



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



Department for Education and RateMyApprenticeship are delighted to reveal the Top Apprenticeship Employers 2025. The rankings celebrate the Top 100 and Top 50 SME employers across England. Combining criteria such as: achievements, intake numbers, diversity and learner feedback, these rankings demonstrate employers with an excellent commitment to apprenticeships.



Accenture, a global professional services company, has just launched an Early Talent platform, designed to support Year 12 students (and their parents) in exploring apprenticeship opportunities. Whether you are considering a degree apprenticeship or still figuring things out, this free platform is a fantastic place to start. Register here and check-out the FAQ here.



July's edition of Choices Magazine features Keely, a former dental apprentice, insights from Specsavers on their apprenticeship programme, opportunities with Volkswagen, changes to apprenticeships, and top tips for using summer to get ahead. The magazine also highlights updates to post-GCSE qualifications, a quick guide to T Levels and advice for exam results days.



Forage describes their platform as “the bridge between education and career success”. Their job simulations build real-life skills for real-life roles, offering a window into the company and a preview of their day-to-day. Job sims are 100% free, open access and self-paced.



University of Exeter recognise that parents, guardians, carers and relatives can all play a vital role in supporting their student in choosing and applying for university. Join this virtual session on Wednesday 16th July 2025 from 6-7 pm to learn more about supporting your student's journey to university.

If you have any questions or need support, please email asmith@southchurchschool.com

JOB OF THE WEEK



Set Designer

They create the visual environment for theatre, films, and television shows. They work closely with directors to design and construct the physical space where the action takes place, including scenery, props, and sometimes lighting and special effects. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Average earnings for an adult in the UK is £710 a week. That equates to £2,840 a month.

Do you think you could live on this amount?

[Source](#)

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A CHALLENGE PER WEEK FOR 6 WEEKS!

Challenge 1: AI is already a big part of your daily life — and it's only getting bigger. But even the smartest AI can get things wrong. In this short, high-impact Sprint, you'll step into the role of a tech professional at Amazon. You'll learn why verifying AI-generated information is essential, and how critical thinking makes AI systems more reliable, trusted and safe. Over the course of around two hours, you'll review AI-generated content, identify inaccuracies, and practise thinking like a professional verifier. You'll build the questioning skills that are critical for anyone working with AI — now and in the future.

Challenge 2: If you're getting Level 3 results this year and planning to go to university, use these 6 steps from UCAS to get results day ready!

Challenge 3: Follow this weekly timetable from Springpod to up your skills and industry knowledge. You can pick any online work experience that you think looks interesting. It can be added to the "experience" section of your CV.

Challenge 4: Pick one worksheet from the list and complete it to help you consider your current skillset and/or your future plans.

Challenge 5: Select and listen to one of the "Stacey Doolley's 9-5" podcasts. In each episode, Stacey takes a group of five 16-18-year-olds to different industries who are crying out for young workers.

Challenge 6: Select a course on Coursera and complete it. This could be a Google Certificate, IBM course or Microsoft Workshop! Taking part in the course will allow you to develop your digital skills and will look great on your CV and university applications in the future.

And lastly, have a fantastic summer!



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UNI SPOTLIGHT

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