

HIGHER EDUCATION

Myth Buster!!!

You can’t do a degree if you have dyslexia.

False Dyslexia is not a reflection on a person’s intelligence: Alan Sugar, Albert Einstein and Eddie Izzard all have or had dyslexia. Many universities have a dyslexia service to provide diagnosis, support, advice and practical help.

Subject Spotlights



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- Why study Planning at university
- Skills, attributes, and qualities that prospective Planning students should demonstrate in their applications
- Career opportunities available to Planning graduates and the types of roles they typically pursue



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- Why consider studying Human Geography at university?
- How is a Human Geography university course different from a Geography university course?
- Application tips and personal statement advice.



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- Reasons why students might choose to study Computer Science at university
- What to expect from a Computer Science degree, including core disciplines covered
- Tips for prospective students when considering a Computer Science course

Open Days

 Leeds Trinity University	 Northumbria University NEWCASTLE	 LEEDS ARTS UNIVERSITY 1846	 Sheffield Hallam University
25 October	25 October	1 November	2 November

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference

These conferences provide comprehensive, tailored guidance for aspiring medical students, addressing a wide range of essential topics to support a successful application. Attendees will receive strategic advice on selecting the right universities, crafting compelling personal statements, and preparing effectively for the UCAT. The sessions also focus on developing strong interview skills for medical and dental school admissions. In addition, participants will learn about opportunities such as Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes, as well as how to enhance their profiles through extracurricular activities, relevant work experience, and applying for scholarships.



The Social Mobility Foundation (SMF) is a UK-based charity that supports high-achieving young people aged 16–25 from low-income backgrounds to access top universities and professional careers. Their work includes:

Aspiring Professionals Programme: Offers mentoring, university and job application support, skills development, and work experience.

Employer Index: Encourages employers to improve social mobility within their organisations.

Campaigning and Advocacy: Works to address structural barriers to social mobility and amplify the voices of underrepresented young people.

WORLD OF WORK

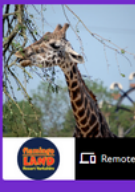
Use the half term to sharpen your skills and boost your CV. Volunteering locally or online can show initiative and build confidence, while free online courses on platforms like LinkedIn Learning or Coursera help you develop in-demand skills at your own pace. You can also attend virtual career events or connect with professionals on LinkedIn to expand your network and gain insights into your chosen field. Small steps now can lead to big opportunities later.



Work Experience Opportunities



Digital Insight into Coding - Remote Delivery (Leeds only)
with Kainos



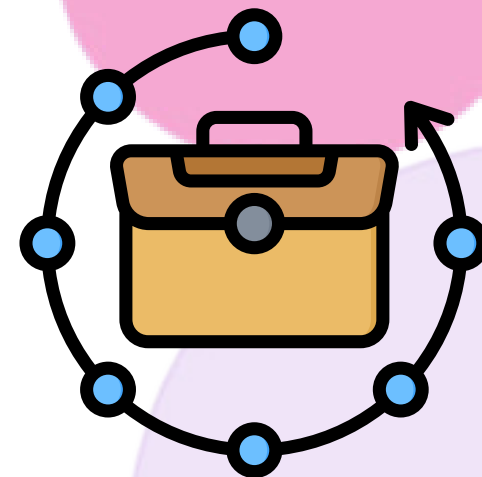
From Zookeeping to Zoo Careers – Virtual Experience with Flamingo Land
with Flamingo Land



Green Careers Week: Careers making a difference to protect the environment (2-day online work experience)



Make a positive difference in the UK: Fulfilling careers with purpose in industry
with The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry



Apprenticeship Opportunities

Use your break to explore apprenticeship opportunities and register your interest across different sectors:

- GOV.UK – Find an Apprenticeship Create a profile and apply for roles in business, engineering, healthcare, digital, and more.
- Browse by Interests (GOV.UK) Discover apprenticeships by category—construction, animal care, legal, hospitality, and more.
- Apprenticeships.gov.uk – Sector Explorer Learn about career paths and qualifications in creative, IT, care services, and transport sectors.
- UCAS Apprenticeships Search by industry or employer and get guidance on applications and interview prep.
- ApprenticeWatch Get real-time alerts, optimize your CV, and explore sector-specific openings.

The October half term is the perfect time to get ahead—registering early means you’ll be first in line when new roles open.



LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES



Looking for a job that fits around school, college or university?

WED 4 LESS
OUTLETS

Service Colleague Store

RIVER ISLAND

Coffee 28

SEND SUPPORT

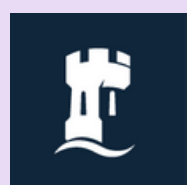


If you have dyslexia it is worth looking into what support is available. For example, explore whether you can get help with extra costs for provision of materials in a suitable format and extra time for assessments and exams.

National Careers Service
Helping you take the next step

The National Careers Service offers free, tailored support for individuals with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). Services include career advice, supported internships (for ages 16–24 with an EHCP), Access to Work funding, and help connecting with inclusive employers.

University of the Week



University of Nottingham
UK | CHINA | MALAYSIA

1st

for graduates entering highly-skilled jobs
HESA Graduate Outcomes 2025

Top 100

university in the world
QS World University Rankings 2026

Top 20

university in the UK
QS World University Rankings 2026

Career of the Week

Occupational therapists help people of all ages overcome physical, emotional, or cognitive challenges to live more independently, using creative, hands-on strategies to improve daily life skills. To enter this rewarding field in the UK, you’ll need a BSc in Occupational Therapy approved by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), or you can pursue a degree apprenticeship that combines study with paid work.

This career is ideal for empathetic, solution-oriented individuals who want to make a meaningful difference in people’s lives
Salary starts at around 28,000 and goes up to 42,000 on the NHS banding.



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Analytical/ Creative
Problem-solving
Creativity & Innovation
Critical Thinking

Interpersonal
Communication
Emotional Intelligence
Collaboration

Future Ready
Data Literacy
Financial Literacy
Digital Literacy

