

SLG CAREERS BULLETIN



05/06/2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

Please see information below that details events linked to Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.

SLG Career Bulletins are available on the school app and school website. Students can also access this information on their Year Group TEAMS.

Upcoming Events

Good luck to our Year 13 students who are heading out on work placements next week. We hope you find this a valuable learning experience of the world of work.

Year 13 students will return to school on **Monday 15 June**, when the following sessions will take place:

- 'Why Study at QUB?' presentation from Queen's University Belfast
- Degree Courses and Higher Level Apprenticeships Presentation from CAFRE
- Workshop delivered by Young Enterprise – Personal Economics, covering:
 - *Budgeting & Earning*: balancing a realistic cost of living, calculating living expenses, and understanding payslips and taxes
 - *Money Management*: saving, distinguishing wants from needs, and making smart financial choices
 - *Credit & Debt*: how borrowing works, interest rates, and avoiding financial pitfalls
 - *Work Readiness*: connecting money management with future career choices and soft skills employers value

Information for Year 14

Ulster University Accommodation – Guarantee Deadline

First-year applicants for September 2026 entry are reminded that the **Accommodation Guarantee Deadline** is **Tuesday 7 July 2026**. Students who hold a 'Conditional Firm' or 'Unconditional Firm' offer and apply by the deadline will be guaranteed a room at their preferred campus. Please check attached information.

Apprenticeship Opportunities

- **Pilgrims Europe** – Specification Technician Apprentice. Please note the tight turnaround. Closing date: **30 June 2026**. Find out more: [Specification Technician Apprentice](#)
- **WD Meats**, Coleraine – Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA) in Food and Drink Manufacture at CAFRE. Successful applicants will be trained to become future Production Managers/Supervisors. For full details and entry requirements visit [CAFRE HLA Food and Drink Manufacture](#). To apply or find out more, email your CV to personnel@wd-meats.co.uk. Closing date: **30 June 2026**.
- **GBS Roofing Ltd** – Trainee Commercial Manager. Please see the Year 14 Year Group TEAMS channel for full details.
- **Workplus** June 2026 Apprenticeship Campaign – now live! Explore live opportunities: [Workplus Apprenticeships](#). Applications close **12 noon, Friday 12 June 2026**.

Medicine, Dentistry & UCAT: UCAT Preparation

UCAT exam bookings open on 23 June 2026. Yr13 students are advised to secure an end-August/early-September test date (available dates: 13 July – 24 September).

These slots are in high demand, so students are advised to book as close to 23 June as possible.

Yr13 Students intending to apply for Medicine or Dentistry must sit the UCAT examination before 24 September. Visit www.ucat.ac.uk for full details on registration and preparation.

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Work-Related Learning and Work Experience

Medicine Work Experience – Local GP Session

Dr Helen McAteer (GP, Maine Medical Practice, Cullybackey) is offering an afternoon careers session for Year 13 pupils interested in Medicine, with a particular focus on General Practice.

The session will cover: basic medical examination skills, case scenarios, interview practice, and a Q&A. It runs 2:15–4:15pm at Maine Medical Practice, Cullybackey (just behind the Spar). Students should be smartly dressed. Attendance certificates provided.

Places are limited to 10 – first come, first served. More details available on Yr13 TEAMS.

NI Ambulance Service – Online Q&A Session (Year 13)

Date: Friday 26 June 2026 | Sessions: 11am–12pm or 2pm–3pm | Spaces: 40 per session

Year 13 students can register by emailing NIASHR.Learning&Development@nias.hscni.net.

A Microsoft Teams link will be sent closer to the date

Scholarships, Bursaries & Financial Support

KPMG Scholarship Programme 2026

KPMG has launched its 2026 Scholarship Programme for students joining Queen's Business School at Queen's University Belfast. Successful applicants will receive:

- £3,000 per year throughout their degree
- A laptop to support their studies
- Internship opportunities with KPMG
- Dedicated mentoring and professional support throughout university

This is an excellent opportunity to gain financial support while building valuable industry experience. View details on [eligibility and the application process](#)

Students should [apply online](#) before the deadline: **Friday 19 June 2026**. Queries: contact Denise McKenna, HR Business Partner, KPMG Belfast – denise.mckenna@kpmg.ie

Supporting Communities Scholarship Fund – Year 14

Supporting Communities is offering a scholarship for Year 14 students in the Ballymena area beginning university in Northern Ireland in September 2026, studying at Queen's University Belfast or Ulster University in: STEM subjects, Business/Accountancy, or Agriculture.

- £1,500 per year for up to four years
- £1,000 one-off grant for IT/technology equipment at the start of the scholarship

Deadline: 5pm, **30 June 2026**. [Apply at Supporting Communities](#)

Impetus Education – Future Leaders Scholarship Programme

Impetus Education is now accepting applications for scholarships for its online summer programmes, delivered by graduate tutors from Cambridge and Oxford. Programmes include 1:1 mentoring, subject deepening, and UCAS support. Over 10 full scholarships (each worth £1,390) and 40+ partial scholarships have been awarded in previous years.

Eligibility: Students aged 16–18 (exceptional 15-year-olds may also apply).

Scholarship Deadline: 15 June 2026. [Apply here](#)

Local Credit Union Student Bursary Awards – Final Year A-Level Students

Local Credit Unions are offering Student Bursary Awards for final year A-level students. Please check with your local Credit Union for details on eligibility and how to apply.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

As your young adult embarks on their next educational chapter and considers the move to independent living, we understand this can be both an exciting and nerve-wracking time for your family. To help ease any concerns, we'd like to share some key information about accommodation at Ulster University.

Our university-managed residences are designed to provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where students can grow their independence, make lasting friendships, and feel secure.



Winner of the University of the Year
Times Higher Education Awards (2024)



Voted 2nd UK University Overall
Student Crowd (2025)

WINNER

Best student community
(UK and Ireland)
Global Student Living Awards (2025)

FINALIST

Best student wellbeing
(UK and Ireland)
Global Student Living Awards (2025)

FINALIST


Best moving in experience
(UK and Ireland)
Global Student Living Awards (2025)

Why Choose on campus Ulster University Accommodation?

- **Safety First:** 24/7 on-site security, CCTV, and a secure environment.
- **Pastoral and Wellbeing Support:** The ResLife team available to support our residents with anything they need, personal or academic.
- **All-Inclusive Living:** No hidden costs—utilities, high-speed internet, and flexible payment options are all included.
- **Easy Friendships:** With regular events like movie nights, gaming competitions, trips, and a range of social activities, we help students make new friends.
- **Independence with Support:** Our accommodation provides the perfect balance of freedom and structure, enabling students to develop essential life skills.
- **Convenient Locations:** All residences are on or near our campuses, making easy access for Uni life.
- **No Course, No Contract:** If your plans change and you decide not to study at Ulster, you will be released from your accommodation contract.
- **Accommodation Guarantee:** If your young person holds a Conditional Firm or Unconditional Firm offer, apply for accommodation by 7 July to guarantee a room at their preferred campus.

Your Space to Belong

Student living at Ulster University



ulster.ac.uk/accommodation

Key Dates

14 January 2026	○	UCAS Application Deadline
7 February 2026	○	Applicant Open Day Coleraine Campus
28 February 2026	○	Applicant Open Day Belfast Campus
28 March 2026	○	Applicant Open Day Derry-Londonderry Campus
31 March 2026	●	Bookings Open for First-Year Accommodation
7 July 2026	●	1st Year Accommodation Guarantee Deadline
13 August 2026	○	A Level Results
5 September 2026	○	Arrange your move in from this date

Useful links

For more information about accommodation at Ulster, virtual tours, how to apply and more please visit ulster.ac.uk/accommodation