



Careers Bulletin 15th of July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Celebration of Skills, Discovery, and Community

As we reflect on the past academic year, the Careers Programme at Emmbrook School has been more than a series of events—it has been a journey of growth, empowerment, and inspiration. It was a year in which every classroom became a springboard to the future, and every student had the chance to glimpse their potential.

Emmbrook Careers Journey 2024–2025

Year Group Highlights – Careers Education 2024–2025

Year 7 -Introduction to [Unifrog](#)

Year 8

Engaged with guest speakers including Reading Football Club Community Trust, learning about local career pathways and how teamwork and communication play a role in future success.



Year 9

Participated in an exciting STEM workshop with the Royal Navy and a college visit to Berkshire College of Agriculture, exploring technical careers and hands-on learning environments.



Year 10

Took part in Work Experience Week, with placements ranging from IT and education to retail, health, and law. Those in school joined WizeUp's financial literacy and DXC digital skills workshops. Many students gained clarity on their ambitions and built essential employability skills.



Year 11

Experienced mock interviews and college/apprenticeship assemblies, gaining feedback from real employers and confidence in navigating their next steps. Students also had access to webinars and career insight events including law, engineering, and finance.





Sixth Form

Engaged in university taster sessions such as an Economics lecture from Henley Business School of Reading University –and a visit to UCAS Fair

Real-World Insight: Work Experience & Events

Another highlight of the year was undoubtedly the **Year 10 Work Experience Week**. Students immersed themselves in roles that challenged, inspired, and surprised them—from nurseries to law firms, IT departments to primary classrooms. Their reflections revealed more than skills—they revealed self-discovery:

Students' reflection:

- "I presented three research projects to professionals—they seemed impressed. I want to return for an internship."
- "Being with children reminded me how aware they are. I connected with one pupil who reminded me of myself."
- "I learnt teachers have to be very patient. It's made me consider working in a school."

Those who remained on-site took part in workshops with DXC and WizeUp, building digital fluency and financial confidence. Every pathway was purposeful.

Our Year 11s, too, shone brightly during mock interview events. Volunteers were unanimous in their praise—commenting on the students' preparation, maturity, and thoughtful engagement.

Employer & Volunteer Support: A Pillar of Possibility

We extend heartfelt thanks to our community of employers, from *Wates* and *Network Rail to Balfour Beatty, Reading University, DXC, WizeUp* and many more. Your generosity, time, and belief in young people fueled this year's success. Your presence in our school has left lasting impressions.

As one volunteer reflected:

"It was inspiring to see some students so confident and well-prepared. I'm proud to have played a small part in their journey."

Your commitment helped bridge the gap between aspiration and reality.

Parents & Carers: Partners in Purpose



None of this would be possible without our parents and carers. Whether helping students secure placements, encouraging them to attend events, or simply talking at home about the future—you are our students' first and constant career guides.

Together, we championed attendance and engagement, recognizing that every school day nurtures not only knowledge but vital skills: responsibility, collaboration, and adaptability.

Shaping Futures in the Classroom and Beyond

Careers education wasn't confined to one week or special assemblies—it was lived daily. Through lessons and curriculum links, students developed the very skills most valued by employers today: analytical thinking, resilience, empathy, teamwork, curiosity, and technological literacy. These weren't just taught—they were lived.

A Culture of Aspiration

Whether students discovered their dream job, ruled out a career path, or simply learned how to collaborate better—the journey was meaningful. Every moment added a building block to their confidence, competence, and sense of direction.

As one Year 10 put it:

"I learnt that in the workplace, you just get on with it. It's not like school."

And that's the power of careers education—not just teaching **what to do**, but preparing young people **to do it**.

With Gratitude

To our students—thank you for your curiosity, your courage, and your determination.

To our parents and carers—thank you for believing in your children's futures.

To our employers and partners—thank you for opening doors and minds.

To our **incredible staff**—from support staff, administrators, teachers and tutors to leadership teams—thank you for creating an environment where opportunity thrives. Whether through a lesson, a thoughtful conversation, or the smooth running of a careers event, you each play a vital role in preparing our students for life beyond school.

Together, we've built a year full of milestones and memories.



Here's to another year of discovery, guidance, and ambition.
The future isn't just coming—it's already walking our school corridors.

Warmest wishes,
The Careers Team

Opportunities for Students, Parents and Carers

Summer Work Experience with the University of Law!

Thursday 31st July and Friday 1st August

Do you see yourself as a future legal professional? Perhaps you'd like to become a partner at a huge international law firm?

On Thursday 31st July and Friday 1st of August from 10:00am - 3:00pm, Young Professionals be hosting a Careers in Law Work Experience with the University of Law, the UK's leading institution for legal degrees and solicitor apprenticeships.

You will take part in mock legal lectures, work on projects and exciting legal tasks, and have the opportunity to ask questions and network with professionals.

Day 1 will be a virtual event, allowing you to participate from anywhere. Day 2 will be in person at one of their campuses in Nottingham, London, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, or Bristol. You can choose which campus you'd like to attend. Please note that spaces at the venues are very limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

The University of Law is the UK's largest provider of legal education. They deliver legal training to over 90 of the top 100 law firms and will be running several lecture-style sessions designed to give you a taste of what it's like to study law at university or through a solicitor apprenticeship.

Join us for what's set to be a thoroughly engaging insight into the legal world this summer and hear from a range of elite solicitors and barristers from some of the world's most prominent organisations. Kick off this summer with an excellent addition to your CV/Personal Statement.

Click the following link to sign up:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ULaw-Summer-WEX-2025>



Civil Services Care Leavers Internships scheme

The Scheme

The Care Leavers Internship Scheme is an award-winning scheme run by the Department for Education. We offer jobs for care leavers in either a central government department or agency. The duration of the internship scheme is 18-months. You can be made permanent after the first 12-months depending on:

- your performance over the 12 months
- headcount within the department
- funding within the department

Eligibility Criteria

To apply for the scheme, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- entitled to a leaving care package*
- aged 18-30
- meet the [Civil Service nationality requirements](#)

*You must have been in care for a minimum of 13 weeks. Some of this time must have been after your 16th birthday. If you are unsure whether you meet these criteria, please speak to your personal advisor or local authority.

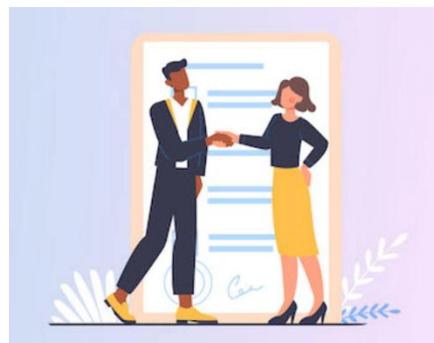
2025 application timeline



This year's timeline is as follows:

- 4th to 25th of July – apply to the scheme on [Civil Service Jobs](#)
 - 28th of July to 8th of August – applications will be sifted
- 18th to 29th of August – interviews will take place over Microsoft Teams

Please note that you will not be able to apply to the scheme before the 4th of July.



Cited as 'good practice' in the independent review of the children's social care system.

In [the review of the children's social care system](#), Josh MacAlister set a mission to create more jobs for care leavers by 2026. We have contributed to this mission by:

- offering job roles to over 880 care leavers across government, around 80% of these interns have been made permanent
- supporting the government's commitment to social mobility



Scheme benefits

- you can develop work-based skills and increase your confidence in a professional environment
- we will provide learning and development opportunities alongside the role
- you can gain independence
- we will pay you the same amount as other Civil Service employees
- you can develop new friendships
- we can help you to reach your potential



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Online Masterclass
A Career as an Engineer

This inspiring and insightful Masterclass will be delivered by a Chartered Mechanical Engineer who will share with you his 30 plus years Global Experience of Engineering and Programme Management. He will talk through his own development, the various roles and positions that he has held, and the locations where he has worked, giving you a fantastic insight into what a career as an Engineer could look like. You will also get the opportunity to ask questions.

- Getting into Engineering
- Why consider Engineering?
- Types of Engineering
- What transferable skills do Engineers have?
- Functional & Programme Management
- Would you want to work abroad?

When: Thursday 14th August at 2:30-4pm on Zoom

Cost: £20 - This cost includes the Live Zoom session, a copy of the slides used by the presenter and a certificate of attendance for your portfolio. Important: To take advantage of this opportunity simply click on the link below to create an account and make payment via Paypal.

Places are limited so act quickly to avoid disappointment!

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Online Masterclass
Presentation Skills

This Masterclass will be delivered by a Chartered Mechanical Engineer with over 10 years industry experience who will provide you with a roadmap to follow when embarking on creating a Presentation whether Virtual or In-person, some key skills and techniques to aid the delivery of Presentations and generally improving Presenters experience delivering their message - whatever it may be!

- Identifying the Purpose
- Knowing your Audience
- Organising and Planning your Presentation
- Structuring your Presentation
- Hook Techniques
- How to make the biggest Impact
- Managing your nerves

When: Wednesday 20th August at 1-2:30pm on Zoom

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Online Masterclass
Relationship Building & Interview Preparation

This Masterclass will be run by an Industry Professional who specialises in training students, graduates, or new employees so that they are better prepared for the world of work. Equipping them with the skills to excel in their job, forge long lasting relationships, prepare for successful interviews and then ultimately provide immediate value back to their employer.

- Classic Interview Questions and how to answer them
- Elevator Pitch
- New Relationship Building
- Stakeholder Analysis
- Maintaining Relationships
- STAR Questioning Technique
- Logging & Using Achievements

When: Thursday 31st July at 11am-12:30pm on Zoom

Cost: £20 - This cost includes the Live Zoom session, a copy of the slides used by the presenter and a certificate of attendance for your portfolio. Important: To take advantage of this opportunity simply click on the link below to create an account and make payment via Paypal.

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Online Masterclass
World Class Project Management

This Masterclass will be run by an Industry Professional with over 30 years International Project Management experience. They will share the basic principles used in successful Businesses that manage projects well.

- What is Project Management?
- What is World Class?
- Projects or Operations?
- What is best practice?
- How does this apply to you?

When: Thursday 7th August at 2-4pm on Zoom

Cost: £20 - This cost includes the Live Zoom session, a copy of the slides used by the presenter and a certificate of attendance for your portfolio. Important: To take advantage of this opportunity simply click on the link below to create an account and make payment via Paypal.

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- > Are you aged 16-18?
- > Are you curious to learn what Virgin Media O2 is all about?
- > Are you passionate about STEM?

Apply below!

Virtual Work Experience Week
28th – 31st July 2025

Our four-day programme will immerse you in the world of telecoms, help boost your potential and enhance your knowledge of Virgin Media O2 and our offerings.

You'll hear from business leaders what it's like to work in a dynamic industry, learn the latest from the world of broadband, TV, fixed line and mobile and gain insight into our purpose 'See What You Can Do!'

Explore our graduate, internship, and apprenticeship opportunities whilst working on a dynamic project that will help you earn your Bronze Industrial Cadets accreditation.

Hear first-hand testimony and tips from graduates, interns, apprentices and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) ambassadors! Engage in career activities, build on your personal brand, boost confidence and feel business-ready to support career planning. Delve into the importance of hands-on problem-solving and critical thinking skills, company and sector research.

Take control of your future and make a difference in the world around you.



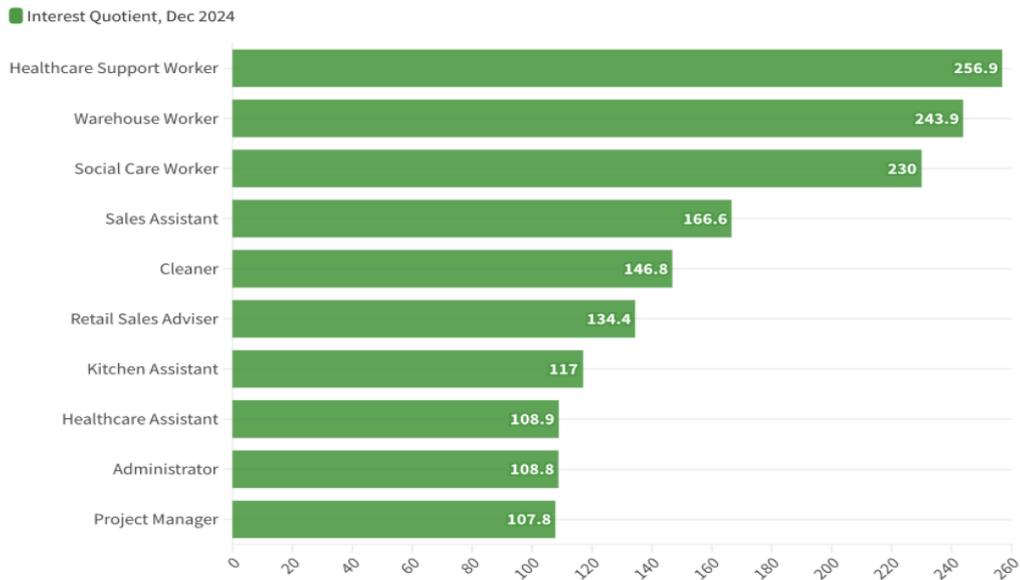
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Work Experience Reference Code VMO2C3





Labour Market information (source Adzuna <https://www.adzuna.co.uk/job-market-report/27-january-2025/#section-8>)

Trending jobs



opendays.com
university and college open days

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