





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



Open Doors takes you behind the scenes to showcase the fantastic range of careers available in construction. On Monday 23rd – Saturday 28th March 2026 across all types of construction sites, as well as training and manufacturing facilities, depots and offices – online sessions will also be available. Bookings will open on Monday 12th January 2026.




Go Construct provides resources for anyone looking for a career in the construction and built environment sector. With so many roles available in construction it can be hard to know where to start, why not learn more about these career options... Find a role for you.




This virtual work experience gives you a behind-the-scenes look at how Arcadis engineers, designers, and project managers solve some of the world's biggest challenges. You'll explore the history and future of architecture and infrastructure, meet professionals shaping our built environment, and reflect on how your skills could make an impact.



Bowmer + Kirkland is one of the UK's most successful construction and development companies. Discover life in pre-construction, construction management and commercial, and hear from the experts at the forefront of it all. Find out more here.



Join AtkinsRéalis and you'll work on global projects across diverse sectors, tackling today's most pressing challenges. From growing populations and transportation needs to climate change – you'll help merge ingenuity, knowledge and technology to uplift communities and engineer a safer, better tomorrow. Explore roles here.



Discover how adventure can build the skills needed to lead, inspire, and make a difference. This session on Wednesday 14th January - 10:00 - 11:00, explores real stories from expedition leaders who've faced challenges in the world's most extreme environments. Learn how teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving in the wild translate into powerful lessons for leadership in any career path.

JOB OF THE WEEK

 Building Surveyor

As a building surveyor, you'll complete detailed reports, known as building surveys. Within these, you'll identify defects and advise on repair, maintenance and restoration options. You may implement preventative measures to keep buildings in good condition and look for ways to make buildings sustainable. A large proportion of the working day spent on site.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

For Young People aged 16-24, employment levels are up by 17,000. The employment rate has increased by 0.2%, now at 52.2%. This means there were 3.89 million young people in employment in July to September 2025.


Source

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Brighton University are hosting an Interview preparation talk and Q+A on Thursday 11th December 17:00 -18:00. Get advice from staff and current students about what to expect and how to get ready for your interview. Book your place [here](#).




Exeter University's 'Discover University' platform provides information, advice and guidance aimed at prospective students. They are hosting a Free Webinar focused on the UCAS Process on Monday 5th January 18:00 - 19:00. Browse more events and book [here](#).




Join the Tesco Early Careers team on Monday 8th December at 16:00 to learn about the apprenticeships available, what is involved, the benefits available, and more. Don't worry if you can't make it on the day, [sign up anyway](#) and they'll send you the recording so you don't miss out.




On Tuesday 20th January from 13:00 - 14:00, you can discover everything you need to know about the BA(Hons) Illustration course at Falmouth University. In the session, they will explore what you will learn on the course, and how online study works. Book your place [here](#).



Are you ready to gain new skills and future proof yourself for any career? Whether you're planning to enter the workforce after secondary school, sixth form, college or as a university graduate, the Digdata programme invites you to gain [virtual work experience](#) with [their partners](#)



BTEC Higher Nationals, like the Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND), are career-focused qualifications equal to the first two years of an undergraduate degree or foundation degree. Read [this guide](#) to learn more.



Do you dream of shaping the skylines of tomorrow? Is your passion the history and future of our evolving landscapes? Join 3DReid for two action packed days, 2nd - 3rd March 2026 to dive into the dynamic world of architecture. [Apply](#) by the 13th February.

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EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"The built environment is always evolving, and McLaren are at the forefront of that change. As we expand into new sectors, we are looking for the next generations of True Builders, to contribute to our continued success and take on a rewarding career in construction. If you're looking to be part of a dynamic, forward-thinking company, there are a variety of early talent opportunities waiting for you." Find out more [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Join an inspiring and collaborative community that champions individuality and student support. At the University of Roehampton, you'll enjoy future-proof courses designed with leading employers, industry experts teaching you from day one and professional-standard facilities to prepare you for the world of work." 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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