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# CAREERS NEWSLETTER


This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.


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## OPPORTUNITIES


 National Numeracy Day 2026, founded by the charity [National Numeracy](#), will be held on Wednesday, 20 May, focusing on building "number confidence" for adults and children to improve daily life, job prospects, and money management.


 However you feel about maths and numbers, you're not alone. Read and share the stories and experiences of different people in these [Number Natters](#). Can you see yourself in some of these stories? People of different ages and backgrounds have overcome their anxieties about numbers and maths. You can too!

 The [National Numeracy Challenge](#) lets you build your confidence with numbers and learn at your own pace. Start with a 10min check of your skills.

 Here is a [list of job roles that require good numeracy skills](#). You can click into each one to learn more about the responsibilities of the role, how much you could earn and what routes into the job role you could take.

 If you have already decided that you want to study Maths at University in the future, here is a [list of job roles that require a Maths degree and 10 transferable skills you'll gain from taking a maths degree](#).

 The [Secrets of Mathematics](#) is a series of talks and lectures from Oxford Mathematicians exploring the power and beauty of their subject. These talks would appeal to anyone interested in mathematics and its ever-growing range of applications from medicine to economics and beyond.

 [Breaking Math](#) is a deep-dive science, technology, engineering, AI, and mathematics podcast that explores the world through the lens of logic, patterns, and critical thinking. Each episode of Breaking Math takes listeners on an intellectual journey—whether it's into the strange beauty of chaos theory, the ethical dilemmas of AI, the deep structures of biological evolution, or the thermodynamics of black holes.

## JOB OF THE WEEK



[Drone Pilot](#)

A drone pilot (UAV operator) remotely flies unmanned aircraft for commercial services like aerial photography, surveying, and inspections. They work in varied industries, often as freelancers, and must possess [CAA training and certifications](#). Professional pilots plan flights, monitor equipment, and manage safety.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Only 42% of adults scored highly for numerical competence, and a majority of UK adults overestimate their own ability to use numbers, with a gap of 17% between reported competence and actual competence.

[Source](#)

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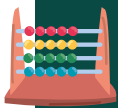
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In The Maths Show, comedian and mathematician Matt Parker offers an entertaining guide to a variety of topics that may help if you are struggling to gain a passing mark on your maths GCSE.



Using various maths concepts such as ratio and proportion, probability, percentages and fractions - these clips show how you can apply maths to every day real life scenarios.



Ready to turn your maths practice and revision into a game? Whether you're studying for KS3 tests or preparing for your GCSE exams, this fun, interactive game is the perfect way to check your knowledge across a range of maths topics.



On Wednesday 20th May at 9:15am, join TechWeCan Teacher, Anna, for a virtual 25 minute LIVE assembly. You will explore where AI already appears in our everyday lives, how generative AI works, and how we can use AI responsibly. You will also learn how to spot the differences between human-created and AI-generated content—an increasingly important skill for your future.



Explore 950+ Higher and Degree apprenticeships in the Summer 2026 mini edition of the Higher & Degree Vacancy listing. Discover vacancy details from over 35+ employers, including vacancy locations, salary information and direct application links.



We Belong's Legal Advice Clinic is a valuable resource for young people aged 16 to 25, offering free legal advice from an experienced and trusted solicitor. This clinic provides an opportunity for young people who have lived in the UK since childhood and are seeking to regularise their immigration status, as well as for young adults with Limited Leave to Remain who are applying for Indefinite Leave to Remain.



Dreaming of a career in the creative industries? This is your chance to learn how apprenticeships can open doors to exciting opportunities! Join this webinar on 16<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm to explore the range of creative-sector apprenticeships available, hear from leading industry employers about current and upcoming vacancies, get application top tips to help you stand out and listen to apprentices share their real experiences.

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“Whether you're finishing school, graduating from university, or seeking a placement or internship, at Forvis Mazars, we have a wide range of opportunities to help you take the first steps in a career where you can truly grow, belong, and make an impact. We're more than a professional services firm, we're a place where you can thrive.”

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## UNI SPOTLIGHT

“SOAS offers an interdisciplinary, globally focused education on a central London campus. You'll join a diverse, close-knit community, engage with real-world issues, and combine subjects—such as Politics and Economics, Law and History, or languages with Anthropology—to gain multiple perspectives on global global challenges.”

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