




# 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



On December 17th join Dr Lowri Ann Rees for a festive online taster session exploring the origins of familiar traditions and learn how history shaped the way we celebrate today. [Register here](#).



“On Campus with... History” with Dr Emily Stiles. In this podcast Dr Emily and hosts from the Uni of Winchester discuss museum culture and representation and public history. [Listen here](#).



The Uni of Bristol Virtual Summer School will take place in May 2026. The 3 day event comprises academic talks, social sessions, and information, advice and guidance. The summer school runs online from 10 am to 5 pm on the 27th - 29th May (inclusive). Applications open early 2026 - [register here](#).



[World Human Rights Day](#) happens on the 10<sup>th</sup> December and the theme is “Our Everyday Essentials” which aims to show how human rights are a part of daily life. By bridging the gap between human rights principles and everyday experiences, we aim to spark awareness, inspire confidence and encourage collective action.



History Subject Spotlight with the Uni of Birmingham - In this experience, you'll explore how the US South is not just a place but a cultural and political concept shaped by slavery, segregation, and media. [Get started here](#).



[Careers in Heritage with Historic England](#). Discover Historic England's career areas and pathways, and gain insights into life at the company through activities, quizzes, and interactive content.



The Document Services department of the National Archives offers a 5 day placement scheme to young people aged 14 to 18. Spaces for our 2026 Work Experience Programme will open on Monday 12th January 2026 - [click here](#) for more information.

## JOB OF THE WEEK



[Historian](#)

Historians devote their careers to studying notable past events, such as military conflicts, political milestones, and social movements. They work in universities and other educational settings, as well as for various public, private and nonprofits. Their efforts make it possible for individuals and societies to learn from history in order to chart a better course for the future.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Learner participation in Apprenticeships in 2024/25 increased by 3.4% to 761,480 compared to 736,530 the previous year.

Under 19s accounted for 21.2% (74,990) and learners recorded as having a learning difficulty or disability increased by 6.9%, to 56,810 from 53,150

[Source](#)

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Join this 2-day online experience (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February) to meet apprentices from different industries and job roles, to get an understanding of what an apprenticeship is, how apprentices learn on the job and why they believe apprenticeships are an excellent pathway into the world of work. [Deadline for applications](#) is 14<sup>th</sup> January.




Practise video interview responses and get direct feedback on delivery, structure, and tone. Learn how to perform naturally and confidently in online interviews used by top employers for degree apprenticeships. View other Masterclasses and [register here](#).




Festival of Apprenticeships - Online Careers Fair 2026. This FREE online event is a one-stop shop for anyone looking to learn more about apprenticeships. The event will cover everything from discovering opportunities with organisations first-hand and guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship! [Save your spot](#).




Don't let writer's block hold you back—join us and get the support you need to make your Personal Statement stand out. In [this webinar](#) on 13<sup>th</sup> January, get expert tips on crafting a standout Personal Statement that grabs attention.



10 money tips for starting uni or college - No matter how excited you are about studying at university and building your long-term future, day-to-day money planning helps you feel in control. [Read these tips from UCAS](#).



Want to figure out your dream career, including what options are available to you after graduating and how to choose the right graduate role? Check out [this advice](#) from Target Jobs.



21st January Free Webinar: What is Higher Education? Useful information for Parents and Carers covering the basics of higher education and university-level study, explaining key opportunities, terminology, and timelines to consider. [Book here](#).

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“The UK’s archives are vital record keepers of the country’s history, enabling us to re-visit and learn about crucial events, stories, and moments from all corners of our communities.

At The National Archives, we believe in making the archive sector as inclusive and accessible as possible so that anyone who wants to embark on a rewarding career in archives is able to do so.”  
Find out more [here](#).

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

“At the University of Exeter we combine teaching excellence and high levels of student satisfaction with world class research at our campuses in Exeter and Cornwall. We are a member of the Russell Group of leading research-intensive universities. Our success is built on a strong partnership with our students and a clear focus on high performance.”  
Read more [here](#).

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## HIGHDOWN SCHOOL CAREERS FAIR 2025



Come along to our Careers Fair. This event is also open to non-Highdown students and recommended for Years 9-13

- ✔ Explore post-16 options and Further Education
- ✔ Chat directly with employers
- ✔ Speak to a Careers Advisor
- ✔ Discover Career Pathways

**MONDAY**  
**8 DECEMBER**  
**6-8PM**



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