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NOVEMBER

Hope you've all had a lovely half-term break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the rest of the term!

With exam season approaching, the Careers Team wishes you the very best of luck. Stay focused, do your best and remember that your efforts can help keep your future options open.

Check out this month's newsletter for some great opportunities, including careers events, work experience, jobs and apprenticeships!

Careers quote of the month

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail!"

Careers Tip of the month

Be prepared to step outside your comfort zone.

Careers are not always a straight line - don't be afraid to try new things

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Not sure what career is right for you?

Take the Pathways Quiz to discover careers that match your interests, strengths and personality. It's a quick and easy way to explore your options, build confidence in your future plans, and uncover opportunities you may not have considered before. Start your career journey today:

www.blackburn.ac.uk/services-support/careers-service-and-support/pathways-profile-quiz



What's coming up?



Higher Education & University Expo 2026

Thinking about university? Don't miss our Higher Education & University Expo on Thursday 26th November in the Pavilion!

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet representatives from a wide range of universities, explore different courses and pathways, and get answers to your questions about applications, student life, accommodation, finance, and support services. Whether you're certain about your next steps or just starting to explore your options, come along and discover what university could offer you.

Date: Thursday 26th November

Location: Pavilion

Time: 12-3pm

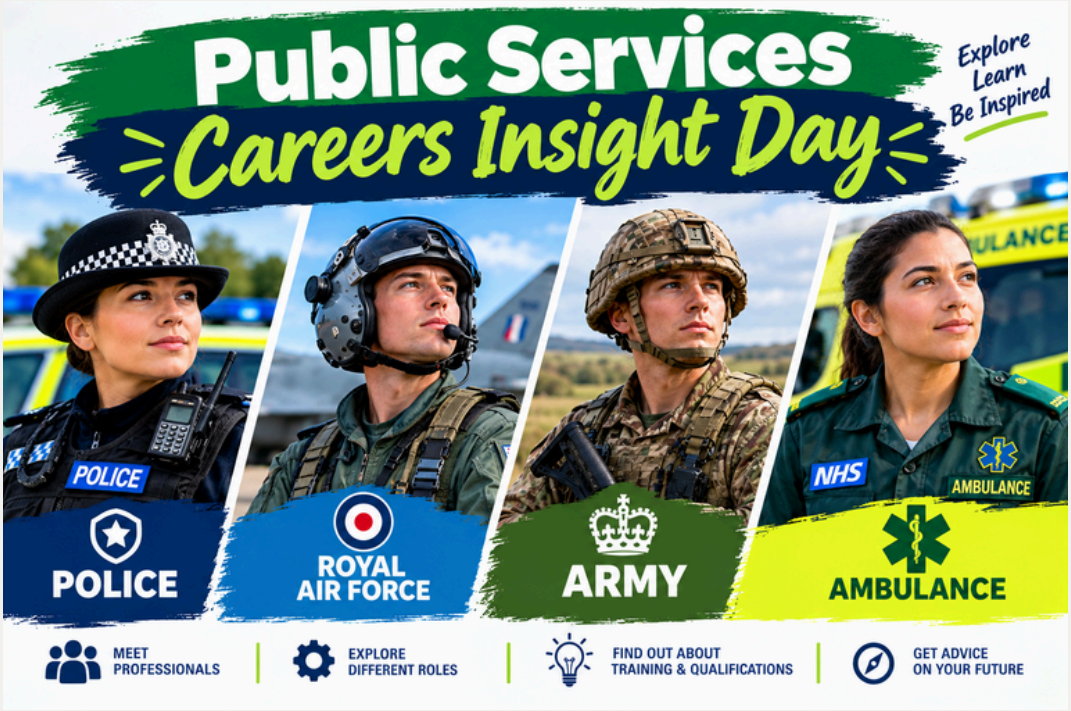
Take the opportunity to explore your future and make informed choices about your next steps after college. 🎓

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Whats coming up?



Public Services Careers Insight Day

Tuesday 17th November | 10:00am - 12:00pm

Join representatives from the RAF, Police, Army and NWAS to discover the surprising range of careers, apprenticeships and progression opportunities available. Hear directly from employers, ask questions and find out where a career in Public Services could take you.

Book your place today and explore opportunities you never knew existed!

For more information or to book on contact careers@blackburn.ac.uk

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What's coming up?

Manchester: Government Cyber/STEM Work Experience Day

#areers in the public sector, develop key employability skills, and gain valuable insight into Cyber and STEM pathways. A great opportunity to enhance your CV and learn about future career options.

Wednesday 18th November 9.00-3.30pm

👉 **Find out more and apply via Uptree.**
https://uptree.co/events/civil-service/2933398593/



British Vogue Virtual Insight Day

Ever wondered what goes on behind one of the world's most iconic fashion magazines? Join British Vogue's virtual insight day for an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at careers in fashion, media, publishing, design and the creative industries. Hear from industry professionals, explore different career pathways, and discover the skills and experience needed to succeed. Perfect for students aged 14-19 with an interest in fashion, photography, writing, social media, design, or creative careers.✨

https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/2DD0C782-7356-4764-1C46-08DF01D07081

Wednesday 11th November 10.00am-2.00pm

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What's coming up?



Do you want to enjoy the UK's biggest music festivals for less cash than a trip to the cinema?

- Love music, festivals and meeting new people? Festaff offers opportunities to work at some of the UK's biggest festivals and events!
- See the best bands/acts/DJs in the world at the finest festivals in the UK.
- Volunteer, work and party with friends.
- See how backstage works – gain valuable on site experience.

Find out more: www.festaff.co.uk







Fancy a Summer in America?

Spend your summer working at an American summer camp! Make new friends, try exciting activities, earn money and gain experience to boost your CV. Applications for Summer 2027 are open!

👉 Find out more: www.campamerica.co.uk

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Degree apprenticeship vacancies



Explore 1,200+ Higher and Degree apprenticeships in the October edition of the Higher & Degree Vacancy listing.

Discover vacancy details including:

-Vacancy locations

-Salary information

-Direct application links

Download at : www.amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/higher-and-degree-listing/

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Work experience opportunities at Blackburn Royal Hospital will be open to apply for from 8.00am on

Monday 4th January 2027

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More opportunities, resources, and services!

Are you looking to get into a top university or apprenticeship?

Zero Gravity is a free 1:1 digital mentoring programme that can increase your chances of getting into competitive courses or apprenticeships

Zero Gravity

Are you looking to volunteer?

Browse the extensive directory of local volunteering opportunities in Blackburn, Darwen in BwD
For more information visit the website at **www.communitycvs.org.uk**

Discover where a career helping animals can take you.
Join the RSPCA, the world's largest animal welfare charity, for an exciting remote placement designed to open your eyes to the huge variety of roles behind our mission.

https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/EBA93EAE-D523-4753-C8EE-08DEF6D31779

Discover your career in the NHS and social care
NHS Careers North West has range of resources for anyone considering a career in the sector.
They also run a range of local career events throughout the year.

NHS Careers North West

Build confidence.
Get the job.
Explore careers and prepare for the job with hundreds of free job simulations designed by the world's top employers.
www.theforage.com

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Had a careers appointment? We would love your feedback!

Your feedback helps us improve the support we provide to students. If you've recently had a careers appointment, please take a minute to tell us about your experience. Your comments make a real difference and help us continue to offer the best possible guidance. Thank you!

Share your feedback today! 📢

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Qcs4AzDUF2

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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GREEN CAREERS WEEK

Green Careers Week
2-6 November

The green transition is rapidly accelerating; we're seeing more and more green roles advertised every year. Find out more at:

www.greencareershub.com

Green Careers HUB

JOB OF THE MONTH: Ecologist

Something to...

DO...

Book a practice interview with the careers team

We can help give you the confidence for upcoming interviews for university courses and apprenticeships.

Book at careers@blackburn.ac.uk

LISTEN TO...

The BBC Bitesize Podcast

If you're asking yourself 'What job can I do?' the Bitesize Careers podcast will help. Katie Thistleton, inspiring guests and career experts will help you find the answer

BBC Sounds

READ...

The Higher degree apprenticeship listing

Explore 1,600+ Higher and Degree apprenticeships in the November 2025 edition of the Higher & Degree Vacancy listing.

Amazing apprenticeships

WATCH ...

TED Talks

Choose to listen to an inspirational talk to help you in your career planning. They are also great to mention on future university or apprenticeship applications.

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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**