



**Royal Wootton Bassett  
Academy Sixth Form  
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On **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, Year 12 students will be attending the Cardiff University open day. Places are limited.

Please log into parent pay to secure your place.



Congratulations to those students who collected results on Thursday. There were some very happy faces!!



**The Year 13 Valedictory will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at Wellington Barn.**

Parentpay is now open to reserve your place.



On **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March RWBA** will be celebrating Earth day.

Students are encouraged to wear something blue and green and donate to the cause.

The focus this year is **'Our Power, Our Planet'**

**The theme for Earth Day 2025 is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030.**

**How? By joining us in Earth Action Day, encouraging all to take action—educate, advocate, and mobilize.**

**Pledge an Earth Action on social media.**

Students will be reflecting on their own actions to protect the planet and consider taking part in global events across the world on 22<sup>nd</sup> April (Global Earth Day!)

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2025/>

Knowledge is key to making an impact. Check out the volunteer toolkits below to learn how anyone can help solve some of the world's most pressing issues.

**"We need to build a global citizenry fluent in the concept of climate change and inspired by environmental education to act in defense of the planet."**

— EARTHDAY.ORG President Kathleen Rogers.

# Swindon MUSIC SERVICE



## North Wiltshire Schools Music Festival 2025

We have ten Primary School choirs visiting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March for the North Wiltshire Primary School Music Festival and we are in need of Sixth Form Volunteers to act as Primary School liaisons!

If you are interested, you will need to be available **3-7:15pm (or at least 3-6pm)**. This volunteer role will suit students who are interested contributing to the wider life of the school, interested in Music and / or Performing Arts or students who are interested in a career in the education sector. Feedback from last year's volunteers: 'they were marvellous'.

If you're marvellous and would like to volunteer, please email [ehodgson@rwba.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk](mailto:ehodgson@rwba.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk) if you are able to volunteer. This is a one-off opportunity!

Mrs Hodgson  
Head of Music  
RWBA

**Y13 Economists** spent Wednesday in Bristol at an A Level conference run by Tutor2U. Here students were given exam tips ready for their upcoming A Level in May. All enjoyed competing for the pens, stickers and notebooks on offer for the best answers and several students were successful.







We have a range of exciting placement opportunities for students seeking a paid structured gap year placement, starting this August/September (lasting 12 months).

[EDT Placements](#) works with large and small companies across the UK, which provide challenging placements to help students test-drive a potential career and gain hands-on experience in a career relevant field, before students start university or an apprenticeship.

### **Current placement opportunities?**

We have opportunities in various UK locations for students seeking work in: **Engineering, Technology, IT, Business, Marketing, Communications, Data Analytics/Science, Finance or Software Engineering.**

To View **all** our current vacancies, click [here](#)

To View **only** our ScottishPower vacancies, click [here](#)

### **When should I apply?**

- **By Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** (for opportunities with ScottishPower in their Glasgow, Prenton or London sites)
- Students can continue to apply after 28<sup>th</sup> March for our other companies.
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**How do I apply?** [Apply Here](#)

### **What kind of work will I do?**

Individual placements are highly diverse. They might involve carrying out research, designing prototypes, planning projects, marketing and comms, devising networking methods, data projects, process improvement, software development, financial planning and much more. We only work with companies

who can guarantee you work with senior staff on projects addressing real business issues.

**Scheme Benefits:**

- Students will receive **Mentoring support** throughout their placement
- Be able to access our **Masterclass Skills webinars** for free
- Students can choose to complete the **Industrial Cadet Platinum Level Award** during their placement. [Industrial Cadets Award](#)
- Complete an optional online Maths course to keep maths skills sharp whilst out of academia (cost involved)

**Join our EDT Placements Open Day Webinar:**

We would like to invite your students, and their parents, to join our **FREE 'EDT Placements Open Day Webinar'** that is taking place via Zoom next week on;

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 4pm-5pm**

This is an ideal session for students seeking a paid placement starting this August/September 2025 (lasting 12 months).

During this Webinar students will be able to find out more about our Placements programme and how it can help them to find a paid work placement to enhance their skills and gain experience and professional development. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions to our Placements Team and Placement panel of current and past placed Students.

If you'd like to join the session, please follow the link below;

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

# - DRONES IN - HEALTHCARE

## 2 APRIL 2025

19:30 - 21:00 PM

The Deanery CE Academy, Swindon, SN1 7DA



Apian are a healthcare logistics company deploying drones to support NHS logistics. Drones enable faster, greener and more traceable logistics, in this lecture Amy will cover the work of Apian to date, and talk about the possibilities drones unlock, as well as the challenges faced by small startups like hers who are trying to operate in this space.

## Amy Labrum

Director of Operations |  apian

Amy is the Director of Operations and Programme Management at Apian, where she leads the team driving the integration of drone technology into healthcare logistics. With a strong background in Project Management within health and social care, including overseeing major programmes for the Care Homes division of the Royal British Legion, Amy transitioned into the drone industry. At Apian, she has been pivotal in launching three pilot programmes and continues to lead operational efforts, delivering innovative and impactful solutions in healthcare logistics.



## REGISTRATION

To register, please contact Branch Secretary  
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# NHS FINANCE INSIGHTS PLACEMENT SCHEME

An exciting career opportunity for students  
aged 18 and above from low-income families



What could a career in NHS finance offer? Watch our animation here: <https://www.youtube.com>



When you think about working in the NHS which career springs to mind?

Perhaps a doctor or a nurse?

It might surprise you to learn that there are over 350 different types of career in the NHS, including a career in NHS Finance.

There are a range of roles working as part of the finance team that supports the patient services provided by the NHS that you and your friends and family receive care from throughout your lives.

## What is the NHS Finance Insights placement scheme?

An exciting career opportunity for young people from low-income families to take part in a paid 12-month placement scheme within the finance department of an NHS organisation within their region. The NHS is a fantastic place to work as it provides an array of benefits including good starting salaries with opportunities for yearly pay increases as well as excellent progression and promotion opportunities through the pay grades. It also provides a real sense of job satisfaction as working for the NHS means contributing to the health and wellbeing of thousands of people every day which is why many people choose to work in the NHS, instead of opting for a typical office job.

Placements are available in each region of England starting in September 2025 and will provide:

- 12 months of on-the-job experience in an entry-level finance role.
- Experience working in an office and amongst clinical environments, with hybrid and flexible working patterns.
- Rotations through different departments within finance to gain exposure to various areas and projects.
- Opportunities to work with a wide range of diverse and talented people across the NHS.
- Insight into how the NHS operates as a business and how finance teams support services delivered to patients in local communities.
- Training and development throughout the 12 months.
- Attendance at online and in-person events.
- The chance to meet and network with your peers on the placement scheme across the country.

The scheme's goal is to help each young person gain a broad range of experiences in a finance role, offering a fantastic opportunity for career development. Upon completion of the placement, participants should be well-prepared to apply for new job opportunities such as entry-level NHS roles, or an apprenticeship. They should also gain the confidence to transition into professional working environments, marking a significant step in their career journey.

## Entry requirements

The initiative aims to support young people aged 18+ from low-income families, and applicants interested must meet the following criteria:

- Attending state school or college, or have done within the past two years, minimum Grade C / 4 in GCSE Maths is desirable but not essential, *and*
- Not planning on attending university, *and*
- The occupation of your main household earner is categorised as a lower socio-economic background\*, *or*
- Have been eligible for free school meals\*\* at any point in the previous six years

\*Parental occupation classification is a national standard, and the Social Mobility Work's toolkit ([found here](#)) provides details on the categorisations. "Lower socio-economic" typically refers to individuals or groups who have lower income, less educational attainment, and often work in lower-paying or less stable jobs.

\*\*Free School Meals are a statutory benefit available to school-aged children from families who receive other qualifying benefits and who have been through the relevant registration process. It does not include those who receive meals at school through other means e.g., boarding school.

We are also interested to hear about any extra-curricular activities and hobbies/interests that may help support an application.

## The NHS is one of the world's best employers!

A career within the NHS can offer a fantastic array of opportunities to progress quickly with rewarding benefits. There is no single career path for NHS finance staff, a career in NHS finance can cater for all.



*One thing that really motivated me was to choose a career that made a difference to people's lives. I knew that by working for the NHS, however small a job and no matter how far away from the front line, I would be able to contribute to the public.*



Lei Wei, Chief Finance Officer  
Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS  
Foundation Trust

Find out more [www.financecareers.nhs.uk](http://www.financecareers.nhs.uk)

# Why apply?

If you are thinking about your future and want to explore different career options, then the NHS is a great starting point! A future career within finance may be something you would find really interesting, and throughout the placement you will gain experience into different finance roles and projects within the NHS. The placement scheme will give you the opportunity to work as part of a finance team and with a diverse range of people from different departments such as clinicians (nurses & doctors) and other non-finance staff. This will help you to gain insight into how the NHS works as a business and how it ensures its services are provided to the patients in local communities. Throughout the scheme you will develop both technical and non-technical skills (e.g. IT skills, database and spreadsheets, team-working and collaboration, meeting and event attendance) that you can use for future roles and include within a CV for future job applications. If you enjoy working with computers, like problem solving, find working with numbers fun and challenging, then this opportunity may be perfect for you! You may not know currently what you would like to do as a career and this opportunity may just help provide you with the knowledge, experience and confidence to start your career development journey.

The placement scheme offers paid work experience, designed to help you explore potential career paths after leaving education. Whilst this opportunity is a step before an apprenticeship or a full-time role, and does not include a qualification or guarantee a permanent job at the end of the 12 months, it provides invaluable real-world experience and will be highly beneficial when applying for future jobs and roles.

# How to apply

To apply you must meet the entry requirements outlined on page 3 of this brochure and complete an online application form where you will be asked to provide your personal details and answer a few short questions about why you are applying for the placement scheme.

Apply using our online application form: <https://forms.office.com/e/15bt1wim9K>

Please complete and submit your application by 5pm Friday 23rd May 2025.

All applications will be reviewed and shortlisted. Shortlisted applicants will then be invited to attend a 30 minute interview in June to discuss their application in more detail. Following interviews, the successful applicants will be contacted via email to confirm them onto the placement scheme, ahead of the placement beginning in September 2025.

If you have any questions about the scheme, or need help with an application please contact [finance.academy@nhs.net](mailto:finance.academy@nhs.net).





Robinson College  
University of Cambridge

**We are delighted to welcome representatives from Robinson College to RWBA.**

Robinson College, Cambridge is offering an interview support session for the **aspiring Year 12 Oxbridge students** on **1st April 4pm to 5pm** in the SFLT.

Please see Mrs Vaughan for further details.



**PwC Teacher, Parent & Career Adviser  
Information Session**

*Wednesday, 26th March 3:30pm – 4:30pm*

**Supporting Future Careers - PwC Discovery Event**

Helping students make informed career choices can be challenging, especially with so many opportunities available. Join us for the PwC Parent and Teacher Information Session to gain valuable insights into PwC's career pathways and how you can support students in their journey.

**Event Details**



Event: PwC Parent and Teacher Information Session

**Date: Wednesday, 26th March**

Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Location: Virtual

**Why Attend?**

PwC is one of the world's leading professional services firms, offering exceptional career pathways for students through Flying Start Degree Programmes, Apprenticeships, Work Experience, and Graduate opportunities. This session is designed to provide parents and teachers with valuable insights into:

The range of career opportunities available at PwC

How students can stand out in the application process

The skills and attributes PwC looks for in future talent

How PwC supports young professionals in their career development

This event is open to parents, guardians, teachers who want to understand the opportunities available for students at PwC and how to support them in making informed career decisions.

Register Here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PwC-Parent-Teacher>





## **Easter STEM Work Experience with Spectris PLC** **Wednesday, 16th of April from 9am - 3pm**

This is a very rare and unique opportunity for your students to hear from one of the largest Science and Engineering firms in the world. During the day your students will take part in case studies around STEM topics, a live lab tour at one of their sites as well as meeting with top scientists and engineers who work at the company.

Are you interested in pursuing a career in engineering, science, or anything to do with STEM? Would you like to gain some rare and invaluable work experience with multiple global FTSE companies? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you!

We are excited to announce that on **Wednesday, 16th of April from 9am - 3pm**, we will be hosting a virtual work experience day with Spectris, Malvern Panalytical, HBK and Servomex!

Spectris are a FTSE company and own all the other science and engineering-based companies mentioned above. Collectively they operate in over 30 countries, employ over 7,500 people globally, and have generated a revenue of over a billion pounds as of 2024!

Each of the companies Spectris owns specialises in a very specific areas of science and engineering and during this work experience day you will get the opportunity to take part in workshops and network with each of their companies.

Participating in an event such as this will not only allow you to learn more about industry, but it will also give you a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience that will be beneficial for adding value to your CV and LinkedIn profile. This will show employers (including Spectris) that you are proactive and looking to develop your skillset before entering the workplace, which can help you to be recognised as an ambitious and motivated individual as well as allowing you to stand out from other students.

Please sign up for this incredible opportunity, by using the registration link below. After the event you will receive a certificate that you can use on your CV's and any job applications that you make.

Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Spectris-Easter>

The logo for Young Professionals, featuring the word "YOUNG" in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font above the word "PROFESSIONALS" in a smaller, bold, blue sans-serif font. The text is set against a light blue, slightly blurred rectangular background.





# SIDLEY

## **International Law Firm Undergraduate Bursary Programme**

*If you are in Year 13 and hold an offer to study law at a UK university, you could be eligible to apply for Sidley's Undergraduate Bursary programme!*

As part of our commitment to increasing diversity at Sidley and within the legal profession, we are proud to introduce our **bursary programme** to support talented law students from less advantaged backgrounds.

### **What the bursary offers:**

- ✓ **Financial support** throughout your undergraduate law degree
- ✓ **Guaranteed work experience** at Sidley
- ✓ **Mentoring opportunities** from legal professionals
- ✓ **A chance to focus on your studies** without financial concerns

📣 **Up to five successful candidates** will receive this incredible opportunity.

Don't miss out - applications will open on 24 March 2025 and will close on 17 May 2025!

**Apply now:**

**<https://www.sidleycareers.com/en/europe/london-opportunities?tab=london-undergraduate-bursary-programme>**



# **KPMG Virtual Experience Day**

## **Easter Holidays**

Monday, 14th April - 10am - 3pm

***Gain Real-World Experience with KPMG***

Are you a **Year 11, 12, 13 student** interested in gaining **work experience with one of the world's leading professional services firms?**

Join the **KPMG Virtual Work Experience Day** during the Easter Break to explore career opportunities in **business, finance, accounting, and professional services** while developing key employability skills.

### **Event Details**

**Date:** Monday, 14th April

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual (join from anywhere)

**Who Can Attend?** Year 11, 12 and 13 students

### **What to Expect?**

- Learn about **KPMG's early career pathways**
- Take part in **interactive sessions and real-world business case studies**

- Gain insights into **careers in professional services**
- Hear from **current apprentices and senior professionals** about their experiences at KPMG

### Why Attend?

This **one-day virtual experience** is designed to give students **valuable exposure to the world of professional services**, helping them build confidence, develop key skills, and gain an understanding of **career opportunities at KPMG**.

Whether you are considering an apprenticeship, exploring work experience or simply want to learn more about the industry, this event will provide **first-hand insights and career advice** to help you take the next step.

**Register now to secure your place!**

Register Here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KPMG-Virtual>







## Exciting Apprenticeship Opportunities with Forvis Mazars – For Year 13 Students

Are you finishing **Year 13 or your second year of A-Levels, BTECs, or equivalent qualifications** this summer? Looking for an alternative to university that still leads to a **professional career in finance and audit**?

Forvis Mazars, a leading global professional services firm, is offering **three fantastic school leaver apprenticeship opportunities** in Nottingham. These apprenticeships provide a **paid, full-time role** where you'll gain valuable experience, work towards a professional qualification, and kickstart a successful career—without the university debt!

### Why Choose a School Leaver Apprenticeship with Forvis Mazars?

- Get **paid to train** and gain real-world audit experience
- Work towards a **globally recognised qualification** in accounting
- Be supported by **industry-leading professionals and mentors**
- Gain exposure to a **variety of industries and clients**
- Build a career with **one of the world's top audit and advisory firms**

### Apprenticeships Available in Nottingham:

#### Audit – Social Sector School Leaver Apprentice

Passionate about making a difference? Work with **charities, social enterprises, and non-profits**, helping them maintain financial transparency and accountability. A great option for those who want a **rewarding career with social impact**.

Apply Here:

<https://jobs.mazars.co.uk/jobs/vacancy/audit---social-sector-school-leaver-apprentice---1-september-2025---nottingham-4618-nottingham/4636/description/>