

APPRENTICESHIP LINKS:

Apprenticeships provide young people a debt free and direct pathway to a career by offering a combination of paid employment, hands on work experience and industry recognised qualifications. Students entering this pathway will have the opportunity to earn while they learn and gain practical skills alongside professional training. If you want to hear about upcoming apprenticeship opportunities, sign up to the following links:

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
[National Apprenticeship Week](#)
[Find an Apprenticeship GOV.UK](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Year 10 and Year 12 students will be completing their Go To Work Days w/c 22nd June 2026.

Year 10 students will be out of school 25th and 26th June.

Year 12 will be out for their Go To Work days for the whole week.

If you or someone you know could offer invaluable work placements to our students, allowing them to gain insight into the working world, please get in touch with our careers outreach team who will be happy to support you in the organisation.

CONTACT US:

Want to hear more about how Inspired Futures support your child's next steps? Contact our team through:

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WHAT'S ON AND WHAT'S NEXT FOR BE INSPIRED?

- National Apprenticeship Week
- Upcoming events
- Work experience placements
- Alumni spotlight

NAW 2026

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) is the biggest celebration of apprenticeships and skills in the calendar and this year it's taking place from Monday, 9th February to Sunday, 15th February. National Apprenticeship Week is about highlighting how apprenticeships:

- Open doors to exciting and rewarding careers.
- Help businesses build future-ready workforces.
- Support economic growth by addressing priority skills gaps.

Each day throughout the week, a new theme will be celebrated to see the success apprenticeships can offer. Monday will begin with 'Skills for Life', exploring how apprenticeships provide us with the skills to achieve our full potential. Over the course of the week, other themes include:

MON 9	TUES 10	WED 11
SKILLS FOR LIFE	EMPLOYER TUESDAY	APPRENTICE WEDNESDAY
THUR 12	FRI 13	SAT 14 & SUN 15
T LEVEL THURSDAY AND OPPORTUNITY THURSDAY	CELEBRATION FRIDAY	THE NAW WEEKENDER

We look forward to celebrating National Apprenticeship Week with curriculum led sessions, assemblies and talks to raise the profile of apprenticeships and show students that there are options beyond an academic, university route.

On Wednesday, 11th February, Year 10 pupils will have an apprenticeship and T-level assembly delivered by Allie from Job Centre Plus. The assembly will offer information on T levels, apprenticeships and V levels.

Will Chitty will also be coming in from the UTC to deliver an assembly to Year 9 about vocational pathways at UTC, employability skills and share industry connections.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

BARNABY BUCKINGHAM 2025 LEAVER

We were delighted to welcome back former student and current Bentley apprentice, Barnaby Buckingham, to deliver a talk to current engineering students about the Bentley apprenticeship programme. Barnaby said: "[apprenticeships] are great. As you work, you gain money, qualifications and skills all while getting a salary." He advised on showcasing projects you do outside of school to get recognised. Barnaby was praised for the effort in building a guitar with his grandad.



EXPLORE OPEN APPRENTICESHIPS:

Both Year 11 and Year 13 students are looking at their next steps in their educational journey. With the end of the year looming, companies have started to release their apprenticeship programmes including those from level 2 up to level 6 (degree equivalent).

Recent applications that have opened include:

[Dunelm Apprenticeships](#)
[Transport for London Apprenticeships](#)
[Babcock Apprenticeships](#)
[BAE Systems Apprenticeships](#)
[Dalcour McLaren Apprenticeships](#)
[HSBC Apprenticeships](#)

FEBRUARY EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

YEAR 8 STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY TRIP

Our Year 8 pupils will be heading out to The University of Staffordshire on the annual careers trip to gain an insight into campus life and courses on offer. Some subjects they will get to try out include: computing, games design, engineering and psychology. They will also take part in an 'egg drop challenge', building on key soft skills such as teamwork and communication.

YEAR 12 CAREERS PATHWAY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

On Tuesday, 24th February, the Sixth Form will be hosting a careers pathway information evening for parents of Year 12. Details of the event have been shared with parents in advance. Sixth Form Leadership will be in attendance with some of the careers team to answer any questions on the evening. We look forward to seeing you!

EXTERNAL EVENTS FOR KS4 AND KS5 PUPILS:

- [Warner Bros Apprenticeship Webinar 10th Feb](#)
- [HSBC and You event 10th February](#)
- [British Film Institute Residential: applications close 22nd February](#)
- [Royal Signals Open Day 5th March](#)
- [Law Virtual Work Experience 9th February](#)
- [Women in Tech Scholarship and Internship: applications close 23rd March](#)



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