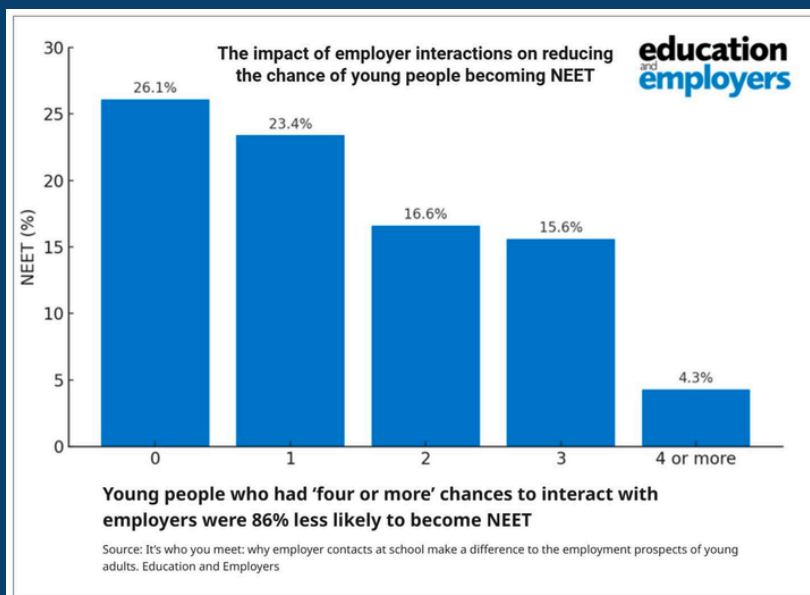


CAREERS EASTER 2026 AT PIGGOTT

CAREERS NEWS

On the 26th February I was lucky enough to attend the Careers and Enterprise Company (who support careers provision across the country) annual conference. I say 'lucky enough' because it really was incredibly inspiring.

The main theme for the day was 'modern work experience', exploring how to ensure students get meaningful opportunities to get out of school and really try out roles that might interest them in a world where the shift towards working from home makes finding placements for a full week increasingly challenging. A great many ideas were shared (I took pages and pages of furious notes) but I wanted to share an interesting stat with you:



Whilst 'interactions' doesn't have to mean off-site work experience, this data does go to show the value that work shadowing in Year 10 and work experience in Year 12 offers.

We've just launched Year 10 shadowing (more on that below) but for those Year 12s still struggling to find a placement for May, please keep on plugging!

Miss Smith

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SECTOR OF THE MONTH

Allied Health Professionals

I attended a really interesting webinar about fifteen roles which support healthcare, but which don't require studying medicine.

A few key highlights:

- Podiatrists can become qualified in surgical procedures including tendon transfers and bone pinning.
- The latest in prosthetics involves connecting the device directly to the patient's nervous system!
- If uni isn't for you, most of these roles offer training via an apprenticeship.

Interested in a career in the NHS?

[Click here](#) to use the South East Health and Care Careers Insights tool

[Click here](#) to take the NHS careers quiz (which covers roles outside of patient care)

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

2nd - 7th March

National Careers Week was, as you can imagine, a very busy (but hopefully successful) week!

Here's a round-up of the main activities:

Year 7

During tutor time, Year 7 were introduced to the idea of a career being a lifelong journey rather than just a series of jobs, whilst also getting a chance to guess what some of our staff got up to before becoming a teacher.

Year 8

Year 8 were encouraged to 'act it out', guessing what each job might be and the education and skills which might be needed for each. They also started to think about their skills, interests and values.

Year 9

The poor lambs got an assembly with me but it was a pleasure to get some face time with them and introduce myself. The main thing I wanted them to take away was that even though their big life decisions are a way off yet, there are clues in their school work, skills, hobbies and passions which might help them *just start* to think about careers which might suit them in the future.

Year 10

As well as being encouraged to log into Unifrog (the software the school uses for all things careers) and start completing the skills and interests quizzes, Year 10 were visited by a former Piggott student who is now a successful engineer. Mr Arnold (George) briefly talked about engineering and the green energy sector, but his main message was that his severe dyslexia hasn't been a barrier to a great career - he's just had to learn a few techniques to help him adapt.

Year 11

With their PPEs taking place just after NCW we kept things simple for Year 11, encouraging them to have a good play about with all that Unifrog has to offer.

Years 12 & 13

Former Piggott student George spoke more about engineering and sustainable energy to Year 12, and Year 13's careers assembly was all about [Planned Happenstance](#).

KS3 & 4

Join us for our GIRLS INTO ENGINEERING

Dive into the fascinating world of engineering with this three day, all inclusive residential course - opened to female students aged 12-14. Over three days, students will learn about:

Complex System Engineering

- Design and build a land buggy
- Solder components, mount sensors, and program it to navigate tough terrain
- Develop hardware, software, and problem-solving skills

Healthcare Technology

- Discover cutting-edge tech that helps doctors detect and predict illnesses
- Explore how organs and systems work through hands-on models
- Learn the science behind medical screening and diagnosis

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3 words that sum up this course for me are inspiring, enlightening and creative. I've really enjoyed it!
2025 student



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KS3 & 4



VIDEO ESSAY COMPETITION

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to create a 'talking head' video lecture on any topic of their choice for a chance to have it professionally edited and featured on [Massolit](#).

- 8-12 minutes
- Educational content
- Clear, concise delivery
- Using props if needed
- Will look great on your CV or uni application
- The winner and runners up get to attend a celebration event at Oxford University

Enter by Friday 26th June
[Find out more here](#)



HENLEY COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENT

Henley will be hosting their last open event of the academic year on the 23rd April.

[Click here for more information](#) and to reserve your place.

1st place

**£1,000 for the team
and £100 to each
winning team
member's school**



NO CODE HACKATON

**Sunday 12th April
10:00am - 4:00pm (online)
Students aged 14 - 18
£15 per student**

Students work in teams to respond to a real-world challenge revealed on the day using beginner friendly no-code platforms.

Design and prototype a digital solution with guidance from experienced mentors, developing skills in tech as well as:

- Collaborative working and communication
- Creative problem solving
- Analytical thinking and idea development
- Presenting ideas clearly and confidently

YEAR 10

WORK SHADOWING

Friday 10th & Monday 13th July

Year 10 get two days off timetable during the Summer term to get themselves out into a real workplace which is such an important part of their careers journey.

There are a few different ways that students can approach work shadowing:

- **Accompanying a parent or family member** in which case we ask the parent to complete [a simple Google Form](#)
- **Arranging a work placement outside of parental supervision** in which case, once the placement is agreed with the employer, please get in touch and I will guide you through the process we need to follow for safeguarding reasons.

Students without a placement are required to be in school full-time on both days during which there will be some careers workshops, virtual work experience and normal school work assigned.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

WORK EXPERIENCE WHY BOTHER?



- Explore specific job roles
- Understand different work environments
- Develop key skills
- Differentiate yourself from other candidates in the future

KS5



Top financial and auditing firm Crowe are running a series of FREE workshops covering both their own apprenticeship recruitment process but also important CV and interview skills. These will be well worth checking out!

Build a CV that gets Interviews

- 30th March, 10:00-10:30 - [register here](#)
- 2nd April, 13:00-13:30 - [register here](#)

Ace your Video Interview

- 30th March, 13:00-13:30 - [register here](#)
- 1st April, 10:00-10:30 - [register here](#)

Impress at In-Person Interviews

- 31st March, 13:00-13:30 - [register here](#)
- 2nd April, 10:00-10:30 - [register here](#)

Master the Crowe Application Process

- 31st March, 10:00-10:30 - [register here](#)
- 1st April, 13:00-13:30 - [register here](#)



LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB?

Local catering company Fingers & Forks are looking for casual waitstaff aged 16+ for their Summer wedding season at Stanlake Park near Twyford.

Experience is desirable but not essential since full training will be provided.

- Great rates of pay
- Zero hours contracts

Get in touch for more details:
info@fingersandforks.co.uk



Henley Business School's Pathways Summer School is a completely **FREE** four day residential summer school for year 12 students interested in a career in Real Estate and property development.

Interested in a career in Real Estate?

Meet people in the industry, work on a project, go on a site visit, and experience a staying at a university campus.

[Apply here by the 19th April.](#)

APPRENTICESHIPS

TOP PICKS



Learn how to undertake scientific analysis for the food, pharmaceutical and consumer goods industries whilst working towards your BSc in Chemical Science.

You will spend the first 24 months of the apprenticeship moving around different departments, learning more about the specialisms of each team to carry out lab work.

After 24 months, you'll join a specific department where you'll continue to grow and develop your skills.

We are looking for highly motivated people with a real passion for science and determination to learn. You'll need to be able to work well in a team, as well as independently and have excellent communication skills.

Laboratory Scientist (Chemistry). Degree Apprenticeship



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programme



Start in
September

DEMOCRACYTM

Democracy is the fastest-growing PR agency outside London – and we're looking to take on another two Digital Marketing Degree Apprentices to join our workforce.

We've been working closely with Manchester Metropolitan University for 5 years now to inspire a new age of talent in PR. Take a look at our Degree Apprenticeships page for more information on what life looks like as an apprentice at Democracy!

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Start in September



4 year programme

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Eurofins Forensic Services (EFS) is the largest forensic service provider in the UK and Europe.

Forensic Toxicology Degree Apprenticeship | Feltham

TRIANGLE TRAVEL.

Triangle Travel, founded in 2001, has six stores across Berkshire and Oxfordshire, including our Twyford store, which trades as Thames Valley Travel. Our team consists of knowledgeable, passionate, and dedicated travel experts, all of whom have travelled extensively around the world.

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VCI Systems strive to help small and medium-sized businesses in Reading, not only get the most out of their IT systems but also to support them in keeping their businesses safe online.

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