



# Careers Update



February 2025: Issue 2

## **CALENDAR DATES: More information is detailed further down**

- **4 & 5<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Navy workshop (year 9/10) – sign up required, contact your tutor or career's
- **5<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Exeter College application workshop **year 11 only**– sign up required see tutor/career's
- **11<sup>th</sup> Feb** – NHS Apprenticeship Career Event – 5pm-7.30pm RDE, Exeter see details below.
- **12<sup>th</sup> Feb 4pm** – Virtual Apprenticeship Fair with Unifrog – free online sign up through Unifrog
- **12<sup>th</sup> Feb 4.30-5.30pm** – Michelmores Virtual insight session how to get into Law
- **15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Feb (Half Term)** – Lifeguard Course at Ladram Bay
- **26<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Bicton Workshop **Year 11 only** – Sign up needed - speak to your tutor or careers
- **27<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Bicton Taster Day 9.30am-3.30pm

## **Apprenticeship news and events:**

- **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](mailto:laura.pyle@pkf-francisclark.co.uk)

- **National Apprenticeship Week – 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**
- **Unifrog Virtual Apprenticeship Fair – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 4pm -6.30pm**, click on the following link - <https://email.unifrog.org/t/r-l-thluthdy-nhuktgyk-t/>

## Other:

- **InvestIn Educaion – Free Student Events: 10th-12th February, 6-7pm**  
**How much could I really earn in:** Medicine | Finance | Engineering | Law.  
**Be Your Own Boss:** Everything you need to know about being self-employed  
**Parent Events - 5th February, 7-8pm**  
**Salary, Status & Stability:** Navigating your child's future job market
- **Michelmores – 12<sup>th</sup> February 4.30-5.30pm** - An insight into how to get into Law and the options that are available for students following their A Levels or equivalent studies. The session will provide students and their parents / guardians more information about the School Leaver Solicitor Apprenticeship and the graduate pathways that are available. There will also be the opportunity to hear first hand experiences from our current apprentices and graduates and engage in an informative Q&A during the session too. If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at [early.careers@michelmores.com](mailto:early.careers@michelmores.com)
- **Ladram Bay are hosting a National Pool Lifeguard course in Feb 2025 (half term week 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Feb)** where they could pay for the course provided the student passes and works for a period of time for them. (weekends/school holidays). Min age is 16 and above.
- **Bicton Taster Day – Saturday, 17th February, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM**  
This is a fantastic chance for external students to experience a day at Bicton. Participants can sign up to try one of our courses and get a feel for college life.  
[Taster Day at Bicton College - Bicton College](#)
- **Smallpiece Trust Engineering Experience (virtual) – 18th-21st February 2025.** Explore the world of engineering with this three-day virtual course. Discover the intricacies of Cyber Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Space. Applications are now open for students aged 12-14, book your place here
- **KPMG Virtual Taster day - 18th February 2025.** Find out about the apprenticeship opportunities for year 12 & 13s in Audit, Tax and Business Services at KPMG and get top tips on how to apply by signing up for the KPMG Virtual Taster day **18th February 2025 KPMG Virtual Taster Day**. For more information and to register for the event, visit Pathway CTM events
- **Leeds Futures: free events for Year 12s.** Are you thinking of studying English, History, Creative Arts, Music or Theatre at university? Leeds Futures is a free programme offering an insight into the University experience through online sessions, taster seminars and a campus visit.



- [Leeds Futures – English/History](#): choose to focus on English or History, try a bit of both, or discover new subjects!
  - [Leeds Futures – Creative Arts](#): from Fine Art, to Sustainable Fashion and History of Art, explore a wide range of art related courses.
  - [Leeds Futures – Music](#): whether you're interested in Music Performance, Technology or Psychology, find out about options to pursue your passion for music at university! Deadline to apply is Sunday 2 February. [Find out more and secure your place now](#)
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- **Gap year inspiration from GoOverseas – 10 places to volunteer abroad 2025.** In need of some Gap Year inspiration? The team at GoOverseas have used their knowledge of location history, cost of living and programmes offered as well as vetting procedures to source recommendations for their Top 10 places to volunteer abroad in 2025. Read the full article to help you with firming up your Gap year plans at: [The 10 Best Places to Volunteer Abroad in 2025 | Go Overseas](#)



## Careers event

# Make a difference

as an Apprentice at the Royal Devon

Earn while you learn in a wide range of careers - IT, nursing, admin, therapies, pharmacy, & many more!

**Apprenticeship Careers Event**  
Tuesday 11 February, 5.00pm - 7.30pm  
Seminar room 1, the RILD,  
RD&E (Wonford), Exeter, EX2 5DW

 [royaldevon.nhs.uk/careers](https://royaldevon.nhs.uk/careers)



# michelmores

## Discover your path

Routes into Law

**Are you interested in a career in law and would like to find out more about the different routes available after completing your A-Levels or equivalent studies?**

Come and join us to find out more about our School Leaver Solicitor Apprenticeship, Graduate Solicitor Apprenticeship and Training Contract opportunities.

### **Are you interested to find out more?**

Our virtual insight session is taking place on **Wednesday 12 February 2025, 16:30 to 17:30**. During the session as well as learning more about our different pathways into law you will also have the opportunity to hear from our current apprentices and graduates and engage in a Q&A session with us!

**To find out more including how to register for our virtual insight session, please visit our website:**







LADRAM BAY  
Holiday Park, Devon



National Pool Lifeguard Qualification

# Lifeguard course




Kickstart your career in leisure with our comprehensive NPLQ Lifeguard course! Join us Monday 17- Friday 22 Feb 2025, 8.30am-5.30pm at Ladram Bay Holiday Park.




As an internationally recognised qualification, this course serves as a gateway to the vibrant leisure industry, offering you a comprehensive package for just £265, with payment options available. You'll receive expert instruction and practical assessments covering pool theory, water safety, hazard perception, rescue techniques, casualty recovery, CPR, first aid and more.

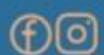
To secure your place and for more information, contact Ian, [ianbaker@ladrambay.co.uk](mailto:ianbaker@ladrambay.co.uk), 01395 562548

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## Career Spotlight

### Art Therapist

#### Art therapist

Art therapists help people express difficult thoughts and feelings through creative activities.

#### What you'll do

##### Day to day tasks

You might work with clients who have:

- learning disabilities
- emotional, behaviour or mental health problems
- speech and language difficulties
- an injury or illness or are recovering from an addiction

You'll help clients:

- gain greater awareness of their feelings
- express themselves
- work through their emotions
- come to terms with difficult times in their lives
- move on in a positive way

##### Working environment

You could work in a prison, in an NHS or private hospital or at a school.

Your working environment may be emotionally demanding.



#### Routes into this job

You can get into this job through a university course or an apprenticeship.

##### University

You'll need to complete a postgraduate qualification approved by the Health and Care Professions Council.

Full time postgraduate courses normally take 2 years to complete. Part time courses take 3 years.

You should have a degree in art or creative therapies to do a postgraduate course.

You may be able to apply if you've got a degree in a related subject, for example psychology, nursing or social work.

##### Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study

##### For more information

- finance for postgraduate courses <https://www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study>
- university courses and entry requirements <https://www.ucas.com/>

##### Apprenticeship

You may be able to do an arts therapist degree apprenticeship.

You'll usually need a qualification or experience in art, drama or music to apply.

##### Entry requirements

To do this apprenticeship, you'll need:

- entry requirements vary

##### For more information

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



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### Teacher of Art

Bristol, South West England £42,399 (predicted)

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### Senior Creative Arts Therapist/Clinical Lead

Somerset, South West England £47,703 (predicted)

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### Senior Creative Arts Therapist/Clinical Lead

Somerset, South West England £48,406 (predicted)

## Keystage 3 and 4:

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>

## Skills focus:

- Look at challenges as building blocks!  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrn7dp3>

## 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>

**Careerpilot** Parent Zone

- Parent/Carer apprenticeship workshops – Exeter college  
<https://exe-coll.ac.uk/event/pgapprenitceshipworkshop/>



- 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](#)

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