



Careers Update

March 2025: Issue 3



CALENDAR DATES: More information is detailed further down

- **3rd-8th March – National Careers Week.** <https://nationalcareersweek.com/>
- **5th March 10am-11am online –** Cats Protection League Free online Careers advice. Stand out and succeed: Live Careers Week special Tickets, Wed 5 Mar 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite
- **5th March 8.30am-9am L42 -** Year 7-13 Fiona Bolt Talk about careers in Financial Management -Sign up needed please contact Sophie Beardmore in Careers at Sophie.beardmore@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk
- **12th March 8.30am-9.00am Exeter College Application Workshop –** Sign up needed please contact Sophie Beardmore in Careers at Sophie.beardmore@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk
- **23rd April 4pm-7pm –** Exeter College final open event 2025.
- **Taster Courses –** University of London see below
- **University Search –** Various dates see below

Apprenticeship news and events:

- **Apprenticeship opportunities with the Met Office – Opening February.**
September 2025 intake Apprenticeships with the Met Office applications are open from February. Their apprentices play a vital role in delivering world-changing work. With Level 2 to Level 6 apprenticeships available in various roles including Technology, Human Re-sources, Engineering, Legal Services, Project Management and Finance, they are looking for talented people from a diverse range of backgrounds. For more information and to apply, see: Met Office apprenticeships.
- **Applications are now open for the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trusts Medical Work Experience Week programme.**
This programme is for year 12 students that want to apply for medical school. The programme is 4 Days long and will be held at the RD&E hospital from Monday 23rd June too Thursday 26th June. Please see the link below and apply if you are interested in becoming a doctor and want to apply to medical school.
<https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/21FO00k0sqwpgp00glo815meow>



- **Griffin Chartered Accountants - Accountancy Apprenticeships - Year 13**

We are a mid size firm based in Pynes Hill, Exeter and currently looking to recruit some apprentices for the summer. Also as a former student, it would be great to see some new faces from Exmouth! We currently have a number of vacancies which were recruiting for to start in the summer:

AAT Trainee Accountant apprenticeship (Level 3 & 4)

AAT Bookkeeper apprenticeship (Level 2 & 3)

Link to website: <https://www.griffinaccountancy.co.uk/work-for-us/accountancy-careers/>

- **PKF Francis Clark is excited to announce the AAT Accountancy Apprenticeship starting in August 2025.**

This is a fantastic opportunity for those interested in pursuing a career in accountancy

What: AAT Accountancy Apprenticeship - August 2025 start

Where: PKF Francis Clark, **Exeter**

Who for: School leavers

In this apprenticeship, students will join as trainee accountants and over the next three years, they will be supported to study for and achieve the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) professional qualification via an apprenticeship. Students will work across a variety of sectors, experiencing a wide range of high-quality clients, from start-ups to large businesses. This is a great way to learn and develop technical, commercial, and personal skills.

For more details and to apply, please visit the link: **use your link**

Any questions please don't hesitate to Email Laura Pyle at laura.pyle@pkf-francisclark.co.uk

- **Romtec Engineering Apprenticeship available – Exeter Apply now!**

See details below.



Level 2 Engineering Operative Apprenticeship



Successful applicants will need to:

- have a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, to include Maths and English.
- be self-motivated with a positive and can do attitude.
- have good hand/eye coordination.
- possess excellent attention to detail and be able to concentrate for long periods.
- work to a high standard of accuracy.

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Details

- CNC machining, finishing & inspection.
- 18 month course (including end point assessment).
- 2 college days per week.
- Hours: Mon-Fri, 39 hours per week.
- Location: Sowton Industrial Estate, Exeter.
- Salary: £310 per week.
- Start date: September 2025.
- Work experience offered as part of the interview process.
- Opportunity to progress onto a level 3 Engineering Technician Course.

How to Apply:

- Online at Exeter College Apprenticeship website Ref ID: 255648
 - Contact Exeter College on 01392 400800 quoting Ref ID:255648
- or
- Email your CV & covering letter to info@rotamic.co.uk



Rotamic Engineering Ltd, Falcon Road, Sowton Industrial Estate, Exeter, Devon, EX2 7LB

More Information:

- **5th March** – Cats Protection League Free online Careers advice. This **free, interactive live session** from Cats Protection is designed to boost confidence in CV writing, job applications and interviews.
- **Fiona Bolt 5th March** - We have Fiona Bolt from Cameron Jones Financial Management, who is kindly coming in to School to talk to students who may be interested in a career in Financial Management during **L42 on Wednesday 5th March 8.30am-9am**. Fiona is high in her field and has offered work experience as well as apprenticeship places to our own students in most recent years. **This is a sign-up event only and students cannot just turn up due to numbers.**
- **Exeter College - Final Open Event** - The final Open Event of the year is on 23 April 2025, from 4-7pm. All city centre sites, the Construction Centre (Sowton), and the Technology Centre (Monkerton) will be open. Learners can register on our website.



Even if they've had an interview, we encourage them to visit, explore the facilities, and speak with staff about their courses. <https://apps.exe-coll.ac.uk/forms/website/open-event-registration>

- **University Search** – Not sure which University to look for or what dates you can go and visit then check out this link to view all upcoming dates to look around various Universities - <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/>
- **Bath College – Apprenticeship and Careers Fair, 13th March 2025.** Bath College are holding their Apprenticeship and Careers Fair on 13th March 2025 at the Apex City of Bath Hotel (open from 9am, event 10am – 1pm). Please note the quiet period from 12 PM to 1 PM. For questions about the event, location and parking and drop-off arrangements, contact Bath College. **To book, see: Bath College Apprenticeship & Careers Fair, Thu, Mar 13, 2025 10:00 AM, password: Schools.**
- Gap Years - **Volunteering Abroad Volunteering Abroad** - <https://gapforce.org/gb/gap-year-programs/community-volunteering>

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King's College London, 5 March 2025

[Discover Drama, Theatre and Performance at Royal Holloway](#)

Royal Holloway, University of London, 12 March 2025

[Music at University - Performance, composition, musicology, and more!](#)

Royal Holloway, University of London, 12 March 2025



DR. EAM ASPIRE

SATURDAY | 08 MARCH 2025 | 10.00 AM - 3.30 PM

Online Zoom Webinar

ARE YOU A YEAR 10-12 STUDENT
CONSIDERING A CAREER IN HEALTHCARE?



Free outreach conference for Year 10-12 students!

- ✓ Talks from nurses, physiotherapists, doctors, and other healthcare professionals.
- ✓ Guidance on the university application process & work experience.



BWAMS Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/dream-aspire2025>



Whether you're deciding what to study, taking your exams, planning a career, or just curious, BBC Bitesize Careers are here to explain the world of work, with advice from people who've found the right path for them.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

Careers Week 3rd-8th March 2025

Careers Week is here! Take a look at BBC bitesize, who have lots of interactive information and ideas to get you thinking about your next steps to do what you want to do <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

Investigate different careers at Career pilot - <https://careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors/sectors>

Career spotlight this month – Aerospace Engineer

Aerospace engineer

Green Job

Aerospace engineers design, test, build and maintain aeroplanes, spacecraft and satellites.

ANNUAL SALARY
£27,000 to £60,000

Average UK salary in 2023 was £34,963
(source Office for National Statistics)

WORKING HOURS
37 to 40 a week

You could work: evenings / weekends; occasionally

FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

There will be 4.3% more
Aerospace engineer jobs in
2029.

4.3%

Day to day tasks

As an aerospace engineer, you could:

- build and test prototypes using computer aided design (CAD) software
- analyse test results to improve aircraft structures and aerodynamics
- research new types of fuel and ways to reduce engine emissions
- manage projects and supervise a team of engineers and technicians
- develop new instruments and software for spacecraft
- plan and supervise maintenance programmes

Working environment

You may need to wear protective clothing.

You could work in a factory, in an office, on an aircraft or in an aircraft hangar.



Systems Engineer - Aerospace

Bristol, South West England £59,295 (predicted)

Principal Power Systems Electrical Engineer

West Camel, Yeovil £46,937 (predicted)

Principal Power Systems Electrical Engineer

Easton, Bristol £49,713 (predicted)

Principal Power Systems Electrical Engineer

Burton, Christchurch £50,729 (predicted)

Senior Aerospace Systems Engineer

Little Stoke, Bristol £46,000 to £52,600



Routes into this job

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role
- applying directly

University

You could do a degree in aerospace engineering, avionics, or a subject like:

- electrical or electronic engineering
- mechanical engineering
- manufacturing or product engineering
- physics or applied physics
- software engineering or mathematics

Postgraduate study

You may be able to do a master's degree in aeronautical or aerospace engineering if you've studied for a degree in a related subject, such as engineering.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including maths and physics
- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study

For more information

- equivalent entry requirements <https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels>
- student finance for fees and living costs <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>
- university courses and entry requirements <https://www.ucas.com/>

College

You could do A levels, a higher national certificate (HNC) or diploma (HND) in engineering before applying for a trainee technician job with an aerospace company.



Subjects include:

- maths, physics and design and technology
- mechanical engineering
- aeronautical engineering
- electrical engineering

You would then take further training to become a fully qualified engineer.

Apprenticeship

You could do a Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship to begin your career in the aerospace industry. Apprenticeships include:

- Aerospace Engineer
- Aerospace Software Engineer
- Electro-Mechanical Engineer
- Materials Science Technologist

You'll combine workplace learning with study for a degree at university.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship

For more information

- equivalent entry requirements <https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels>
- higher and degree apprenticeships <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships>
- guide to apprenticeships <https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide>

Work

You might be able to join a company as an aerospace engineering technician and do training on the job to qualify as an engineer.

Direct application

You can apply for aerospace engineering jobs if you've got relevant qualifications and experience. For example, you might have worked in mechanical, electrical or electronics engineering.



Parent/Carer specific information:

- Information to help parents and carers support young people in making the right decision about study and work
 - <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone>



- What happens once UCAS gets an application – advice for parents & carers. This useful UCAS guide explains the process once UCAS receives an application: What happens once UCAS gets an application? Covering aspects such as types of decisions, replying to offers and types of reply, as well as reply deadline dates, it's a helpful catch-all for parents and carers supporting young people with their UCAS application. [How to pay for uni | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)



	www.careerpilot.org.uk Job matching quizzes, LMI, specific careers information, Options choices at 16+ and 18+		www.whatuni.com Explore HE courses, compare side by side comparisons and read student reviews.
	www.panjango.online/public/help Learn about the world of work and develop the knowledge, skills and experience to fulfill your potential.		www.healthcareers.nhs.uk Information about Careers in the NHS including examples of 'patient's journey' and the various health care professionals involved.
	www.ucas.com Search for Higher Education courses including course content, entry requirements		www.bestcourseforme.com Independent information showing links between what to study, salary and the jobs they lead to.
	www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk Current 'live' local and national apprenticeship vacancies.		www.studential.com Great examples of Personal Statements by subject and University.
	www.russellgroup.ac.uk Information about the Russell Group of Universities and 'facilitating' subjects.		www.videos.rsm.ac.uk Royal Society of Medicine.
	www.prospects.ac.uk What can I do with my degree? Postgraduate courses and jobs. Skills and personality quiz.		www.thestudentroom.co.uk Includes forums covering almost every area e.g. Debates and current affairs, Uni and HE Colleges, study help, careers and jobs, help and announcements, feedback on experiences of recent A Level exams etc.
	www.notgoingtouni.co.uk Alternative options to University including higher and degree level apprenticeships, GAP year etc.		www.vinspired.com UK's leading charity for volunteering for 14 – 24 year olds.
	www.icould.com Includes video clips of people talking about their job and what it involves. Also Buzz Quiz to discover what you are naturally good at depending on your personality type.		

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