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UCAS Results Day 2024: Record acceptances for UK 18-year-olds



Data from UCAS on 19th September reveals 277,790 UK 18-year-olds have been accepted as undergraduates, up from 270,350 (+2.8%) in 2023. The overall number has been driven by UK 18-year-olds, while there is a decline in mature and international students getting a place. Mature acceptances (UK aged 21 and over) have declined, while total international acceptances are marginally down. Read more at: [Record acceptances for UK 18-year-olds as international growth flattens out](#)

Market topping Salaries for School-Leaver Solicitor Apprentices



This article, also launching Legal Cheek's own 2025 Solicitor Apprenticeship Most List, shares salary information for some well-known companies; while its Most List looks at life as an apprentice at over 30 firms (from Magic Circle to UK-based global and leading specialist), allowing aspiring apprentices to compare law firms on apprenticeship numbers, salary and location. See: [White & Case offers market topping £32k salary to school-leaver solicitor apprentices.](#)

Half a billion investment in the UK to support jobs and drive growth



Leonardo, a world-leading defence, aerospace, and security company, will invest £435m, at Yeovil and in technology development and research programmes across the UK. Marcegaglia, a steel manufacturer, will invest £50m in Sheffield to build a new clean steel electric arc furnace, fifty new jobs directly and indirectly. Find out more: [here](#).

How to manage loan repayment and student debt



This article published on FE News is useful for those starting university this September or making future applications. It discusses types of debt, credit awareness, loan repayment terms, wise budgeting, and tracking spending; Read more at: [FE News | How Smart Education Can Save Students from a Lifetime of Debt](#).

Joint Council for Qualifications



In the JCQ's September 2024 newsletter is their Updated Guidance for 2024-2025. The update includes information on the Special Consideration process and Exam Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments, which may help support Careers Leads with preventing barriers to progression impacting on the educational attainment and career plans of their students. Read more here: [JCQ Update - September 2024](#).

Upcoming Events

Medic Mentor: Dentistry VIRTUAL Conference 28th September



Medic Mentor are running a 'Get into' Conference on Dentistry on 28th September. Covering Interviews, UCAT exams, accessing Work Experience, Scholarships and Personal Statement format for Sept 2026. Time 9:30am-3:30pm. Students and parents/carers can register for free at: [September 2024 - Get into Dentistry Conference](#).

National Manufacturing Day 26th September 2024



Reminder: Manufacturers throughout the UK will once again be opening their doors on Thursday 26th September. Members of the public will be invited into factories and sites for a behind-the-scenes look at how Manufacturers' facilities work, as part of this UK-wide Open House. To find an Employer event near you or sign up as a pledged employer, see: www.nationalmanufacturingday.org.

Hurry to register - USA College Day – 27th and 28th September



The US-UK Fulbright Commission's College Day provides an opportunity for students and parents to find out about studying in the US and meet with admissions officers from top US schools. The largest American university fair in the UK, it attracts more than 120 exhibitors. The event is being held in the ILEC Centre in London on 27th and 28th September. The event is free to attend, you can register [here](#).

BIMM University's October Open Days



Many Universities, UTCs and FE Colleges hold Open Days in September or October, to support those year 13s who are still decision-making and those year 11s and 12s who are looking to the future. This includes BIMM Music Institute, who are holding Saturday Open Days in Birmingham and Manchester on 5th October and London, Brighton and Bristol on 12th October for budding performers, music producers and sound engineers. [Book here](#) or see [Opendays.com](#).

PwC: Flying Start 2025 entry degree programmes – virtual events



PwC's Flying Start programme allows students the opportunity to take integrated, paid placements in Accounting or Business Management while studying. Students will build their creative thinking skills and have the possibility of a role with PwC after graduation. The virtual events for parents/carers, teachers and students to find out more are running from September to November, sign-up at: [School and College PwC Flying Start events](#).

Digdata virtual work experience events – October 2024



Digdata has partnered with Meta to offer FREE virtual work experience events this October via Teams. Supporting young people with employability skills such as problem solving, data literacy, storytelling, and presentation skills, 'Making WhatsApp Even More Awesome for Everyone!' on 15th October is for years 7-9; while 'Join Forces with Instagram and Gold Medalist Keely Hodgkinson to Launch Game-Changing Trainers!' on 16th October, for years 10-13. Students and parents/carers can [Register here](#).

Recommended Websites & Resources

Try a university degree before you apply



[Springpod](#) enables young people to experience a university course or career before they apply. Partnering with universities and employers there are interactive, experiential learning programmes from work experience to university course taster experiences. Browse the [library of subject spotlights](#) to gain insights into subjects offered by universities.

FutureSmart Careers - September Blog



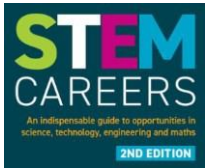
This month's FutureSmart Careers blog discusses "Degree vs Apprenticeship: which path is right for you?" Including a description of each route, factors that will help in decision-making, choosing a university course and the careers accessible through an apprenticeship; there are links to pros and cons and a comparison guide to support your students in making an informed choice. View our blog: [here](#).

Success at School's autumn 2024 Careers webinars



Success at School is a national Careers organisation for 13-19s. They help guide young people to making well-informed decisions about their future pathways. Working with students, parents, carers, careers leaders, and other stakeholders, to connect them with employers, industry experts, and universities while receiving impartial advice and guidance, they create up-to-date resources for schools and their autumn 2024 Careers webinar series begins on 24th September. Register [here](#).

STEM Careers



Written by STEM Careers expert Liz Painter, this guide helps the reader to decide on a STEM Career. With insider insights, inspiring stories and chapters for parents/carers and teachers, the book provides details of academic and vocational qualifications and entry routes; as well as advice on building STEM skills, finding work experience and applying for jobs. Available now from [Amazon](#).

Future Quest Healthcare – website



Future Quest Healthcare is supporting students to explore healthcare careers, plan a path and realise their potential through activities and information. Aimed at pupils in years 10-13, the programmes include Nursing Pathways, currently active at City of Bristol College and South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS). For more information, see: [Future Quest Healthcare](#).

Introducing Circomedia's Circus Academy



Offering a range of BTEC, Foundation Degree, BA (Hons) and MA courses, Circomedia's Circus Academy enables students to study circus and physical theatre to develop as a performer. In partnership with City of Bristol College and Bath Spa University, Circomedia is based in Bristol, famous for its theatre industry links. To find out more about courses, entry requirements and how to apply, see: [Circus Academy - Circomedia](#).

National Space Academy: Find Your Space careers resources for teachers and students



Funded by the UK Space Agency, the National Space Academy has created resources for students and teachers. With videos of people working within the Space sector, students can find out about work experience taken and routes in, as well as view the Academy's YouTube channel. Teachers can use the resources to hold "mini careers events" or incorporate the videos into their lessons. Find Your Space [here](#).

Apprenticeship Opportunities

The National Apprenticeship Show – Autumn/Winter and Spring 2024/25



The FREE 2024/25 National Apprenticeship Show begins this autumn with events in Bristol, Newcastle and Liverpool and spring events in Exeter, Surrey, Coventry, and Glasgow. Promoting apprenticeships (some also host UniversityFest), the events provide an opportunity for groups of year 11s, 12s or 13s, as well as young adults, to meet regional apprenticeship employers and providers. With dedicated Parent/Carer/Individual Open Evenings too, you can register at: [The National Apprenticeship Show 2024-2025](#).

Introducing Success at School's new online community 'Ask an Apprentice'!



Success at School have recently created a new online community, 'Ask an Apprentice,' also aimed at 13–19-year-olds who are interested in apprenticeship training routes after year 11 or year 13. Students will be able to ask an apprentice any question about apprenticeships, their pathway to training and life as an apprentice. To join the waiting list for autumn 2024, sign-up at: [Ask an Apprentice - successatschool.org](#).

AWE opens applications for 2025 Early Careers programme!



Applications invited from 16th September for Level 3, 4 and 5 and degree Apprenticeships in: Design & Construction Management, Electronic Design, Manufacturing, Building & Services and Project Management. With Degree Apprenticeships in Nuclear Engineering (Mechanical) or Nuclear Engineering (Electrical) also live 14th October, students and young adults are spoilt for choice!. See: [Our careers – AWE OR Level 6 \(Degree Apprenticeships\) – AWE](#).

BBC Apprenticeships webinar 22nd October, in partnership with Amazing Apprenticeships



Covering apprenticeships at the world's largest public broadcasting organisation you can gain insight into the range of opportunities - from journalism to project management, data science to engineering. Hear from the BBC's Early Careers team about the recruitment process and how to make your application stand out, as well as from current apprentices about life as an apprentice at the BBC. Register at: [Apprenticeships with the BBC – Amazing Apprenticeships](#).

For Careers Leaders/Heads of Careers Department

Smallpeice Trust September newsletter: Coding Success 4.0 training



The Smallpeice Trust September newsletter contains details of their Coding Success 4.0 training for Teachers 2024-2025 in London, the Southeast and Scotland. Funded by the Royal Air Force and BAE Systems and delivered in partnership with Raising Robots it provides training for one teacher, a resource bank, LEGO® Spike™ prime kit (valued at over £600) and curriculum-aligned lesson plans. Aimed at students aged 8-14, you can book [here](#).

WISE and MIT research project info webinar – 30th September



WISE, in collaboration with the Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is involved in a new research initiative aimed at Schools and Colleges to help transform how students navigate university applications with a focus on Year 12/13 students: [WISE & MIT](#). Participation will help enhance equity in access to higher education and give insights into closing the gender gap in STEM. Webinar time: 4-4:45pm. To Sign-up, register your interest [here](#).

National Space Academy: Space sector careers webinar for Careers Advisers



The National Space Academy are offering a space sector webinar for Careers Advisers on Wednesday 2nd October 3-4pm. You'll find out about the varied careers in the sector, including those for students without a STEM background. To find out more and to register, see: [Space sector careers webinar](#).

UWE Bristol's outreach talks for schools and colleges



UWE Bristol delivers talks to schools and colleges about Digital Media, Games Technology, Creative Music Technology and Audio and Media Technology degree courses. Offering insight into the many creative and technical careers available in Bristol and worldwide, the programmes produce industry-ready graduates. Digital media or Games Technology talk: lloyd.savickas@uwe.ac.uk; Creative Music Technology or Audio and Media Technology: Maxwell.davies@uwe.ac.uk

Worldskills UK Learning Lab – resource for Careers Leads



The Worldskills UK Learning Lab is a virtual learning centre providing on-demand teaching and assessment resources and training tools to embed world-class skills in technical education and apprenticeships. Helping to raise learner motivation and offering free e-learning resources and benchmarking tools, to find out more, see: [WorldSkills UK Learning Lab](#).

FutureSmart Essentials for schools

FutureSmart Careers offers a range of well-loved packages for schools but can also tailor a plan to fit schools' needs exactly.

FutureSmart Essentials is our essential package for schools and includes

- Suite of downloadable resources
- 9-5 careers advice helpline
- Monthly newsletters with news, events and opportunities

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Many schools upgrade to **FutureSmart Pro** which includes all of the benefits of Essentials plus additional in-school support from our team of qualified advisers for workshops, personal guidance sessions, talks and other activities tailored to the schools' exact requirements.

To find out about FutureSmart Essentials and how else we can support schools, please don't hesitate to contact us on **0330 311 9509**

ASK Programme for Devon and Oxfordshire



If you are school or college in Devon or Oxfordshire, please free to contact us for assemblies, application workshops, webinars and resources.



For Devon schools contact us at askdevon@futuresmartcareers.co.uk

For Oxfordshire schools contact us at askoxfordshire@futuresmartcareers.co.uk

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