

Horizons Bulletin Monday 15th September 2026



Welcome to the first Horizons Bulletin - full of opportunities to shape your future.

Interested in becoming a commercial pilot? A new training course is starting on 8 November, run by The Aviation Guy. [More details here.](#)

The AQA exam board is growing its [Student Advisory Group](#) and they are looking for a team of passionate young people who want to **shape the future of education** at AQA. From making assessments more accessible to improving diversity in our specifications, your voice can make a real impact. This would be great for your CV! [Find out who they are looking for and apply here.](#)

Degree Apprenticeship with Lidl. Following the success of the Lidl Degree Apprenticeship Taster Day in February, Lidl have invited up to five of our students to the next event on 20 November from 9am - 1pm at the Lidl Exeter Regional Distribution Centre at Clyst Honiton, near Exeter. This is a fantastic opportunity for any students considering Retail Management as a career. This four-year programme, in conjunction with Kingston University, offers on-the-job learning alongside academic work with the goal of achieving a Retail Leadership Degree and becoming a Lidl Store Manager at the end of the programme. If you are interested, email Dr Davies.

[Join the Young Drivers' Commission.](#) Get paid to develop recommendations for making driving safer and better for young people. This is open to 17-24 year olds in Manchester, Devon, Cornwall and West Mercia. [Apply here.](#)

Browse all taster courses (online and in-person) from University College London [here.](#)

Work experience with the Social Mobility Business Partnership (SMBP). SMBP is committed to supporting students from low income backgrounds in their pursuit of a career in business. They offer Year 12 and 13 from low socio-economic backgrounds a fantastic opportunity to visit a range of high-profile organisations across 5 days, to learn about organisations and get involved in business-like workshops and activities to ultimately build experience for their CV and/or Personal Statements. After the week, students have to virtual Career Mentoring from industry professionals. Our volunteers

are on hand to help with creating Personal Statements/CVs, compiling application forms, and preparing for interviews. **Who are their Partners in Exeter? You will work with:** Ashfords Solicitors, Exeter Chiefs, Exeter Science Park, JBA Consulting, Met Office, Foot Antsey LLP, Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Pennon Group and Exeter University. To apply scan the QR code.



Help out with this survey from the University of Lincoln examining whether the employment package offered by the Royal Navy is sufficient to recruit and retain personnel. The study compares what people expect of a career in the Armed Forces before joining with what serving personnel report actually receiving. You will not be contacted afterwards, no personal information is collected, and no data is shared with Armed Forces recruiting. The research is equally interested in students with no intention of joining, as their expectations form part of the comparison. The questionnaire takes around 10 minutes and asks what students would expect regarding pay, accommodation, time from application to starting work, and which benefits they would value most. Questions are multiple choice. Nothing sensitive is asked.
Is 'The Offer' from the Royal Navy enough to assist in recruiting and retaining Service personnel?

Upcoming university open days

Plymouth Uni, 26 Sept

Bath Spa University, 26 Sept

University of Edinburgh, 26 Sept

University of Southampton. 27 Sept