



# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic summer. We're sure you're all feeling refreshed and ready for term 1.

If this is your first time receiving this newsletter, it will arrive in your inbox once a week and will include lots of exciting opportunities that you can sign up for. This is your opportunity to take responsibility for your future. The more you sign up to, the more you will learn. The more you learn, the more of an informed choice you can make about your future.



Using the Springpod platform, you can now filter to see programmes that allow you to take part in in-person experiences after you have completed virtual placements. They are calling this "Virtual - to - Reality". View the [current opportunities here](#). More will be added throughout the year.



Springpod have also launched a range of one hour courses that help you to learn about different types of qualifications and programmes. Register here; [Apprenticeships](#), [T Levels](#) and [Higher Technical Qualifications](#) (including BTecs).



Did you know that every year, there is a published list of the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers and Top 50 SME Apprenticeship Employers? You can [watch the recording of the televised programme and find out more here](#).



Can you build and manage a thriving city, ensuring a sustainable energy future until the year 2050? [Play the new EnergyTown game](#) to navigate the delicate balance between money, energy, residents' happiness, and sustainability and become an energy expert, a mechanical whizz, or even the hero your city needs!



Personal Statements are changing. If you're applying to university for September 2026 (or future years) entry, this will impact you and your university application. [You can read more here](#).

## JOB OF THE WEEK



### [Ophthalmologist](#)

Ophthalmologists are doctors who care for patients with eye conditions. They diagnose, treat and prevent disorders of the eyes and visual system, using medical and surgical skills.

Watch the video to learn more about working hours, salary and the qualifications needed.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

UCAS data shows 316,850 UK 18-year-olds have applied to university this year – an increase of 0.7% from 2023 and the second highest on record.

This puts the application rate for UK 18-year-olds at 41.3%, down from 41.5% in 2023, but up from 38.2% in 2019.

[Source](#)

For up-to-date LMI for Wiltshire, click [here](#).

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Young Animator of the Year Competition is open (deadline 16th September 2024) - The YAY UK competition is here to discover and celebrate the best young animators in the UK, aged 11-18. This year's theme for the animation is the word 'GROWTH' and prizes include exclusive tours of some of the UK's top animation studios!



From High School to Uni's student guide is designed to be your ultimate companion to help you transition to university. We understand the challenges you face, from not knowing what to pack, to how to get organised preparing for university, or even how to create a budget to help you plan and manage your finances.



UCAS is removing the application fee for students in receipt of free school meals, making it easier for young people experiencing acute financial hardship to access higher education. For those applying for 2025 entry and beyond, teachers and advisers will verify eligible students through the adviser portal, and these students will then no longer be required to pay the fee on completion of their UCAS application. Read more here.



Have you heard about the Speakers for Schools online book club? It's a FREE after-school live online book club sessions that happen half-termly at 5pm on Thursdays. Together, you will explore brilliant reading recommendations linked by a shared theme each term - like Spine-Tingling Spooky Stories and Thrillers; Heart-Warming Relationship-Focused Reads; Thought-Provoking, Imagination-Expanding Sci-Fi and Fantasy. Sign up here.



If an online book club isn't for you, you can check out Speakers for School's on demand inspirational webinars. From industry spotlights, help with writing a CV to topical talks, there is something for everyone. Watch here.

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

**RIDGE**

Property and Construction Consultants

"Our people are the foundation of our success, and our greatest asset. They drive our vision and embody our values. Our people are what separate us from the competition. And we never lose sight of this. We've developed our Future Talent community around you - the next generation of Built Environment professionals."

Read more about Ridge & Partners LLP here.

## UNI SPOTLIGHT



University of Liverpool climbed 5 places in the most recent complete university guide ranking.

"Voted the fourth friendliest city in the world by Rough Guides, Liverpool is a wonderfully welcoming place. We share and shape the city's spirit - opening our doors to learners from all walks of life."

Read more about University of Liverpool here.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### YEAR 11 POST-16 PROGRESSION EVENING

**THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2024  
6:30PM - 8:00PM**

The options for young people post-16 are even more exciting and wide ranging than ever before. However, knowing your 'BTEC' from your 'T-Level' or your Level 2 from your Level 3 is so important as students and their parents make decisions that will open the doors to their future.

To help our parents and students navigate the post-16 landscape, we will be running an event that will explain the different education routes post-16 for parents and their Year 11 children, to help them as they begin to make decisions about life after Trafalgar School. The evening will be led by Mr. Taylor with experts from across the Magna Learning Partnership on hand to answer questions.

Please note that this is not a marketing or open evening event for post-16 providers, it is a generic information sharing event about the types of routes students can choose after GCSEs.

Further details will be shared directly with Year 11 parents.

### LOCAL APPRENTICESHIPS SPOTLIGHT



"Apprentice Quantity Surveyor - VIVO - Corporate Functions, Home-based/Larkhill site.

VIVO provides facilities management and accommodation maintenance for the UK military and its partners. VIVO embodies both experience and innovation. We have an exciting opportunity for an ambitious person to join our friendly and successful team on a 36 month Apprenticeship to become a qualified Quantity Surveyor.

During your Apprenticeship, you will work closely with one of our Commercial Managers and Quantity Surveyors who will mentor and train you in all aspects of the Quantity Surveyor role. This role will be home based, but weekly team meetings are held at the Larkhill site. You will earn £20 - 25k a year and all travel expenses will be paid."

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
















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## POST-16 PROVIDER OPEN EVENTS

		OPEN EVENTS INFORMATION
S6C		Wednesday 16th October 2024 (4.30/5.30/6.30pm) Thursday 21st November 2024 (4.30/5.30/6.30pm)
SARUM ACADEMY		October 2024 – Date & Time TBC
WILTSHIRE COLLEGE		Tuesday 8th October 2024 (5.00 – 7.00pm) More will be added at a later date
SOUTH WILTS		Dates not yet released
BROCKENHURST		Wednesday 25th September 2024 (4.30 – 8.00pm) Saturday 12th October 2024 (9.30am – 1.30pm) Saturday 9th November 2024 (9.30am – 1.30pm) Thursday 3rd July 2025 (5.00 – 8.00pm)
PETER SYMONDS		Tuesday 1st October 2024 (5.30 – 8.30pm) Wednesday 2nd October 2024 (5.30 – 8.30pm)
BURGATE		Wednesday 9th October 2024 (6.00 – 8.00pm)
BISHOPS		Friday 20th September 2024 @ 2.30pm Thursday 26th September 2024 @ 9.30am Monday 7th October 2024 @ 2.30pm Thursday 21st November 2024 @ 2.30pm Wednesday 15th January 2025 @ 2.30pm
ANDOVER COLLEGE		Wednesday 2nd October 2024 (4.30 – 7.30pm) Tuesday 12th November 2024 (Time TBC) Thursday 13th February 2025 (Time TBC) Wednesday 7th May 2025 (Time TBC)
SPARSHOLT		Saturday 5th October 2024 (Time TBC) Saturday 9th November 2024 (Time TBC) Saturday 1st February 2025 (Time TBC) Saturday 1st March 2025 (Time TBC) Wednesday 30th April 2025 (Time TBC) Thursday 12th June 2025 (Time TBC)
RINGWOOD		Dates not yet released
BARTON PEVERIL		Wednesday 25th September 2024 (4.30 – 8.30pm) Thursday 26th September 2024 (4.30 – 8.30pm)
KINGDOWN		Contact them directly to arrange a tour