




# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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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.

## OPPORTUNITIES

The theme for Black History Month UK 2025 is “Standing Firm in Power and Pride,” a powerful tribute to the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe.



This year, the theme highlights the profound contributions made by Black people be they leaders, activists, or pioneers who have shaped history, while also looking towards a future of continued empowerment, unity, and growth.



“Norton Rose Fulbright strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone can bring their whole self to work and realise their career potential.” Watch this video from a Norton Rose Trainee Lawyer about her experience in banking.



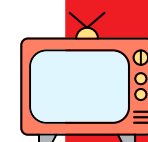
Paul Boateng, the UK’s first Black Cabinet Minister, is a trailblazer who transformed British politics and diplomacy. From his early fight for justice as a civil rights lawyer to his historic achievements in Parliament and as High Commissioner to South Africa, Boateng’s life is a testament to resilience, representation, and the power of change. Read his story here.



John Henry Smythe (1915–1996), better known as Johnny Smythe, lived a life that bridged two of the most important chapters of Black British history: service in the Second World War and the story of the Windrush generation. From the skies over Europe to the courts of West Africa, his journey reflects courage, resilience, and a lasting commitment to justice. Read his story here.



Malorie Blackman's "Noughts & Crosses" is a groundbreaking series of novels that reverses racial stereotypes to examine racism and prejudice. Adapted into a TV series, you can watch all episodes of Noughts + Crosses on BBC iPlayer.



## JOB OF THE WEEK

 [Film Director](#)

Directors are integral to the success of any film project, playing a central role in shaping the creative vision and narrative and bringing together all artistic elements to form a cohesive final product. During production, a typical day is between 10 and 12 hours. However, as a director you will usually spend extra time in meetings discussing aspects of the production.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

“According to a 2019 report by the UK’s Department for Education, only about 4% of teachers in state-funded schools identified as Black, Asian, or from other minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds. The figure for Black male teachers represents a much smaller fraction of this already small percentage.”

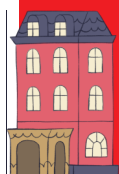
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## OPPORTUNITIES



"JTL provides the perfect foundation for your career in the building services engineering industry. With expert tutors, state-of-the-art training centres and a proven track record of producing skilled, confident and competent professionals you can trust that JTL is the right choice for your training needs." Find out more [here](#).



The Toledo Scholarship was established in 2005 by one of the world's most successful producers and NFTS governor Duncan Kenworthy (Four Weddings and a Funeral, Notting Hill) to enable talented newcomers from the UK's ethnic minorities to fast-track their ambitions and join the British film industry. Find out more [here](#).



"Whether you are already interested in film, TV and games, or you haven't yet discovered the world of opportunities behind the camera – we want to work with you! The Access NFTS: Insight events are introductory sessions designed for anyone wanting to discover more about the wide range of potential career opportunities behind the camera." Register your interest [here](#).



This [TV and Film work experience programme](#) from Springpod has it all, you'll get the chance to direct a short film, take part in quizzes that put your knowledge to the test and hear from industry professionals, like film critics and heads of production.



Scholarships provide essential financial support, making education more accessible while allowing students to focus on their studies, personal growth, and future ambitions. [Read this guide](#) on applying for University Scholarships.



On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, join the UCL Media Virtual Open Event for 1-2pm to get an overview of the course, experience a taster session and ask our staff and students any questions you might have. Register [here](#).

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Our unique mission and purpose serves our audiences – in the UK and globally – with high-quality, impartial output and services which inform, educate and entertain.

We push boundaries, challenge thinking and produce content that people love."

Find out more about careers with the BBC [here](#).

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Choosing [the University of St Andrews](#) means you're not just gaining a degree—you're becoming part of a close-knit community that encourages you to explore new ideas, challenge the status quo, and push boundaries. Students have access to renowned faculty, cutting-edge research opportunities, and a global network of alumni that will support your future career, wherever it may take you."

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THAMES VALLEY  
**POLICE**

## Discovery Day

TVP Training Centre, Sulhamstead,  
8th - 9th December



Register your interest



Join us for a two-day visit to the Thames Valley Police Training Centre. Meet real serving officers and explore departments that make up the force.

Whether you're curious, questioning, or considering a career in the police, this event offers a valuable insight into the work of Thames Valley Police.

**Ask questions, challenge perceptions, and open up meaningful discussions about policing.**

### Activities including:

- learn how evidence is collected and analysed by CSI teams
- hear from firearms officers about their training and responsibilities
- discover the range of departments that support policing in our communities
- take part in discussions about the role of police in society

## Delivering a secure future

Are you interested in finding out more about the apprenticeship opportunities at AWE?

You are invited to our events at:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October - 16:00 – 20:00**  
Pamber Heath Village Hall, Memorial Hall,  
Pamber Heath Rd, Pamber Heath, Tadley RG26 3TQ

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - 16:00 – 20:00**  
Hampshire Court Hotel and Spa, Centre Dr,  
Chineham, Basingstoke RG24 8FY

Open to all.

We are currently recruiting for over 20 different roles to start 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026. Come and speak informally to managers and apprentices about what each apprenticeship involves.

No need to pre-register.



Find out more about our apprenticeships

## JOIN KPMG'S CLASS OF 2026 – APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

KPMG ARE thrilled to announce that applications for their 2026 apprenticeship programmes in Audit, Tax and Business Services are officially open. We're so excited to welcome the next generation of talent and can't wait to see how you'll make the difference at KPMG.

Apply now to join us in Audit, Tax or KPMG Business Services

Roles will fill quickly, so apply early to secure your 2026 position. Whichever programme you choose to join, you'll benefit from

- Exceptional learning and development: you'll have a structured training programme, dedicated study time to work towards a professional qualification or degree, mentoring opportunities and a range of professional development resources.
- A supportive and collaborative culture: You'll be surrounded by colleagues who are passionate about their work and want to help you succeed.
- The opportunity to make the difference: At KPMG you'll work on projects that make a real difference to our clients and communities. You'll be helping businesses to operate more sustainably and make a positive contribution.
- A competitive salary of £24,000 – £27,250 depending on your office location

**SEARCH AND APPLY NOW!**



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## LOCAL COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS



### READING COLLEGE

15 OCTOBER 2025  
8 NOVEMBER 2025

EVENTS - READING COLLEGE



### BRACKNELL AND WOKINGHAM COLLEGE

18 OCTOBER 2025  
19 NOVEMBER 2025

EVENTS - BRACKNELL AND WOKINGHAM COLLEGE



### HENLEY COLLEGE

16 OCTOBER 2025  
15 NOVEMBER 2025 (MORNING)

UPCOMING EVENTS - THE HENLEY COLLEGE



### WINDSOR FOREST COLLEGES GROUP (INCLUDING BCA)

MAIDENHEAD, WINDSOR, SLOUGH & LANGLEY,  
STRODES COLLEGE

EVENTS ARCHIVE - WINDSOR FOREST COLLEGE

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