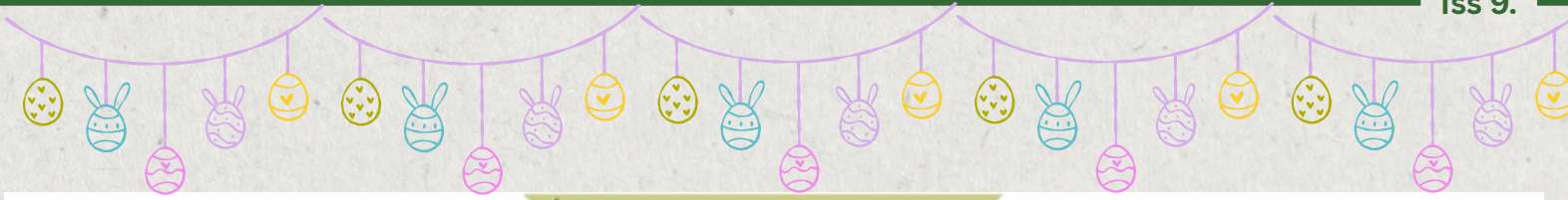


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As April arrives and spring starts to brighten our days, it's the perfect time for a fresh start—both outdoors and in our careers. This month's edition is all about new beginnings, renewed motivation, and taking positive steps toward your future goals.

Whether you're exploring career options, preparing for applications, or simply looking for inspiration, we've got you covered. Inside this issue, you'll find upcoming opportunities, helpful resources, and practical advice to support you through the next stages of your journey.

Careers quote of the month

April is your reminder that every assignment, application, and small step counts—your future is growing, even when you can't see it yet."

Careers Tip of the month

Spring-clean your online presence

Refresh LinkedIn, tidy socials, add new achievements.



Students of the Month

Shujaat Chowdhury – A Levels

Shujaat has shown great engagement with the careers service. He has actively participated in both online and in-person work experience opportunities, making the most of every chance to broaden his skills and understanding of the workplace.

Katrina Symons – Gateway

Katrina has shown strong dedication to improving her employability skills, engaging positively with the careers support available. Her hard work has led to success, including securing two interviews—evidence of her growing confidence and readiness for future employment opportunities.

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



National Careers Week 2026

Thank you to all the students who took part in our National Careers Week activities – it was fantastic to see so many of you getting involved!

A huge congratulations to the winning team, from Sport who completed the **Careers Escape Room challenge** in an impressive 13 minutes and 40 seconds!

Careers and Employability Fair

The annual Careers Fair was a huge success, with more than 1,300 students attending throughout the day. It was fantastic to see so many of you exploring opportunities, asking questions, and making valuable connections.

We hope you were able to make the most of the event and that you'll follow up on any contacts or opportunities you discovered.

Taking that next step could make a real difference to your future pathway!



What's coming up?



Ever wondered what really goes on behind the scenes at Specsavers?

Get ready to dive into a brand-new interactive experience that reveals how one of the UK's biggest healthcare brands works from the inside out.

Across six bite-sized modules – **Optometry, Audiology, Marketing, Technology, Finance, and Retail Support** – you'll discover the people, roles and ideas that help millions of customers see and hear better every single day.

Whether you're curious about clinical careers, creative roles, problem-solving tech jobs or how a big brand keeps everything running smoothly.

[Apply here](#)

BAE Systems Virtual work experience

22 – 26 June 2026 – Female Focussed

BAE Systems will be providing budding female Engineers with the opportunity to take part in a week long Virtual Work Experience Programme. Participants will see a range of sectors and functions from across the business come together to offer insight and experience to young people aged 14 to 18 years old. It will be facilitated by BAE Systems, and delivered via their online learning platform.

[Apply here](#)



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What's coming up?



Discover Nursing Taster sessions

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

Nursing Taster Weekend –

18 & 19th April 10-2pm

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Preston)

Study.Nursing@lthtr.nhs.uk

Apprenticeships in Construction

Talentview
CONSTRUCTION

Fancy a career in construction?

Talentview Construction is just what you need

How does Talentview Construction work?

- 1 **Head over** to talentview.org/construction.
 - 2 **Create** your profile page so employers can find you.
 - 3 **Choose** the type of work you're looking for.
 - 4 **Search** the list of regularly updated opportunities.
 - 5 **Set up** handy alerts for job and training opportunities.
- **Apprenticeships, trainee roles and first job opportunities?**
You'll find them all on Talentview Construction.
 - **Wondering if the world of construction's right for you?**
Find out which construction roles are most suited to your interests, skills and qualifications at [Go Construct](https://www.goconstruct.co.uk).



 **Dalkia**

Electrician Level 3

Building services engineer - Level 2

Plumbing- Level 2

Trainee Quantity Surveyor - Level 4

September start - [Apply Now](#)

Seddon
Homes
.co.uk

Trainee Site Manager - Level 4

Trainee Quantity Surveyor - Level 4

September start - [Apply Now](#)

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More opportunities, resources, and services!

Ignite Your Future at SPARK Degree Apprenticeship Event – Preston!

Join the SPARK Apprenticeship Event in Preston – a high-energy careers event AND a vacancy-matching service designed to connect you directly with employers who are actively recruiting!

- Meet friendly employers
 - Discover live apprenticeship vacancies
 - Get matched to opportunities based on your skills and interests
 - Receive expert careers guidance on the day
- 23rd April**



Looking for a Degree Apprenticeship?

SPARK - The Apprenticeship Marketplace

23rd April 2026

Pitch your skills to top employers at our speed-pitch event, featuring multiple degree apprenticeship opportunities.

Scan the QR code to register. Attendance requires registration with our Apprenticeship Matching Service.

AMS@blackburn.ac.uk Sign up and find out more information here

The poster features a blue background with white and red text. It includes a QR code and two small inset photos: one of a man in a suit talking to a woman, and another of a woman in a blue blazer speaking.



In this job simulation, you'll experience what life as a **Software Engineer at EA** would be like. We want you to feel empowered from the beginning with key insights into what lies ahead in your career at EA.

You will develop a new feature for the **EA Sports College football game as a junior software engineer.**

You will develop skills like critical thinking and problem solving while working with languages like Python and C++ to re-create and implement a new game along with so much more. **Apply here:**

Student Finance Applications Now Open

Student Finance England has opened applications for 2024/25. 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**



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LMI Spotlight on Manufacturing and Engineering



3,700
Businesses

There are **3,700 businesses** in this sector in Lancashire - that's nearly **10%** of all businesses in the area.



80,000
People employed

Over **80,000** people work for employers in this sector in Lancashire - that's **12%** of total employment.



£27,800
Average salary

This sector pays well. The average annual salary is **£27,800**.

	Design and Development Engineer	£24,000 - £50,000	Technician, Mechanical Engineer	Engineering Product Design, Industrial Design, Computer-Aided Design Engineering
	Aerospace Engineer	£25,000 - £52,000	Technician, Aerospace Engineer Apprentice	Aeronautical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Materials Science
	Chemical Engineer	£30,000 - £65,000	Process Engineer, Chemical Engineering Technician	Chemical Engineering, Advanced Manufacturing
	Motor Mechanic	£18,000 - £35,000	Apprentice Mechanic, Trainee Mechanic	Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair, Maintenance Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing
	Textile Dyeing Technician	£17,000 - £35,000	Trainee Dyeing Technician	Textile Design & Manufacture, Applied Science, Chemistry

JOB OF THE MONTH:

Manufacturing Engineer

Something to...

DO...



Complete student finance

If you are applying for university for 2026 applications for Student Finance are officially open – so don't miss out.

[Appy here](#)

LISTEN TO...



Jobs of the Future

Explores emerging career sectors, future jobs, and conversations with leaders shaping tomorrow's work – ideal for helping students think ahead.

[Jobs of the Future](#)

READ...



The Muse

Practical articles on job searching, workplace success, and career exploration. Great for students figuring out their next steps.

[The Muse](#)

WATCH ...



Future You

Future You is a careers and student advice podcast. From results day to starting your new job, we're with you every step of the way on your journey to future you.

[Future You](#)

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

