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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Recycle Week 2026 takes place from September 14 to September 20, 2026, with the theme "Rescue Me" focusing on rescuing recyclable items from the rubbish bin. Recycle Week is a great opportunity to think about how the choices we make today can shape a more sustainable future, and the careers that can help make it happen.

Recycling is about much more than putting the right item in the right bin. Behind it is a huge range of people and careers working to reduce waste, protect natural resources and develop new ways of reusing materials.

The Environmental Agency are running a virtual work experience opportunity. Students aged 13+ can explore Environment Agency careers, sustainability, flood and coastal management through interactive activities. The programme is self-paced and provides a certificate to add to CVs.

This online programme focuses on sustainable Careers in Forestry. It allows you to explore careers including forest ranger, nursery grower and forestry consultant. You will investigate conservation and sustainable woodland management while developing valuable employability skills including teamwork, communication and problem-solving.

The Heathrow Environmental Engineering Sprint is aimed at students aged 16+ who are considering a career within environmental engineering, and want to experience tackling a realistic sustainability and biodiversity challenge. This is a great opportunity to experience how engineering can help organisations become more environmentally sustainable.

Green Jobs for Nature (GJfN) is all about making careers geared towards restoring and replenishing our natural environment more visible and achievable for all those thinking about their future work. The Green Jobs for Nature website is focused on the 'nature' side of green jobs, specifically roles that directly contribute to managing, protecting and restoring our natural world.

The environment needs diverse perspectives and passionate individuals to pursue nature-focused careers. Could this be you? Take the quiz here.

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@southlands.lancs.sch.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK

Environmental Consultant

An environmental consultant helps businesses and governments follow environmental rules and reduce their ecological impact.

Competition for entry-level roles can be strong, but demand for environmental expertise continues to grow due to increasing regulation, net-zero commitments and the need for climate adaptation across the UK.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Here are the top five best paid "green jobs" in the UK. This shows their average salary per year.

Environmental Lawyer - £82,875
Geoscientist - £75,000
Environmental Policy Advisor - £45,000
Sustainability Director - £63,105
Renewable Energy Engineer - £61,000

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In this live, interactive Politics session on 17 September, University of East Anglia will be joined by Dr Sally Broughton Micova, Associate Professor in Communications, Policy & Politics in the School of Politics, Philosophy and Area Studies at UEA, who will explore Election Interference – Source, Method & Significance. The session is designed to support students' current studies whilst offering an insight into university study.

CreaTech Careers Festival takes place from 23–25 September 2026. The three-day festival explores careers at the intersection of creativity and technology, covering Screens & Storytelling, Live Stage & Experience, and the Future of Creativity. You can expect short talks, real career stories and practical advice from people working across the creative industries. All online, all on demand.

At the Introducing Deloitte event on 28 September, you'll learn more about Deloitte, their people and their culture. You'll also gain insight into what it's like to work at Deloitte and network with the people who work there. Hear from colleagues as they share personal insights into their journey at Deloitte and what their career means to them. You'll then get an overview of the career opportunities available to you. Towards the end of the session, you'll network with Deloitte representatives from different areas of the business, choosing the career paths you want to discover more about. See other Deloitte events here.

With IBM's apprenticeships and internships opening soon after this event on 7 October, you'll have the freshest insights to power your application. Mentioning this event and your key takeaways is a fantastic way to prove your genuine passion for the industry and IBM and stand out from the crowd.

ADM are an essential global agricultural supply chain manager and processor, providing food security by connecting local needs with global capabilities. ADM career areas include: Commercial, Credit, Customer Service, Engineering, Finance, IT, Logistics, Maintenance, Operations (including business strategy, procurement, production, warehouse, dispatch and distribution), Production, Risk and Sales. They are running a virtual insight session from 14 October.

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EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

Aldi is one of the UK's largest supermarket chains, with stores and distribution centres across the country. Its early careers opportunities can include apprenticeships and graduate programmes covering stores, logistics, buying, property and business functions.

For young people who enjoy working with others, solving problems and taking responsibility, Aldi offers routes into retail and management with structured training and opportunities to progress.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

The University of St Andrews is Scotland's oldest university, based in the coastal town of St Andrews in Fife. It offers subjects across science, humanities, social sciences and medicine and is known for its close-knit student community. Students can explore flexible degree options, study abroad opportunities, societies, volunteering and careers support. It may particularly appeal to students looking for a smaller university-town experience.