

## \*NEW\* Higher & Degree Apprenticeships Vacancy Listing



The January edition of the Higher & Degree vacancy listing has now launched. Explore 1,400 Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies from 70+ employers, including British Army, Amazon, Tui, Metropolitan Police, PwC, Transport for London and many more!

Download [here](#)

## Apprenticeships vs University

### Apprenticeships Upsides

- You'll gain qualifications whilst being paid....and can work your way up the apprenticeship ladder
- No fees, your employer pays for your training
- You can take advantage of the perks that being an employee can offer
- You'll learn from the professionals you work with too
- You can work your way up in a company through apprenticeships

### Downsides

- Apprenticeships are competitive, unless you have an employer willing to take you on as an apprentice, you'll have to apply for advertised apprenticeship jobs and compete against other applicants.
- Wages can seem low, but look at the bigger picture, your future!
- You will be working, no summers off anymore!

### University Upsides

- Over 160 universities in the UK, you can decide what ones you apply to
- An option to gain independence and live away from home
- You can meet other students from all over the UK and the world, make friends for life
- Some degrees offer a placement year of paid work or even abroad
- Some degree courses have government funding or bursaries in careers where they need qualified people like nursing

### Downsides

- University is expensive
- You will not have the teaching contact time you have in school or college
- You are not guaranteed a job after Uni (or in an apprenticeship to be fair!)

## Apprenticeships Guide

Success at schools have launched their brand new Apprenticeships Guide. It's designed to make sure parents or carers are properly informed, so they can support their child as they decide whether apprenticeships could be part of their career journey.



With an apprenticeship, your child can train for their dream job while earning a wage. The new digital guide – is packed full of vital information to help you guide your child as they decide whether an apprenticeship could be the right choice for them.

Features include:

- Info on the four apprenticeship levels
- Applying for an apprenticeship
- What support is available?
- An apprenticeship timeline
- Guide to apprenticeship programmes covering 17 industries
- Glossary of key terms
- FAQs
- Apprenticeships: Truth or lie?

Click [here](#) to read it

## Applications Now OPEN for Apprenticeships programmes at Standard Chartered Bank, London

Are you a Year 13 students who would like to work:

- On the Trading Floor of a global bank, learning the mechanics of trading from experienced city traders
- With the Corporate and Commercial team learning how to support our international clients



If you are interested in gaining the Level 4 Investment Operations Specialist qualification whilst on their 2 year apprenticeship based in London, apply by 23rd February 2024.

- **Financial Markets Apprenticeship programme trading floor route**
- **Client coverage apprenticeships - Standard Chartered (scom)**

If you would like any further information please look at our Early Careers information pages [here](#)

## Seasonal Job Opportunities Barracudas Activity Day Camps

We operate during the Easter and Summer holidays as well as half terms, and every year we employ 100s of seasonal staff at our 50+ locations across the country. The seasonal work we provide allows staff to gain valuable work experience, develop skills that can help to boost and enrich their CV's and have fun along the way!

### What are we looking for?

We're looking for staff members who are: fun, enthusiastic and have a can-do attitude! As we operate during non-term time, we attract applications from teachers, university students and 18+ college/ sixth form students to name a few!

### Why work for us?

- In return for working on camp, we offer our staff members:
- A highly competitive wage
- FREE and nationally recognised training courses such as Paediatric First Aid
- Regular work opportunities during the non-term time holidays
- Invaluable work experience



## Routes into STEM Virtual Experience 2023/24

Routes into STEM virtual experience provides an exciting opportunity to explore the various routes you can take towards your STEM career. This course is designed to enable young people to work through activities and projects at their own pace, tour a variety of institutions virtually and also have access to live career sessions and mentor panels with STEM employers

### Who is it for:

Students in Year 9 or 10 who are interested in exploring a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) All you need is an interest in STEM and curiosity about the future. The course is open to all academic abilities

### What's involved?

Approximately 20 hours of study virtually at a pace that suits you Exploring different Routes into a STEM career including College Courses, University Courses, and Apprenticeships and learning from industry what is involved in a STEM career as well as enhancing your skills Live interactive sessions over the half-term breaks, school holidays and after school, allowing you to listen and ask questions to STEM students and professionals. Getting to work on a project set by a STEM company to look further at a career area that interests you

Visit the website [here](#) for more information



### Should I become a doctor webinar 19<sup>th</sup> February

This presentation, held by medical students, is designed to help Year 9 – 11 students decide whether 'Medicine', or becoming a doctor, is for them.

It may also be helpful for anyone else seeking information about the process – including parents and teachers. It is will be held on the 19th of February 7-8:30pm on Zoom.

Please fill in the sign-up form below to receive the log in details, <https://forms.gle/srQ2wYveyvu7Fi2A6>



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### New On Demand Webinar Careers in an Airport.

HOP will be joined by Alex Smith, Education Manager from Stansted Airport who will be able to talk about the wide range of roles and skills required to work in an Airport (excluding Air Traffic Control that will be covered in a future bespoke webinar, and Cabin Crew – which has been covered previously).

With four major international airports all on the Hertfordshire borders (Stansted, Luton, Heathrow and London City) there is huge demand for talented people to work in these vibrant, dynamic and exciting workplaces.

Click [here](#) to watch it

## 1-Day Python Programming Workshop 10th February

We're on a mission to teach Python programming, a popular coding language suitable for beginners. Our coding workshops are **FREE**.

Ever thought about learning coding but didn't know where to start? Join our coding experts for a free day of interactive learning that's easy to understand regardless of your level of knowledge. QA and Aviva are joining forces to help build your confidence in the basics of Python Programming – one of the world's most popular coding languages.

### Who should attend?

- Anyone keen to kickstart their coding adventure and empower themselves with the ability to programme with Python. Want to know how to automate repetitive tasks, solve real life problems, and take part in coding challenges? Eager to build websites, design games, solve puzzles, generate art, develop apps, craft digital musical instruments... The list really is endless! Teach the Nation equips you with the basic knowledge that will allow you to train further and take on all of these projects - and more.

### What will you learn?

- The fundamentals of programming with Python
- Creating working code using operators, conditional statements and loops
- Describing the syntax of Python Programming
- Basic problem solving with Python code

Sign up [here](#)

## LawCareers.Net™

### LawCareers.Net virtual masterclass: legal apprenticeships Thursday 15 February at 1:00pm.

If you are thinking about pursuing a legal career, there is a virtual legal apprenticeships masterclass run by LawCareers.Net next you can join.

In the legal apprenticeships masterclass, they'll be discussing what it means to enter the legal profession as an apprentice, the qualifications required to enrol on an apprenticeship and the benefits and challenges of qualifying as a solicitor or paralegal via this route. With apprentices, recruiters and lawyers from four top law firms taking part in the discussion, this is your students' chance to come along and ask their questions.

Registration link [here](#)

Even if you can't live attend on the day, you'll receive an email with the event recording if you register.

## University of Oxford Virtual Y12 BAME Humanities Study Day

A day for Year 12 students from UK state schools who have Black, Asian, or Minority Ethnic (BAME) heritage.

### What:

Participants will get the chance to:

- Explore Humanities subjects
- Take part in university-style academic sessions
- Learn about applying to Oxford University
- Hear from current undergraduates about student life

For the academic lectures, participants will be able to choose two from the following subjects: Classics, English, History, History of Art, Modern Languages, Music, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Music, Philosophy or Theology.

**When:** 4th April 9AM-3 PM

**Who:** Year 12 students from UK state schools who have Black, Asian, or Minority Ethnic (BAME) heritage.

**Where:** Online

The deadline to apply is 25th February. Apply [here](#).



## Young Professionals Tech The Future Virtual Event Friday 9th February, 5pm - 6:30pm

TechTheFuture is Back! The Ultimate Technology Careers Experience with FTSE 100 Companies! Hear from Accenture, BT Group, Experian & Amazon! Friday 9th February 2024, 5pm - 6:30pm.

Would you be interested in hearing from some of the world's biggest technology organisations talk about the future of their industry, diving into topics such as AI, Data and Business Analytics, the Cloud and the future of Blockchain?

If you're interested in hearing more about life and the different careers at the companies involved, this event will serve as a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into these global businesses and ask any questions you may have to some of the world's top technology professionals.

Click [here](#) to apply



Royal Holloway University

**Girls into Engineering' - 10th February - 10am to 4pm**

The Electronic Engineering department is hosting a FREE day-long event aimed at inspiring the next generation of female engineers. Since its founding, Royal Holloway, University of London has had a long history in women's education. The Department of Electronic Engineering is proud to continue this tradition and give to as many women as possible the opportunity to make a difference through engineering.

In celebration of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, "Girls into Engineering" aims to give you a taste of being an engineer for 1 day and to give you an inside view of the challenges and opportunities that women face in the engineering world.

The event is mainly dedicated to girls in years 11-13 (parents welcomed) and includes:

- Hands-on lab activities (building circuits to create timing pulses, writing Python code, creating prototype circuits, etc)
- An inspirational talk given by Laura Haxha, Project Manager at BAE Digital Intelligence. Laura has worked on a range of engineering projects within the aerospace and security sectors for 5 years and is passionate about bringing more women into the tech world.
- Chats with some of our recent graduates and current undergraduates
- A tour of the Electronic Engineering Department
- A packed lunch plus refreshments

To book, contact Matthew Bryan on [matthew.bryan@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.bryan@rhul.ac.uk)  
Event suitable for: Women aged 15-18 who are curious how they can make the world a better place



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POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

Held every 2 weeks, LSE Discovery Sessions enable prospective undergraduate students to find out more about study options at LSE, student life and the application process. LSE Discovery Sessions will involve a short introductory presentation delivered by a member of the Student Recruitment and Study Abroad team, followed by the opportunity for attendees to submit their own questions.

LSE Discovery Sessions will take place via Zoom on February 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Click [here](#) to book



**Bird & Bird's Virtual Law Apprenticeship Open Evening  
Monday 12th February 2024, 5pm - 6pm**

Are you looking for virtual work experience with an internationally recognised law firm? Are you looking to boost your CVs or applications to apprenticeships or university with a virtual work experience like no other? Hear From One Of The UK's Most Prestigious Law Firms and How You Can Secure Yourself A Role There!

Bird & Bird are an international law firm with a focus on helping businesses being changed by technology or the digital world. They have over 1300 lawyers in 30 offices across Europe, the Middle East, Asia-Pacific and North America.

Bird & Bird are renowned for their expertise in Intellectual Property, IT, Communications and other areas including Media, Entertainment and Sports law. Their success can be attributed to their deep understanding of key industry sectors coupled with a comprehensive knowledge of legal practice areas.

This virtual event will include a variety of unique workshop sessions, including time to hear about their current apprenticeships on offer. Also, you will also get the unique chance to hear from with senior lawyers at this incredible law firm which can be used to grow your network as you pursue a career in law. All of your questions will be answered by the very best lawyers in the industry!

So, with this incredible virtual opportunity to hear from Bird & Bird next week, click on the Application Link below to secure your space:

**Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RZ9C2QC>**

### The Scholarship Hub

Search and apply for UK scholarships, grants or bursaries for university on their comprehensive database of funding for UK/EU undergraduates and reduce your student debt.



<https://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk/>



## Tesco New Retail Apprenticeship

Tesco are delighted to announce the launch of their new Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship programme, as part of our commitment to help young people achieve a stronger start in life.

This is one of the few apprenticeship programmes that doesn't require the young people to have any qualifications or experience when they start. After completing the programme, they will gain a Level 2 National Standard in Retail which is the equivalent of 5 GCSE passes.

This opportunity is part of Tesco's Stronger Starts campaign to support the communities in which it operates. Thousands of school children across the UK are already benefitting from a £5m grants programme that helps schools that lack resources to pay for nutritious food for pupils and play equipment to keep children active.

The apprenticeship is delivered by our partner Lifetime Training and will take a minimum of 12 months to complete. The programme will include a blend of learning activities and hands-on experience on the shop floor. Those joining without a GCSE grade pass or equivalent in maths and English, will gain these during the programme.

We know that the transition from education to the world of work can be a daunting, so we have a network of people to support them every step of the way, this includes expert 1-1 pastoral support from the Prince's Trust, a dedicate Lifetime apprenticeship coach as well as our store team.

Applications for the Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship open in June but to mark National Apprenticeship Week, young people can register their interest [here](#) to find out more.



## HSBC Degree Apprenticeships Wealth and Personal Banking

Degree Apprenticeships are new to HSBC, and offer an alternative to the full-time university route. You will join on a permanent contract consisting of a four and half-year structured programme which includes a series of different rotations across multiple areas of your business line, all whilst working towards an externally recognised Degree qualification via one of our University partners.

Throughout your programme you will receive a wealth of support and guidance to ensure you have the platform to accelerate your career within the HSBC Group. This includes a dedicated mentor, ongoing learning and development opportunities via a mixture of one-to-one tuition in both the classroom and workplace, on-demand resources, dedicated study days and even the possibility of independent study with residential stays at the university delivering your qualification.

All apprentices receive a highly competitive salary and benefits, and will be supported at the end of the four and half-year programme to secure a permanent destination role within HSBC.

To be considered for a Degree Apprenticeship you will:

- Be driven and committed to self-development, with a desire to pursue a career with HSBC
- Be organised, self-motivated, and accountable with an ability to set and achieve targets
- Have strong interpersonal skills
- Share our organisational values
- Available to work full time from October 2024 for a period of 54 months
- Minimum 5 GCSEs or equivalent at Grade 4/C or above including Maths and English
- Minimum of 96 UCAS Points

Applications close: 11th Feb  
Start date: October 2024

Apply [here](#)