

Useful Websites

www.careersWKC.com

www.unifrog.org/code

www.ccct.london

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk

www.careerfinderucas.com

www.ucas.com/alternatives-to-university

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Empowering you to be more competitive in the job market



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Intro

The Careers & Employability team introduced this programme to support students choosing an alternative to traditional full-time university study after college. We recognise that there is no central application system when applying for apprenticeships, and securing a good apprenticeship can be both competitive and challenging.

The Early Careers Support programme is here to offer support with higher and degree apprenticeship applications, and to give you access to opportunities to help you get ahead of the competition!

Benefits:

- Make stronger applications
- Practice your technique with our mock interview and assessment centres
- Attend exclusive employer events
- Increase your commercial knowledge
- Access to Unifrog (online research tool)

Proven success!

Last year, due to their hard work and perseverance, WKC students who took part in the programme received job offers from Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, Microsoft, Expedia, Kennedys, WYG, RSM, BT and AON.



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Common Interview Process

Online Application

This is your first chance to tell the company about YOU!

Online Tests

Aptitude tests and psychometric tests help employers find out more about you. Some check whether you have the right practical skills for a job. Others help them see if you'll fit in with their team.

Telephone / Video Interview

Similar to the regular interview – but quicker and done in the comfort of your own home. Recruiters will want to find out how your skills/experiences and interests match that of the job.

Assessment Centre

Recruiters use assessment centres to find out how candidates perform in various situations, in particular group situations, *and*, social breaks!

Job Offer!

Getting to this point isn't easy! Last year one company received around 5000 early career applications, and made 1000 job offers.... Use the Early Careers Support Programme for support throughout!

Top Tips from Previous Students

“Get your applications completed as soon as possible and keep a table/chart which you can update with deadlines and how much you’ve done”

“Don’t put all your eggs in one basket... Have a look at apprenticeships that can still combine your interest but perhaps with something you’d never thought of”

“Don't show you are very worried during recruitment stages, relax and be friendly with everyone (especially in assessment centres)”

“Make sure you do well-rounded research on the company”

“Practice, practice, practice”

“Before an interview ask yourself if you can really see yourself working there. If the answer is yes then you will be able to have a good reason why”

“If you’ve been offered an interview grasp it with both hands and practice some typical interview questions”

“It can feel daunting when trying to complete studies and apply for apprenticeships, as well as going to interviews but by keeping really organised the tasks become a lot more manageable”

“Start applications as early as possible, some take a really long time to complete”

“Always ask for feedback”



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Uptree Partnership

Uptree is a careers networking company for college students. We want to help YOU to be more employable after college by making professional connections in the industries you love: business, finance, media, tech., fashion, health & social care, engineering, advertising and much more....

You only have to **make 4 professional connections** whilst at college and it's proven you'll be **5 times** more employable whether you're going to uni, work or an apprenticeship!

Students who attend 4+ events will be up for the chance of winning an Uptree Employability Challenge award.

We have partnered with Uptree to give you the best opportunities to network with new employers



Visit: www.uptree.co to sign up and find opportunities!

<<< Sign up for internal events with the Careers team!

This is just a snapshot of the events that will be on throughout the year. Keep an eye out around your college centre, and check your emails regularly for information on upcoming events!

Sign up to the mailing list by filling in a sign-up form from your careers advisor or email us careers@westking.ac.uk.

Companies regularly hold insight days, mock assessment centres and more, check their websites regularly to find out!



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