



National news

Fall in students accepted into university in UK



New data from UCAS shows a fall in the number of 18 year-olds accepted into university. Fewer students got into their first choice of university this year. But more students qualified for their second choice, or accepted places through clearing.

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Schools 'expected to report careers provision progress'



The Government has responded to the Education Committee's CEIAG report. Recommendations include:

- Secondary schools will need to report their progress against the Gatsby Benchmarks for careers provision at least once a year.
- The Government will publish a Strategic Action Plan for Careers in 2024. This will make it easier to navigate and source information and advice on careers and opportunities.
- Work is currently happening to make the National Careers Service website more accessible. There will be more content for younger people.

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Pret partners with Youth Employment UK for new early careers hub



Youth Employment UK has partnered with Pret to launch an [early careers hub](#). Designed for young people who want to make their next career steps, the hub offers training and support through its Pret Academy.

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53% school leavers want to work in film & TV

Research by the Association of Accounting Technicians found that:

- 53% of school leavers are interested in a career in the TV and film industry. But only 18% believe it is realistic for them.
- Two thirds of school leavers think the only career opportunities are acting and creative roles. Only 4% thought finance skills were essential to the industry. School leavers are not aware of the other career opportunities and routes available to them such as accounting.

Sarah Beale, CEO at AAT, said: *“Accounting jobs aren’t just in accounting firms. Every business needs to have an accounting function including film, fashion, sport, music, and marketing. There is a huge variety of sectors that accountancy professionals can work in, that offer exciting career paths and open a world of opportunity to young people.”*

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Wanted: another 3mn cyber professionals



In 2022, the global shortage of cyber security professionals stood at 3.4m. Sectors particularly impacted included:

- aerospace
- government
- education
- insurance
- transportation

The total cyber workforce is 4.7m. The biggest skills shortages, according to global research, were in soft skills such as communication and dealing with other people, followed by cloud computing.

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Good job only possible with degree, say 74% of school leavers



Research by Indeed found that:

- Three quarters of school leavers believe a degree is the only way to secure a good job.
- 30% of them say it will give them a better salary.
- A quarter of young people applied because their parents encouraged them to.

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5 in demand UK tech jobs



Growth Business looks at the five fastest growing UK tech jobs. The report includes information about the roles and types of companies hiring for such positions:

- AI and machine learning specialists
- sustainability specialists
- business intelligence analysts
- information security analysts
- FinTech engineers

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London news

The London Skills Improvement Plan



The London Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) launched recently. It highlights the regionalised labour market and skills gaps.

London's priority sectors are:

- creative
- health and social care
- built environment
- hospitality

Important themes are:

- digital
- green
- transferable skills
- labour market inclusion

The types of roles that are hard to fill are:

- professional/highly skilled specialist
- technical and support roles
- managers
- skilled traded
- sales and customer service roles

- elementary roles

Other highlights include:

- Employer demand for digital skills is high in London. From entry level essential digital skills to advanced digital skills (e.g. AI, robotics and data analytics).
- There were an estimated 234,000 jobs in green priority sectors (i.e. those that have an important role to play in meeting net zero and environmental goals) in London in 2020. The number of jobs in these sectors is expected to grow to 505,000 by 2030.
- Based on future green skills, occupations in demand would include heat pump engineers and installers, electrical engineers, plumbers, carpenters and scaffolders.

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West London Green Skills Hub



The West London Green Skills Hub, funded by the Greater London Authority, has been launched to help people find jobs in London's green economy. There are some really useful links and information about where to find green jobs and also some great resources.

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Best London universities



Yahoo! News looks at The Times Good University Guide , with a focus on London.

- University College London was 7th.
- King's College was 26th.
- Royal Holloway was 29th.
- Queen Mary's was 36th.

The latest guide saw Oxford appear at the top, followed by St Andrews and Cambridge.

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North East

New College Durham students move into new multi-million-pound learning space



New College Durham has opened a new multi-million-pound learning space for its students. The modern facility aims to enhance the learning experience by using advanced technology and interactive learning tools. The project was funded through college resources and government grants. The new space aims to improve the quality of education and better prepare students for their future careers.

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North East's PlanBEE Apprenticeship Program goes global



The PlanBEE apprenticeship programme, started in the North East, is expanding globally. Created by Ryder and Gateshead College, the programme fills skills gaps in the built environment sector. It has helped many young people get jobs in fields like architecture and engineering. Following success in the North East and Manchester, the programme is now launching in London and Canada.

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Toucan Education expands with New Gateshead Hub for special needs services



Toucan Education has opened a second site in Gateshead to offer specialised services for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The new facility, located at Blaydon Rugby Club, has classrooms, special movement rooms, and more. This expansion comes after a significant six-figure investment and aims to meet the growing demand for Toucan's 'Alternative Provision' services.

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Newcastle University ranks 34th in first-ever QS European University rankings



Newcastle University has secured the 34th spot in the inaugural QS European University Rankings for 2024. It also ranked 17th in the UK. The university received high marks for its sustainability efforts, ranking 5th in Europe and 3rd in the UK. It also performed well in Employer Reputation and International Research Network categories.

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Creative zones in Newcastle to support over 600 young artists



The North of Tyne initiative is funding creative zones to help young artists, musicians, and filmmakers in Newcastle. Almost £350,000 has been given to projects that will train and support over 600 young creatives in the next year. These include the Prince's Trust's Get Creative programme which aims to help young people make a career in the industry. The zones offer cool spaces for art, music, and film, aiming to keep young talent in the city.

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South

Network Rail campaign aims to boost female representation in rail industry careers



Network Rail has initiated a campaign to encourage more women in the South East to consider careers in the rail industry, particularly as signallers and maintenance engineers where they are underrepresented.

The campaign includes advertising in stations and aims to make these careers more visible starting from primary schools. With women making up only a small percentage of its workforce in these roles, the campaign could be a significant step in diversifying the industry and offering young women more career options.

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University of Suffolk's report advocates for enhanced music education to boost career and wellbeing outcomes



The University of Suffolk's report emphasises the importance of music education in boosting student wellbeing and career prospects. It recommends elevating music to a core curriculum subject and developing financial models to ensure equitable access. The report is expected to influence future music education planning and could be pivotal for young people in Suffolk and Norfolk, especially those considering careers in the arts or other sectors where creativity and emotional intelligence are valued.

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Bristol University introduces UK's first mandatory climate change course for all students



The University of the West of England (UWE) in Bristol has become the first UK university to make a climate change course mandatory for all its students. Developed by students and academic staff, the online course aims to educate students on the climate crisis and inspire them to become agents of change. If successful, the course could become a full module offering credits towards students' final degrees and may be opened to the public. This initiative aligns with the increasing demand among students for education that prepares them for real-world challenges, including climate change.

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Dorset Careers Hub triumphs over pandemic challenges, sets example in careers education



Dorset Careers Hub has successfully navigated pandemic challenges to offer innovative careers education across 76 Dorset schools. Despite COVID-19 disruptions, the hub introduced virtual work experiences and career webinars, reaching over 20,000 students. Moving forward, the hub plans to implement hybrid solutions to combine the benefits of both virtual and in-person events.

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Useful websites and resources



[The SEND Gatsby Benchmark Toolkit](#)

The Careers & Enterprise Company has released its latest SEND Gatsby Benchmark Toolkit. Very useful for those working with young people with SEND in any setting.

[Skills Builder Career Explorer tool](#)

The new Skills Builder Career Explorer tool can be used by people to explore which skills suit their chosen career path.

[Best UK job sites of 2023](#)

TechRadar look at the best UK job sites. The top five are:

- Indeed
- Glassdoor
- LinkedIn Jobs
- Reed
- TotalJobs

[UCAS dates poster](#)

Key dates poster for 2024 entry produced by Trotman.



Dates for your diary



National

- [Dyslexia Awareness Week 2023 - 2nd to 8th October](#)

London

- [National Apprenticeship & Education South, London - 10th October, 9.30am to 3pm](#)
- [10th Annual SEND Careers Conference, Reading - 9th November, 9am to 4pm](#)
- [Skills London, ExCeL London - 24th and 25th November, 9.30am to 4pm](#)

North East

- [Sunderland Careers Fair Tickets - 26th October, 10am](#)
- [North East National Apprenticeship Show – 21st November to 22nd November](#)

South

- [Somerset Skills and Careers Fair 2023 - 10th October, 9am to 4pm](#)

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