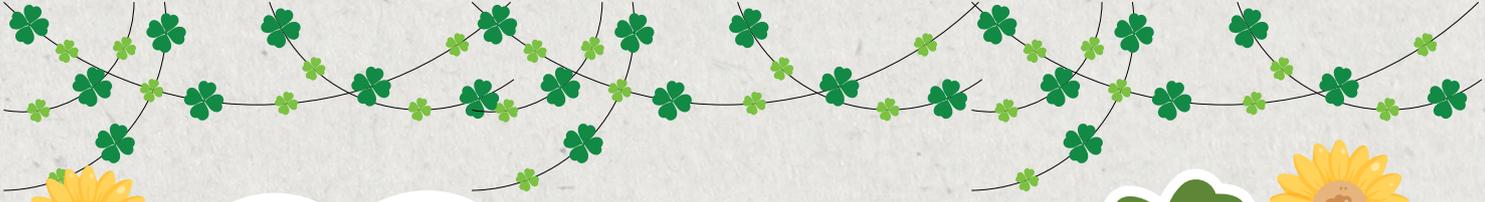


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# March



Welcome to our March Careers Newsletter! As we step into a new month filled with fresh opportunities, we're excited to bring you the latest career insights and updates. March is a great time to refocus on your goals and take proactive steps toward growth and success - especially with National Careers Week and the College Careers Fair taking place. Whether you're exploring new pathways or building skills, this edition is designed to support and inspire your career journey. Let's make this month one of progress and possibility!

### Careers quote of the month

A little progress each  
day amounts to big  
results!

### Careers Tip of the month

Make the most of National  
Careers Week and engage in  
some of the activities and talks  
on offer at college.  
Please see the timetable  
included in our newsletter.

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# National Careers week 2026

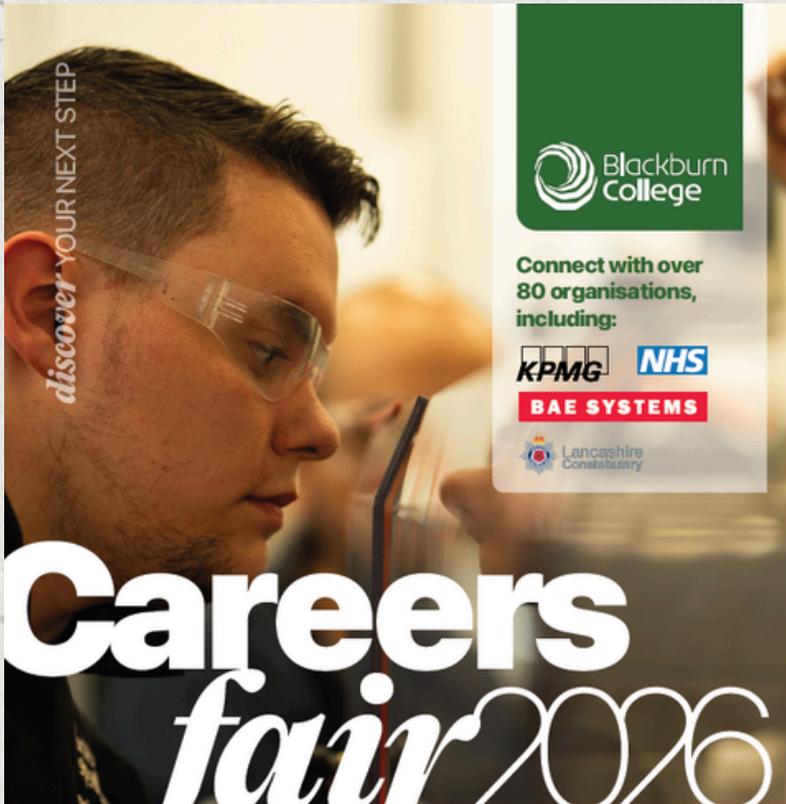


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<p><b>National Careers Week</b> <b>2-7<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>Get "Career" inspired Come and join #NCW 2026</p> <p>National Careers Week <b>NCW</b></p> <p>Contact <a href="mailto:careers@blackburn.ac.uk">careers@blackburn.ac.uk</a> to find out more or to book on.</p> 	<p><b>11-12pm</b> Career Escape Room Immersive Suite</p> <p><b>12-1pm</b> CV Health Checks CPDC</p>	<p><b>11-12pm</b> Career Escape Room Immersive Suite</p> <p><b>12-1pm</b> CV Health Checks CPDC</p>	<p><b>11-12pm</b> Career Escape Room Immersive Suite</p> <p><b>12-1pm</b> CV Health Checks CPDC</p>	<p><b>11-12pm</b> Career Escape Room Immersive Suite</p> <p><b>12-1pm</b> CV Health Checks CPDC</p>	<p><b>11-12pm</b> Career Escape Room Immersive Suite</p> <p><b>12-1pm</b> CV Health Checks CPDC</p>
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**National Careers Week** celebrates all aspects of careers guidance and is a chance to engage with a variety of activities in College. Activities on offer for 2026 include an interactive career escape room (which group can beat the fastest time?), CV support, a skills treasure hunt, talks to prepare you for university life and much more! Contact [careers@blackburn.ac.uk](mailto:careers@blackburn.ac.uk) for more information - who knows what new opportunities you might find out about!

The **National Careers Week** is a great place to find resources, job information, employer insights, and tools to help you plan your future. It's a great place to discover different career paths, hear real-life stories, and get practical guidance to support your next steps.

### What's coming up?



discover YOUR NEXT STEP

**Blackburn College**

Connect with over 80 organisations, including:

**KPMG** **NHS**  
**BAE SYSTEMS**

Lancashire Constabulary

# Careers fair 2026

Tuesday 17th March, 11.00am - 3.00pm  
Sports Halls, Leisure Centre

Contact the careers team at [careers@blackburn.ac.uk](mailto:careers@blackburn.ac.uk) for more information

[blackburn.ac.uk](http://blackburn.ac.uk)

The Blackburn College Careers Fair is your chance to meet a fantastic range of employers about apprenticeships, jobs and future career pathways. Come along and chat directly with top organisations – including major names like BAE Systems and KPMG – and discover what opportunities could be a perfect fit for you.

Whether you're exploring ideas or ready to take your next step, this is the ideal place to get inspired, ask questions, and make valuable connections for your future.

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#### Exploring Law (free/online course) by the University of Cambridge

The University of Cambridge's Faculty of Law is inviting aspiring law students to join their free online course:

**Exploring Law Course: Studying Law at University.**

**Faculty of Law**, designed to help students decide whether law is the right course for them.

You can enrol onto the six week course up until

**Monday 9th March 2026.**



#### Patient and Public Panel - North West Ambulance Service

NWAS are looking for volunteers age 16 - 24 to be a part of their PPP.

Members of the panel can increase their understanding of the service, or their level of participation, through visits, educational activities and access to expert speakers from the service. All participants receive regular information about NWAS.

To find out more, please contact the Patient Engagement team: at [patient.panel@nwas.nhs.uk](mailto:patient.panel@nwas.nhs.uk)



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### What's coming up?



CHOOSE A CAREER THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

POLICE OFFICER RECRUITMENT

Starting Salary **£31,164**

**OPEN NOW**

The advertisement features a smiling police officer in uniform. The text is in a mix of black and blue fonts. The starting salary is highlighted in a large, bold font.

#### The Police Constable Entry Programme is now open 📣

Are you ready for a role where no two days are the same? Policing is hands-on, fast-paced, and incredibly rewarding – and through the PCEP, you'll become a fully qualified Police Officer in just 2 years, combining practical training with classroom learning to build real confidence and real skills.

Do you have...

- ★ Great communication skills
- ★ Resilience and determination
- ★ A passion for helping and protecting your community

If so, you're exactly who we're looking for. This isn't just a job. It's a chance to make a difference every single day.

- 👉 Don't miss out – click the link below and to find out more and start your policing journey today!  
<https://orlo.uk/1kJX8>

#### Are you an aspiring doctor?

This 2 day in person work experience is a great opportunity to find out working in medicine is really like.

Gain hands-on insight into the medical profession with our work experience programme. You'll observe real clinical practice, learn from healthcare professionals, and build the skills and confidence needed for a future career in medicine. This experience will look great on your CV and strengthen your applications to university or healthcare courses, helping you stand out from the crowd.

For more information contact :  
[workexperience@elht.nhs.uk](mailto:workexperience@elht.nhs.uk)



**MEDICINE WORK EXPERIENCE** East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust

Exciting 2-Day Work Experience for Aspiring Medics! 🥰🥰🥰  
Open to students studying Medicine-related A-levels.

The programme will consist of :

- Bespoke Induction
- Observe healthcare professionals in practice
- Practice common skills
- Simulated learning
- Debrief & feedback session

For more info or to apply, contact - [workexperience@elht.nhs.uk](mailto:workexperience@elht.nhs.uk)

The advertisement features an illustration of three healthcare professionals (a woman, a man, and another woman) in white coats, one holding a clipboard. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font. The NHS logo is in the top right corner.

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More opportunities, resources, and services!

### Manchester Airport Jobs Fair

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 - 10am to 2pm

The Forum Centre, Simonsway, Wythenshawe, M22 5RX



Do you want to land a career at Manchester Airport? Already working in the industry and looking for a change? Then this is the perfect event for you!

Learn more about the enormous range of rewarding opportunities at all levels.

Engage directly with over 25 employers and find out what they are looking for from applicants to boost your chances of securing employment at the airport.

TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET, please visit:  
[www.manchesterairport.co.uk/jobs-fair](http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/jobs-fair)



A jobs fair in March 2026 will highlight the wide range of careers available at Manchester Airport in the aviation sector, as well as opportunities in retail and hospitality.

Employers who will be represented at the fair include:

Airlines and travel companies, including Jet2.com and Jet2holidays

Retailers and franchise operators, including Boots, Costa Coffee, JD Wetherspoon, WHSmith, Pasta Evangelists, Monsoon, HMSHost SSP and World Duty Free.

Airport service providers, including PrimeFlight, 36T HUB, Mitie, Swissport and ABM.



### From Zookeeping to Zoo Careers – 6/7<sup>TH</sup> May 10-2pm

Virtual Experience with Flamingo Land

Learn from real professionals working in one of the UK's best-known zoos.

- ✦ Explore careers in animal care and animal education,
- ✦ Build skills and knowledge to boost your CV and future applications.
- ✦ Take part from anywhere – all online!

**Apply at - Futures for All**



### Careers in the Cruise Industry - 23/24<sup>th</sup> April

Ever wondered what it's like to work on a cruise ship – or behind the scenes making unforgettable guest experiences happen?

Join us for a 2-day remote work experience with a global cruise company and explore exciting careers in hospitality, travel, events and business – both onboard ships and onshore.

**Apply at - Futures for All**

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### More opportunities, resources, and services!

The January edition of the Higher & Degree vacancy listing has now launched!

Explore 1,600+ Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies from 65+ employers, including EDF, TfL, Babcock, Barratt Redrow, IBM, GXO, KPMG, Metropolitan Police, Bishop Fleming and many more! Download the Higher & Degree [here](#).

**HIGHER & DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS VACANCY LISTING**  
JANUARY 2026

Participating employers include: AG, A&O SHEARMAN, AstraZeneca, Barratt Redrow, CMS, Dunelm, ASHE, AtkinsRéalis, Bellway, BMW GROUP, CAPULA, Bishop Fleming, CISCO, experian, EDF, ARMY, TROUP BYWATERS + ANDERS, Babcock, WARWICKSHIRE POLICE, wsp, Valuation Office Agency, WHITECODE CONSULTING, Transport for London, united infrastructure, th trowers & hamlins, Surrey & Sussex, TaylorWessing, Kennedys, J F, JLR, HBG, HOLLYWOOD BOWL GROUP, JAMES COPPER, KIER, michelmores, MZA CONSULTING ENGINEERS, TLT, Nestlé, LAND ENVOY, IM, irwinmitchell, mace, Mondelēz, SEVERN TRENT, Network Rail, RHOTIC, MARS, SIEMENS, LEONARDO, Lloret, KPMG, FRESHFIELDS, GXO, LEYLAND TRUCKS, Greencore, Ibstock, IBM, HILL, and others.

**Blackburn and Darwen Apprenticeships**

IT      Early Years

You'll earn £10.00 an hour in your first year. In year two, this remains at £10.00 or the minimum wage for your age, whichever is higher.

All roles close Sunday, 8th March.

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### Apprenticeships with BWD Council

BWD Council has just opened up two new apprenticeship vacancies in IT and Early Years.

They currently have a range of apprenticeship opportunities at level 3/degree in areas such as: Business, environmental crime, solicitor, digital content creator, vision and rehabilitation, construction management and building safer communities

Apply at [www.blackburn.gov.uk/jobs-and-recruitment](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/jobs-and-recruitment)

## What is Labour Market Information?

Labour Market Information, often shortened to LMI, is a collection of facts and figures about employment which help us understand the job market more. This information includes skills required for jobs, demand for jobs and potential growth sectors, and information on pay and conditions.

To look at which skills employers are seeking in different areas of the UK and to explore local trends, you can use this website [here](#).



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### LMI Spotlight on Construction

This industry builds everything from schools to hospitals to our homes, creating the infrastructure that supports our villages, towns and cities.



**7,400**

**Businesses**

There are **7,400 businesses** in this sector, ranging from large multinationals to sole traders.



**55,000**

**People employed**

Over **55,000** people work for employers in this sector.



**50%**

**New housing**

**New housing** represents **50%** of the construction projects in Lancashire.

Job title ▼	Example salary range ▼	Related entry-level roles ▼	Example qualifications ▼
 <b>Bricklayer</b>	£17,000 - £40,000	Labourer	Bricklaying, Trowel Occupations, Onsite Construction
 <b>Painter and Decorator</b>	£17,000 - £32,000	Labourer	Painting and Decorating, Onsite Construction
 <b>3D Visualiser (Model Maker)</b>	£19,000 - £31,000	Building Services Apprentice	Building Services, 3D Computer-Aided Design, 3D Design and Crafts
 <b>Facilities Manager</b>	£23,000 - £47,000	Assistant Manager Operations Manager	Facilities Management, Building Services Management

**JOB OF THE MONTH:**

**Building control officer**

### Something to...

**DO...**



**Join in with National Careers Week**

Take part in some of the activities that we are running during National Careers Week

**Speak to the Careers Team to find out more**

**LISTEN TO...**



**All about apprenticeships**

A great UK podcast that covers apprenticeship news, interviews with employers, and real stories from apprentices across sectors – ideal for students exploring options.

**All about apprenticeships**

**READ...**



**Careermap**

A supportive read if you are feeling unsure or overwhelmed about choosing a career direction. This useful guide is filled with questions, examples and ideas for exploring job options.

**How to choose a career**

**WATCH ...**



**TikTok -ucas\_online**

Follow the official UCAS TikTok account @ucas\_online for tips, advice, reminders and everything you need to stay on track with your university application! You can find them here:

**Tik Tok**

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**

