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[PathwayPal – Discover Your Future](#)

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Abingdon and Witney College

Course applications for 2026/27 are now live - [School leavers - Abingdon & Witney College](#)

Upcoming open days are:

Abingdon Campus – Wednesday 5 November, 15:30-19:00

Witney Campus – Wednesday 12 November, 15:30-19:00

Bicester Construction Skills Centre – Wednesday 19 November, 16:00-19:00

[Events - Abingdon & Witney College](#)

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National Trust Work Experience Opportunity

[Future Finder - Futures For All](#)

The National Trust have released a block of fully funded hybrid work experience available at Buscot and Coleshill Estates from 1-5 December 2025 for students aged 16+. The closing date is **10 November**. Travel expenses will be reimbursed and outdoor kit, including waterproofs and footwear, will be provided. The opportunity is scheduled as the following:

Monday: Online via Google Classroom, 10:00-14:00 – An introduction to the National Trust and their work

Tuesday – Thursday: Practical in-person placement at Buscot and Coleshill Estates, 09:30-14:30. Work on preserving and protecting Historic Places and learn real-world skills.

Friday: Online via Google Classroom, 10:00-14:00 – Recognise and celebrate the skills the students have learnt.

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Balliol College Access Programmes

[Access Programmes for Year 12 Students | Balliol College](#)

The University of Oxford Balliol College offers a selection of year-long academic programmes: Floreat, Frontier and Fibonacci. The courses are open to Year 12 students and start in the Spring Term. Many participants have gone on to make successful applications to Oxford and other competitive universities. Currently, Balliol has students at both undergraduate and post-graduate levels who previously took part in the programmes.

Floreat focuses on Humanities subjects, Frontier on the Life Sciences and Fibonacci on Mathematics (and related fields). Each programme is designed to academically challenge and stimulate those who are interested in applying to competitive universities. Successful applicants will be expected to attend a series of online seminars (17:00-19:00), an Oxbridge admissions talk and a two-night residential stay in August. The programmes are free of charge and financial support is available during the residential trip to cover travel costs. Deadline to apply: **14 December**.

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Society of Young Publishers Oxford Committee

[Join the Oxford Committee](#)

The Society of Young Publishers is a volunteer-run organisation supporting junior and aspiring publishing professionals across the UK and Ireland. They are open to anyone, of any age, interested in publishing or a related trade – or who is hoping to be soon. run by a team of dedicated volunteers, their aim is to assist, inform and encourage anyone trying to break into the industry or progress within it.

They are currently inviting applications for volunteer positions on the SYP Oxford Committee, including assisting with events and communications such as social media, blogs, podcasts and emails. Volunteering with the SYP is an opportunity to make a positive difference to the industry, whilst helping others, developing new skills and gaining valuable contacts and friends. The positions require a commitment for a year to keep the society running successfully. Each position will involve participating in monthly committee meetings,

communicating via the Oxford Committee and cross-branch Slack channels, as well as promoting and supporting SYP activities. Deadline to apply: **17 November**

Work Experience in Prosthetics and Orthotics

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The British Association of Prosthetics and Orthotics (BAPO) can help to arrange work experience in a P&O setting, working with their charities, industry partners and in their NHS and private practice clinics throughout the UK. Click on the link above for further information.

STEM Learning Research Placements and Experiences

[Research and Experience Placements information for teachers](#)

STEM Learning's research placements are engaging, real-life workplace experiences, where talented Year 12 students are placed at the heart of a UK host organisation. They take place during the summer holidays after Year 12 and consist of one to three weeks on placement, along with pre-and-post activities including independent study. Placements take place in a variety of locations including offices, museums, research centres, laboratories or fieldwork settings. Students can take part in a placement at no cost. Travel costs are reimbursed and they may also be eligible to receive a bursary.

The [guide for student applicants](#) gives further detail about eligibility, timescales and what to expect from the placement.

Life Sciences Essay Competition

[Lincoln College Life Sciences Essay Competition | Lincoln College Oxford](#)

Lincoln College is holding an essay competition for Year 12 students interested in life sciences, where they will be invited to write an essay of up to 1,500 words. Full details of the competition will be released in January 2026 (with a deadline for submission in March) however you can register your interest now to receive the information when it goes live - [Register your interest](#). Entrants who secure a gold award will be invited to attend a special day for prize-winners at Lincoln College.

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Howden are one of the world's largest insurance companies, working across all parts of the insurance industry. They create smart solutions for their clients in areas such as retail and underwriting, empowering people to make change. A number of apprenticeships have been released for a September 2026 start, based in Witney. The deadline to apply is **28 November 2025**. During these one-year apprenticeship programmes, you will be part of a friendly and supportive team who will guide you every step of the way. One day a week will be dedicated to studying towards a Level 3 qualification, all while earning a salary (£23k) and gaining valuable real-world experience.

Digital Marketing Apprenticeship - [Howden - Digital Marketing](#)

Financial Planning and Analysis Apprenticeship - [Howden - Financial Planning](#)

Insurance Sales Apprenticeship - [Howden - Insurance Sales](#)

The application process is as follows:

- Online application form – no CV required: Howden believe you're more than just a document, so won't ask you to submit a CV. Please upload a blank document on the application form.
- Online gamified assessment: These games will help Howden understand your natural strengths and how you approach different situations. There are no right or wrong answers.
- Pre-recorded video interview: You will record your answers, giving you the chance to tell us more about yourself in your own time in a relaxed setting.
- Assessment centre: The final stage is an in-person assessment day at one of our offices close to you. All your travel costs for this day will be covered.

European School of Osteopathy

[The BCNO Group | Institute Of Osteopathy UK | Study Osteopathy](#)

The European School of Osteopathy (ESO) invites you to their exclusive Open Event on Thursday 13 November from 18:00-20:00 at their Kent campus. For further information and to register your interest, please use the following link - [Open Days at the European School of Osteopathy in Kent](#)

University of Oxford Trinity College Interview Workshops

[Trinity College Oxford online interview workshops 2025](#)

These online interview workshops are for **Year 13 students** who have made an application to the **University of Oxford or University of Cambridge**. They are designed to help this year's applicants to feel more confident in their academic interview. In the workshops, there will be a general introduction to the interviews followed by walk-through interview style questions led by undergraduate student ambassadors. Dates are as follows:

Monday 17 November – Arts and Humanities

Tuesday 18 November – Medicine and Veterinary Medicine

Wednesday 19 November – Sciences

Thursday 20 November – Social Sciences

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Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Programme

[Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Programme - OTSA](#)

The OTSA (previously the Oxfordshire Teaching Schools Alliance) Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Programme is a new way to study for a Degree in Education (BA (Hons) Primary Education or BA (Hons) Secondary Education (Maths and SEND)) whilst working as a Teaching Assistant (or similar role) in an Oxfordshire primary, secondary or special school.

Delivered in partnership with Buckingham University, these exciting new degrees are an employment based route design for people working in schools, to provide them with a low-cost route to degrees in education, whilst providing partner schools with a supply of high quality teaching assistants and teachers. The 3 year programme begins in June 2026 and finishes in June 2029. OTSA are now inviting expressions of interest for the June 2026 cohort.

There is a [poster](#) and [video](#) on the OTSA website for those who might be interested in this opportunity.

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