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What is the average school leaver salary?



According to analysis by the Institute to Student Employers (ISE), the average salary for a school and college leaver is now £19,520 compared to £15,000 in 2015. Salaries vary by sector. Those working for a charity or in the public sector are among the lowest earners while school leavers going into law, financial and professional services can expect to take home some of the highest wages. You can find out more by clicking [here](#).

UCAS points for apprenticeships by the end of 2023



UCAS is working on enabling apprenticeships to qualify for UCAS points by the end of this year. This follows the organisation's announcement last month that it will expand its apprenticeship offering on the website from the summer to enable prospective learners to see different routes into careers side-by-side, with students able to apply for apprenticeships on the site from autumn 2024. To read more see [here](#).

Growing popularity of "Gap careers"



New research has revealed that younger workers are more likely to take time out of work during for personal development than older colleagues, with 47% of Generation Z having a career gap, compared to 33% of workers across the UK as a whole.

Furthermore, 67% of Gen Z workers felt confident that they'd gained new skills, or enhanced their existing skill set during a career gap, versus 51% of the wider population. To read more click [here](#).

Pilot Careers Live, London - Saturday 22 April 2023



Pilot Careers Live London will take place on Saturday 22 April 2023 at the Sofitel Hotel, T5 London Heathrow Airport. Tickets are sold (£20-£30) for AM or PM, which relates to which seminar sessions you can watch. Your entry ticket is valid for the full day in the main exhibition. To find out more click [here](#).

Top 20 skills jobseekers should showcase to get an interview



Data from jobs advertised on Adzuna in the first week of January 2023 has revealed that the top soft skills most commonly requested are management, flexibility, communication, organisation and customer service, while the most wanted hard skills are sales, engineering knowledge, reporting, email writing, and Excel. To find out more click [here](#).

BMJ non-medical work experience - from July 24th - August 25th



British Medical Journal is offering one-week work experience placements in Publishing, Product Development, Operations, Data & Technology, Marketing, Events & Global Health, HR, Legal, Finance, Strategy and Sales and Marketing to students aged 16-24. The placements will be a hybrid of virtual and in-person activities from July 24th - August 25th. The closing date for applications is 14th April. To find out more click [here](#).

Medic Portal free webinars and in-person events



For medicine applicants, The Medic Portal is running some free webinars and events to provide expert guidance on everything from UCAT and BMAT admissions tests to Medical School interviews and applications. To take a look at all their upcoming webinars & events see [here](#)

Unitaster Days provide useful subject guide videos



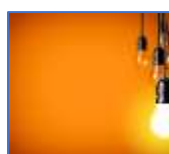
Students in Years 10-12 wanting to find out more about subjects taught at universities can have a look at the Unitaster days subject guides videos. The videos support students who are considering university to make informed future subject decisions. They feature guest speakers from a range of different universities, who are always experts in the subject being explored. From Accounting to Zoology - and 100's of subjects in between, you can browse the videos [here](#).

Army Officer Insight Day at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst – 12th April 2023



For students interested in a career in the British Army, the Army Officer Insight Day on 12th April at RMAS in Camberley, Surrey will provide the opportunity to explore the Academy, meet serving junior Officers and learn about the Officer recruitment process. The day will start at 08:30 and finish at 16:30 and will include lunch and watching the dress rehearsal for the commissioning parade of current Officer cadets. To attend, you need to be over 16 and [eligible to become a British Army Potential Officer](#). To secure a place, click [here](#).

Want a career as an electrician?



The [Electrical Careers website](#) has been created by the electrical industry to help you to make informed choices about your training and career progression. On the site, you'll find information on the industry, the opportunities and importantly the correct training routes you should follow.

Play football while studying for a foundation degree



A new two-year FdA Athlete Professional Development degree has been launched to provide aspiring footballers and officials with the opportunity to achieve an academic degree alongside playing football. The degree aims to equip students with wider career options for life beyond sport. The course has been designed by [ProChance Football](#) and the [University of Derby](#) and will enrol its first students in September 2023. Students will be able to train and play full-time while studying in blocks on campus and via remote learning. To learn more click [here](#).

Robbie Williams' Media, Performing Arts and Music campus is expanding in London



LMA is expanding to welcome up to 1,500 new students on site. The media, music and performing arts institution, co-owned by global performer Robbie Williams, already offers six BA (hons) degrees in: Musical Theatre, Dance Performance, Music Performance & Industry, Acting & Performance, Digital Film & TV Production, Digital Games Art. Find out about more [here](#).

Into Film



Into Film has been awarded £12.5m from the National Lottery to support young people to develop a stronger relationship with screen culture and provide clear routes into screen industries careers. Alongside teaching and young creative programmes, Into Film will run a Careers and Progression programme to upskill school careers leads with the insights, tools and resources to explore career opportunities within the screen industries. To see their resources click [here](#).

University of Bath sports summer school - Wednesday 26 July to Friday 28 July



A widening participation residential for Year 12 students to learn about competitive sport at Bath and gain experience of studying at Bath as an athlete. Eligibility criteria must be met, to find out more, click [here](#)

iversity scholarship for veterinary medicine degree



IVC Evidensia is offer 12 diversity scholarships of £5,000 per year for the duration of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery degree courses (5-6 years) or accelerated courses (4 years). The closing date for applications is 15th May. Students must be starting their first year on the course and identify as from an ethnic minority group to be eligible. If you think this opportunity could be right for you, apply through [Blackbullion](#).

Build your future with an Aggregate apprenticeship



With a broad range of specialisms, from engineering and management to sales at different locations throughout the country. To find out more click [here](#)

Airbus apprenticeships



The highly technical nature of the aerospace industry has created a huge demand for skilled and qualified specialists in the UK. Airbus have carefully designed apprenticeship programmes to give you valuable practical training while you complete your studies. To find out what's available click [here](#)

BT Group apprenticeships



BT Group offer apprenticeships from Level 2 to Level 6 in almost everything you can think of. From Customer Service to Project Management to Software Engineering. From Applied Research to Field Engineering to Cyber Security. See what's available by clicking [here](#)

Investment Banking Apprenticeships



Apprentices will have full financial sponsorship towards an Applied Finance degree at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) and professional qualifications such as CISI. Apprenticeships are available within Corporate Finance and Fixed Income and Currencies. To find out more click [here](#)

For schools and Career Leaders: careers videos and lesson plans



See it, Be it has a range of videos and lesson plans to link the classroom to careers. The "Plug in and play" resources can be used in PSHE, assemblies or tutor times and will help schools to meet Gatsby Benchmarks 1-4. Lessons can be adapted to suit the school's organisation's needs and timetable. The resources are available in both PDF and Word format. To find out more see [here](#).

For schools and Careers Leaders: advancing access to competitive universities



These new resources from Advancing Access are on the theme of supporting your students to progress to competitive universities. Each of the new CPD modules contains an engaging mix of different self-directed activities which you can work through at your own pace. They are designed for teachers, senior and middle leaders, careers advisers, careers leaders and those who work in the field of widening participation. To see what available click [here](#)

For schools and Careers Leaders: Careers in Computing Curriculum



In this [article](#) in Careers Network, Rachel Arthur Head of Computing Teach First, looks at embedding careers into the computing curriculum. Rachael has lots of examples of how to make this work successfully.

Careers helpline



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