



We ask students and their parents to research fully any opportunities advertised in the bulletin to ensure they are happy with the organisation they are linking with and its value for money if there is a cost.



**Key:** If the year group is highlighted, the information applies to students in that group

## Notices

**Year 13**

**Student Finance is now open for students intending to start university in September 2023. To apply, click [here](#).**

**Year 13**

**Don't forget to complete the short Microsoft Form about whether you wish to attend Opportunity Ready on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Year 13**

### **Cumbria University – Offer Holder Open Days**

If you hold an offer with the University of Cumbria, you are invited to join an Applicant Visit Day.

Applicant Visit Days offer the opportunity to meet lecturers, learn more about the course, and experience the campus. The next Applicant Visit Days will be held from early March across our five campuses; students holding an offer with the university will receive an email invitation and should book a place.

There are a number of dates/locations to choose from, including:

- **Lancaster:** Institute of Business, Industry and Leadership, 1<sup>st</sup> March – 10.00am – 4.00pm
- **Carlisle:** Fusehill Street, Institute of Education, Institute of Business, Industry and Leadership & Institute of Health, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am-4.00pm
- **London,** Institute of Education, 12.00pm-4.00pm

If you'd like to watch a video on what to expect, click [here](#) (external link to YouTube).

To book a place on one of the visit days, click [here](#).

**Year 12**

**Don't forget to complete the Microsoft Form about attending the talk on how to strengthen a university application.**

**Watch this space!**

**Constituency Internship Programme – Guy Opperman MP**

If you're thinking about a career in politics, Guy Opperman is offering a structured six-week internship placement that will give students an understanding of what an MP is and how they operate. The goal is that students produce a piece of research that will form a part of Guy's ongoing work to represent the people of the Hexham constituency.

Everyone who completes the internship will get a reference from Guy at the end of the programme.

**We will update you with the application process as soon as we get the information from Mr Opperman's office.**

**University of Sunderland – Offer Holder Open Days**

If you hold an offer with the University of Sunderland, **keep an eye on your inbox**; the university will be sending out invitations to applicant and offer holder days. These days are by invite only and are a great opportunity for applicants to speak to university staff and students, view the university's facilities and find out additional information about the university course they have applied for.

To learn more about the applicant and offer holder days, click [here](#).

If you haven't decided what you are going to do, there is a [Yet To Apply](#) event on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March, which is a great starting point to find out more about some of the courses the university offers.

**University: Widening Participation** (some of the criteria universities use to assess eligibility are: household income, receipt of free-school meals/sixth form bursary, first generation in a family to attend university and living in an area with low progression rates to university). Schemes often result in students receiving a slightly lower offer from the university.

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### **Nuffield Research Placements – STEM Learning**

Applications are now open for Nuffield Research Placements, which will take place during the summer holidays of 2023. Each placement lasts for two weeks and successful applicants will also complete a piece of research. Placements are available in all universities in the region as well as some businesses. Placements are available in astronomy/astrophysics, biochemistry, biology, biomedical sciences, chemistry, computing, earth sciences, engineering/manufacturing, environmental, forensic, geography, mathematics, physics, psychology, social sciences, statistics/data science.

Eligibility criteria include that you must:

- be over 16 years old and in Year 12
- be in full-time, state-funded education in the UK  
have at least 5 GCSEs at Level 6 or above, including maths, a science subject and English (or another humanities subject)
- be studying one or more A-levels (or equivalent) in science, technology, engineering, economics, geography, psychology, computing, statistics or maths
- be available for a few consecutive weeks over July and/or August to collaborate with your Project Supervisor.

Students must also meet at least **one** of the following conditions:

- be living, or have lived, in local authority care
- come from a family with a combined household income of below £30,000 a year
- be entitled to free school meals, either now or at any time in the last six years
- be entitled to discretionary payments from school or college
- be the first in your immediate family to participate in higher education (not including any older siblings):
  - this means that neither of your parents/carers have participated in higher education, either in the UK or another country
  - if your siblings have attended higher education, but your parents/carers have not, you are still eligible.

**Applications close: 26 March 2023.**

To learn more, click [here](#).

**University: Super-curricular**

**You may be interested in these upcoming events.**

**Please note:** We have been asked by the universities to share their outreach activities with you. To find out more about a university use university league tables and to research the course area you are interested in at a specific university use <https://discoveruni.gov.uk/> where the views from the most recent graduates on their degree experience have been sought.

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**Goldsmiths, University of London - The Balance of Power - Government, Media, Markets ....? – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate (virtual)**

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 16:15 - 17:15

The Goldsmiths Think Tank panel will consider the balance of power with respect to the influence and control exerted by different institutions and informal groupings in the UK and beyond, including government, media and markets.

Dr Jacob Mukherjee, lecturer in the Department of Media, Communication and Cultural Studies, and Dr Paul Gunn, lecturer in Politics in the Department of Politics & International Relations, will tackle the audience's pre-submitted and live questions on this fascinating, interdisciplinary topic.

In all our think tanks we generate a dynamic debate in which students not only ask questions but put forward their arguments and observations for the consideration of the panel and other audience members. We aim for students to feel energised, heard and that their thinking and understanding have stepped up.

To book, or to learn more, click [here](#).

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**University of East Anglia - Meta-ethics – How to decide when it is morally acceptable to cheat**

Dr Maria Serban from University of East Anglia will run an interactive skills and insight workshop for students on meta-ethics. Dr Serban will examine the question with respect to three positions: moral nihilism, moral relativism and moral expressivism, engaging students in a lively and accessible discussion of the arguments' merits and limitations.

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 11.15am-12.00pm

To book, or to learn more, click [here](#).

**Apprenticeships** (remember to check <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/> regularly and any employers, such as the NHS, who you are particularly interested in working for).

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**Apprentice Pharmacy Assistant – Parkside Pharmacy Ltd**

Pharmacy based in Bellingham.

**Salary:** £10,725 (£5.50 for 16-18-year-olds/£6.50 for 19+)

**Hours:** Monday-Friday 37.5 hrs/week

**Duration:** 15 months

**Start date:** 13<sup>th</sup> March

**What will the apprentice be doing?**

- Support with patient consultations
- Dispensing medicine
- General admin
- Dealing with over the counter and phone enquiries
- Use of the computer and the pharmacy specific software
- Checking off and unpacking orders
- Stock management
- Date checking of stock
- Processing NHS prescriptions

**What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?**

Pharmacy Assistant Level 2 apprenticeship standard:

- Medicine Counter Assistant Course accredited by the General Pharmaceutical Council [GPhc]
- Dispensing Assistant Course accredited by the General Pharmaceutical Council [GPhc]
- Functional Skills level 2 in maths and English if not already achieved grade 4 or C and above at GCSE or equivalent level

**Applicant qualification requirements:** GCSE or equivalent English language (Grade C/4) essential; GCSE or equivalent maths (Grade C/4) essential; GCSE or equivalent science (Grade C/4 or above) desired.

**Personal quality requirements:** organisation skills, customer care skills, team working, initiative, non-judgemental, communication skills, IT skills, attention to detail, problem solving skills, presentation skills, administrative skills, number skills, analytical skills, logical, team working, initiative, patience.

To apply, click [here](#).

**Apprentice Fork Truck Engineer – Linde Material Handling (UK) Limited****Salary:** £14,206**Hours:** Monday-Friday 40 hrs/week**Duration:** 36 months**Start date:** 1<sup>st</sup> July**What will the apprentice be doing?**

Over the 3-year period of the apprenticeship, there will be a steady progression of type of workload that will be offered. In year one, you will learn the basics about health and safety, mechanics, hydraulics, electrics and electronics. Much of this will be completed in one of our UK workshops, or on a resident site with one of our field-based engineers.

Over the next two years, you will gain access to more and more advanced portfolio of equipment, with the emphasis on making sure you are ready to pass out as a Linde Engineer at the end of your 3rd year.

There are various different types of truck to work on -

- Internal combustion
- Electric Trucks using Lithium Ion
- Hydrogen and LPG.

Each of these will be covered, ranging from smaller pallet handlers, all the way up to trucks highly complex equipment larger than 16t. Overall, the apprenticeship is the ideal way to learn all there is to offer within Linde, and a great starting point for a career in the business.

**What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?**

At the end of your course you will have a level 3 qualification in Lift Truck Vehicle Maintenance and Repair.

However, this is the formal qualification. Each apprentice will have at least a further 10-20 days training per year on equipment familiarisation, more advanced exposure to electrics, electronics, mechanics and hydraulics that are needed over and above the standard qualification.

**Applicant qualification requirements:** GCSE or equivalent English language (Grade C/4) desired; GCSE or equivalent maths (Grade C/4) desired.

**Personal quality requirements:** customer care skills, team working, initiative, IT skills, attention to detail, problem solving skills, administrative skills, logical, team working, patience, physical fitness.

To apply, click [here](#).

**Building Services Apprentice Engineer – Schneider Electric Limited****Salary:** £19,000**Hours:** Monday-Friday 37.5 hrs/week**Duration:** 60 months**Start date:** 4<sup>th</sup> September**What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?**

Building Services Design Engineer Level 6 Apprenticeship Standard.

- Successful apprentices will gain a BEng Building Services Degree
- Off the Job training will take place at Coventry University
- Block Release.

**What is the expected career progression after this apprenticeship?**

After successful completion of your apprenticeship, you will move into your permanent position.

Your learning doesn't stop there! Learn every day, to stop learning is to stop growing. We are genuinely curious, never done with learning. With Schneider, there is no such thing as knowing it all or having all the answers. We believe in life-long learning. Every minute of the day brings a new chance to listen, open up our minds, and widen our horizons. We are never too experienced to learn.

**Applicant qualification requirements:** A-level or equivalent English (grade C or above) essential; A-level or equivalent maths (grade C or above) essential; A-level or equivalent science or technology (grade C or above) essential; BTEC or equivalent science or technology (grade pass) desired.

**Personal quality requirements:** communication skills, customer care skills, analytical skills, team working, initiative, attention to detail, problem solving skills, team working, initiative, non-judgemental.

To apply, click [here](#).



#### London Med – Summer School (online)

Applications for the free **online** London Med Schools Summer Programme 2023 are now open. This programme is for Year 12 students living in England (outside of Greater London), who have only attended non-selective state schools since age 11 and are currently studying A-level biology and chemistry. For more details on student eligibility, you can [visit our website](#) or access [the application form here](#).

Funded by Health Education England, the London Med Schools Summer Programme brings together four of London's medical schools (King's College London, Queen Mary University of London, St George's University of London, and University College London) to give 75 Year 12 students from across England an opportunity to find out what it is like to study medicine in London. Working with patients and student ambassadors, participants will gain a greater understanding of the realities of being a doctor and the skills needed to succeed.

The main summer school programme takes place from Monday 17th July to Friday 21st July on Zoom. There will also be additional events delivered in conjunction with the summer school which are detailed on the application form.

For more information and to apply, [follow this link](#).

**Application deadline:** 9am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023.