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NATIONAL NEWS

[Apprenticeship Parents Pack – December 2018](#)

The National Apprenticeship Service have published yet another 'Parents Pack'. The pack includes an exercise which parents can do with their child to support them in identifying their skills, information on new apprenticeship standards and links to higher and degree level apprenticeships.

[Apprenticeship Live Broadcasts](#)

Sticking with the theme of apprenticeships, there are a series of live broadcasts from companies such as KPMG, Unilever and the NHS where staff or students can find out about apprenticeship opportunities. Click the link above to see the schedule of broadcasts or watch them on catch up at a later date.

[T Levels Social Media Campaign Video](#)

Department for Education has produced a video available via [You Tube](#) which gives a brief overview of the new T Levels. A useful guide for those wanting an overview of what T Levels are all about.



More detailed information on T-Level qualifications can be found in the [T Level Action Plan 2018](#).

[Job Sites](#)

Two major job sites have used their data to publish information about what people are looking for and the favourite employers. Indeed looked at the fastest growing search terms used by their site users in 2018. "government adviser" (due to Brexit) was the search term that saw the biggest rise, up by 2,730%. Also up were "NHS hospital" up 851%, followed by "Network Rail" (+174%). Probably reflecting the problems on the high street, there was a 86% decline in searches for "retail assistant".

Glassdoor has listed [the best places to work](#) according presumably to new staff who have been recruited through Glassdoor. The number 1 was Anglian Water.

[University Applications](#)

UCAS has started to release its reports on the 2018 applications and acceptances for undergraduate HE in the UK. One set of data that is making the news is that the number of unconditional offers (that is offers made that are not dependent on their future achievements e.g 'A' Levels or other Level 3 qualifications), have increased. In 2018, providers made about 68,000 unconditional offers to 18 year old applicants from England, Northern Ireland, and Wales, compared to about 3,000 in 2013.

While the total number of 18 year olds applying to HE fell for the second year (this may be to do with the smaller number of 18 year olds in the population), the acceptances stayed the same. However the number of acceptances for the oldest age group, (aged 26 and over), increased by 6.7 per cent. Applications to nursing courses dropped for the second successive year. As the report points out this large decline in applicants has not translated to acceptances, with only 80 fewer this year. This puts the total number of nursing acceptances at 28,540 – the third highest on record. Nursing is a subject group which remains oversubscribed, with generally around two applicants for every one acceptance.

[Degrees and earnings](#)

Report commissioned by the DfE to look at the early career earnings of first degrees. The headline is:

Those who attend HE earn a lot more on average than those who do not. At age 29 the average man who attended HE earns around 25% more than the average man (with five A-C GCSEs) who did not. For women the gap is more than 50%*

The report acknowledges that pre-university social differences would explain some of the difference in income. Taking these into account, the earnings benefits of graduating are 28% for women and 8% for men. The explanation for the higher per cent difference for women is explained by the fact that female graduates are typically in full-time jobs but more non-graduate women are working part-time, therefore their earnings are lower.

In terms of is it worth it? The report concludes that:

We estimate that 67% of men and 99% of women (and hence 85% of students) attended universities that have significantly positive returns on average by age 29.

There are differences in earnings depending on the institution attended and degree subject. These are available in the full report and data tables.

LONDON AND REGIONAL NEWS

[Boys on Track. Improving support for Black Caribbean and Free School Meal Eligible White Boys in London](#)

Research commissioned by the Greater London Authority looking at how support for white free school meal eligible and black Caribbean boys across London can be improved. The research identifies seven areas for action to improve outcomes for all pupils, with a focus on black Caribbean and free school meal eligible boys:

1. Enhancing pupils' emotional wellbeing and mental health.
2. Working with parents and families, involving them in their children's education.
3. Securing access to high quality early years provision.
4. Raising teachers' expectations and addressing their biases.
5. Recruiting and retaining a more diverse teaching workforce.
6. Enhancing access to work experience opportunities, careers guidance, and support into employment.
7. Encouraging peer support among young people.

[Long-term labour market predictions for London](#)

Greater London Authority has updated employment projections for London by sector and borough to 2050. Using these projections, we can look at the predicted growth/decline by sector over the next ten years. This is illustrated in the table below:

Sector	Growth/Decline over 10 years
Primary and Utilities	-2,000
Manufacturing	-18,000
Construction	+24,000
Wholesale	-13,000
Retail	+13,000
Transport and Storage	-9,000
Accommodation and Food Services	+43,000
Information and Communication	+62,000
Financial and Insurance Services	+16,000
Professional, Real Estate, Scientific and Technical	+151,000
Administrative and Support Services	+58,000
Public Admin and Defence	-6,000
Education	+56,000
Health	+53,000
Arts, Entertainment and recreation	+27,000
Other services	+8,000

USEFUL WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

[National Careers Week 2019 Student Profile](#)

A student profile booklet is available from National Careers Week website. A full colour and printable version are available for download. The booklet can be used with young people throughout the school year, encouraging them to think about skills they will need to use when entering the world of work.

<https://www.careersinaerospace.com/>

Information on careers in aerospace and aviation.

FUTURE EVENTS

[British Airways Teacher Takeover Days](#)

British Airways are hosting 'Teacher Take Off Days', inviting teachers for a day of work experience across the airline. Some of the upcoming dates are detailed below:

- 9th January – Employability Workshop – Heathrow
- 15th January – Heathrow Customer Services Landside
- 12th February – Heathrow Customer Services Airside
- 25th April – Flight Operations – Heathrow

[The Fresh Careers Fair](#)

13 March – Business Design Centre, Islington, Fresh Careers Fair, 9.30 – 4.00 pm (for those interested in working in the Food and Drink industry)

[Tottenham Job Fair](#)

13 March – Tottenham Job Fair, Tottenham Community Centre – 9.00 am – 3.30 pm

[National Career Guidance Show](#)

19 March – National Careers Guidance Show, Olympia Central

[London Spring Job Fair](#)

22- 24th March – London Job Fair, Hilton Hotel, Paddington 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

[Nursing and Midwifery Jobs Fair \(venue tbc\)](#)

13th April 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

[London Job Show](#)

26th and 27th April – London Job Show, Westfield, Shepherds Bush, London

[RCN Job Show](#)

17th and 18th September – RCN Job Show, Business Design Centre, London, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

[STEM Graduate Recruitment Fair](#)

October 11th – STEM graduate recruitment fair, The Barbican, 10.30 am – 5.00 pm

[London Student Jobs Fair](#)

22nd September – 29th September – Students Job Fair