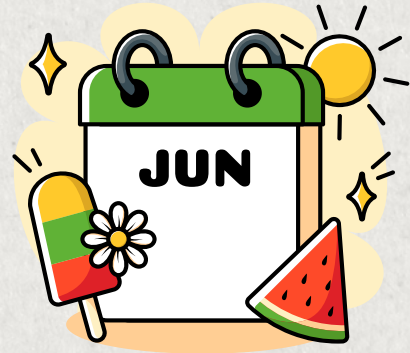
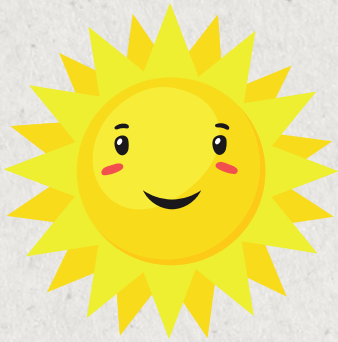


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With only one half-term of the academic year remaining now is the perfect time to ensure Careers plans are in place. Whether still confirming university for 2026 or starting to look for 2027, keen on finding an apprenticeship or progression in college, we are always available to help with your plans!

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 continuing their GCSE's and exams this month!

Careers quote of the month

'The future depends
on what you do
today' - Gandhi

Careers Tip of the month

Review and Adapt -
Your career plan should
be flexible. Industries
change, and your interests
will likely evolve.

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UCAS 2027 Applications Now Open!

September 2027 may seem a long way off (!) but students hoping to progress to university next year can now begin their application journey via the UCAS website. The Careers Team have already been busy out and about across college registering students and setting up their UCAS 'Hubs'. If we haven't been able to get to your group yet come and see us in The Careers Centre anytime for support with UCAS, researching options and beginning the exciting journey off to university!!!

UCAS Website Key Dates - Don't Miss Out!

May 12th 2026 - You can start applications and send to tutors for references / approval

Sept 01st 2026 - Completed applications can be submitted to UCAS (by your tutor)

Oct 01st 2026 - Conservatoire (specialist Performing Arts universities) application deadline

Oct 15th 2026 - Deadline for Oxford, Cambridge & most Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry courses

Jan 13th 2027 - Your completed application should be submitted

There are lots of benefits to starting/completing university applications early including increasing quality and knowing that it's all done and you can focus on your final year at college - come see us anytime for any help.

Wanting to go this year?

It's still not too late to secure a place for 2026. Come and see us in Careers to check eligibility, places remaining and support through

UCAS EXTRA and **CLEARING**

UCBC - Don't forget we have our own excellent University Centre here!!! - Get a Degree/HTQ/HNC/HND in a range of courses awarded by top universities, including Lancaster University, right here on your doorstep! Applications can be made directly through the Blackburn College website and you may be eligible for a bonus payment!

Student Finance Applications Now Open

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

Volunteering

Finding it hard to find work, develop skills or prove your skills in a real workplace? If so, **VOLUNTEERING** can be the answer! Access training, development and an opportunity to enhance job, apprenticeship, university applications right here in Blackburn whilst also supporting a local organisation.

Go to this CVS event or use their drop-ins advertised on their website to start your volunteering journey today!

Community & Voluntary Services Blackburn
www.communitycvs.org.uk

Thursday 4th June

Volunteer Fair

Do you want to volunteer or are you looking for volunteers?

If so, come along to our Volunteer Fair!

There will be lots of stalls with great volunteer opportunities, refreshments, and opportunities for networking.

11am-2pm

Conference Room, Boulevard Centre
45 Railway Road, Blackburn BB1 1EZ

Places limited – booking required
To book a place or for all enquiries please contact
Donna.falbot@communitycvs.org.uk



Maths & English

The Careers Team have been out supporting GCSE Maths & English exams across College and it's been great to see such good attendance and effort from our students! Remember that not having these qualifications can impact on CAREERS in terms of university, jobs and apprenticeships

Try your very best in all remaining exams and please come and see us for help with your options.

Remember to take advantage of our excellent SUCCESS CENTRE for all support with exam preparation and times.

Part-Time Work for STUDENTS

We're always getting asked about part-time jobs. One of the biggest local employers for students is at the mighty Blackburn Rovers FC!!! - Get an application in today to be a Safety Steward on matchdays!



Blackburn Rovers Vacancies
www.rovers.co.uk/club/job-vacancies



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What's coming up?



Calling CONSTRUCTION Students!

Want to get a CSCS Card ready for Labouring jobs over Summer? A great way to get experience and secure future jobs/apprenticeships.

CITB Health & Safety Training: Thursday 11th June - 08:30 - 16:30

Reserve a spot at:

www.onestopsafetytraining.com



Meet Your Army - Virtual Events

Title: Serving as LGBTQ+ In the British Army

Date & Time: Tuesday 9 June 18:00 - 19:00

Register at:

<https://jobs.army.mod.uk/meet-your-army/>

Title: Joining the Army Series: Officer

Date & Time: Tuesday 23 June 18:00 - 19:00

Interested in STEM careers?

Please see information about the Government Cyber/STEM Work Experience Day, taking place in **Manchester** this June. to explore roles in Cyber, Engineering, Analysis, and Linguistics, HR and Finance.

16th and 17th June 2026



Civil Service

For more information and to apply go to:

<https://uptree.co/events/civil-service/2208412713/>

Take the first step to becoming a Paramedic through an **APPRENTICESHIP!**

Apprenticeship EMT roles opening at NWS soon!

Scan QR Code to register for information event



CAREERS ALERT

Emergency Medical Technician Apprenticeship - opening soon -

Every second counts ... be the one to make it matter

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 5 GCSEs, grade 4-9 (or level 2 equivalent) inc English, maths and a science; OR
- GCSEs, grade 4-9 (or level 2 equivalent) in English and maths with relevant healthcare experience; AND
- A full UK manual driving licence with provisional or full C1 category

Do you want to learn more?

Join an online Support Session ...



You must have either a full or provisional C1 in place at application - for more info on applying for your provisional C1 go to www.dvla.gov.uk

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NEW Progression Careers Drop-Ins!

Not secured a place on a new course for September yet?

The Careers Team are offering specific drop-ins for any students who are struggling to find a course. Come and speak to us about your options and, where appropriate, we can set-up interviews with new courses across college.

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY UNTIL END OF TERM

13:00 - 15:00

EXCHANGE LIBRARY TECH BAR



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AI and Careers

Whilst the rise of AI is creating exciting opportunities it is also causing some students concerns regarding their Career Plans and how to use it effectively to help plan their futures.

Check out this excellent article that highlights some of the opportunities and challenges that Artificial Intelligence is creating in terms of Careers.

Read the full article at:

www.prospects.ac.uk/the-topic/the-impact-of-ai-on-making-early-career-decisions/

Apprenticeship Vacancies

[Dental Nurse - Blackburn](#)

[Marketing Apprentice - Blackburn](#)

[Business Admin - Pleckgate High School](#)

[Chef - Blackburn](#)

[Fire & Security Apprentice - Darwen](#)

[L2 Autocare - Preston](#)

Check out lots more
apprenticeship
vacancies at
www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship



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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**