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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

National Apprenticeship Week 2026: 9 – 15 FEBRUARY 2026. This is a week-long celebration that brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

As students, you can participate in NAW 2026 by taking part in online events, completing activities and focusing on expanding your knowledge and understanding of apprenticeships. Here are some events that you may want to take part in. If there are any events you think sound interesting but you cannot make the time, sign up anyway and in most circumstances, the recording will be shared with you.

Join KPMG's Apprenticeship webinar! | 05/02/2026 - 16:00 - 17:00
"In this webinar designed for school students (and those supporting them), you'll get an inside look into KPMG. Led by KPMG's current and former apprentices, you'll learn all about their journeys. This is your chance to hear the real stories, from day-one top tips to project work from the outset."

Nestlé Academy Lunch and Learn | 04/02/2026 - 12:30 - 13:00
"Join our Nestlé Careers virtual webinar to hear directly from the Early Talent team. Discover how Nestlé supports students through apprenticeships and graduate programs, helping you build valuable skills, find purpose, and access a wide range of future career opportunities."

Skillsfest LIVE by Lloyds Banking Group | 07/02/2026 - 10:00 - 16:00
"Join us for Skillsfest LIVE - our virtual skillsfest welcoming students from across the UK to join us for skillsbuilding, job simulations & more."

Kaplan's AI Skills Sprint | 09/02/2026 - 13/02/2026 "Kaplan's AI Skills Sprint is a free, five-day activity featuring challenges to help you use AI tools as your productivity partner. Delivered straight to your inbox, the sprint's activities are bite-sized, a maximum of 15 minutes, and designed for flexibility, allowing you to complete them at your own pace throughout the week with no daily commitment."

JOB OF THE WEEK

Teacher

A Teacher is a professional who educates others, helping students acquire knowledge, skills, and virtues by planning lessons, delivering instruction, assessing progress, and fostering personal growth, acting as a mentor, role model, and guide within educational settings like schools or online platforms.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In 2024/25, there were 353,500 apprenticeship starts in England and 761,500 people were participating in an apprenticeship. The proportion of learners with a learning difficulty or disability has increased from 11.2% to 16.1%. The proportion of learners who are BAME has also increased, from 12.8% to 19.2%. Source

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Festival of Apprenticeships - Online Careers Fair 2026 | 09/02/2026 - 12:00 - 13:00 "Are you; Looking to start your career in an industry or profession? Leaving school or graduating from college and unsure about your options?Searching for a job where you can continue learning and gain qualifications? Then the Festival of Apprenticeships in partnership with BT Group is for YOU!"

CIPP - Ask the Apprentices: Truths, Tips & Training Insight | 11/02/2026 - 09:00 - 10:00 "Join us on Apprentice Wednesday for an uplifting session featuring honest conversations with current apprentices and guidance from a training provider. Expect advice, inspiration and support tailored to your apprenticeship journey."

If online events aren't really your thing, why not try out some of these **short daily tasks**? They do not require any individual IT access or worksheets, each activity meets the NAW2026 daily theme and introduces you to new websites and resources.

OuterCircle have an **online community for Aspiring Apprentices**, it aims to help you: 🎯 Find your direction — discover industries and roles that match your interests. 💼 Get apprenticeship-ready — access mock interviews, application tips, and readiness workshops. 🧭 Learn from real apprentices — get guidance and mentorship from those already in your dream field. 🤝 Join events for school-leavers — connect directly with employers and training providers.

And a few things for the parents/carers....
National Apprenticeship Week Parent and Carer webinar: Understanding apprenticeships | 09/02/2026 - 18:30 - 19:30
"Join Amazing Apprenticeships during National Apprenticeship Week 2026 for this special parent and carer webinar. Apprenticeships offer exciting and practical routes into rewarding careers. This webinar is designed to help parents and carers feel confident supporting the young people in their lives as they explore these options."

Apprenticeships: Hints & Tips for Parents & Carers | This guide has been designed to help parents and carers explore the exciting world of apprenticeships with their child, to understand the range of resources and support services available to them, and how to access them.

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EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Whether you're excited about customer service, logistics, data analysis, or leading teams, we have an apprenticeship to ignite your potential."

You can learn more about John Lewis Partnership Apprenticeships here and watch their NAW2026 video here to see what they're ranked so highly in the apprenticeship employers league table!

UNI SPOTLIGHT

UEL was named the Best University for Apprenticeships in 2025 by Apprenticeship Guide Awards. "At UEL, we believe anyone with the drive to succeed should have the opportunity to transform their life through education, no matter their background. "

You can read more about the University of East London here.