

# Graduate Outcomes survey (all questions)

## Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Graduate Outcomes survey. Your contribution to this research will help current and future students gain an insight into career destinations and development.

For this survey we are going to focus on what you were doing in [CENSUS WEEK], which is around 15 months after you graduated, or had completed a sufficient component to make you eligible, from [PROVIDER NAME].

The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. Details about how your information may be used can be found at [www.graduateoutcomes.ac.uk/privacy-info](http://www.graduateoutcomes.ac.uk/privacy-info)

## Your activities in the [CENSUS WEEK]

### What activities were you doing in [CENSUS WEEK]? (Mandatory)

*Select all that apply*

- ☐ Paid work for an employer
- ☐ Self-employment/freelancing
- ☐ Running my own business
- ☐ Developing a creative, artistic or professional portfolio
- ☐ Voluntary/unpaid work for an employer
- ☐ Engaged in a course of study, training or research
- ☐ Taking time out to travel – this does not include short-term holidays
- ☐ Caring for someone (unpaid)
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Unemployed and looking for work
- ☐ Doing something else

### And which of these activities do you consider to be your most important activity in [CENSUS WEEK]?

Your most important activity might be the one which is most related to your future plans, the one which pays you the most money or the one that you spend the most time doing. **(Mandatory)**

*Select one option only*

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- ☐ Self-employment/freelancing
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- ☐ Engaged in a course of study, training or research
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- ☐ Caring for someone (unpaid)
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Unemployed and looking for work
- ☐ Doing something else

**And just to check, was the work you were engaged in during [CENSUS WEEK] separate from [your self-employment] or [the business that you were engaged in running] or [the portfolio that you were developing?]** (Mandatory – dependent on routing)

*Select one option only*

- ☐ Yes, these activities were different
- ☐ No, these activities were the same

**In which country are you living? (Mandatory –dependent on routing)**

*Please start typing in the country below and select from the list (country appears from list when typed in).*

*If it does not appear, please type and select 'Other'.*

*Select one option only.*

**[list of countries can be found in the C22072 coding manual]**

**Dependent on routing.**

## Your employment

**Were you working in one or more than one job during [CENSUS WEEK]? (Dependent on routing)**

- ☐ One job
- ☐ More than one job

**Were you working full time or part time? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*If your working hours fluctuate (e.g. you are on a zero hours contract), please refer to whether you worked full or part time on [CENSUS WEEK].*

- ☐ Full time
- ☐ Part time

**What was your job title during [CENSUS WEEK]? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Please avoid abbreviations where possible*

**What did you mainly do in your job? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Please avoid abbreviations where possible*

**What was your employment status? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Select one option only*

- ☐ On a permanent / open ended contract
- ☐ On a fixed-term contract lasting 12 months or longer
- ☐ On a fixed-term contract lasting less than 12 months
- ☐ Temping (including supply teaching)
- ☐ On a zero hours contract



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- ☐ Volunteering
- ☐ On an internship
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Not known

**Were you paid in UK pounds (£) or another currency? (Dependent on routing).**

*Select one option only.*

- ☐ United Kingdom, Pounds,£
- ☐ Other

**What was your annual pay for your main employment before tax? (asked if UK pounds answered)**

*Please enter numbers only. If your hours fluctuate, please provide an estimate based on your average hours worked.*

**What is the name of the company/organisation that you were working for? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*If working through an employment agency, please provide the name of the placement organisation, NOT the name of the agency.*

**What does the company/organisation you were working for mainly do? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Please avoid abbreviations where possible*

**Is this organisation part of the NHS? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Select one option only*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

**In which country is your place of work? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*If your place of work varied/will vary, please select the country you consider to be your main place of work. This might be where you spent/will spend most of your time.*

*Select one option only.*

- ☐ England
- ☐ Scotland
- ☐ Wales

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- ☐ Northern Ireland
- ☐ Channels Islands or Isle of Man
- ☐ Outside the United Kingdom

**What is the postcode for your place of work? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Please include a space in your postcode, for example GL50 1HZ.*

☐ Don't know

**What is the (nearest) city or town for your place of work? (Mandatory – dependent on routing & if EMPPCODE is Null/don't know)**

*Please start typing in the town/city below and select from the list.*

[List appears in survey]

*If it does not appear, please type and select 'Other'*

**Please specify the country (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Please start typing in the country below and select from the list.*

*If it does not appear, please type and select 'Other'.*

*Select one option only.*

[list of countries can be found in the C22072 coding manual]

**Did you need the qualification that you completed 15 months ago to get the job? (Dependent on routing)**

*Select one option only*

- ☐ Yes: both the level and subject of qualification was a formal requirement
- ☐ Yes: the level of qualification was a formal requirement
- ☐ Yes: the subject of the qualification was a formal requirement
- ☐ Yes: while the qualification was not a formal requirement it did give me an advantage
- ☐ No: the qualification was not required
- ☐ Don't know

**What was the main reason for you deciding to take up the job you were doing in [CENSUS WEEK]? (Dependent on routing)**

*Select one option only*

- ☐ It fitted into my career plan / it was exactly the type of work I wanted
- ☐ It was the best job offer I received
- ☐ It was an opportunity to progress in the organisation
- ☐ To see if I would like the type of work it involved
- ☐ To gain and broaden my experience in order to get the type of job I really want
- ☐ It was in the right location
- ☐ The job was well-paid
- ☐ In order to earn a living
- ☐ In order to pay off debts
- ☐ To work in my family business

**In which year did you start your current employment? (Dependent on routing)**

[YYYY]



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## Self-employed / running your own business / developing a creative, artistic or professional portfolio

We would now like to ask you a few questions about your self-employment, business, or portfolio you were engaged in [CENSUS WEEK]. You said [self-employment] [running your own business][developing your portfolio] is your most important activity, so please think of this activity when answering the following questions. **(Dependent on routing)**

**Were you full time or part time in the work or activity you were undertaking? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*If your working hours fluctuate (e.g. you are on a zero hours contract), please refer to whether you worked full or part time on the [CENSUS WEEK].*

Select one option only

- ☐ Full time  
☐ Part time

**What was your job title during [CENSUS WEEK]? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Please avoid abbreviations where possible*

**What tasks did you undertake during in your work or activity? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Please avoid abbreviations where possible*

**What is the name of your business or the main business you were working for? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

**What does your business or the main business you were working for mainly do? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Please avoid abbreviations where possible*

**In which country is your place of work or activity? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*If your place of work varied, please select the country you consider to be the main base of the business.*

- ☐ England
- ☐ Scotland
- ☐ Wales
- ☐ Northern Ireland
- ☐ Channels Islands or Isle of Man
- ☐ Outside the United Kingdom

**What is the postcode for your place of work or activity? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Please include a space in your postcode, for example GL50 1HZ.*

☐ Don't know

**What is the (nearest) city or town for your place of work or activity? (Mandatory – dependent on routing and BUSEMPPCODE is Null/don't know)**

*Please start typing in the town/city below and select from the list.*

**[List appears in survey]**

*If it does not appear, please type and select 'Other'*

**Please specify the country (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Please start typing in the country below and select from the list.*

*If it does not appear, please type and select 'Other'.*

*Select one option only. [list of countries can be found in the C22072 coding manual]*

**What was the main reason that you decided to take up your work or activity? (Dependent on routing)**

*Select one option only*

- ☐ It fitted into my career plan / it was exactly the type of work I wanted
- ☐ I did not receive any job offers
- ☐ It was an opportunity to progress in the industry I am interested in
- ☐ To see if I would like the type of work it involved
- ☐ To gain and broaden my experience in order to get the type of job I really want
- ☐ It allowed me to work in the right location
- ☐ It was well-paid
- ☐ In order to earn a living
- ☐ In order to pay off debts
- ☐ To work in my family business

## Study, training or research

The next few questions are about the study, training or research you were engaged in during [CENSUS WEEK]. (Dependent on routing)

**Were you studying full time or part time? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

- ☐ Full time
- ☐ Part time

**Which of the following best describes the type of qualification you were aiming for on [CENSUS WEEK]? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Select one option only*

- ☐ Higher degree, mainly by research (e.g. PhD, DPhil, MPhil, MRes)
- ☐ Higher degree, mainly by taught course (e.g. MA, MSc, MBA, LLM)
- ☐ Postgraduate diploma or certificate (including PGCE / PGDE, GDL)
- ☐ Undergraduate degree (including integrated master's degrees) (e.g. BA, BSc, MBChB, MEng)
- ☐ Foundation degree, HND or other undergraduate diploma (E.g. DipHE)
- ☐ HNC, CertEd, or other undergraduate certificate (e.g. Higher Certificate)
- ☐ Other professional qualification
- ☐ None of the above

**What is the name of the university or college at which you were registered on [CENSUS WEEK]? (Dependent on routing)**

*Please start typing the university or college name and select from the list.*

**[List appears in the survey]**

*If it does not appear, please type and select 'Other'.  
Select one option only.*

**In which country were you studying? (Mandatory – dependent on routing)**

*Please start typing in the country below and select from the list.*

*If it does not appear, please type and select 'Other'.  
Select one option only.*

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## Further study, training or research

**(Excluding the course you have already mentioned,\*) Have you undertaken further study, training or research since completion of [LEVEL] course at [PROVIDER NAME] 15 months ago, even if it is still ongoing or not complete? (Dependent on routing)**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**How many courses have you undertaken since completing [LEVEL] course at [PROVIDER NAME] 15 months ago? Please do not include your course on [CENSUS WEEK]. (Dependent on routing)**

The next set of questions will be asked of the courses you have undertaken since completing [LEVEL] course at [PROVIDER NAME].



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[If more than 3 courses selected] - Please tell us about three of the courses that are most important to you.

Following questions are looped depending on course number entered (maximum 3 loops).

**Were you studying full time or part time in your previous study?**

- ☐ Full time  
☐ Part time

**Which of the following best describes the type of qualification you were aiming for in your previous study?**

*Select one option only*

- ☐ Higher degree, mainly by research (e.g. PhD, DPhil, MPhil, MRes)  
☐ Higher degree, mainly by taught course (e.g. MA, MSc, MBA, LL.M)  
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☐ Undergraduate degree (including integrated master's degrees) (e.g. BA, BSc, MBChB, MEng)  
☐ Foundation degree, HND or other undergraduate diploma (E.g. DipHE)  
☐ HNC, CertEd, or other undergraduate certificate (e.g. Higher Certificate)  
☐ Other professional qualification  
☐ None of the above

**What is the name of the university or college at which you were registered for your previous study?**

*Please start typing the university or college name and select from the list.*

**[List appears in the survey]**

*If it does not appear, please type and select 'Other'*

*Select one option only.*

## Reflection on activity to date

**Question options shown are dependent on main activity routing**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with these statements.

*Select one option per statement only.*

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
<b>My current work fits with my future plans?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>My current work is meaningful?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I am utilising what I learnt during my studies in my current work?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>My current study fits with my future plans?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>My current study is meaningful?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I am utilising what I learnt during my studies in my current study?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>My current activity/activities fit with my future plans?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>My activity/activities are meaningful?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I am utilising what I learnt during my studies in my current activity/activities?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## Subjective well-being

The following four questions ask you about your feelings on aspects of your life. There are no right or wrong answers. Each of these questions are on a scale of zero to ten.

**On a scale of zero (extremely dissatisfied) to ten (extremely satisfied) how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?**

*Select one option only*

0 - Extremely dissatisfied	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Extremely satisfied
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**On a scale of zero (not at all worthwhile) to ten (extremely worthwhile), to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?**

*Select one option only*

0 - Not at all worthwhile	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Extremely worthwhile
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**On a scale of zero (extremely unhappy) to ten (extremely happy), how happy did you feel yesterday?**

*Select one option only*

0 -Extremely unhappy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Extremely happy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**On a scale of zero (not at all anxious) to ten (extremely anxious), how anxious did you feel yesterday?**

*Select one option only*

0 - Not at all anxious	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Extremely anxious
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### -----START OF OPT-IN QUESTION BANKS-----

Thank you for answering the core survey questions.

The next few questions have been included at the request of [PROVIDER NAME].

## Finding your job (OPT-IN QUESTION BANK)

**How did you find out about the job you were working in on [CENSUS WEEK]?**

Select all options that apply.

- ☐ Your university/college Careers Service
- ☐ Employer's website
- ☐ Other university / college source (e.g. lecturer, website)



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- ☐ Recruitment agency / website
- ☐ Media (e.g. newspaper / magazine advertisement)
- ☐ Speculative application
- ☐ Network, including family and friends
- ☐ Already worked there (including on an internship/ placement/apprenticeship)
- ☐ Social media / professional networking sites
- ☐ Online job site
- ☐ Other

## Net Promoter Entity (OPT-IN QUESTION BANK)

On a scale of zero (not at all likely) to ten (definitely), how likely are you to recommend [PROVIDER NAME] to a friend or colleague?

0 -Not at all likely	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Definitely
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Why did you score [PROVIDER NAME] in this way?

## Graduate Choice (OPT-IN QUESTION BANK)

If you were to choose whether or not to do your course again, how likely or unlikely is it that you would:

	Very likely	Likely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't Know
Do a different subject?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study at a different provider?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work towards a different type of qualification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decide to do something completely different?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Research Students (OPT-IN QUESTION BANK)

Thinking about the research degree you completed in [RcStdnt\_year], what was the main reason you decided to undertake it?

Select one option only

- ☐ Interested in subject
- ☐ Interested in research
- ☐ Wanted to continue being a student / postpone job hunting
- ☐ Awarded funded studentship
- ☐ Encouraged or required to do so by employer



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- ☐ Wanted an academic career
- ☐ It would improve my career prospects
- ☐ Essential to get into area of employment I wanted
- ☐ I wanted to change career
- ☐ Encouraged to do so by university (including lecturer, tutor)
- ☐ Other

**Thinking about the research degree you completed in [RcStdnt\_year], what were the other reasons (excluding MAIN reason) you decided to undertake it?**

*Select all options that apply (MAIN Reason excluded)*

- ☐ Interested in subject
- ☐ Interested in research
- ☐ Wanted to continue being a student/postpone job hunting
- ☐ Awarded funded studentship
- ☐ Encouraged or required to do so by employer
- ☐ Wanted an academic career
- ☐ It would improve my career prospects
- ☐ Essential to get into area of employment I wanted
- ☐ I wanted to change career
- ☐ Encouraged to do so by university (including lecturer, tutor)
- ☐ Other

**To what extent did your research degree involve:**

Collaborating with researchers from other disciplines?

*Select one option only*

- ☐ A great extent
- ☐ Some extent
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ Don't know

**Collaborating with others outside of academia?**

*Select one option only*

- ☐ A great extent
- ☐ Some extent
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ Don't know

**During your research degree, did you:**

Carry out a work placement or internship?

*Select one option only*

- ☐ Yes, for 1-4 weeks in total
- ☐ Yes, for 5-12 weeks in total
- ☐ Yes, for more than 12 weeks in total
- ☐ No

**Have any periods of studying or undertaking research outside the UK?**

*Select one option only*

- ☐ Yes, for 1-4 weeks in total
- ☐ Yes, for 5-12 weeks in total
- ☐ Yes, for more than 12 weeks in total



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☐ No

**In the job you were doing in the census week, how often did you...?**

*Select one option per statement*

	All the time	Most of the time	Occasionally	Hardly ever	Never	Don't Know
Conduct research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interpret / critically evaluate research findings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Draw on detailed knowledge on which your research degree was based	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use general disciplinary knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use the research skills developed as a research student	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use the general skills developed as a research student	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work autonomously	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work as part of a team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work under close supervision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Newly Qualified Teachers (OPT-IN QUESTION BANK)

**Were you employed as a teacher during the census week?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**Were you employed as a teacher through the GTC Scotland Teacher Induction Scheme?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**Were you teaching in a state-funded or non-state-funded school or college?**

*Select one option only*

- ☐ State-funded school or college  
☐ Both state-funded and non-state-funded school or college  
☐ Non-state-funded school or college  
☐ Don't know

**Were you teaching at the primary or secondary phase, or in a college or other establishment?**

*Select one option only*

- ☐ Primary  
☐ Secondary  
☐ Both primary and secondary  
☐ College (e.g. sixth form) or other educational establishment

**If you were not employed as a teacher during the census week or were on a temporary teaching contract, were you seeking a teaching post in the census week?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No



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## Careers Service (OPT-IN QUESTION BANK)

Would you like your provider's careers service to get in touch to provide support?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

-----END OF OPT-IN QUESTION BANKS-----

## Follow-up Preferences

Are you happy to be contacted by [PROVIDER NAME] in relation to any of the information you have given in this survey?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Thank you for completing the survey. We would like to wish you all the best in your career and future endeavours.

To find out more about the careers services offered by your provider, click here. [Online only]



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