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BRITISH ARMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER

FOR EDUCATORS & CAREERS LEADS

This newsletter brings you the latest updates, resources, and opportunities from the British Army to help students explore diverse career paths and develop valuable skills. We're here to support your work every step of the way. - **British Army Careers Team.**

SPOTLIGHT ON BRITISH ARMY INSIGHTS

JANUARY 20TH

18:00 - 19:00



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR SCHOOLS PARENTS - AND FEEL FREE TO JOIN TOO!

We're hosting an online session to help parents understand the exciting opportunities the British Army offers young people. Whether their child is exploring options after school or college, or simply curious, this event will give them clarity and confidence. You'll hear from other parents, get practical advice, and have time to ask questions.

2026 ONLINE EVENTS

GIVE YOUR STUDENTS A HEAD START - AND BOOST YOUR OWN CPD!

Our 2026 events are packed with real-life Army stories, insider career insights, and practical tools to help you guide young people towards exciting futures. Plan ahead, get inspired, and discover how the Army supports ambition, resilience, and growth.

NEW

EVENTS ADDED

BEHIND THE CAMO SERIES

The first two episodes are available on demand now and why not **register** for the last two today.

REGISTER TODAY >

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RESOURCES

FREE CURRICULUM RESOURCES >



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

The Apprenticeship Week assembly is an informative presentation suitable for PSHE lessons, assemblies or form time, including National Apprenticeship Week.

DOWNLOAD NOW >



CYBER SECURITY

This Cyber Security resource meets requirements of the PSHE / RSE / Health and Wellbeing curriculums, and builds essential digital skills for life and work.

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UPS: COMMUNICATION

How does the Army communicate? Support students studying the Uniformed Protective Services (UPS) L3 BTEC with this resource.

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CLASSROOM SUBJECTS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

FROM BONJOUR TO WORLD SERVICE - LANGUAGES MAKE IT POSSIBLE

OPERATOR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE (OPTI)

- This role involves interpreting foreign communications, translating documents, and supporting intelligence operations.
- All OPTIs are taught the basics of Signals Intelligence (SIGINT), with the option to also learn a foreign language to a high level.
- Languages such as Arabic, Russian, Mandarin, or Pashto are highly valued. You don't need to speak another language to apply, but if you're interested in learning one, this role offers excellent opportunities to develop those skills.
- Gain a Level 4 Data Analyst Apprenticeship alongside training.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) in school teach listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- Cultural Knowledge: Learn about customs, traditions, and social norms of other countries.
- Translate texts and interpret meaning, comparing linguistic structures.
- Apply language in real-life scenarios like ordering food or asking directions.

THE ARMY AS A WHOLE

- Cultural Understanding: Language skills improve cultural awareness, vital for peacekeeping and building trust overseas.
- Specialist Roles & Career Growth: Linguists and signals specialists rely on language proficiency, and it opens opportunities for international postings and officer roles.
- Multinational Operations: They enable smooth communication and collaboration with allied forces during joint missions.

Humanitarian & Disaster Relief: Language skills help soldiers communicate effectively with local communities during aid missions.



BREAKING DOWN YOUR BARRIERS & CONCERNS

Every student has unique interests and strengths.

Help them see how these can translate into real Army careers.

I am not sure how Army Apprenticeships work and what apprenticeships are available..

DID YOU KNOW?!

The Army is ranked No.1 in The Sunday Times Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers, and placed in the Department of Education Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers.

With over 39 schemes in areas like engineering, logistics, and medical, you'll earn while you learn—receiving full pay and nationally recognised qualifications.

Join us on 3 February 2026 16:00–17:00, before National Apprenticeship Week to hear from current apprentices and discover more.



REGISTER NOW >

ARMY APPLICATION: AT A GLANCE MAKING THAT SECOND STEP: MEDICAL

HINTS AND TIPS

Any application to join the British Army starts with an online application.

- 1 Stress the importance of Accurate GP Details**
Remind students to provide the correct GP information at the start of their Application. Incorrect details can delay the medical clearance process.
- 2 Explain Medical Clearance Timelines**
Medical checks can take time and are on a case by case basis. The best advice we can give is to ask people to be patient during this time.
- 3 Promote Healthy Habits Early**
Support students in maintaining good health through exercise, balanced nutrition, good sleep patterns and avoiding habits that could affect medical results.
- 4 If the Outcome Isn't What They Hoped For**
Reassure students not to worry. A letter will explain next steps and options for appeal, to indicate the best approach moving forward.

ALIGNING WITH GATSBY BENCHMARKS

FREE LESSON LIBRARY

Access our Lesson Library for FREE, fully adaptable teaching materials including assemblies, classroom activities, lesson plans, and schemes of work — all designed to support careers education and personal development.

EXPLORE FREE CURRICULUM-LINKED RESOURCES

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GATSBY BENCHMARK

CAREERS PRESENTATIONS (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

Use our interactive presentation to explore the wide range of roles within the British Army. It's a great way to help students understand Army life and the many career pathways available.

INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO ARMY CAREERS

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GATSBY BENCHMARK

CAREERS FAIR (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

We can attend your school's careers fair to speak with students about Army careers, apprenticeships, sponsorship opportunities, and what life in the military is really like.

INVITE THE ARMY TO YOUR SCHOOL

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ELITE SKILLS ACADEMY (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

This hands-on workshop helps students build confidence, resilience, and communication skills through engaging team-based challenges — ideal for developing key employability skills.

BOOK A TEAMWORK WORKSHOP

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WORK EXPERIENCE (YEARS 9+/S3/S4)

Students can take part in a four-day residential Army experience, developing leadership, teamwork, and personal resilience in a structured and supportive environment.

BOOK A RESIDENTIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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TO BOOK WORK EXPERIENCE OR AN ELITE SKILLS ACADEMY SESSION

Please email: rg-nrcoutreachadmin@mod.gov.uk or phone: **0345 600 8080** and ask for 'Outreach'.

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VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

If your school in two formats:

- 6-Module Course:** Self-paced, interactive modules covering workplace skills, career insights, and real-world tasks. Includes a certificate of completion.
- 1-Day Insight Day:** Live sessions with professionals, Q&A panels, and interactive activities. Students receive a digital badge or certificate.

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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GET IN TOUCH

WANT TO BOOK TALK, REQUEST MATERIALS OR ASK A QUESTION?

Call your local office or email the Army Outreach team at rg-nrcoutreachadmin@mod.gov.uk

FIND A RECRUITMENT CENTRE >

