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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

National Storytelling Week will be taking place from Saturday 1st February to Sunday 9th February. This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world; they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy; they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills. The theme for National Storytelling Week 2025 is 'Reimagine your world'.



To celebrate the week, the National Literacy Trust have organised a range of online writing workshops. The stories in the events are aimed at younger students but they offer the chance to hear from authors so may still be useful for you to learn more about their careers - there may be the opportunity to ask questions. You can find out more here: Tolá Okogwu - 3rd Feb, Steven Camden - 4th Feb, Joseph Coelho - 6th Feb

If you are an avid writer or illustrator, here are some writing competitions that may be of interest:



The Young Cartoonist Awards 2024 are now open to anyone under the age of 30 who is resident in the UK. They are accepting submissions of pocket (gag) cartoons, political cartoons and short strip cartoons. They are looking for a wide range of cartoonists from different regions within the UK, and with different backgrounds.



The Chaucer Heritage Trust has launched its eighth annual writing competition for schools inspired by the works of Geoffrey Chaucer, considered by many England's greatest medieval poet. The special theme of the competition this year is 'Surprise, Surprise!'.



The theme for the Orwell Youth Prize 2025 is 'Freedom is...' Write about what freedom means to you, in any form you choose, and get personalised feedback and the chance to win a cash prize and books for you and your school.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Writer

A writer is a person who uses written words in different writing styles, genres and techniques to communicate ideas, to inspire feelings and emotions, or to entertain. This could be a play, book, song, article or essay.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The writing & journalism sector has changed dramatically in the last decade, with the rise of the internet, tech and social media changing the daily flow of newspaper circulations.

The number of advertised journalism jobs increased by 79% over from 2019-2022.

Source

For up-to-date LMI for Wiltshire, click here.

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Returning for the 13th time, the [Grierson DocLab: New Entrants](#) is for UK-based 18-25 year olds with a passion for documentary and factual TV who are new entrants to the industry. The programme aims to equip up to 12 successful trainees with the knowledge, connections and work experience to launch their documentary careers. There is a [webinar](#) to find out more taking place Wednesday 22nd January. If you are not yet 18 but interested in working in the TV industry, this is definitely an opportunity to remember for when you do reach Year 13 and turn 18!



The [Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships](#) is the new A-Z guide to degree apprenticeship employers in the UK. Produced in partnership with The Careers & Enterprise Company and the Department for Education, the guide explains how degree apprenticeships offer a work-led, debt-free route to a university degree and a graduate job.



Springpod have opened applications for these amazing in person work experience opportunities for [Year 10](#) and [Year 12](#) with the Civil Aviation Authority. Applications close on 28th February.



urfuture helps young people get hired in their dream career based on their personality. Just like how Netflix replaced Blockbuster and Uber changed Transport, urfuture is on a mission to create a fresh approach for young people engaging with jobs. You can [read more about how the platform works here](#).



If you're in Year 10 or 11, you may have heard of T Levels but have questions about what they are or how they work. A T Level takes 2 years and gives you a mix of learning in the classroom and a minimum 9 week placement with an employer. This means you'll learn what a real career is like while you study. If you want to find out more, you can [take part in this short course](#) to help you decide if it's the right pathway for you.

PLAY



You can also find a short course on [Apprenticeships](#) and [Higher Technical Qualifications](#).

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

B L O O M S B U R Y



"Bloomsbury is a place for ambitious, driven and passionate people to flourish. As part of our ongoing commitment to [diversity, equity and inclusion](#), we are delighted to offer the Publishing Assistant Apprenticeship. Each apprenticeship is 15 months long, with the majority of Publishing Assistant Apprentices going on to secure roles within the industry."

Read more about [Bloomsbury Careers](#) here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT



"Being a student at UCL is about so much more than just acquiring knowledge. Studying here gives you the opportunity to realise your potential as an individual. With more than 400 undergraduate degree programmes and 42,000 students from 150 different countries, we're London's truly global university."

Read more about [University College London](#) here.

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Celebrating
Apprenticeships
& Technical Education
in Swindon & Wiltshire

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Careers Hub

On Wednesday, all of our Year 10 students visited the Appren-T-Fest 2025 hosted by S6C and Wiltshire College in collaboration with Swindon and Wiltshire Careers Hub. This was an incredible apprenticeship fair which started with a presentation and followed with our students visiting numerous employer tables at two exhibitions to discover the apprenticeships available to them in the local area.

First we heard from Junior Saunders, the Founder of Junior Inspiring Education, where he inspired our students to realise that an "... apprenticeship is just a different journey to the same destination." He went on to tell our students what an apprenticeship actually is, how much you could expect to be paid, how long you would do it for and the different levels that you are able to obtain.

The next stage of the event involved visiting two employer exhibitions where employers were ready and waiting to talk to our students about the amazing apprenticeship options that they have within their business and industry. Students were able to talk to Salisbury NHS Trust, Chemring Countermeasures, UK Health Security Agency, Wiltshire Council, Moore South, DSTL, Qinetiq, NFU Mutual and many many more. All students really had their eyes opened to the endless possibilities that come from apprenticeships.

A huge thank you to Steph Jones at Chemring Countermeasures for sponsoring our travel to the event.



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LOCAL APPRENTICESHIPS SPOTLIGHT



"Apprentice Carpenter,
Boden Ford Developments
Ltd, Salisbury.

We are seeking a motivated and enthusiastic Carpenter Apprentice to join our team.

This role is ideal for individuals looking to gain hands-on experience in the carpentry trade while learning from skilled professionals. As a Carpenter Apprentice, you will assist in various tasks related to construction and renovation projects, helping to develop your skills in areas such as joinery, masonry, and the use of power tools. This apprenticeship provides an excellent opportunity for personal growth within the construction industry while gaining valuable practical skills.














You will earn £100-£120 a day working Monday - Friday."

To find more exciting apprenticeship opportunities in the local area, click [here](#).



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POST-16 PROVIDER OPEN EVENTS & APPLICATION DEADLINES

		OPEN EVENTS INFORMATION	APPLICATION DEADLINES (for September 2025 entry)
S6C		All open events are now finished. Contact the college directly for a tour.	Friday 31st January 2025
SARUM ACADEMY		All open events are now finished. Contact the sixth form directly for a tour.	No official deadline but the earlier the better.
WILTSHIRE COLLEGE		Thursday 23rd January 2025 (5.00 – 7.00pm)	Apply before February half term but be aware that some courses get filled up so the earlier the better.
SOUTH WILTS		Wednesday 4th December 2024 (2.00 – 3.30pm)	Wednesday 15th January 2025
BROCKENHURST		Thursday 3rd July 2025 (5.00 – 8.00pm)	Friday 7th February 2025
PETER SYMONDS		All open events are now finished. Contact the college directly for a tour.	Monday 9th December 2024
BURGATE		All open events are now finished. Contact the sixth form directly for a tour.	Monday 16th December 2024
BISHOPS		Wednesday 15th January 2025 @ 2.30pm	Monday 3rd February 2025 @ 4.00pm
ANDOVER COLLEGE		Thursday 13th February 2025 (Time TBC) Wednesday 7th May 2025 (Time TBC)	No official deadline but be aware that some courses get filled up so the earlier the better.
SPARSHOLT		Saturday 1st February 2025 (Time TBC) Saturday 1st March 2025 (Time TBC) Wednesday 30th April 2025 (Time TBC) Thursday 12th June 2025 (Time TBC)	(Open on the 5th October). They take applications right up until the start of the course, but only if places are available (so apply much earlier if you can).
RINGWOOD		All open events are now finished. Contact the sixth form directly for a tour.	Tuesday 10th December 2024
BARTON PEVERIL		All open events are now finished. Contact the college directly for a tour.	Friday 14th February 2025
KINGDOWN		All open events are now finished. Contact the sixth form directly for a tour.	Friday 20th December 2024