

Horizons Bulletin Monday 12th October 2026



Lots of opportunities to prepare you for your next steps

Are you looking for an apprenticeship?

NavigATE: How to search and apply for apprenticeships - Amazing Apprenticeships

This friendly and informative webinar on 21 October, 3:30pm, will guide you through the main apprenticeship vacancy platforms, including the Government's Find an Apprenticeship website.

Also, a **free webinar about apprenticeships** and how to apply is available on **Thursday 22nd October**. Join the professionals for a deep-dive into how degree apprenticeships work, how to apply and what students can do now to put themselves in the best position for when the time comes to apply.

Lidl Retail Apprenticeship

Five places are available for a taster day 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. Names to Dr Davies by 22 October.

BECOME A PILOT – LIVE ONLINE COMMERCIAL PILOT PREPARATION

A 10-session, live online mentored programme for young people considering a career as a commercial pilot. There are several routes into the profession and a university degree is not necessarily required. Students receive expert tuition and mentorship covering: **Aviation Maths & Physics • Flight Theory • Meteorology • Aircraft Systems • Navigation • Pilot Aptitude • CRM • Airline Competencies • Interview & Application Preparation • Professional Training Pathways**

Starts: Sunday 8 November 2026

Age: 14–19 (suitable Year 9 students aged 13 may also join)

Format: 10 live online sessions

Course information and enrolment

Exeter Scholars programme - Exeter University

You can apply for both but will complete just one pathway.

- 1. Exeter Scholars On-Campus (Year 12)**

Applications are now open to all students living in the South West (Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, and Bristol). This programme will give you the opportunity to develop knowledge of what it is like to study a subject of your choice at university level. You can choose from 14 different subject activity strands, and gain access to both academics and current students from your subject area of interest. Successful students will be able to attend regular sessions corresponding to their chosen 'Subject Activity Strand' on one of our three campuses (Penryn, St Lukes, and/or Streatham, depending on the subject strand to which they are allocated) between **January and October 2027**. Information about the strands available and the application form can be found here: [South West | Exeter Scholars | University of Exeter](#)

2. Exeter Scholars Virtual Pathway (Year 12)

Applications are now open for the [Virtual | Exeter Scholars | University of Exeter](#), designed for Year 12 students interested in exploring university life and learning more about the University of Exeter. With a choice of four different subject strands, students can delve deeper into areas that interest them while gaining insight into future study opportunities. The programme provides access to world-leading academics and innovative teaching practices, all through a flexible online format that can be accessed from anywhere. This includes a 'virtual activities fortnight' which will be taking place **Monday 15 – Friday 26 February 2027**.

Applications for both the South West and Virtual pathways are now open and close at **midday on Friday 23 October 2026**.

Your Creative Identity – Personal Branding and Portfolios. Through Creative Portal, you will learn how to showcase your talent, strengthen your professional identity and develop a portfolio that stands out. You will also connect with valuable resources to support your next steps in the creative sector.

 **Date:** 18 November 2026

 **Time:** 10am–2pm

 **Location:** Google Classroom

 [Link to apply](#)

Two free work experience days for Year 13 students this November, with just 45 places between them.

KPMG, Bristol: Audit and Tax apprenticeships

- Wednesday 4 November, 1:30pm to 5:30pm | 30 places
- Eligibility: 5 GCSEs at grades 4 to 9, including English Language and Maths at grade 5, and predicted 120 UCAS points
- Prioritisation starts Wednesday 21 October

- Nominate students here*
- **Register directly:** <https://uptree.co/events/kpmg/4276942422/>

Trowers & Hamlins, Exeter: Solicitor apprenticeships

- Thursday 19 November, 10:00am to 4:30pm | 15 places | **Travel up to £80 reimbursed**
- Eligibility: 6 GCSEs, with grade 6 or above in English and Maths, predicted ABB at A level and the right to work in the UK
- Prioritisation starts Thursday 29 Oct
- Nominate students here*
- **Register directly:** <https://uptree.co/events/trowers-hamlins/149709932>