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NATIONAL NEWS

[Increase in the number of students starting university courses in January](#)

Article from the Independent which reports that the number of students starting university courses in January is increasing. The main reason cited for this is that it gives students more of an advantage in finding work at the end of the course as they are not up against the bulk of peers who complete courses during the summer months. (It is worth noting that although there has been an increase in the number of January start students, there has also been an increase in number of students overall.)

[Career-related learning in primary: The role of primary teachers and schools in preparing children for the future](#)

Research paper, commissioned by Teach First, which explores the advantage of incorporating career related learning in primary schools. Some positive recommendations which support the notion that children should begin to engage with careers at a young age.

[Setting the record straight: How record employment has changed the UK](#)

Resolution Foundation report which explores how employment levels have increased since the economic downturn (from 73% before the crisis hit to 75.7%). The report shows that although many groups have benefited from this growth, some remain more disadvantaged than others. For example, 18-29-year olds who are more likely to be in lower paid and insecure roles.

[GCHQ sets challenge for girls in schools](#)

In a bid to encourage more young women into cyber security, GCHQ have set a challenge involving codes and crosswords. They are inviting schools to enter teams of girls to try and break these codes.

[The state of the adult social care sector and workforce in London](#)

With an ageing population, adult social care is a sector that is set to grow. This useful infographic gives you an overview on what the picture is for this workforce, specifically in London.

[The UCAS application: Tips on responding to offers](#)

The deadline for the majority of UCAS applications has just passed, therefore Trotman offer some useful tips on responding to offers.

[Fire it Up](#)

Is the name of the new apprenticeship campaign launched by the DfE on the 17th January. The Government is to write to the largest school trusts who have not published information on their website about how they will ensure providers of vocational education are able talk to pupils in their schools. They are also to write to local authorities to remind schools about the requirement to make sure pupils have the full range of information about different career paths that are open to them.

[Accelerated Degrees](#)

The House of Commons have passed legislation to support the expansion of two year accelerated degrees. This now has to go to House of Lord's for approval. The legislation would mean students could save 20% on tuition fees, compared to traditional courses.

[UK Labour Market: January 2019](#)

The latest ONS labour market statistics have been published. Key points from September to November include:

- The employment rate for 16 to 64-year olds was 75.8%, up from the previous year which was 75.3% and the highest that estimates began in 1971.
- The unemployment rate was estimated 4.0%. This is the lowest rate since December 1974 to February 1975.

LONDON AND REGIONAL NEWS

[London's Creative Enterprise Zones](#)

Sadiq Khan has announced the creation of six creative enterprise zones across the boroughs of Lambeth, Croydon, Hounslow, Lewisham, Haringey, Hackney and Tower Hamlets. The enterprise zones will receive funding to support artists, small creative businesses and local people. Overall there are expected to be 3,500 new jobs and 1,000 education and training opportunities created.

[Mayor Launches Culture and Sport Strategies](#)

Culture and Sports are important to both the London economy and to London communities. Therefore, the Mayor has recently published two strategies to support this:

- [Culture for all Londoners](#)
- [Sport for all of us](#)

[New programme helping computer science students into London tech start-ups jobs](#)

A new scheme has been set up which will see 40 undergraduate and postgraduate computer science students matched to London tech/digital businesses for 8 to 12 weeks. All placements will be paid the living wage. An indication that these skills are in high demand by employers.

USEFUL WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

[National Careers Week 2019 Governors CEIAG Handbook](#)

Guide for school governors which outlines their responsibilities for CEIAG, outlining what the school 'should' do and what they 'must' do.

[Nesta – Future of Work Classroom Lesson Plans](#)

Lesson plans aimed at KS3 and KS4 pupils which looks at the changing world of work and the skills that will be in demand in the future.

[Online Careers Leader Training Course](#)

Free online short course from Teach First and The Careers and Enterprise Company. Useful for Careers Leaders or those interested in the role.

[Enhancing the quality of career guidance in secondary schools](#)

Offers teachers and careers advisers various practical suggestions to improve the quality of career guidance for pupils aged 11-16.

[The Medic Portal](#)

There are various articles around applying for medicine on this website which are valuable to students and careers advisers/teachers alike.

[Amazing Apprenticeship Parents Pack January 2019](#)

This month's apprenticeship parents pack includes advice from employers on what they are looking for on an application form, details of new apprenticeship standards and a ten step plan that parents can use to support their child to find an apprenticeship.

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:

- 12th February – Heathrow Customer Services Airside
- 25th April – Flight Operations – Heathrow

[National Apprenticeship Show](#)

5th – 6th March – Sandown Park. Over 100 employers will be showcasing opportunities

[Women in Tech Event](#)

7th March – Free event aimed at young women aged 14-18, their teachers, parents/guardians.

[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