



St Monica's RC High School

March 2026 Careers Newsletter

This newsletter is designed to share all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

National Careers Week 2026: Own Your Future!

We are excited to announce that **National Careers Week (NCW)** is officially here! NCW 2026 takes place from **Monday 2nd March to Saturday 7th March**.

What is National Careers Week?

It is a dedicated week where schools, colleges, and employers come together to provide students with the best possible information about their future pathways. Whether they are interested in University, Apprenticeships, T-Levels, or going straight into the workforce, this week is about exploring every option.

Why is it important?

The world of work is changing faster than ever (especially with the rise of AI and green technologies!). NCW helps students:

- **Discover** careers they never knew existed.
- **Understand** the skills employers are looking for right now.
- **Build Confidence** in making big decisions about GCSEs, A-Levels, and beyond.
- **Connect** curriculum subjects to real-life jobs.

How to Get Involved

For Students:

- **Virtual Careers Fair:** Visit the [NCW Virtual Fair](#) to "walk" through booths from top UK employers and universities.
- **Skill Builder:** Take a 10-minute [Skills Assessment](#) to see which careers match your personality.
- **In School:** Look out for the 'What is a Career?' lesson in form time this week.

For Parents & Carers: Navigating post-16 and post-18 options can be a bit of a minefield. To help, you can download the **NCW 2026 Parent Guide**, which breaks down everything from T-Levels to Degree Apprenticeships.

[Download the Free Parents' Guide to Careers 2026 here](#)

Useful Links for Further Information

[National Careers Week Official Site:](#) The hub for all official resources and the "Careers Download" e-zine.

[National Careers Service:](#) Professional advice on job profiles and training.

[Amazing Apprenticeships:](#) The best place to explore hands-on learning routes.

[UCAS:](#) Not just for Uni! Explore all post-18 options including apprenticeships.

#NCW2026 #OwnYourFuture #CareersEducation



Careers Speed Networking: Fast-Track Your Future!

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming **Careers Speed Networking** events! Think of it like "speed dating," but for jobs.

This is a high-energy opportunity for students to meet professionals from 10–12 different industries in one morning. Students will hear from deliverers and will then have a few minutes to "grill" an expert about their job and how they got there, before a whistle blows and they move on to the next professional!

Save the Dates

Year 9: Tuesday 17th March

Year 8: Tuesday 31st March

Why take part?

No "Death by PowerPoint": No long speeches here—just quick, face-to-face chats.

Broaden Horizons:

Students might arrive thinking about being a YouTuber and leave inspired to be an Engineer or a Project Manager.

Confidence Building: It's a great, low-pressure way to practice talking to employers and asking smart questions.

What do students need to do?

Just bring their curiosity! The goal is simple: **to see how many different futures are possible.**

Note to Parents: This is a fantastic conversation starter for the dinner table. Ask your child which professional surprised them the most!

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The UK creative industries are a powerhouse for employment, accounting for 2.4 million jobs—roughly 7% of the total UK workforce—with a significant 30% of these roles being self-employed. Ranging from film and music to IT and software development, the sector continues to grow and remains the largest employer across all departments overseen by the DCMS.

[Source](#)



About 7 per cent of UK jobs are in the creative industries. (Image: [Annie Spratt](#) on [Unsplash](#))

Career of the Month

[Air Traffic Controller](#)

If you like high-pressure gaming or complex problem-solving, this could be for you.

The Job: Using radar to guide planes safely through the sky and onto runways.

The Skills: Intense focus, 3D spatial awareness, and calm decision-making.

The Pay: Trainees start at **£18k+**, rising to **£100k+** for senior controllers.

The Route: No degree needed! Apply to the [NATS Trainee Scheme](#) with 5 GCSEs (including Maths/English).

Subject of the Month

Computer Science

A blend of mathematical theory and practical engineering, Computer Science focuses on solving complex problems through algorithms, AI, and hardware design.

The Stats: It can lead to diverse degrees like Artificial Intelligence at Manchester or Computer Science & Engineering at Delft.

The Future: Graduates are highly sought after for roles in cybersecurity, game design, and software engineering, with opportunities spanning from healthcare to the film industry.

Opportunities

[Eric's Library of Creative Careers:](#) Access a digital library featuring hundreds of recorded talks from professionals across the creative industries.

[Your Guide to Creative Apprenticeships:](#) A session hosted by Access Industries that explains what creative apprenticeships are, who they are for, and how to build in-demand skills.

[Career Journey: Fashion at M&S:](#) Hear from Alissa and Grace, fashion apprentices at Marks & Spencer, about their daily roles in buying and merchandising and their tips for the interview process.

[Career Journey: Backstage Theatre at Disney:](#)

Hannah, a Technical Theatre Apprentice at Disney Theatrical Group, shares her top tips for starting a career in theatre and the challenges of her backstage role.

