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## Welcome to Careers Education at Smith's Wood Academy

Welcome back to the new term at Smith's Wood! We hope everyone had a restful holiday and is ready for an exciting year ahead. Our Careers Education, Information and Guidance programme continues to support students across all year groups, providing opportunities to explore the world of work, higher education, and next steps beyond school.

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- Work Experience Opportunities
- UniFest Applications
- Year 10 PwC Insight Day
- Post-16 Destinations Update
- Year 10 Work Experience
- Medic Mentor
- UniFrog Launch
- And much more...

## Houses of Parliament Trip for Student Council Students

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# VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

## FUTURES FOR ALL

[www.finder.futuresforall.org/](http://www.finder.futuresforall.org/)

## Springpod

[www.springpod.com](http://www.springpod.com)

All students are encouraged to set up accounts on Springpod and Futures for All to access a wide range of virtual work experience programmes. These platforms offer flexible, engaging opportunities to explore different career pathways, build new skills, and gain valuable insights into the world of work. Signing up is quick and free, and it's a great way to strengthen future applications while discovering what inspires you. Encourage your child to get started today!

### Springpod Opportunities - Amazon

Our new Digital Skills programmes are now live, and engagement has been fantastic so far. We introduced these to emphasise the importance of digital skills in any career path and to help students feel more confident using them. If you're looking to roll these out to your students, here's what you need to know:

- › [Cyber Security](#)
- › [Data Analysis & Storytelling](#)
- › [Research](#)
- › [Digital Communication](#)
- › [AI and AI Literacy](#)



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- › [View the placement here.](#)



### STEM & Innovation with Mondalez International



Students will explore the science and creativity behind Cadbury chocolate with Mondelez International, learning how STEM, engineering, and innovation shape exciting products from idea to shelf.

- › [View the placement here.](#)



### Digital Marketing & Analytics in Practice

Equip students with real data skills through GlowMetrics. Learners analyse datasets, build campaigns, and strengthen analytical thinking and communication.

- › [View the placement here.](#)



### Veterinary Science: Real Career Insights

Connect learners with expert practitioners from the University of Liverpool School of Veterinary Science. Support informed choices about veterinary pathways

- › [View the placement here.](#)



## Energy Futures: Apprenticeships & STEM

Motivate students with industry-led learning from Siemens Energy. Build STEM, employability skills, and awareness of apprenticeship routes in energy.

› [View the placement here.](#)



## Careers in Financial Fairness

Introduce students to meaningful careers with the Financial Ombudsman Service. Develop confidence, presentation skills, and insight into fair decision-making.

› [View the placement here.](#)

# YEAR 11 POST-16 DESTINATIONS UPDATE

APPRENTICESHIPS TO APPLY FOR, STARTING SEPTEMBER 2026.

As you begin planning your next steps after Year 11, it's important to explore all your Post-16 options, including apprenticeships, college courses, and sixth form pathways. Apprenticeships are an excellent way to earn while you learn, combining practical, on-the-job experience with nationally recognised qualifications. Employers such as Aldi, Tesco, and the NHS are currently offering apprenticeships for school leavers, with roles starting from summer 2025. These programmes provide a clear path for career progression and valuable skills for the future.

You can find current vacancies and guidance on applying through Find an Apprenticeship (GOV.UK). Many opportunities open early, so it's important to start researching and preparing your applications now to secure your ideal role. For extra support with applications, CVs, or advice on your next steps, speak to Mrs Long or your Careers Adviser. Taking action now will help you make confident, informed choices for your future.



### Apprenticeships with Aldi

Aldi offers exciting apprenticeships for Year 11 students who want to earn while they learn. With roles in retail, logistics, and management, you'll gain hands-on experience, recognised qualifications, and great pay — all while building a clear path to a successful career.



### Apprenticeships with Tesco

Tesco offers great apprenticeship opportunities for Year 11 students who want to start their career straight after school. You'll earn while you learn, gain recognised qualifications, and build valuable skills in retail, customer service, or management — all with plenty of room to progress within one of the UK's biggest employers. [Watch the Tesco's Apprenticeship Webinar for Post-16 here.](#)

## Various Apprenticeships with Employers

### KPMG Apprenticeships

KPMG's apprenticeship schemes offer hands-on experience in audit, business and technology roles across the UK from Manchester to Birmingham and beyond.



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### EY Apprenticeships

EY's Apprenticeships allow young people to earn, learn and gain real-world professional qualifications while working alongside experts in finance and consulting.

› <https://bit.ly/3JwsyBf>

### Great Western Railway Apprenticeships

From engineers and technicians to station staff, GWR's apprenticeships open the door to long-term careers in transport and rail operations across the South and West.

› <https://bit.ly/3JWWgzm>

## UniFrog Launches at Smith's Wood Academy

What an amazing platform for students to be able to access!

We are thrilled to announce that Smith's Wood Academy will be launching UniFrog, an innovative online platform designed to support students in exploring their future careers, further education, and training opportunities. UniFrog provides a wide range of tools to help students make informed choices about their next steps, including interactive career guidance, information on apprenticeships, colleges, and university courses, as well as resources to help them build essential skills and track their progress.



We encourage parents and carers to support their child's journey by exploring the platform together. Whether it's discovering potential careers, comparing courses, or planning next steps, UniFrog empowers students to take ownership of their future with confidence and clarity.

We are excited to see our students make the most of this resource and take the first steps towards a successful and fulfilling future. Full login instructions and guidance will be provided when the platform goes live.

**Mrs Long | Careers Advisor**

## Skills Fest from Llyods

Skillsfest Birmingham will run on Saturday 7th February at 10am and 2pm

Skillsfest from Lloyds Banking Group returns this Spring in time for National Apprenticeship Week. An opportunity for students and parents to step inside Lloyds Banking Group, learn all about apprenticeships and try out two innovation job simulations where students will experience product design & development, coding using AI and fraud investigations – and a chance to meet and network with apprentices on scheme at Lloyds.

And the for the first time and to ensure everyone gets a chance to join Skillsfest we will be running virtual Skillsfest throughout the day of Saturday 7th February.

In total we're releasing 2,500 spaces. Being free to attend, tickets go quickly.

Students need to be 14 on the day of the event and under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets can be secured through Eventbrite using the link below.

[Sign Up Here](#)

# YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

WEEK COMMENCING 6TH JULY 2026

We are delighted to confirm that Year 10 Work Experience will take place in person for five days during the week commencing Monday 6th July 2025. This is an exciting and enriching opportunity for our students to gain valuable first-hand experience of the world of work, develop essential employability skills, and begin to explore potential career pathways before making important decisions about their post-16 education and training options.

Taking part in work experience helps students connect their learning in school to real-life situations, giving them a clearer sense of how their subjects and skills apply in the workplace. It also encourages independence, maturity, and responsibility — qualities that will serve them well both in their studies and in future employment.

All students should now have brought home three key documents to support their work experience placement:

- Parent Letter – providing key information about the programme, including dates, expectations, and guidance for families on how to support their child.
- Employer Letter – outlining the expectations and responsibilities for students while on placement, as well as information for employers about safeguarding and supervision.
- Employer Pro-Forma – a form to be completed by the placement provider prior to the start of the work experience week, confirming essential details such as insurance, contact information, and a brief outline of the role.

To help families with the process, parents and carers will also receive an MCAS notification listing employers who are offering work experience placements this year. Copies of all forms and letters will be available through MCAS, allowing students to reprint or access replacements if any documents are misplaced. For those without access to a printer at home, Mrs Long will have spare copies available in the Careers Hub, along with additional advice and guidance for students still seeking placements.





# Year 10 UniFest Applications Now Live!

WHAT AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY!

UniFest is our Year 10 summer school which offers you the chance to explore university life, meet current university students and staff and make new friends. With five summer school events to choose from at different universities across the West Midlands, you will have an action-packed, fun experience.

UniFest is for learners in Year 10 at non-selective, state-funded secondary schools in the West Midlands who are from backgrounds and communities that are less likely to consider university as an option. To apply for a place, you will need the support of your school and the consent of your parents or carers, and you should be able to answer "Yes" to at least one of the following:

- I live in an area where not many young people go to university
- I am a young carer
- I have a disability or learning difficulty
- I am in the care of my local authority
- I receive Free School Meals / FSM6 / Pupil Premium
- My parents or carers did not go to university



EXPLORE  
PAST UNIFEST  
EXPERIENCES





# ONLINE LAW LECTURE SERIES

*Understand Law. Build Confidence.  
Advance Your Ambition.*

KING'S  
College  
LONDON

## What is the Online Law Lecture Series?

The Online Law Lecture Series is a free national programme of live online lectures, running from March to June 2026, designed to support state school students interested in studying Law at university.

The series combines academic law lectures with sessions on the university application process and careers in the legal profession.

Delivered by King's College London academics, student ambassadors and legal professionals, the programme offers insight into what studying law is really like and the wide range of careers available in the legal sector.

## What are the benefits of taking part?

- Join a national community of students interested in Law
- Learn from King's academics, law students and legal professionals
- Discover what studying Law at university is really like
- Build your confidence and understanding of higher education
- Get guidance on applications, admissions and the LNAT
- Explore legal careers and alternative routes into the profession
- Ask questions in live weekly Q&A sessions
- Certificate of completion

## Who can take part?

Students who, as of September 2025, are:

- In Year 11, Year 12 or Year 13, or on a gap year before applying to university and are currently attending (or most recently have attended) a state school (non-fee paying)



Scan the  
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to apply  
now!

Applications Now Open!

 [wp.online.lectures@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:wp.online.lectures@kcl.ac.uk)

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# NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

9 - 15 FEBRUARY



## Kick-Start Your Career in Audit with the National Audit Office

10th February 2026, 6:30pm

### Your accountancy career starts here!

Join the National Audit Office (NAO), the UK's financial referee, and launch your fully-funded ACA Accountancy Apprenticeship (equivalent to a Master's degree!).

### In this Webinar you'll discover:

- The Work: How apprentices audit billions in public money on projects like Net Zero and school construction.
- The NAO Advantage: Get the FREE ACA qualification and a guaranteed path to earning up to £61,000.
- The Reality: Talk directly to apprentices about their choice, their social life, and their debt-free career!

**Sign up here.**

## Apprenticeships in Law with TLT Solicitors

11th February, 6:30-7:30pm

### Attend this FREE webinar and you'll get:

- An Introduction to TLT: TLT will share insights into their culture and values.
- An overview of Solicitor Apprenticeship Opportunities: You'll learn what apprenticeship opportunities are available across TLT and in which departments.
- An Application Masterclass: You'll also take part in a mini application masterclass, where we'll provide practical tips to help you stand out during the recruitment process.

**Sign up here.**

## Your Future in Health & Safety: From Film Sets and Festival Stages to Sports Arenas!

12th February, 6:30-7:30pm

Did you know, as a health and safety professional you could work in almost any industry including the most thrilling - while saving lives and caring for the health of your colleagues?

### If you want to:

- Travel the world
- Save lives and protect your team

- Earn well- the median salary is £50,000 a year
- Work in an industry you're passionate about

**In this free online event, learn how this career pathway could be the hidden secret of progressing to senior leadership.**

**Sign up here.**



# SECURE YOUR APPRENTICESHIP APPRENTICESHIP APPRENTICESHIP

MADE BY APPRENTICES, FOR FUTURE APPRENTICES

## All Things Law: Land Your Dream Apprenticeship in Law

5th March, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Let's be honest: searching for apprenticeships can feel really confusing. We're changing that.

We're bringing together three current apprentices to pull back the curtain on the strategies that actually worked for them. **3 Apprentices. 3 Journeys. 3 Practical Tools.**

### What's in it for you?

- Application Tips: See the exact application strategies used to land roles.
- Total Transparency: These current apprentices are here to give you the unfiltered truth about what the process is really like.
- Live & Uncut Q&A: Get your specific questions answered in real-time by people who were in your shoes just a year or two ago.
- Whether you've known you wanted a career in Law since Year 7 or you're just starting to explore your options, you'll leave this session with a clear roadmap and the confidence to hit "submit" on your next application.

**Sign up here.**

## Supporting Their Future Decisions: Information for Parents

Success at Schools has created a helpful, FREE newsletter and guide for parents whose children are currently considering an apprenticeship and may need extra support over the winter break.

The guide includes practical advice, tips, and resources to help parents understand how best to support their child during this period. If you think this would benefit families in your school, please share this with parents and encourage them to sign up to the Success at Schools mailing list to receive the newsletter directly below. ☐

All parents need to do is click the button and complete their details to sign up. Signing up is required to receive the Parents' Guide, packed with useful support for the holidays.

### WHY SHOULD I SIGN UP?

- Support their child confidently: Get practical advice on how to help them succeed.
- Understand the early careers journey: Clear explanations of what their child is experiencing.
- Boost their child's confidence & prepare them for applications & interviews: They will learn how to encourage and motivate them effectively.
- Real insights from apprentices: Their child can hear directly from those who have successfully completed their apprenticeship.

Don't let them miss out - this is their shortcut to supporting their child throughout the holiday period and in the

# Nestlé Academy

## Free Career Webinar

### Virtual Lunch and Learn for National Apprenticeship Week

Join our Nestlé Careers virtual webinar to hear directly from the Early Talent team. Discover how Nestlé supports students through apprenticeships and graduate programs, helping you build valuable skills, find purpose, and access a wide range of future career opportunities.

**Wednesday 4th February | 12:30pm - 1:00pm**



**Jill Coyle**  
Apprentice Market Lead



**Emma Lawson**  
Talent Acquisition Partner



**Register**

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THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS  
GOOD CAREER GUIDANCE

### Nestle Apprenticeships, Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, 4th February | 12:30pm to 1pm

- **WHEN:** 4th February, 12.30pm
- **WHO:** Students, Parents & Influencers
- **HOW:** Click the image to register

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**Celebrate National Apprenticeship Week with Nestlé Lunch and Learn**

**Sign up here.**

## National Gas: What's it like to be an apprentice?

On this webinar, you'll learn what National Gas does, why it matters, and how our work impacts everyday life. You'll also hear from apprentices on site and in the office about what the role is really like. By the end, you'll know whether an apprenticeship at National Gas could be right for you.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 | 6pm - 6:30pm



Nadine Grahame  
Early Careers  
Co-ordinator



Clare Johnson- Talent  
Acquisition Business Partner  
– Early Careers



Owen McBride  
Engineering Fitter  
Apprentice



Ehema Orim  
Project Management  
Degree Apprentice



Alice Black  
Electrical/Instrumentation  
Degree Apprentice

Register

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Tuesday, 10th February | 6pm to 6:30pm

- **WHEN:** 10th February, 6pm
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Join us for a virtual session exploring what National Gas does, why it matters, and how the work we do impacts your everyday life. You'll also meet three apprentices - some working on site and some in the office, who'll share what being an apprentice is really like, including the highlights and the challenges. By the end of the session, you'll have a clearer picture of what an apprenticeship at National Gas could look like, and whether it might be the right next step for you.

**Sign up here.**

# Powering Futures: A Parent and Student's Guide to Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship Week is the perfect time to explore exciting career opportunities. Join ScottishPower for an exclusive webinar:

**Wednesday 11th February 2026, 6-6.30pm**

- An introduction to National Apprenticeship Week and why apprenticeships matter in today's job market/the energy industry.
- Types of roles available and variety of programmes across ScottishPower – Investment ScottishPower are putting into young people/programmes.
- Mythbusting apprenticeships
- Benefits of an apprenticeship to a young person
- Application processes and tips – how you can prepare



**Rachel Hollinger**  
Early Careers Manager



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**Sign up here.**



YEAR 8+ VIRTUAL CLASSROOM SESSION:

## Bechtel Celebrating Women and Girls in Science



To celebrate **International Women and Girls in Science Day**, we're inviting your students from Year 8/9 upwards to an interactive virtual classroom session with leading engineering and construction firm, Bechtel.

- Learn all about STEM careers and the opportunities available with Bechtel
- Hear from women across the organisation as they bring their roles and responsibilities to life
- Learn from apprentices and graduates about their experiences working on some of the world's largest projects

**Wed 11 Feb 2026 | 12:30pm - 1:00pm**



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**Sign up here.**

# Celebrating National Apprenticeship week with Davidsons Homes

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Virtual Assembly 9 - 9.30 am**

Join Us for a virtual assembly session and discover Davidsons Homes Apprenticeship Programme.

- Find out who Davidsons Homes are
- Hear about our apprenticeship opportunities
- Insights about working at Davidsons
- Apprenticeship Successes
- Put your questions to the team



**Claudia Hayward**  
HR Advisor



**Harrison Coe**  
Office Apprentice



**Register**



## Celebrating National Apprenticeship Week with Davidsons Homes

Thursday, 12th February | 9am to 9:30am

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- **HOW:** Click the image to register

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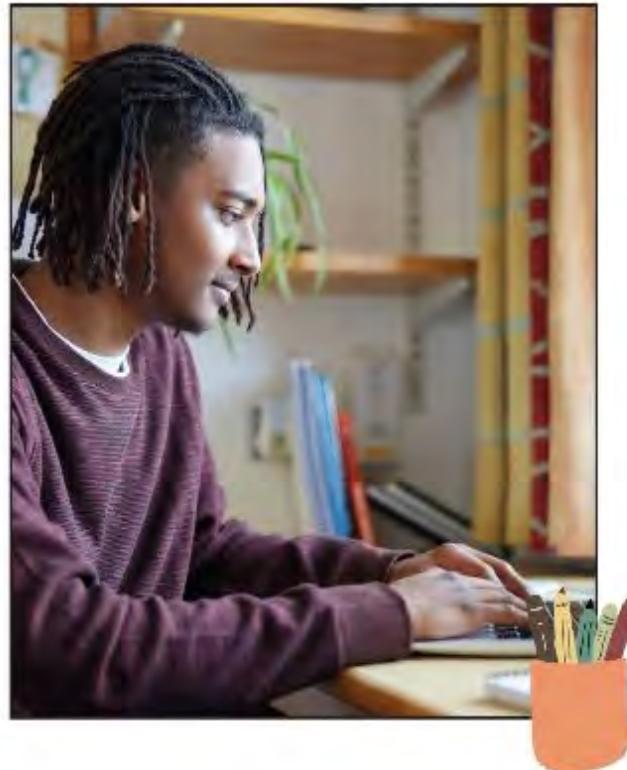
**Sign up here.**

### Finding a workspace at home

Not every family has a spare room or desk - and that's fine. The key is helping your teen find a spot that signals "work time" and limits distractions.

#### How you can help:

- Choose a consistent area, even if it's part of a dining table or kitchen counter.
- Make it feel different from leisure time - use a box or tray to store study items.
- Keep lighting good and background noise low; headphones can help if it's busy.
- Encourage them to tidy up when finished so the space returns to normal use.

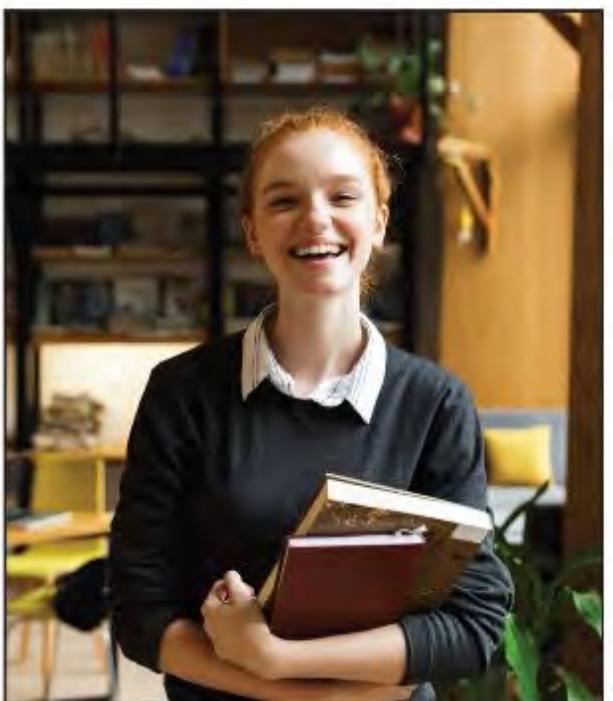


### Managing screen time

Laptops and phones are essential for studying, but they can also be the biggest distractions. Clear digital boundaries help your teen focus and protect their wellbeing.

#### How you can help:

- Encourage phones out of reach or on "Do Not Disturb" while revising.
- Use focus apps or timers to block social media during work sessions.
- Suggest checking messages only during planned breaks.
- Keep some activities (e.g. meals, movie time) deliberately phone-free.



## Setting the mood for concentration

The study environment shapes focus more than we think. Light, scent, sound and temperature can all make revision more effective - or more stressful.

### How you can help:

- Keep the space bright and well ventilated; natural light boosts alertness.
- Use quiet background music or white noise if it helps them focus.
- Keep the temperature comfortable - too warm makes concentration drop.
- Try a subtle scent (like citrus or peppermint) to create a "study atmosphere."

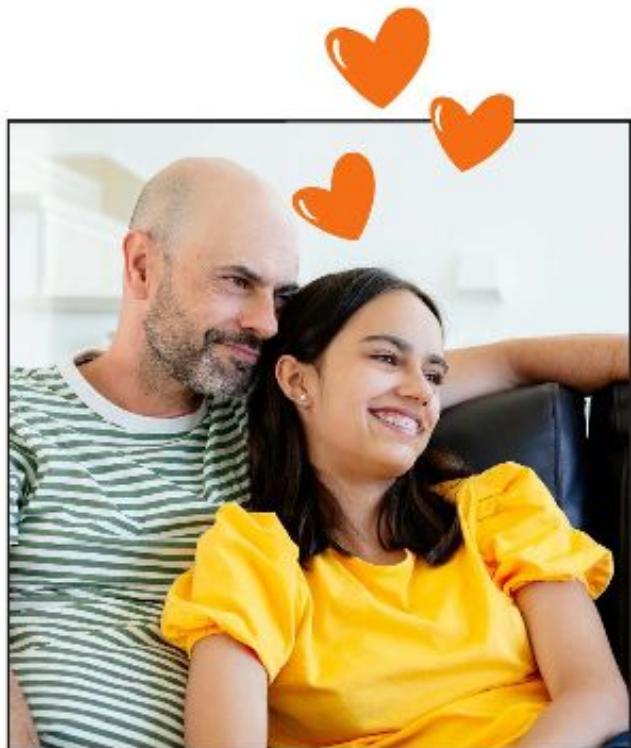


## Keep the atmosphere positive

A calm, encouraging home environment makes a big difference. Your support helps your teen stay confident and motivated, especially when things feel stressful.

### How you can help:

- Ask how you can help rather than assuming what they need.
- Keep your own tone calm - they'll often mirror your energy.
- Be patient if they're short-tempered - stress often comes out sideways.
- Plan small ways to relax together.



## Don't stop here *There's more support waiting for you!*

Join Parent Club for trusted advice and practical support for parents of teens in Years 9-13.

You'll receive regular emails packed with helpful tips, expert guidance, and access to parent guides and live Q&As - all designed to help you support your teen through each stage of the school year.





## Apprenticeship and Pathways Show

Come along to find out how you can **earn while you learn**



Meet local employers and training providers



Speak to apprentices



Find out about current and upcoming apprenticeship at all levels



Speak to local employers and colleges about opportunities



Scan the QR code or use [this link](#) to register



**Wednesday 28 January 2026, 3:30 - 7:00 pm**

**Quiet Hour: 2:30 - 3:30pm**

**North Solihull Sports Centre, Chelmsley Wood B37 5LA**

Free Parking

[lifeready@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:lifeready@solihull.gov.uk)



## Join Cadent's Youth Insights Panel

Ideas from young people. Action from Cadent.

Cadent manages a gas network of more than 82,000 miles of pipes, bringing gas to over 11 million homes and businesses throughout the North West, West Midlands, East Midlands, East of England and North London - to keep people warm all year round.



**Have ideas to make your community better? Want your voice heard?**

We're looking for young people aged 11-16 to share their experiences and help shape real projects that improve safety and support for families.

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- Share your ideas online in 5 sessions.
- Connect with other young people.
- Work with Cadent staff on real-world projects that effect you and your family.

### WHAT WILL YOU GAIN?

- Certificates and references for your future.
- New skills and confidence.
- Experience that looks great on applications.
- A chance to make real change happen in big business.

SCAN QR CODE



**Application form HERE,  
or scan the QR code!**



For more info

tel: 07900 064532

email: [youthinsights@solutionsfortheplanet.co.uk](mailto:youthinsights@solutionsfortheplanet.co.uk)

**Cadent**  
Your Gas Network

# SPOTLIGHT ON BRITISH ARMY INSIGHTS



JANUARY

20<sup>TH</sup>

18:00 - 19:00

## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR SCHOOLS  
PARENTS - AND FEEL FREE TO JOIN TOO!

We're hosting an online session to help parents understand the exciting opportunities the British Army offers young people. Whether their child is exploring options after school or college, or simply curious, this event will give them clarity and confidence. You'll hear from other parents, get practical advice, and have time to ask questions.

## 2026 ONLINE EVENTS

### GIVE YOUR STUDENTS A HEAD START - AND BOOST YOUR OWN CPD!

Our 2026 events are packed with real-life Army stories, insider career insights, and practical tools to help you guide young people towards exciting futures. Plan ahead, get inspired, and discover how the Army supports ambition, resilience, and growth.

NEW

### EVENTS ADDED

#### BEHIND THE CAMO SERIES

The first two episodes are available on demand now and why not **register** for the last two today.

REGISTER TODAY >

## OUTREACH PROJECT

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The Smith's Wood Academy Outreach Project is a volunteer program designed to provide students with valuable opportunities to develop skills, boost their confidence, and gain real-world experience. Through these projects, students actively contribute to the community, making a positive impact on the lives of others while enhancing their personal and professional growth.

To find out more please contact:  
**Miss Weightman** on  
[sweightman1@smithswood.fmat.co.uk](mailto:sweightman1@smithswood.fmat.co.uk)



10 HRS  
VOLUNTEERED

1. Students are required to complete 10 hours of volunteering. This could involve participating in community service or other approved volunteer activities as well as complete the skills development worksheet.

Once completed you will have access to the skills builder programme to further develop essential skills



50 HRS  
VOLUNTEERED

1. Students are required to complete 50 hours of volunteering. This will help develop valuable skills and experience.
2. Create a CV - Highlight your skills, experience and qualifications.

Once completed you will gain the opportunity for a 1:1 meeting with our careers advisor to discuss your next steps.



100 HRS  
VOLUNTEERED

1. Students are required to complete 100 hours of volunteering by engaging in community service or relevant work experience.
2. Complete a mock interview: Students must participate in a simulated job interview to develop professional communication skills.

Once these requirements are met, students will gain eligibility to pursue the Level 2 qualification in their chosen career field.



200 HRS  
VOLUNTEERED

1. Students are required to complete 200 hours of volunteer work.
2. On completion students must present their experiences to the board of governors.

Upon fulfilling this requirement, they will gain the opportunity to be mentored by a professional in their chosen career field.



500 HRS  
VOLUNTEERED

1. Students are required to complete 500 hours of volunteer work.
2. Leadership Activity: After completing the volunteer hours, students must lead a school assembly.
3. Work Experience Opportunity: Students will be offered work experience placements relevant to their future career interests.





## ► PROFILE

Are you a motivated and enthusiastic individual between the ages of 14-18??

Are you keen to gain practical experience in the water industry and develop professional skills? If you have a strong interest in sustainability, engineering and the environment, or are just interested in learning from industry professionals, work experience with us is for you! Apply for one of our 4-day work experience placements using the info below.

## CONTACT US

 [SevernTrent/workexperience](https://SevernTrent/workexperience)

 MIDLANDS AND WALES

 [Workexperience@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:Workexperience@severntrent.co.uk)

**Applications open 8th Dec 25 - 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 26**

Please visit our website

# ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14-18? JOIN US FOR WORK EXPERIENCE

## ► SKILLS DESIRED

- Willingness to learn
- Teamwork
- Written and verbal communication skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Digital skills
- Time management and organisation skills
- Interest in sustainability and environmental issues.

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## ► OUR VALUES

- Showing **Care** for each other and the environment
- Having **Courage** to stand up for what's right
- Taking **Pride** in everything you do
- Embracing **Curiosity** and ask questions

## ► LOCATIONS

- Across Severn Trent Patch - See website for full details

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## ► KEY INFORMATION

### Dates:

- 9th -12<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- 16th-19th February 2026



By applying, you agree to take part in a research project run by Severn Trent Water, in partnership with Youth Futures Foundation (YFF) and independent evaluators Ipsos UK.

The aim is to understand how work experience helps young people build skills, confidence, and future career opportunities. Your placement will still be the same hands-on experience – the trial simply helps us measure its impact.



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**Wednesday 28th January - 4.30 pm**

**Thursday 29th January- 5.00 pm**

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