, you will be kept up to date with opportunities and offers as well as the information and support available to you.



Watch the University of Bath's videos featuring care-experienced students sharing their stories, challenges, and successes at university. From overcoming challenges before and during university life to finding a sense of belonging within our community, their stories shine a light on both the barriers they have faced and the support that has helped them succeed.

If you have any questions or need support, please email p.sunley@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK

Futurist

A futurist (or futurologist) is someone who systematically studies current trends, patterns, and data to explore possible, probable, and preferable futures for human society and organisations.

Rather than crystal-ball "prediction," futurists use strategic frameworks, signal scanning, and trend identification to map out multiple potential scenarios over 10-to-100+ year horizons.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

You may be wondering why National Care Leavers Month and supporting students who have been in care is so important. Well, 15% of young people from a care background in England go to university by age 19, compared to 46% of their non-care-experienced peers, so it is about equality and ensuring everyone has support to be successful.
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The GCSE Revision Masterclass is led by Harry and Joe, co-founders of The Degree Gap. The session will cover:



- How to turn mock exam results into a clear plan for improvement
- How to identify which subjects and topics need the most attention
- Simple, effective revision techniques students can use at home
- How to recognise and manage exam stress before it becomes overwhelming
- How parents can support revision without arguments or added pressure

It is a 30-minute masterclass followed by 30 minutes of live Q&A taking place on Tuesday 1st December, 7-8pm.



Practise a real-style interview by speaking your answers out loud, then get feedback to help you improve. It's not a real job interview, so there's no pressure, and you can have as many goes as you like. You can pick an employer to practice with: RAF, Rolls-Royce, Coventry Building Society or Vistry. Read the full guide and give it a go here.



Looking Forward: In 2027 How Will We Design For Good? is an online Session + Q&A that is being held on Saturday 21st November 2026 from 11:00 to 13:45. You will hear from women and non-binary STEAM professionals whose careers focus on social good, in areas like climate tech, healthcare innovation and using data to tackle inequality. The session includes a panel sharing their career stories, a live Q&A, practical tips on talking to professionals, and speed networking with panellists and peers in breakout rooms.



EY's Apprenticeship Application Bootcamp is running on 25th November from 4–4:45pm. You are invited to discover EY's apprenticeship programmes and hear directly from recruiters about the application process, useful tips and what employers look for.

Join KPMG to discover a Career in Tax. This event runs on 26th November from 4–5pm. Find out what working in tax involves, hear from industry professionals and learn about apprenticeship and graduate pathways.



BAE Systems are running a session on Aerospace Careers and Apprenticeships, taking place on 25th November from 6–8pm. Interested in engineering, technology or aerospace? Find out about apprenticeships, meet current apprentices and explore your future career options.

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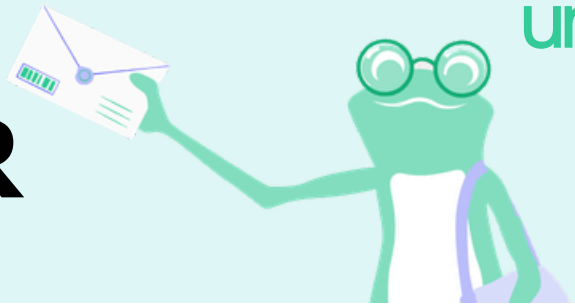
EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

Capgemini is a global technology and consulting company that helps organisations use technology to solve problems and improve how they work. Its employees work across areas such as software, cloud computing, cyber security, data, artificial intelligence and business consulting. Early career opportunities can include apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and graduate programmes, allowing young people to build valuable digital and professional skills while working with major organisations.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

Durham University is a historic university in North East England with a distinctive collegiate system. Students belong to a college alongside their academic department, creating opportunities to participate in sports, societies and social activities within a smaller community. Courses span sciences, humanities, social sciences and business. Durham could particularly suit students attracted to a traditional university environment that combines academic study with a strong sense of community.

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Our school has invested in the Unifrog platform, which allows you to explore the worlds of work and education, make the best choices, and submit the strongest applications.

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Rising star scholarships at London Met open now!

This scholarship could cover your full tuition fees, worth up to £10,050 per year in subjects like journalism, film, TV, music, and creative writing.

> Find out more here!



Apply for the scholarship once you receive your offer

KNOW-HOW SPOTLIGHT



Virtual work experience

sign up from Mon 23 Nov

Deloitte Career Shapers programme: Inspiring Women (16-17 Feb 2027)

Sign up for this free, two-day virtual programme for Year 12 students. Discover opportunities in finance, consulting, and tech, and build your skills. What a cool thing to put on your CV and applications!

> Find out how to sign up here!



University webinar

Weds 2 Dec 17:30-18:00

Applying to university as a first-generation student

First in your family to go to university? The University of Roehampton are here to help. Get practical advice and guidance so you can feel confident about applying to university.

> Sign up here!





View all events



KNOWING STUFF IS COOL

According to the Future of Jobs Report 2025, big data specialists are the top fastest-growing jobs for 2025-2030. Maybe you could join their ranks?