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Teenagers to be offered new vocational GCSE subjects in school

From 2029, new job-focused GCSE subjects will be available for 14-year-olds in England alongside the standard academic subjects. The GCSEs may include areas such as construction, business and finance, and childcare and child development.

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Retailers target 100,000 jobs for young people as sector joins forces with government in major work experience drive

A new scheme is being developed to offer 18-24-year-olds work experience with Britain's biggest retailers including John Lewis, Currys and Costa Coffee.

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Study reveals the UK's most popular jobs in 2026

According to new ONS data by HR software provider Ciphir, the top three most common full time UK occupations are care workers, software developers and secondary school teachers.

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Almost 180 more Youth Hubs to help young people build skills and find jobs

Thousands of young people across Great Britain will benefit from access to expanded employment and wrap-around support services as the locations of almost 180 new Youth Hubs have been confirmed.

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Help students see a brighter future

The Specsavers Bright Stars Scholarship helps young people who want to become optometrists. It provides up to £10,000 towards university costs, paid part-time work in a local Specsavers store, and support while studying. It's a great opportunity for students interested in science and healthcare to gain money, experience, and a clear pathway into a career in eye care.

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Foundation apprenticeships attract only 160 young people

A report by the Fabian Society has found that only 160 young people have enrolled on foundation apprenticeships in the first eight months since they were launched. The government has a target for 30,000 foundation apprenticeship starts by 2029.

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Revealed: the UK towns with the fewest jobs for young people

The Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) has published a new "local youth opportunity index" to track job vacancies across Britain. Data shows that Cotswolds, Woking and Gloucester have the top vacancies per 1,000. Rotherham showed the fewest vacancies suitable for young people.

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McLaren announces plans for £500m investment in UK

Carmaker McLaren is planning to invest £500m in the UK. It says that this could create 1,000 jobs by 2032 in the company's bases in Woking, and South Yorkshire.

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New employment hub at Uxbridge College to help young people into work

Harrow, Richmond and Uxbridge Colleges (HRUC) has launched the new Future Start youth employment hub to help young people get into work.

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Heathrow third runway targets NEETS crisis with 5,000 youth places

Heathrow Airport said it will create 5,000 apprenticeships and training opportunities for young people as part of plans to build a third runway.

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New-look West London Skills & Work Finder launches

The West London Alliance has launched its Skills & Work Finder, which helps residents find training, jobs and employment support across the region. There is an Under 25 section to look for opportunities and work experience.

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Hounslow Council proud to open new wellbeing hub for young people

A new wellbeing hub, Think Well, has opened to support young people across Hounslow.

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Young people excel in education but struggle to find work, new report reveals

A study by Centre for London has found that many young people are leaving education with excellent results but are then struggling to find work in the capital.

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Could heritage skills get young Londoners into work? New City hub opens

Heritage of London Trust has opened its Proud Places Hub near the Barbican to offer a free heritage and creative space for young people.

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Kingston Council expands employment support for young people

Kingston Council has launched the Youth Launchpad, as part of its new Skills and Employment Hub on its website. There are lots of resources, career guidance, apprenticeship details, and training links for young adults.

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Useful resources and websites

[Rapid Read: Finding apprenticeship vacancies](#)

Discover the different ways that you can search for apprenticeships.

[Destination Nuclear](#)

Explore careers, qualifications and opportunities across the nuclear sector.

[Green Careers Hub](#)

Search green job profiles and live job vacancies.

[The UKCAT People](#)

The teacher's guide to medicine, dentistry and vet applications.

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[Springpod](#)

Free careers platform including virtual work experience opportunities.

[Discover Creative Careers](#)

Learn about creative careers, skills and opportunities available.

[Ambitious about Autism](#)

Autism and employment guides – navigating the workplace.

Dates for your diary

[IGD Employability Workshop \(online\)](#) – various dates in October and November

[Youth Employment in Focus webinar: What system changes should the Milburn Review recommend?](#) – 7th October 2026, 12pm – 1pm

[New Scientist Live Schools' Day](#) – Excel, London – 12th October 2026

[Festival of Apprenticeships](#) – Kia Oval – 14th October 2026, 10am – 3pm

[London Job Show](#) – Westfield – 16th and 17th October 2026, 11am – 5pm

[Careers in Aerospace and Aviation Live 2026 London](#) – Royal Aeronautical Society Headquarters – 4th November 2026, 10am – 4pm

[Pilot Careers Live](#) – Sofitel London Heathrow – 7th November 2026, 9.30am – 4.30pm

[Tomorrow's Engineers Week](#) – 9th – 13th November 2026

[National Apprenticeship and Education Event North East](#) – Newcastle Civic Centre – 17th November 2026, 9.30am – 2pm

[Protecting our Planet Day](#) – 19th November 2026

[The National School and College Leaver Festival](#) – Stoneleigh, Kenilworth – 24th and 25th November 2026

[Into Film Festival](#) – 6th – 27th November 2026



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