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## NATIONAL NEWS

### [The top UK employers for school leavers](#)

The winners of the 'Top Employers for School Leavers' are available via the link above. These include top employer, best apprenticeships, best training provider, best website, best social media, diversity and inclusion award as well as industry specific awards.

### [Top Graduate Employers](#)

Below are the top 50 employers as voted for by university graduates.

Google	Nike	The Virgin Group	UBS	GlaxoSmithKline
PwC	BP	British Airways	Airbus	Shell
Microsoft	KPMG	Barclays	Deloitte	AstraZeneca
Goldman Sachs	IBM	Lloyds Banking Group	BBC	Expedia
Rolls-Royce	Jaguar Land Rover	BT	Bain & Co	Samsung
Unilever	JP Morgan	M & S	HSBC	Grant Thornton
Amazon	P & G	Accenture	L'Oreal	Lidl
BAE Systems	Apple	Aldi	Boots	Diageo
EY	GE	Dyson	Tesco	Sky
Facebook	Bank of England	Morgan Stanley	Nestle	Adidas

Most graduates used social media to search for jobs and the top two attributes taken into consideration when job searching were work/life balance 46.3% and personal and professional training and development opportunities (32.4%).


## Skies without Limits – Drones and the UK economy

A study by PWC looks at the impact drones are expected to have in terms of the economy, giving examples of both current and future use of drones. The study predicts that there will be around 76,000 drones in operation in the UK by 2030, with over a third of these being used by the public sector. All of this however does depend on whether the restrictions on using drones develops as use of drones needs to comply with government regulations to ensure airspace safety. Some of the ways we are seeing drones enter our economy include; to reduce costs and risks in the oil and gas industry e.g. reducing the numbers of workers who work at height or inside storage tanks, both of which pose hazards. Also, in the utility sector to inspect the quality of overhead cables.

In terms of future usage, the report looks at the benefits that some industries could get from drones, such as sharing live details of accidents to emergency services, supporting rescue missions where conditions are tough to work in such as sea rescue and supporting firefighters.

## University comparison by earnings

An interesting report by the BBC enables a check to be made by degree subject on the likelihood of an increase or decrease in earnings five years after graduation by using a drop-down menu to filter by subject. The example here has been filtered to English. Economics graduates from Cambridge are the highest earners at +£32,532.



Select a subject  
English

UNIVERSITY	MEN	WOMEN
Durham	+£5,133	+£4,760
Loughborough	+£4,114	+£3,206
Queen Mary University of London	+£2,662	-£1,091
Cumbria	+£1,001	+£60
Cardiff	+£619	-£585
Nottingham Trent	-£319	-£2,614
Oxford	-£478	+£3,520
Nottingham	-£574	+£3,380
Brighton	-£628	+£730
Royal Holloway	-£895	-£727
Newcastle	-£980	+£1,270

## The ageing workforce

A report by Canada Life highlights some interesting statistics regarding potential retirement ages. It says that 75% of UK employees will be working beyond the age of 65 and those currently aged 35 - 44 are likely to work beyond their 75th birthday. For more statistics around this visit the link above.

## Growth in vocational qualifications acceptance at universities

A new report has found that universities are 'increasingly open' to enrolling those with vocational qualifications rather than A levels on to their courses. In 2017 over 100,000 BTEC students were awarded a place according to UCAS.

### Which country to study in?

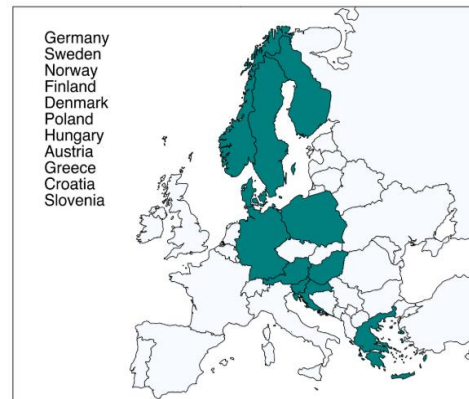
The BBC have reported on those EU/EEA countries where it is possible to study as an unde paying a tuition fee.

Currently any British student can study at a university in any EU or EEA country provided the entry criteria are met. As with home students, UK students are entitled to study for free in 10 EU countries as well as Norway.

UK students are entitled to study for free if home students do so.

It has been agreed in principle that UK citizens will retain the same rights as the country's own students until the end of 2020 when individual countries will make their own agreements with the UK following our departure from the EU.

#### **EU/EEA countries with no tuition fees for undergraduates**



### Don't forget the Creative sector!

The Creative Sector sector grew by nearly 20 per cent to 1.9 million in the five years to June 2016 and [1 million new jobs](#) are expected to be created by 2030. An article on the 'fixation of STEM' careers makes an interesting read as it highlights the importance of promoting arts subjects to school pupils, and in particular girls, to encourage them to take up work in the industry. According to the report, the number of school pupils taking up an arts subject has declined by 8% according to an opinion [poll](#) undertaken, with creative arts subjects being considered to be less important.

### Job creation for automotive sector

500 jobs are to be created across the UK in the automotive sector due to foreign direct investment.

### Pathways to construction

Skills Minister, Anne Milton has announced major funding to help meet the construction shortage and meet the need to create 158,000 new jobs over the next five years. The funding will support onsite training hubs, work experience placements and entry pathways.

## **Renewable Energy**

RenewableUK have published a report aimed at encouraging people into offshore sector work. For more statistics on energy production within the UK see [The Digest of UK Energy Statistics](#). The 2018 report should be released soon.

## **A parent's guide to apprenticeships**

This publication has been updated and is available via the link above.

## **Apprenticeship starts**

New figures released in July indicate there were 290,500 apprenticeship starts in the first three quarters of 2017/18 compared to 440,300 in 2016/17. Skills Minister, Anne Milton believes that quality over quantity and the fact that more people are starting higher level apprenticeships is good news and providing people with the relevant skills to pursue their chosen career. Overall 47% of apprenticeship starts have been supported by levy payers.

For those interested in more apprenticeship statistics please see links below:

- The Apprenticeships and Traineeships Release (including provisional figures for the first three quarters of the 2017/18 academic year) and the Apprenticeships and Levy Statistics.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/apprenticeships-and-traineeships-july-2018>
- The monthly apprenticeship service data:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/apprenticeship-and-levy-statistics-july-2018>

Also a number of apprenticeship data tools have been updated in the FE data library:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fe-data-library>>

## **British Rail are recruiting their next apprentices**

British Rail are taking on their next batch of apprentices, nationwide

## **New GCSE grades**

A report in TES explains the new GCSE grading and includes an infographic.

## [New Careerpilot site](#)

The new Careerpilot site launches this month and is matched to the eight Gatsby benchmarks.

There are lots of new features to discover including job profiles, a plan your study and work section and due in October a course/training search facility:

### Search for a course/training



[Search for a course in a college](#)



[Search for a degree course](#)



[Search for an apprenticeship](#)

By October



## LONDON AND REGIONAL NEWS

### [Labour Market myths](#)

Prospects have published a report using data from the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education to challenge the pre-conception that all graduates work for large businesses.

- 34% of graduates were employed by a company that had fewer than 250 employees
- one in six worked for a business with fewer than 50 employees.
- Working for SMEs is particularly common in design, architecture, the arts, PR, sport, and web design professions.

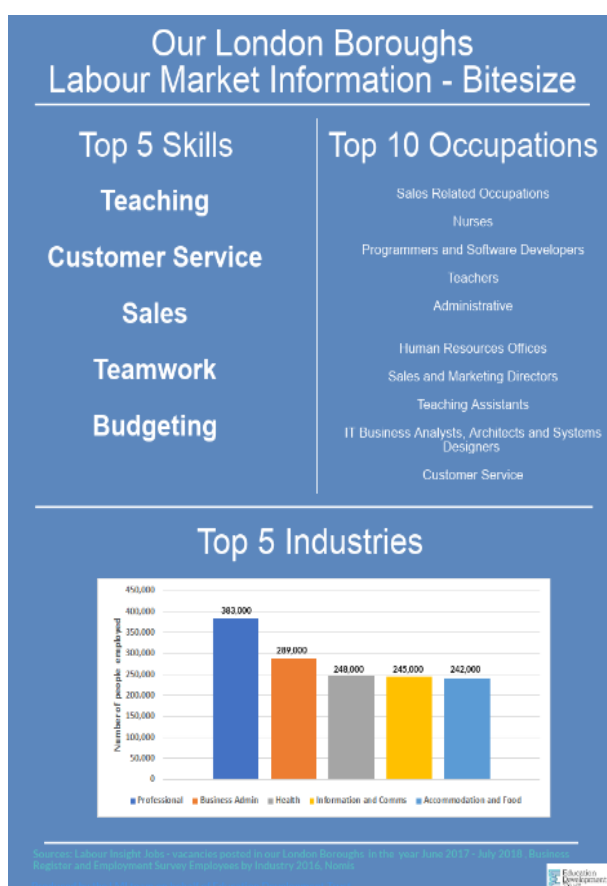
Unsurprisingly, London and the South East having the strongest SME market for graduates – in London 36.8% work for a company with less than 250 employees.

## Labour market data for the three-month period April to June 2018

- In London there were 96,000 people employed on a zero-hour contract in the three months to June 2018 (which equated to 2.0% of people employed), down 18% on the year from 117,000 (which equated to 2.5% of people employed in the three months to June 2017).
- ONS jobs data shows relatively strong jobs growth in London compared to the UK as a whole. There were 5.9 million jobs in London in the first quarter of 2018, up 111,000 on the year (an increase of 1.9%, compared to 0.5% in the UK overall).

### Resource of the month (no link)

Please find below our latest infographics.



If you would like a pdf of either of these infographics or one for your own London Borough please contact [srobson@educationdevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:srobson@educationdevelopmenttrust.com)

## USEFUL WEBSITES

### Careers in Sport (no link)

- [www.uk sport.gov.uk](http://www.uk sport.gov.uk) – live apprenticeship and job vacancies
- [www.thefa.com](http://www.thefa.com) – current vacancies
- [www.activesurrey.com](http://www.activesurrey.com) – volunteer vacancies and vacancies
- [www.sportscoachuk.org](http://www.sportscoachuk.org) – live job search
- [www.leisurejobs.com](http://www.leisurejobs.com) – live job search and careers advice for the leisure and hospitality industry
- [www.goalsfootball.co.uk/careers](http://www.goalsfootball.co.uk/careers) - Careers in football
- [www.careersinfootball.com](http://www.careersinfootball.com) – job roles, vacancies, industry insights
- <https://careers-in-sport.co.uk/> - live vacancies and careers advice
- <https://www.sportingopportunities.com/gb/Page/careers-in-sport-uk-and-abroad> - vacancies in UK and overseas
- [Sport England](http://Sport England) – careers and internships

## FUTURE EVENTS

- 12 September – Jobido Higher, The Old Truman Brewery, Brick Lane, 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jobido-higher-london-tech-job-fair-tickets-47030736198?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
- 13 September – Watford Jobs Fair, 10.00 am, The Langley Banqueting & Conference Suite, 45 High Street, Watford, WD17 1AZ - <http://www.watfordjobsfair.co.uk/>
- 19 September, Spelthorne Careers Fair, Kempton Park Racecourse, 12 noon – 7.00 pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spelthorne-skills-and-careers-fair-tickets-41105729343>
- 20 September – London Tech Job Fair, 6.00 pm, WeWork, Moorgate <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-tech-job-fair-autumn-2018-tickets-43385837207?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
- 21 and 22 September – London Jobs Show, Westfield W12. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/london-job-show-w12-21st-22nd-september-2018-tickets-47296755870?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
- 29 September, Primary and Social Care Job Fair (venue tbc) 10.00 am – 4.00 pm TBC - <https://live-ps-dnn3.azurewebsites.net/careers/London/Events/primary-social-care-job-fair>
- 29 September, London Engineering and Tech Apprenticeship and Graduate Fair, Bishopsgate, 12.00 – 4.00 pm. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-engineering-tech-apprenticeship-graduate-careers-fair-2018-tickets-42610135061?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
- 11<sup>th</sup> October – Westminster Creative Talent Festival – 10.00 am University of Westminster - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/westminster-creative-talent-festival-tickets-46792229819?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

- 13<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 am at Kings Cross - BAME Careers Conference (Inspirational Careers Talks). <http://www.stretchconference.com/>
- 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October – London Job Show, Stratford City – all day. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/london-job-show-stratford-12th-13th-october-2018-tickets-47298116941?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
- 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October - What Career Live? London Olympia 10.00 am – 4.00 pm <https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/london>
- 26<sup>th</sup> October – Watford Jobs Fair – Watford Football Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watford-jobs-fair-tickets-39769874766>
- 27<sup>th</sup> October – Pupillage Fair – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-bar-council-pupillage-fair-2018-tickets-45289724786?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
- Friday 23 and Saturday 24 November, Skills London 2018 - 9.30 am - 4.00 pm ExCel, London - <http://skillslondon.co.uk/>