



## **Enniskillen Royal Grammar School – CEIAG BULLETIN**

**Week Beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### **KPMG Degree Apprenticeship 2026**

KPMG are delighted with the success of their **Get Set Degree Apprenticeship** over the past 3 years. This is a unique opportunity for a small number of high performing students that are looking to get into employment after their A Levels and want an alternative to full time study at university, while still getting an honours level degree. The programme will start in September 2026. **Less than 1 month until the closing date – Friday 6 February 2026!**

### **Insight Event for students and parents**

They are hosting a virtual insight event for students, teachers and parents on Monday 26 January 2026 to learn more about what it is like to work for KPMG, hear from some current apprentices and staff and get your questions answered. Students can find out more information and [register to attend here](#).

For more information on these apprenticeships, please visit [www.kpmg.ie/getsetapprenticeship](http://www.kpmg.ie/getsetapprenticeship)

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# Degree Apprenticeship

*The easiest big decision you'll ever make*

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## GET SET GO > LEARN > ADVANCE

## RISE AS ONE

### Degree Apprenticeship

**Looking to leap into the world of work?**

Want an alternative to university but still obtain a higher level degree?  
The KPMG Get Set Degree Apprenticeship could be your opportunity to

- » **GO:**  
Start working after your A Levels and get responsibility and client exposure from the very start
- » **LEARN:**  
Obtain a BSc (Hons) Accounting with Management degree from Ulster University
- » **ADVANCE:**  
Work towards your professional

Applications for this programme are open NOW  
and close on 06 February 2026.

Want to hear more?

We are holding a Student Insight Day & Parents Information  
Session on Monday 26 January 2026 at 7pm  
Come along and get your questions answered.

Register to attend via the site below  
[www.kpmg.ie/getsetapprenticeship](http://www.kpmg.ie/getsetapprenticeship)

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## **UNIQ 2026**

UNIQ is the University of Oxford's access programme for UK state school students in their first year of further education. They prioritise places for students with good grades from backgrounds that are underrepresented at Oxford and other universities. Every year more students from diverse backgrounds get offered places at Oxford with help from UNIQ. **UNIQ is completely FREE, and offers over a thousand UK state school students in year 13:**

- An exclusive chance to join us at one of our regional events
- A five-day/four-night summer academic residential in Oxford, giving a taster of college and academic life
- Sustained support for those considering applying to Oxford in 2026
- An opportunity to explore subjects that interest them and to experience studying in a university setting
- A chance to get to know current Oxford students and academics and find out if Oxford can help them shape their future
- Extensive and expert support with the Oxford admissions process
- An opportunity to make new friends from across the country

**Each year more than a quarter of UNIQ participants who go on to apply to Oxford get offered a place.** This is significantly higher than the University's average offer rate of about one fifth of all applicants. Programme feedback since 2010 clearly shows that UNIQ has an extremely positive effect on participants and their futures, whether they go on to study at Oxford or not. **Applications for UNIQ 2026 close midday on Tuesday 13th January.** All applications are made online through a short form which is quick and easy to complete. They accept participants based on their academic attainment alongside their socioeconomic background and educational opportunities. They are very keen to encourage more students from Northern Ireland to apply to UNIQ - so sign up to their [UNIQ newsletter](#) for more information and reminders when applications open. In the meantime, please visit the [UNIQ website](#) for further details including application criteria.

## **Engineering Virtual Work Experience – Applications Now Open**

Secondary school students are invited to take part in this online work experience. The STEPS Programme, Engineers Ireland together with Springpod have created this bespoke experience for secondary school students. Students can register up until **18th January 2026** and complete the virtual work experience in their own time. This is entirely free and open to ALL students aged 13 and over on the island of Ireland. This online work experience will focus on various disciplines of engineering and features interviews with Irish engineers who speak about their careers and how they got interested in engineering. The experience will give an overview of engineering and then focus on mechanical, chemical, electrical and civil engineering disciplines.

<https://www.engineersireland.ie/Schools/Engineering-Your-Future/Engineering-Your-Future-Virtual-Work-Experience>

## **ATU - Access NI Programme – Applications Now Open for Year 14 Students**

**Access NI Programme** may be particularly relevant for your Year 14 students who are studying a mix of qualifications, such as A-Levels alongside BTEC (or similar combinations).

### **About the Access NI Programme**

- **Starts:** February
- **Duration:** 10 weeks
- **Schedule:** Two evenings per week
- **Delivery:** Mainly online, expect registration which is on the campus in Letterkenny (very accessible for students)
- **Cost:** Free of charge
- **Award:** 30-credit standalone qualification

The programme is designed specifically for students with mixed qualifications who cannot currently combine A-Level and BTEC scoring through the CAO system. Completing Access NI provides an alternative pathway into ATU.

### **Progression to ATU**

- The majority of ATU programmes accept students who have completed Access NI.
- Exceptions include some high-demand, high-point programmes (e.g. Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine with Surgery, Physiotherapy, etc.).
- Students still apply through CAO as normal, but Access NI allows them to receive their offer in July instead of August.

### **Applications**

Applications are now open and can be submitted online here.

### **Common Application Questions (for your students)**

#### **1. “What do I select under ‘highest level of qualifications’?”**

The form does not list Northern Ireland-specific qualifications. Students should simply **tick “Other”** in this section.

**2. “I don’t have a PPS number – what should I do?”** If a student does not have a PPS number, they can **leave this section blank**.

**3. “What do I upload under ‘Proof of Eligibility’?”** Students should upload a **short personal statement** outlining:

- the qualifications they have already completed, and
- what they are currently studying (e.g. which A-Levels and BTECs).

This is simply to confirm that they are studying a mix of qualifications, which is the entry requirement for Access NI.

## ATU Open Evenings January 2026



ATU will host a number of Open Evenings in the Galway City, Sligo and Letterkenny campuses in January 2026.

Check out the dates below:

- 21st January - Donegal Open Evening (Letterkenny Campus)
- 22nd January - Galway (Open Evening (Galway City, Dublin Road Campus)
- 27th January - Sligo and St Angelas Open Evening (Sligo Campus)

Register here: [atu.ie/opendays](https://atu.ie/opendays)

## MSAT Ulster Preparation Course – 14th and 21st Feb 2026 - at Methodist College Belfast



### MASTERING THE MSAT

1. Critical Reasoning
2. Quantitative Reasoning
3. Interpersonal Understanding
4. Complementary booklet;
5. Includes worked examples and answers

**Saturday 14 & 21 February 2026**

**09:00-3:30**

**Methodist College Belfast**

**28 February 2026 online**

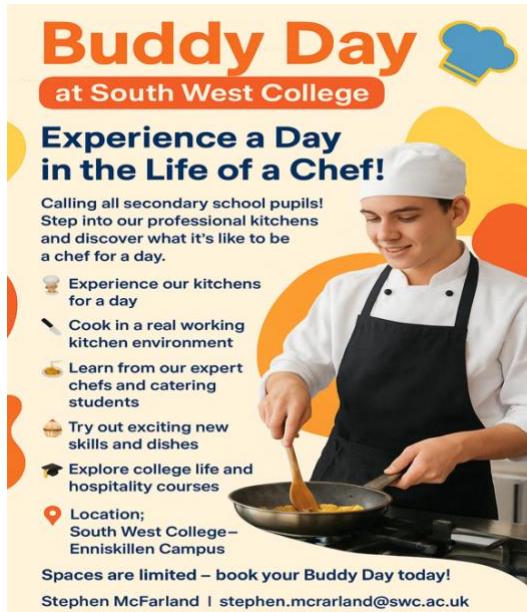
Phone: 07800535108 / 07517356095


Courses held at Methodist College,  
1 Malone Road, BT9 6BY

[www.successtutoringni.com](https://www.successtutoringni.com)

## SWC Catering/Hospitality Buddy Day Erne Campus






South West College offers pupils the opportunity to undertake a 'Buddy Day' experience within their catering department. Pupils have the chance to work for a full or half day alongside existing Professional Chef students, to experience an industrial kitchen environment, cook a meal and learn more about career paths in the catering industry. Genuinely interested pupils can contact:-  
Stephen McFarland - [Stephen.McFarland@swc.ac.uk](mailto:Stephen.McFarland@swc.ac.uk) to arrange an agreed date in the Enniskillen (Erne) Campus.




**Buddy Day**   
**at South West College**

**Experience a Day in the Life of a Chef!**

Calling all secondary school pupils!  
Step into our professional kitchens and discover what it's like to be a chef for a day.

-  Experience our kitchens for a day
-  Cook in a real working kitchen environment
-  Learn from our expert chefs and catering students
-  Try out exciting new skills and dishes
-  Explore college life and hospitality courses

 **Location;**  
South West College – Enniskillen Campus

Spaces are limited – book your Buddy Day today!  
Stephen McFarland | [stephen.mcrarland@swc.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.mcrarland@swc.ac.uk)

## South West College Open Day - Save the Date



**SWC** 

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**OPEN DAY**

**Full-Time & Apprenticeships**

**DUNGANNON**  
TUE 20 JAN  
3PM-7PM

**ENNISKILLEN**  
TUE 27 JAN  
3PM-7PM

**OMAGH**  
TUE 3 FEB  
3PM-7PM

Visit our Website: [www.swc.ac.uk](http://www.swc.ac.uk) 



## **Glasgow Caledonian University 2026 - Northern Ireland Information Evening**

Glasgow Caledonian are excited to be hosting their first Information Evening in Belfast on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026** from 6pm to 8pm. This is a chance for students from Northern Ireland to come and chat to them in person to get an understanding of who they are, what they offer, what it is like to study at Glasgow Caledonian and what it is like to study in Scotland. Students can also learn more about the all-important fees and funding.

### **Are you interested in studying at Glasgow Caledonian University?**

We are hosting an Information Evening in Belfast so you can learn everything about the University and studying in Glasgow!

We'll cover our courses, living in Glasgow, fees and funding, and where a Glasgow Caledonian degree can take you in your career.



**For more information**  
[ukroenquiries@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:ukroenquiries@gcu.ac.uk)



**to book your ticket**

**Join us at**  
**Voco Belfast by IHG, The Gasworks,**  
**3 Cromac Pl, Belfast BT7 2JB**

