Keswick School

Careers Bulletin (Years 10–13) **13th October 2026**

Key School Dates & Events

- **Year 11 Information Evening (Post-16 Pathways Talk):** Thursday 15th October 2026
- **Year 11 Careers Day:** Wednesday 21st October 2026
- **Keswick School Sixth Form Information Evening:** Thursday 21st January 2027

Exciting Opportunities & Work Experience

Healthcare, Medicine & Dentistry

- **Get Into Dentistry Virtual Conference (Ages 14+):** Saturday 17th Oct (9:00am–1:30pm). Free virtual event run by Birmingham University Hospitals NHS Trust with Dental Mentor. — Register Here
- **Get Into Medicine Virtual Conferences (Ages 14+):** Saturday 24th Oct OR Sunday 25th Oct (9:00am–1:30pm). Free virtual events run by Birmingham University Hospitals NHS Trust with Medic Mentor. — Register Here
- **Step into Pharmacy Event – Teesside University (Years 12 & 13):** — View Event & Sign Up
- **Cambridge University Veterinary Medicine Residential Programme (Years 11 & 12):** 23rd–25th March 2027 — Find Out More & Register

STEM, Engineering & Technology

- **React Engineering Futures Programme (Year 12):** Local Cumbrian engineering placement and support programme. — Upload Your CV / Apply Here
- **ICE CityZen Award (Years 11–13):** Online civil engineering competition. Applications close 23rd October. — Find Out More & Apply *(See Miss Mills for details)*
- **UK CanSat Competition – Space Engineering Project (Ages 14+):** Design, build, and launch a mini-satellite in a can! — Explore CanSat Project
- **STEM SMART Programme – Cambridge University (Years 12 & 13):** Free 16-month support programme for A-Level STEM students. — Apply for STEM SMART

Leadership, Business & Enterprise

- **T Levels Week Parent & Carer Webinar (*Understanding T Levels*):** Tuesday 20th October 2026 (18:30–19:15) — Register for Webinar
- **Meet The Russell Group Webinars (Years 12 & 13):** Tuesday 20th & Thursday 29th Oct. — Sign Up for Webinars
- **Dream Placement (Years 12 & 13):** High-profile leadership programme with top Cumbrian employers, including a paid February half-term placement. Applications close late October. — Apply for Dream Placement
- **Positive Enterprise (Ages 14–25):** Win up to £1,000 start-up funding for business ideas. — Register Interest & Details
- **LawCareersNetLIVE (*Aspirations in Law*) (Years 12 & 13):** Connect with top firms and build commercial awareness. — View Details & Sign Up

Cumbria & Regional Employer Spotlight

- **Sellafield Ltd Early Careers & Apprenticeships (Years 11 & 13):** Early notification for upcoming 2027 intake applications across engineering, ICT, project management, and scientific disciplines in West Cumbria. — Explore: Early Careers Portal | Apprenticeships | Degree Apprenticeships
- **BAE Systems Submarines Early Careers (Barrow / Regional):** Trade and Degree Apprenticeships in engineering, project management, and cyber security. — Explore: BAE Apprenticeships | Degree Schemes
- **North Cumbria Integrated Care (NCIC) NHS Work Experience (Years 11–13):** In-person and virtual placements across local hospitals and healthcare settings. — Apply via NCIC Portal
- **RAF HR People Specialist Apprenticeship Opportunity (Years 11+):** — Apply via RAF Recruitment
- **Great Western Railway Apprenticeships (Years 11+):** — Register Interest with GWR

Funding, Grants & Competitions

- **Cumbria Horticultural Education Grants (2027–2028 Academic Year):** Individual grants up to £1,000 to assist Cumbrian residents/students with horticultural course fees, travel/commuting, tools/clothing, or study tours. *Closing date: 1st May 2027. (See Miss Mills if interested)*
- **Gingerbread House Festival Design Competition:** National competition showcasing baking, design, and artistic creativity. — Enter Competition Here

College & Sixth Form Open Days

- **Carlisle College Open Days:** Thursday 15th Oct & Thursday 26th Nov (4:45pm–6:30pm) — Details & Booking
- **Lakes College & Lillyhall Sixth Form Open Day:** Saturday 17th October (10:00am–1:00pm | Years 11–13) — Book Tickets
- **Kendal College Autumn Open Evenings (4:30pm–7:00pm across 3 main campuses):**
    - Wednesday 11th November 2026
    - Monday 7th December 2026
    - — Visit Kendal College Open Days
- **Myerscough College Open Day:** Saturday 21st November (Preston, Liverpool, Manchester & Warrington centres | Years 10–13) — Book Your Place
- **Gen2 Open Evenings (Drop-in 4:30pm–6:30pm):** — Gen2 Open Evening Info & Booking
    - **Lillyhall:** Wed 18th Nov 2026 & Tue 2nd Feb 2027
    - **Carlisle:** Tue 24th Nov 2026 & Wed 3rd Feb 2027
    - **Furness (Ulverston):** Thu 26th Nov 2026 & Thu 4th Feb 2027

University Open Days

- **Saturday 17th October 2026:** Carlisle Brampton Road Campus *(Arts & Media)*
- **Saturday 7th November 2026:** Carlisle Fusehill Street Campus & Ambleside Campus
- **Saturday 14th November 2026:** Barrow-in-Furness Campus & Carlisle Brampton Road Campus
- — Book Cumbria Open Days
- **Saturday 17th October 2026:**
    - **Lancaster University:** Main Undergraduate Open Day — Book Lancaster Open Day
    - **Edge Hill University (Liverpool):** — Book Edge Hill Open Day
    - **Northumbria University (Newcastle):** — Book Northumbria Open Day
    - **Manchester Metropolitan University:** — Book Manchester Met Open Day
    - **London Metropolitan University:** — Book London Met Open Day
- **Saturday 24th October 2026:**
    - **Coventry University:** — Book Coventry Open Day

- **Saturday 7th November 2026:**
  - **Teesside University:** — Book Teesside Open Day
  - **London Metropolitan University:** — Book London Met Open Day
- **Saturday 14th November 2026:**
  - **The University of Manchester:** — Book Manchester Open Day
  - **University of Birmingham:** — Book Birmingham Open Day
  - **Loughborough University:** — Book Loughborough Open Day
- **Saturday 21st November 2026:**
  - **University of Sheffield:** — Book Sheffield Open Day
  - **Newcastle University:** — Book Newcastle Open Day
  - **Lancaster University:** — Book Lancaster Open Day
  - **University of Liverpool:** — Book Liverpool Open Day
  - **Manchester Metropolitan University:** — Book Manchester Met Open Day

Key UCAS Deadlines for Year 13

- **15th October 2026 (THIS THURSDAY):** Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science, and Dentistry applications close nationally.
- **6th November 2026:** School Internal Deadline for all other UCAS applications *(allows essential time for referee checks, references, and processing)*.

Information for Parents & Carers: Cumbrian Labour Market Information (LMI)

Understanding Labour Market Information (LMI) helps families navigate where future job growth, competitive salaries and long-term career opportunities are emerging locally and nationally.

Key Cumbrian LMI Highlights:

- **Nuclear & Sustainable Energy Transition:** West Cumbria remains one of Europe's largest hubs for nuclear decommissioning, clean energy and environmental engineering (Sellafield, Supply Chain partners, and emerging SMR projects). High demand exists for degree apprentices in project management, cyber security, and mechanical/electrical engineering.
- **Advanced Manufacturing & Defence:** BAE Systems in Barrow and regional supply chain firms continue to expand, creating long-term, high-value career pathways in technical engineering, logistics and digital systems.
- **Health & Social Care Growth:** NHS North Cumbria Integrated Care is actively recruiting across clinical (nursing, medicine, allied health) and non-clinical roles (data analysis, IT, estates management).
- **Visitor Economy & Agritech Transformation:** Beyond traditional tourism, Cumbria's hospitality and land-based sectors are increasingly integrating digital marketing, commercial management, sustainable agriculture and eco-tourism management.

How Parents Can Use LMI at Home:

- **Explore Unifrog:** Encourage your child to use the LMI tool on Unifrog to compare average starting salaries, weekly working hours and projected career growth for specific roles.
- **Focus on Transferable Skills:** Technical knowledge matters, but local employers consistently highlight communication, problem-solving, digital literacy and resilience as key entry requirements.
- **Consider Alternative Pathways:** Degree Apprenticeships now allow students to earn a full university degree paid for by an employer without incurring tuition debt, particularly in engineering, IT, and finance.