

Careers Bulletin

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October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the October bulletin. This month has seen a lot of information go out for Year 11's regarding Colleges' open events as well as Year 11's receiving assemblies from Richard Taunton College, Barton Peveril, South Hants Colleges and Brockenhurst College. Our website continues to provide links to colleges and other providers of training around apprenticeships.

During November Year 11's should be focusing on college application forms by drafting a personal statement as well as looking at Apprenticeships as a future option. The Year 11's will continue to receive 1-1 careers advice from our career's adviser. All Year 11's will receive a session with the EBP Careers Adviser by March 2025.



Thursday 6th November: Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening by EBP South 6-7pm and 7-8pm. See the letter sent home with specific times for each tutor group.

Year 10' Work Experience is between 18th May-22nd May 2026

The current Year 10's will get their work experience in May 2026 however the planning for this event will begin in November on Thursday 6th November-Work Experience Information Evening. Further details are in the email letter sent out two weeks ago.

--Upcoming events in November 2025--

Wednesday 19th November: Vocational Pathways Workshops- 11.10-12.10 or 12.10-13.10pm. Letters already issued. Reply via the link

Thursday 20th November MTCP- Year 10 Maritime & Transport visit to Southampton Cruise Terminal. Letters already issued. Reply via the link

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MTCP Careers Day – Over 16 sessions

Nov 20, 2025



Year 11 Careers Interviews continue this term. Tutors receive the list and times for pupils each week.

--College information and updates--

There are still some dates for Year 11's to attend. Dates in 2026 are ideally for Year 10's -to start early thinking about your future.

<p>Richard Taunton Sixth Form College www.richardtaunton.ac.uk</p> 	<p>Wednesday 8 October 2025: 6pm – 8pm Wednesday 19 November 2025: 6pm-8pm Thursday 14 May 2026: 6pm-8pm (Register online)</p>
<p>Eastleigh College & Apprenticeships www.eastleigh.ac.uk</p> 	<p>Wednesday 22 October 2025: 5pm – 7pm Tuesday 25 November 2025: 5pm-7pm (Register online)</p>
<p>Totton College (book online) www.totton.ac.uk</p> 	<p>Tuesday 14 October 2025: 5.30pm – 7.30pm Thursday 6 November 2025: 5.30pm – 7.30pm Monday 2 March 2026: 5.30pm – 7.30pm Tuesday 16 June 2026: 5.30pm – 7.30pm</p>
<p>Sparsholt College www.sparsholt.ac.uk</p> 	<p>Saturday 4 October 2025: 10am – 4pm Saturday 8 November 2025: 10am – 2pm Saturday 7 February 2026 Saturday 7 March 2026</p>

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APPRENTICESHIPS VS UNIVERSITY



WHY CHOOSE AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeships have become increasingly more popular over the past five years, even more so now. There is a wide range of different and diverse roles you can pursue through an apprenticeship, be that in engineering, health and social care, business or even science.

BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP

- Earn while you learn
- High quality training
- You can still get a degree
- Gain hands on experience in your chosen career and much more!

APPRENTICESHIP MYTHS

"Apprenticeships are for those who do not perform academically."

FALSE - they are a fantastic opportunity for all kinds of people looking to expand their knowledge and upgrade their skill sets, by getting stuck right into a job.

"Apprenticeships are only for manual trade jobs."

FALSE - This is not entirely true, although there may be a wide range of apprenticeships in construction, engineering, IT services, which are very hands-on, there are also a vast choice of vocational trades such as law, fashion, media.

"Apprentices have no scope for progression."

FALSE - Approximately 65% of apprentices are hired on a permanent basis by their current employer after their programme has finished and a third who remain in the same company receive a promotion in their first year.

"Apprenticeships are only for entry level or low level workers."

FALSE - Whilst there are apprenticeships at lower levels, there are also a wide range of higher level and degree level apprenticeships. There is something for everyone.

"University graduates earn more than apprentices."

FALSE - There is a common misconception among young people (and parents) that university will set them up to earn more in the future. By the time a graduate has just qualified, an apprentice will have completed their End Point Assessment and will already have a year or two experience in the industry putting them ahead of fellow university graduates.

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Webinars, Resources and More

We've rounded up this month's helpful resources and webinars.

A green rectangular graphic containing four white circles. Each circle features a company logo and a "BOOK NOW" button with a right-pointing arrow. The logos are: EDF (orange and blue), KPMG (blue), Dunelm (green), and the British Army logo (UK flag) with the text "ARMY BE THE BEST". A "COMING SOON" label is positioned above the KPMG circle.

Employer Webinars - live and coming soon

We have a brilliant line up of employer webinars running throughout the autumn term and into spring 2026. Whether you're a teacher, student, parent or carer - they're a great way to learn more about top employers' apprenticeship programmes.

21 October: [British Army](#)

17 November: [EDE](#)

1 December: [Dunelm](#)

3 February: [British Army](#)

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Higher & Degree apprenticeship listing

The October edition of the Higher & Degree vacancy listing has now launched!

Explore **1,600+** Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies from **50+ employers**, including the BBC, British Army, Capgemini, Transport for London, Unilever, IBM, EDF, Mars, KPMG, Dunelm, EY, JPMorgan Chase, Cisco, Government Economic Service and many more!



Exploring British Army
Apprenticeships for Parents
and Carers

21st Oct
2025,
6PM - 7PM

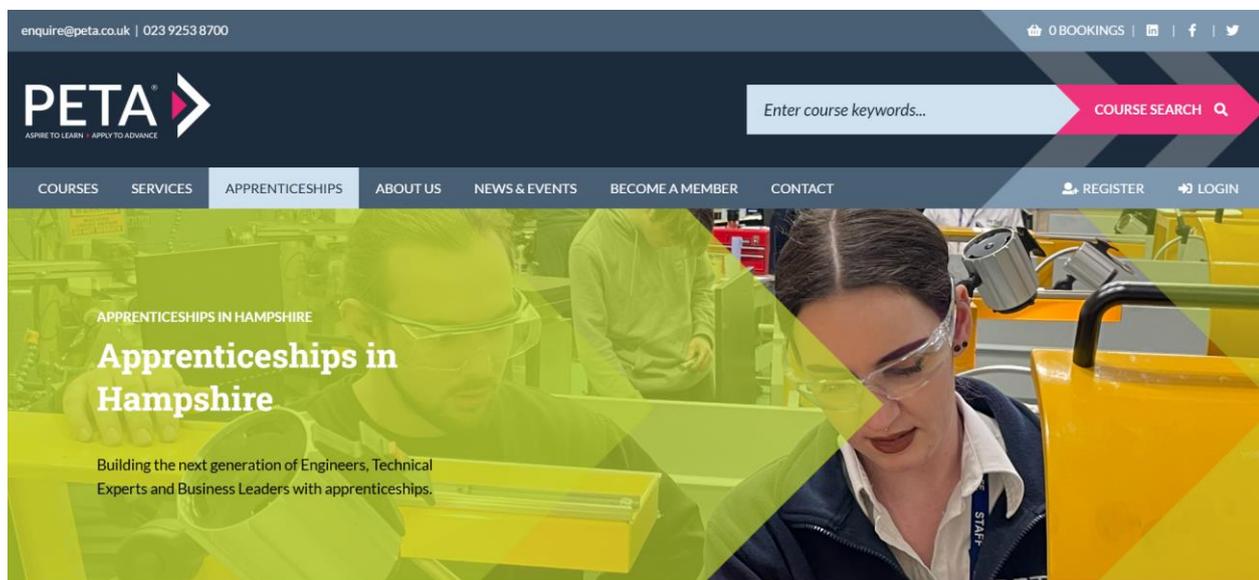
Join our webinar to learn more about the 40+ different apprenticeship opportunities in the British Army available for your child from engineering to animal care, to logistics and HR. Hear directly from parents of current apprentices as they share their honest experiences, including how they supported their child's decision to join, any concerns they had, and

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how their perspectives have changed throughout the journey.



Why choose an apprenticeship with PETA?



400+

Apprentices join PETA every year



94%

of learners continue their career or advance to higher learning



Rated 'Good'

By Ofsted Standards in Education



96.5%

Net Promoter Score for Training and Apprenticeships

<https://www.peta.co.uk/9/418/apprenticeships>

Advance notice: Tuesday 3rd December 2025 a member of PETA an apprenticeship provider will attend the school to provide a presentation to all Year 11 and Year 10 during Period 1 for 30 minutes each year group. This aims to provide all pupils with an insight into apprenticeships and what they might offer them in the future.

Thank you for reading this bulletin. I hope you have found this useful and informative. Please take some time to discuss the relevant aspects of careers to your child to encourage and promote an awareness of their options and future choices. The sooner they are pro-active about their future the better it is for them.

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