

# THE EXCHANGE

## Careers Newsletter - May

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As we move further into the year, this is a great time to reflect on your goals and take positive steps toward your future. Whether you're exploring career options, preparing for exams, considering higher education, or thinking about entering the world of work, we're here to support you every step of the way.

In this month's newsletter, you'll find a range of opportunities, helpful resources, and key updates to help you stay informed and inspired. From upcoming events and workshops to apprenticeship vacancies and career insights, there's something here for everyone.

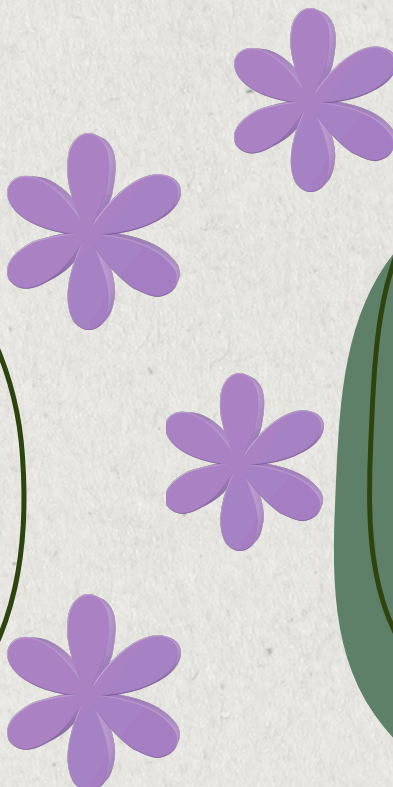
Good luck to everybody sitting their GCSE's and exams this month!

### Careers quote of the month

Do one thing today  
that your future self  
will thank you for!

### Careers Tip of the month

Take time to stay organised  
and revise for any upcoming  
exams... it all counts!



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### Students of the Month

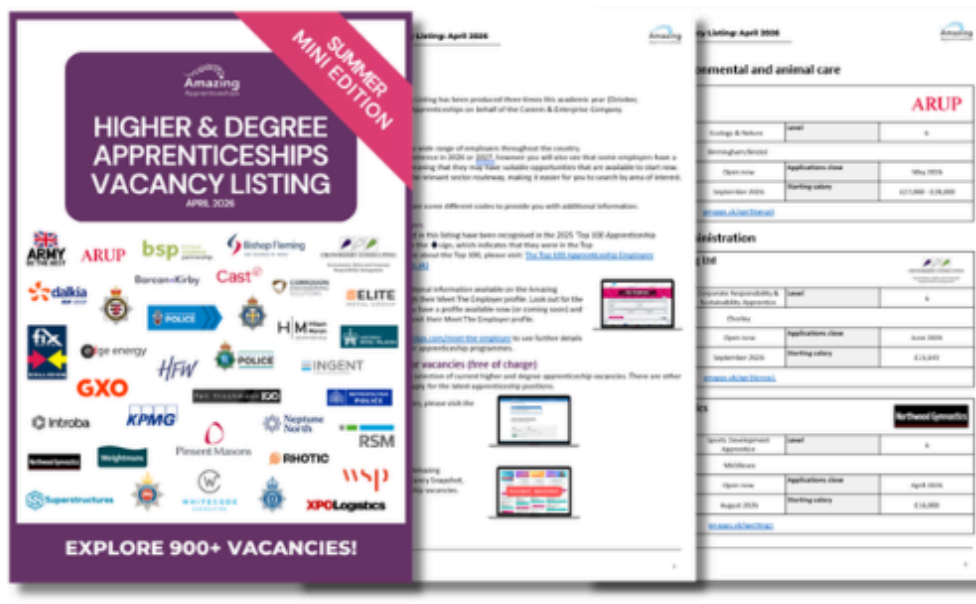
#### Zoia Aqdas - A Levels

Zoia has displayed impressive determination and a clear commitment to her long-term goals. Through her proactive engagement with the service and her sustained effort, she has successfully secured a university place, marking an important milestone in her progression.

#### Amy Crook - Degree

Amy has shown impressive commitment to strengthening her interview skills and growing her confidence. Her hard work has resulted in securing a bank staff role in the industry she is passionate about, reflecting both her progress and potential.

**Well Done to both students - who have been awarded certificates and Amazon vouchers**



### Degree apprenticeship vacancies

Explore 950+ Higher and Degree apprenticeships in the Summer 2026 mini edition of the Higher & Degree Vacancy listing.

Discover vacancy details from over 35+ employers, including:

- Vacancy locations
- Salary information
- Direct application links

Download the Higher & Degree listing in PDF format below or find out more about the listing, who it is for and how to best use it in the FAQs



**Download Now [here](#).**

### UCAS Updates

**Already applied to University for 2026 entry?**

**If you've received all of your offers you will have been given a deadline to respond - please make sure you respond in this time frame so that you don't lose your places. Any issues -**

**come and see us - we are here to support.**



**UCAS Extra is open until 1<sup>st</sup> July  
UCAS Clearing will open on 2<sup>nd</sup> July**



### Student Finance Applications Now Open

Student Finance England has opened applications for 2025/26. If you're starting or continuing university this autumn, make sure you apply early so your funding is ready for the start of term.

➡ Apply or find out more here:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

If you'd like support with your application or have questions about the process, feel free to get in touch with our fabulous student finance team at [studentfinance@blackburn.ac.uk](mailto:studentfinance@blackburn.ac.uk)



### GCSE Exam Preparation

**Did you know?**

★ **Many University courses will require you to have your GCSE's in Maths and English!**

★ **Having GCSE Maths and English increases both apprenticeship and job opportunities.**

**Make the most of the Success Centre! There are a range of revision sessions and masterclasses coming up that will help you to feel as confident and prepared as possible, please scan the QR code to book**

**on:**

Revision Sessions Booking Form



### Construction Jobs

**The Curley Group LTD**

are looking for a skilled and dedicated bricklayer - Apply via [Indeed](#)



**Sign HQ**

are looking for a skilled and dedicated joiner - Apply via [Indeed](#)

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### What's coming up?

#### Interested in a career in Health and Social Care?

Find out more about jobs in the sector at the Recruitment Fair taking place at **Mercer Hall, Great Harwood.** **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 10am - 3pm.** Reserve a spot [here](#).



#### Access VFX Work Experience

22nd - 23<sup>rd</sup> June

10:00 - 3:00

Application Deadline 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Apply [here](#).

Across two interactive days, you will:

- Meet industry professionals working in leading VFX and animation studios
- Explore the VFX pipeline and learn how digital artists create incredible on-screen worlds
- Discover the wide range of creative and technical careers in the screen industries
- Take part in creative challenges and interactive sessions designed to spark your imagination
- Learn about the ACCESS VFX e-mentoring programme and how you can continue your journey into the industry

#### Interested in STEM careers?

Please see information about the Government Cyber/STEM Work Experience Day, taking place in **Manchester** this June.

This in-person event offers valuable insight into career pathways within Government Intelligence Agencies. Students will explore roles in Cyber, Engineering, Analysis, and Linguistics, alongside key business areas such as HR and Finance.

**Tuesday 16th June 2026 and Wednesday 17th June 2026**

**Time: 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

Eligibility: Year 12 and 13, college and gap year students. Students must be British citizens to attend this event due to security requirements.



## Civil Service

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For more information and to apply - see [here](#).

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#### Work Experience with the NHS

Thinking about a career with the NHS? Get hands-on, real-life work experience!

**Applications open [here](#), Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.**

#### Discover Nursing Taster sessions

Thinking about Nursing? Get hands-on, meet real tutors, and try clinical skills for yourself!

Nursing Taster Weekend –

**16th May at 10.00am**

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS  
Foundation Trust (Preston)

✉ [Study.Nursing@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:Study.Nursing@lthtr.nhs.uk) or book your free space [here](#).



## Volunteering Opportunities

#### Interested in volunteering or gaining experience with children?

Playscheme is a registered charity that strives to provide a valuable service to parents and children in the locality, as well as undertaking to provide an opportunity for young people to give back to their local community as volunteer play leaders. Children aged 5-14 attend each Playscheme from Monday to Friday, between 9.30am and 3.30pm, participating in various trips as well as numerous onsite activities with their leaders.

All volunteers must attend a Play Leadership Training course and be available to volunteer on one or both of the weeks of Playscheme. You will also need to attend Skills Training day on Sunday 5th July 2026.



**To join the team, you just need to create a profile, add your details and register for one of our upcoming initial training days via our [volunteer portal](#).**

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The Careers Team are based in the Careers and Personal Development Centre, located within the University Centre (UC010). The service is provided by a full team of qualified careers advisors, who are here to support every student, at every study level, with their career planning and progression. You can book an appointment or drop in any time Monday – Friday for help with:

- Career Planning
- Finding employment
- Writing or updating your CV
- Interview Skills
- Choosing your next course
- Changing Career
- Applying to University
- Applying for Graduate opportunities



**To book an appointment , please scan the QR code or drop into the Careers Centre any time.**

**Mondays - 8.00-6.00pm**

**Tuesday - Friday 8.00 - 4.00pm**



Careers are also contactable on **careers@blackburn.ac.uk**