



# Longridge High School

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## Careers Information

### Year 10 Work Experience Programme

**Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May 2026.**

This programme, supported by Tracy from the Education Business Partnership (EBP), provides pupils with a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand experience of the workplace. It helps them make more informed and realistic decisions about their future beyond Year 11. EBP will be conducting health, safety, and welfare assessments, and will provide all necessary documentation and guidance throughout the process.

We would like to sincerely thank all parents and carers who have already met the placement deadline—your support is greatly appreciated.

If any pupils have not yet secured a placement, or if there are any issues or concerns, please come and see Miss Lovatt as soon as possible so we can offer support.

Thank you again for your continued support

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### Year 11 College Application

**Deadline Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**

As pupils begin preparing for their next steps after school, we understand that the college application process can sometimes feel overwhelming. If pupils, parents, or carers have any questions or concerns about college applications, deadlines, or required documents, please come and see Miss Lovatt as soon as possible.

- We can help with:
  - Completing application forms
  - Writing CV
  - Understanding entry requirements

Do not wait until the last minute—early action gives us more time to assist and resolve any issues. Representatives from Preston, Runshaw, Newman, Myerscough, and Blackburn colleges will be in school on Wednesday. This is a great opportunity for pupils to:

- Ask questions about applications
- Get advice on courses and entry requirements
- Find out about transport and bus arrangements

Your future matters, and we are here to guide you through every step of the process. Please reach out promptly so we can make sure you feel confident and prepared.

Thank you for your continued support.

# Earn while you learn!

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Repair Ltd Level 3(Ref:BA30)  
Leyland  
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your existing  
role with an  
apprenticeship  
(subject to  
eligibility  
checks)



Early Years Educator  
Apprentice at The Hub Club  
Level 3 (Ref:CC22)  
Buckshaw Village  
£7.55 per hour



Apprentice Nursery Assistant  
at Bank Hall Kindergarten  
(Ref:CC19)  
Leyland  
£7.55 per hour

## More vacancies



If you have any questions or want to apply now please contact us either by email at [apprenticeships@runshaw.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@runshaw.ac.uk) or call us on 01772 643008

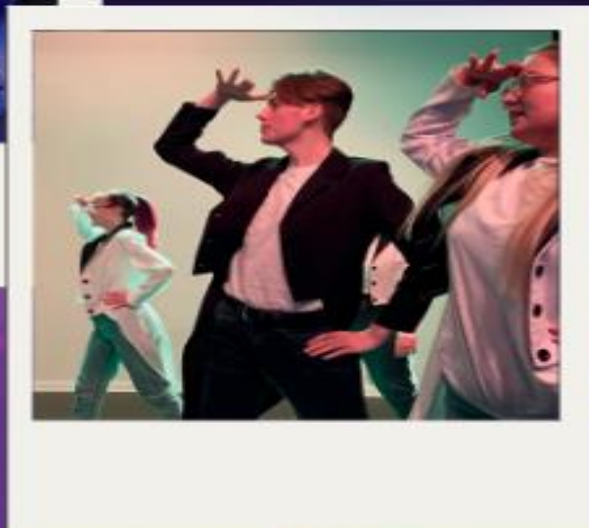
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# Stronger Starts



## STRONGER STARTS PROGRAMME OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS!

Tesco's Stronger Starts apprenticeship programme is now open, offering two fantastic apprenticeship pathways for young people, the well-established Retail Apprenticeship and the brand-new Maintenance Apprenticeship. Stronger Starts is a fantastic opportunity for young people to kickstart a career in retail or maintenance, enjoy a brilliant starting salary, and receive lots of support and coaching along the way.

## THE ROLES

### Stronger Starts



Maintenance Apprenticeship



### Stronger Starts



Retail Apprenticeship



#### Maintenance Apprenticeships

Stronger Starts are now offering a Maintenance Apprenticeship! Apprentices will work alongside earning a Level 2 Property Maintenance Operative qualification – equivalent to 5 GCSE passes.

The 18-month programme sets you up with the skills you need for everyday duties in maintenance jobs.

[Stronger Starts Maintenance Apprenticeship | Tesco Careers](#)

#### Retail Apprenticeships

Retail apprentices will work, earn and learn, gaining a Level 2 National Standard in Retail qualification over the course of the programme.

You'll gain hands-on experience of how a store operates and have the opportunity to experience different roles and tasks across the store.

[Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship | Tesco Careers](#)

## What are T Levels!!!!



- T Levels are new, two-year technical education courses that will follow GCSEs and will be equivalent to 3 A Levels.
- T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers, so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work.
- T Levels will offer students a mixture of classroom learning (80%) and 'on-the-job' experience (20%) during an industry placement of a minimum of 315 hours, with an average of 350 hours (approx. 45 days)
- T Levels provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door into skilled employment, further study or a higher apprenticeship

## Apprenticeships

### How apprenticeships work

Apprenticeships are real jobs with real employers, allowing you to work, earn a salary and gain valuable qualifications and experience. With over 600 different apprenticeship standards covering everything from accountancy to zoo keeping, there is an apprenticeship out there for everyone. Apprenticeships offer choice, opportunity, qualifications, support and a head start into a future career.

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study. As an apprentice, you will:

- ✚ be an employee earning a wage and getting holiday pay
- ✚ work alongside experienced staff
- ✚ gain job-specific skills
- ✚ get time for training and study related to your role (at least 20% of your normal working hours)

Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

Please visit: - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



**Amazing Apprenticeships** is a leading organisation in the education sector.

[Amazing Apprenticeships | Explore Technical Education & Apprenticeship Resources - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

For over a decade we have been working to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and technical education, promote their benefits, and push the boundaries of what the sector can do. Working with teachers, government and leading employers, we've already brought about a culture change in schools across England. And we're only just getting started.

[Step-by-step guide to applying](#)

# JOB OF THE WEEK

## RETAIL BUYER

Annual salaries  
£18,000 to £25,000 per year.  
Experience Retail Buyers can expect to earn  
£18,000 to £25,000 per year.

Retail buyers choose products for shops to sell, like clothing, toys, electrical goods and food.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Analysing and forecasting trends from consumer data.
- Attending trade fairs to find new products.
- Managing product quality and getting customer feedback.
- Negotiating prices, orders and delivery dates.
- Presenting collections to senior managers.
- Tracking sales figures, managing stock levels and keeping to budgets.
- Checking and reacting to competitor activities.
- Adapting quickly to changing consumer behaviour.

What skills are required?

- The ability to work well with others.
- To be flexible and open to change.
- Maths knowledge.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Customer service skills.
- The ability to sell products and services.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- The ability to use your initiative.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device.



**Work Experience** - It's possible to get experience in retail on the shopfloor, in visual merchandising, or as an admin assistant in a buyer's office. You can then spend time learning, doing training and getting qualifications on the job.

**Career Path & Progression** - With experience and training you could become a senior buyer, buying controller or head of buying. You could also move into product management, marketing or merchandising.

### WORKING HOURS

**38 to 40 a week**

You could work: evenings; attending events or appointments

Working Environment - You could work in an office or at a store.

You can get into this job through:

- a college course.
- an apprenticeship.
- working towards this role.
- a graduate training scheme.

College - You could do a course at college to get some of the skills needed to work in retail. Examples are:

- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Retail Operations.
- Level 2 Diploma in Fashion Retail.
- Level 3 Diploma in Retail Skills.

A course like this may help you to get your first job. You could then move into buying as your experience grows.

Entry requirements

You will usually need:

2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A\* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course

4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course

You might start your career with a retail team leader advanced apprenticeship or retail manager higher apprenticeship before moving into the buying side.

You could also apply to do a buying and merchandising assistant higher or degree apprenticeship.

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RETAIL  
BUYERS

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #17 - RETAIL BUYER - YouTube](#)

[Careerpilot: Job sectors: Retail: Job profiles: Retail buyer](#)