



CareerMag for School Leavers

This version of the regular publication focusses on helping students discover the best next steps after leaving school. This edition covers topics such as Everything you need to know about results day 2022, Sector Spotlights on Aerospace, Hospitality and Supermarkets, Get the Jump—Skills for Life, Apprenticeship Myths Busted and a six step guide to applying for an apprenticeship.



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University of Southampton

Ignite Your Journey



Aimed at Year 12 and 13 students, this programme is designed to support those considering university, by helping to develop skills and an understanding of what may be required with university study. Learning is on-line with a range of modules to assist with university preparation, and there are monthly on-line Q&A sessions with subject experts. Each participant will be matched with an e-mentor to support the process, and a range of opportunities focussing on transferrable skills are offered. Certain criteria must be met to participate—click on the logo for more detail. Applications close on 13 July.

In-demand careers in the UK

In March 2022, Endvoy completed research to establish which jobs were in highest demand in the UK. Since Brexit and Covid-19, many sectors and businesses are struggling with skills and worker shortages, and for those with the right experience and/or qualifications, this can lead to a wide choice of well paying jobs. The top 6 most in-demand jobs in the UK are listed below.

Role/Career	Avg Starting Salary	Related Degree/Qualifications
Programmers and Software Developers	£26,000	Software Design, Computer Sciences or Information Technology
Cyber Security Specialists	£25,000	Information Systems, Cyber security or Cybernetics
Health Services & Residential Care	£21-30,000	Health care, Nursing or Public Health
Architects	£28,000	Architecture and Design or Architectural Sociology
Graphic Designers	£18,000	Graphic Design, Creative Arts or Computer Graphics
Physical Scientists	£29,000	Geophysics, Geology or Geochemistry

Exam Results

Thursday 18th August

A 'Levels and BTEC Level 3

Thursday 25th August

GCSE and BTEC Level 2

Results can be collected from Watford UTC between 10.00-13.00.

Any results not collected will be e-mailed out to your Watford UTC e-mail account after 13.00. If you cannot collect either results or certificates yourself, then you will need to complete the authorisation form on [The Watford UTC](#) website, for someone to collect on your behalf.

Waiting for exam results can be an anxious time, for students and parents/carers alike; below are some resources that may be useful leading up to and including on results day.



Success at School

How to cope on Exam Results Day

Tips and support on how to manage stress and anxiety leading up to exam results, including talking about worries, making a plan, taking someone with you to collect results, and what to do if you don't get the results you were hoping for.

UCAS

After you get your exam results

Explains next steps; depending on how your results go. For example, what to do if the grades were lower than expected, what to do if your next step choice hasn't been in touch, how to appeal your grades and what to do if you have been accepted on your preferred course.

The Complete University Guide

Results Day Stress and Mental Health

Top tips on managing anxiety and stress on results day. Includes advice such as not bottling up feelings, having a plan for the best or worse outcomes, not comparing your results to others and where you can find more advice for mental health and exam result stress.

My Possible Self

How to deal with exam result disappointment

If your exam results aren't what you hoped for, this resource offers support and advice on what can be done. Suggests how you can review your options and maybe consider an alternative path, make sure you don't obsess with negative thinking, and remember to look after yourself both physically and mentally.

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The Mix

Low A 'Level Results

Advice and support if your A 'Level results are lower than anticipated. Suggestions on who to talk to (parents, teachers, national results helpline), advice on appealing and doing resits, or using UCAS clearing.

Coping with low GCSE Grades

Advice for students whose grades may be lower than expected. Explains that it is okay to be upset or disappointed, and how you can learn from the experience. Gives practical advice on resits, maybe considering a different route (i.e. apprenticeship), and where you can find more advice, i.e. careers advisors, teachers and colleges.

Spunout

How to handle exam results anxiety

Explains why you may feel stressed about results, such as the pressure from school or parents and worrying about what results may mean for the future. A better understanding will ensure you can take steps to improve these feelings; including techniques for staying calm, making time for yourself, and knowing that whatever the results you are not a failure.

UCAS

What is clearing?

If you haven't received the results or university offers that you were hoping for, you can apply for a course using clearing. UCAS provides all you need to know; how to apply, how it works, what clearing plus is and a range of FAQs to help you with the process. Also, If you have achieved better results than anticipated, you can decline your allocated place and apply for an alternative course through clearing.

Large Local Employers

Watford and surrounding areas are lucky to have a selection of larger national and international employers. Many have their UK or European Head Office based within easy travel distance and offer a range of employment and/or apprenticeship opportunities. These include:

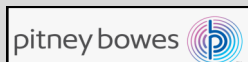
Costco

With their UK head office based in Watford, they offer a range of opportunities within their distribution centre, warehouse, optical lab and head office (including buying, e-commerce and information systems). They advertise the fact that they like to promote staff from “within”.



Pitney Bowes

A global shipping and mailing company providing technology, logistics and financial services to businesses and governments world-wide. Their UK head office is based in Hatfield with key business departments including client services, warehouse operation, corporate division and finance & accounting. They offer a range of leadership and intern programmes.



Wenzels

With over 90 shops and 1000 employees, and head office based in Watford, they offer a range of career paths and have roles throughout the business including retail, food production and logistics. They provide training schemes and apprenticeships; currently with 20 apprentices, they hope to increase this to over 100 in the next year.



GE Healthcare

A subsidiary of USA multinational General Electric, they manufacture and distribute diagnostic imaging agents and radio pharmaceuticals used in medical procedures. Their UK head office is in Chalfont St Giles, with key offices in both Amersham and Hatfield. They offer career opportunities, internships, senior leadership and development programmes, and apprenticeship schemes both in the UK and across the world.



Computacentre

A leading technology and services provider with UK head office in Hatfield; with over 18,000 employees globally, 4000 of whom are in the UK. They currently offer development programmes, mentoring, training and coaching schemes—with 296 new employees joining these in 2021. They also offer graduate programmes and apprenticeships in IT technical and business administration roles.



Majestic Wine

A Watford based head office, they are the UK's biggest wine retailer with over 200 stores and 1000 staff nationwide. They offer roles in retail branches and at head office. All retail employees work towards being professionally accredited with The Wine and Spirit Education Trust.



Imagination Tech

A semiconductor and software design company, their head office is in Kings Langley. They promote themselves as a modern employer with hybrid working schemes, intern programmes, and active recruitment and promotion of female employees through their Women in Tech group.



J D Weatherspoon (Weatherspoons)

With its head office in Watford, they currently operate in 920 pubs and 50 hotels nationwide with over 39,000 employees. They offer apprenticeships across ten qualifications, including housekeeping, food production, hospitality team member/supervisor/manager, through to a level 6 chartered manager degree. They also offer training courses to employees including support with literacy, numeracy and vocational skills.



KPMG

A network of companies in 145 countries; one of the world's largest audit and accountancy firms. Although their official head office is in London, their Watford offices employ over 100 client facing staff and 690 business services staff. They offer a range of opportunities through their apprenticeship scheme (including technology & engineering, consulting, law and business services), and also their graduate and experienced professional schemes.



Hilton

Hilton's European head office is based in Watford. They offer career opportunities throughout hospitality sectors, from corporate positions to roles within their hotels. They provide apprenticeship schemes in a range of areas, including event management, chef, hotel administration and management.



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Gas Mark 1 Apprenticeship Scheme



This local company is currently recruiting for full time apprentices starting in August/September 2022, to join their team of engineers. Apprentices will spend four days with a qualified engineer, and one day at West Herts College undertaking a level 2 training course. Please call 01923 231780 for more details.

Pioneers of Tomorrow 22 July—Farnborough Air Show



A showcase for students interested in STEM or STEAM careers. Including speakers from the aviation industry, a dedicated careers hub offering advice and a live jobs board, an R&D showcase highlighting the latest new technology from organisations and universities, and other hands-on activities promoting the application of STEAM skills. *(Click logo for more details)*

Preparing to move away to university

Moving away from home to university can be both daunting and exciting, and planning ahead can make what may be a stressful experience a little easier. Below are some resources and advice for things you may need to consider before starting university.

[Save the Student—What to take to university checklist](#)

An essential list of what you may need to remember to pack, including documents, kitchen/bedroom/bathroom essentials and other useful items that you may not have considered such as fancy dress outfits or a key for home.

[Money Saving Expert—50 tips on how to stretch your student loan](#)

Starts with an explanation on how student loans work, i.e. when you will start paying it back and the amount of maintenance loan that you may expect to receive. Offers advice and tips on other financial considerations, such as how to get a council tax discount on your accommodation, best bank accounts for students, potential retailer or student discount schemes, how to find the cheapest utility providers, how to get freebies and other top tips on saving and/or earning and making money as a student.

[The Guardian—Apps to make university easier](#)

A list of mobile apps that can help students in a range of areas, including health (physical and mental), finances and budgeting, revision, house sharing, studying and general life skills.

[Prolet—Top Tips for happy student house shares](#)

Sharing accommodation with potential strangers can often cause anxiety and confusion. This resource gives tips on how to make the most of the experience, how to manage any shared bills, how to avoid conflict and how to divide household chores.

[Sensible Reviewer—179 university essentials you'll hate to forget](#)

A checklist with everything you'll need to take any maybe some things you hadn't considered. A printable version to make it easier to see what you have or haven't bought or packed.

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Escape Studios—12 July Virtual Work Experience Day



A free course with activities to challenge, inspire, and expand skills and knowledge of students who are interested in a career in VMX, animation and games.

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UCAS—6 July



Discover Medicine and Allied Health

For students who are considering medicine, veterinary, dentistry or a health profession. An chance to meet universities, apprenticeship providers, colleges, and current students, with Q&A sessions, virtual tours, workshops & clinics, aimed at providing an insight into course options and career paths.

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