



YEAR 10 &11 CAREERS BULLETIN – FEBRUARY 2026

The Careers Team (Mrs Duffy, Mr Dean, Mrs Birchall and Mrs O'Leiski) are here to support you and your child and you can email the careers team at any time - careers@bedford.wigan.sch.uk

Theresa O'Leiski, our School Careers Adviser from Wigan Council Aspiring Futures, is based in U08 and will be in school 3 days a week. She is currently providing 1:1 careers interviews with Year 11 students.

We have a dedicated Careers Page on our school website and links to various careers websites such as Amazing Apprenticeships Parent Zone are on there.

<https://bedfordhighschool.co.uk/careers/>

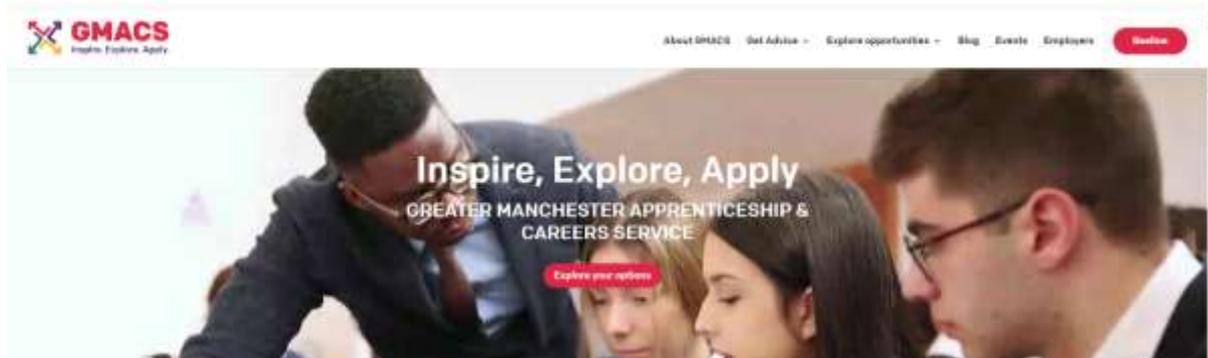
GMACS (THE GREATER MANCHESTER APPRENTICESHIP & CAREERS SERVICE)

What is GMACS <https://gmacs.co.uk/about/>

Explore Top Sectors in Greater Manchester <https://gmacs.co.uk/sectors/>

Parents & Carers help your child <https://gmacs.co.uk/advice/parents-carers/>

Look at specific areas (Wigan, Manchester) <https://gmacs.co.uk/areas/>





COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Year 11 students should have/or be applying to 3 Colleges immediately.

WIGAN & LEIGH COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS - <https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/life-at-college/events/>

Festival of Engineering & Construction at Pagefield Campus, home of the Construction Technical Excellence College NW (CTEC). This flagship event showcases cutting-edge facilities, hands-on activities, and the exciting pathways available into some of the region's most dynamic engineering and construction industries.

Date: Monday 9th February

Time: 4.30pm – 7.00pm

**Location: Centre of Excellence in Engineering & Construction,
Pagefield Campus, Walkden Avenue, Wigan, WN1 2JH**

Booking link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festival-of-engineering-construction-2026-tickets-1663365664479>

The event provides a fantastic opportunity to:

- Tour our state-of-the-art facilities and workshops (including our brand-new sustainable energy Powerhouse)
- Explore apprenticeship opportunities and career pathways
- Watch technical skills showcases in action
- Meet employers from both the engineering and construction sectors

Please note: When booking, students only need to select one ticket per group. Parents/guardians do not need to book additional tickets.



BOLTON COLLEGE open event – 9th February

<https://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/event/open-event/2026-02-09/>



PRIESTLEY COLLEGE open event – Thursday, 5th February

<https://www.priestley.ac.uk/events/book-open-event/>



MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE – OPEN EVENTS

1. **Saturday 7th February 2026 - Course Advice Morning** (Preston, Liverpool, Warrington and Manchester Old Trafford Cricket Centre.)
2. **Saturday 18th April 2026 - Course Advice Morning** (Preston, Liverpool, Warrington and Manchester Old Trafford Cricket Centre.)

UNIFROG

A new careers platform currently for year 10 and year 11 students.

Students log into Unfrog from the email link from noreply@unifrog.org.

All of the resources are available at the click of a button from the table below (quizzes, placements for work experience, CV builder etc). Y10 Students click on the Placement tool to complete the Placement Form 'Student Initial Form'. On the home page scroll down until you see the table below which is on the home page.

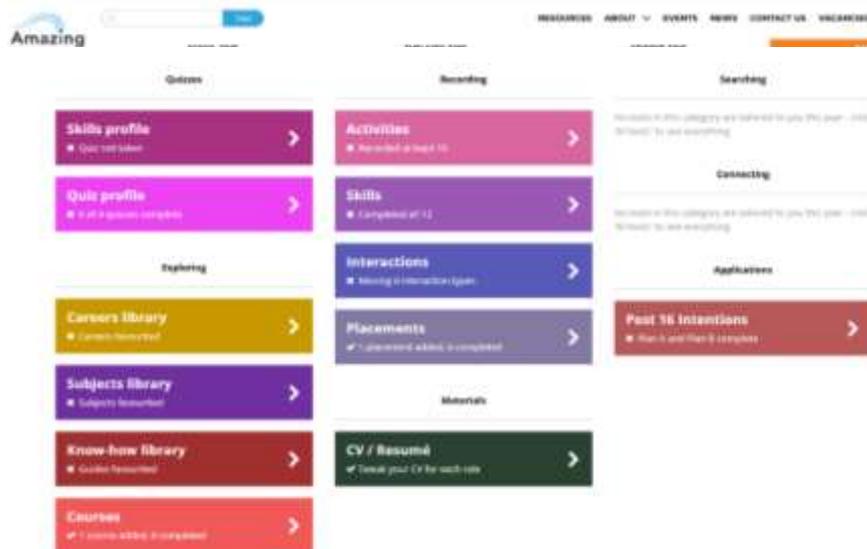


NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK – 9-15TH FEBRUARY

AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS

Explore the parent zone of the Amazing Apprenticeships website:

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/>



Parent/Guardian Webinar - 9th February 6.30pm-7.30pm: Understanding Apprenticeships – click below for further information and to register for the webinar.

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/events/navigate-national-apprenticeship-week-parent-and-carer-webinar-understanding-apprenticeships/>

ALLIANCE LEARNING Apprenticeship Open Evening – 12th February 4-7.30pm

<https://www.alliancelearning.com/page/apprenticeships>





WATERSIDE TRAINING Apprenticeship Open Evenings, for students considering post-16 or post-18 pathways into Engineering.

These events are a great opportunity for young people to explore **apprenticeships in Electrical, Mechanical, Multi-Skilled, and Manufacturing Engineering**.

Open Evening Dates:

Thursday 12th March

Time: Arrival for either **5:00pm** or **6:00pm** – click on the link to register:

<https://www.waterside-training.co.uk/apprenticeships/events/>

GMLPN (Greater Manchester Learning Provider Network): Apprenticeships Explained Webinar – Wednesday, 11th February 6pm-7pm

This interactive session is for parents/guardians/students who want to better understand what apprenticeships are really like. Booking required – see leaflet attached or Email: info@gmlpn.co.uk.

ARMY CAREERS

The Army Careers Centre in Bolton are running two events for interested students/families. If you are interested telephone: 01204 364111 for more information/book a place.

Army Foundation College Presentation Night

Date: 25th February 2026 Time: 19:00 / 7pm

Location: **Army Reserve Centre**, Nelson Street, Bolton, BL3 2RW

Year 11 only and up to two adults

Soldiers and Civilian staff from ACC Bolton will be in attendance, along with an instructor and soldiers who went to AFC Harrogate for their training.

We will cover – careers opportunities in the Army, apprenticeships (The Army in the Uks largest provider), pay and conditions of service and college life.

Army Open Day

Date: 28th February 2026 Time: 10:00 – 13:00

Location: **Army Reserve Centre**, Nelson Street, Bolton, BL3 2RW

Year 10 and higher only and their families



HSBC APPRENTICESHIPS – VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

At HSBC, we believe apprenticeships are the future of the workforce – a gateway to valuable skills and meaningful careers. National Apprenticeship Week is a time to celebrate the incredible opportunities apprenticeships offer to young people and parents.

We are excited to invite your students and parents to a series of virtual events designed to ultimately inform and inspire young people.

HSBC & You - Come and explore HSBC and the world of opportunity

Tuesday 10 February from 6pm until 7pm

Register [here](#)

Be inspired by HSBC Apprentices - Discover the experiences of HSBC Apprentices and gain insights into their professional journey. This event also offers a valuable opportunity to engage directly and pose questions to the apprentices

Wednesday 11 February from 6pm until 7pm

Register [here](#)

Explore various career pathways and discover methods to identify potential opportunities - An event for student and parents. Explore a range of emerging talent pathways and uncover ways to identify potential opportunities and selection methods.

Thursday 12 February from 6pm until 7pm

Register [here](#)

Virtual Event for Parents/guardians

How to support young people - Facilitating parental support in guiding their child's career initiation.

Monday 9 February from 6pm until 7pm

Register [here](#)

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

GOOGLE VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES - <https://digdata.online/>



Would you like to gain **virtual work experience** and discover how **Google** uses data to shape the future?
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FIRST STEP - Year Groups 7-9
Want to be a YouTuber? Dig into the data sources that could make you go viral.
Wednesday 28th January - 4.30 pm

NEXT STEP - Year Groups 10-13+FE
Google Joins Forces with Gen Z Creators to Launch the Pixel 10!
Thursday 29th January- 5.00 pm

REGISTER NOW



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CAREERS TALKS – VIRTUAL AT ANY TIME

Be inspired, there are lots of careers talks on the Futureforall/Speakers for Schools website which you can view to at any time - <https://www.futuresforall.org/talks-library>

Browse + search talks library

🔍 People/Companies/Industries → **Filter** **Sort** ▼

🗑️ Clear All

Ready to be inspired and watch replays of previous live virtual broadcasts whenever you wish? As part of our Speakers for Schools programme, all recorded talks in our library are free and available on demand. Additionally, you can search and filter by speaker name, talk topic, and key stage suitability. If you're interested in future talks, please [view our upcoming broadcasts](#).

 <p>Start your Story: Screen Industry Careers with Into Film. Inspirational Talk</p>	 <p>Beyond the Glam: Debunking Myths of the Makeup World Katie Stedman, Director, The Makeup Team, Contract Manager, BBC Partner (BBC News)</p>	 <p>The impact of volunteering with Julie Phillips, Green Pathways Project Officer, Northumberland National Park Career Talk</p>
<p>Start your Story: Screen Industry Careers' With Into Film December 2025 Broadcasts 11-19 Discover Creative Careers</p>	<p>With Katie Stedman, Director, The Makeup Team, Contract Manager, BBC Partner (BBC News) June 2024</p>	<p>From History Books to Foreign Affairs: The Power of Languages in International Careers with Northumberland National Park December 2025</p>