

# Another Gone *For North Leeds*



**Moorlands School:** Shock as second Leeds private school announces closure after 128 years

A second private school in Leeds has announced its shock closure after first opening in 1897.

Moorlands School, located on Foxhill Drive, Weetwood, has announced plans to close its doors for good at the end of the Autumn Term, on December 31, 2025.

First established in 1897, Moorlands is the oldest prep school in Leeds and a statement shared with the YEP confirmed that the "extremely difficult decision" was formally agreed upon by Trustees of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST) on June 18, 2025

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A full statement by MIST Trustees said: "This decision followed a period of careful reflection and a thorough review of the school's financial viability, in the face of increasingly difficult economic conditions that are impacting many independent schools and show little sign of abating.

***The introduction of VAT on school fees,***



## The historic school 128 years of education

alongside a decline in enquiries and registrations, the withdrawal of charitable relief on business rates, increases in employer national insurance contributions, the limited ability of a small school to reduce fixed costs, and the rising budgets required for the upkeep of the school site and buildings, have sadly all contributed to an unsustainable financial position.

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# North Leeds Trades

## Make a start as a high earner

### Seeking out becoming a tradesman in North Leeds? By Charlie Rudd

What's the Definition of a High-Flying Job in This Era?

Well, of course, we all remember that growing up, the talk of high-flying jobs usually centered around careers like solicitors or doctors. If you were academic enough, disciplined, and—let's be honest—lucky, then landing one of those roles meant you'd "made it."

However, today's world looks very different. That's not to say that those professions aren't still highly respected and successful, but the landscape of opportunity has broadened. Trades of all types—once viewed as labour-intensive roles for the less fortunate—have seen a major shift in perception and value.

Qualified electricians, plumbers, joiners, and similar tradespeople are now earning salaries that compete with, and in some cases exceed, those of general practitioners and other traditional professionals in the UK.

Then, of course, we're living in a technological era. Fields like ethical hacking, networking, software development, and anything connected to artificial intelligence are among the most lucrative and in-demand careers of our time.

So, what should you do today if you're a young man or woman considering career opportunities?

Let's take a closer look.



### Kickstart Your Trades Career in Leeds

Looking to build a solid future as a tradesperson? Whether it's plumbing, electrics, joinery, or construction, skilled trades are in high demand—and they pay well.

### Here's how to get started in Leeds:

- Apprenticeships: Earn while you learn through the National Apprenticeship Service or Leeds City College.
- Training: Take practical courses at Leeds College of Building—the UK's only specialist construction college—or Leeds City College.
- Get Certified: Most construction roles require a CSCS card—apply online after passing a short safety test.
- Find Opportunities: Check local job boards, Facebook groups, and sites like Checkatrade for entry-level roles.

Pro tip: Stay reliable, work hard, and you could go from apprentice to business owner in just a few years.





# *Its tradesman & IT are getting big bucks today*

Im sure we can all recall, growing up your parents would look upon if you was able to achieve, becoming a Dad clot, Lawer, Banking, then you were considered as a successful, intelligent human, who was in that high earnings bracket.



Back in the day, becoming a tradesman, although the “you should always have a trade behind you advice, was almost designed more for those who were not of the intelligent nature, therefore, working as a skilled trade was the solution and a living would be able to be made , but not a fortune, unless you took yourself into the self employed sides with a business off tge back and only if you made a success of that could a “good loving “ be reachable.

Ironically really, as way back when, a stone mason was a highly paid, highly skilled and well recognised source of employment, yet when one looks at some if the such intricate, detailed craftsmanship on Leeds town Hall for example, then maybe one can see the labour intensity and talent involved, very unlike the throwaway buildings we seem to erect today.



## *GP's out the back the tradesman have now been upgraded to the front door!*



Howeve, again a builder some 20 years ago was regarded a low end job. Now today, it appears so, a qualifying electrician or plumber are if the top trades and top earners in today's chosen careers, earning on par and above GPs.

now with the technological world hand in hand is ethical hacking and all avenues off such, where as much as millions can be paid for such codes and bugs been hacked improving businesses security and pen testing<sup>01</sup> their networks.



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## Schools Out

### **MOORLANDS SCHOOL**

After 128 years of private education, we are sad to say it's schools out for the last time, as the fox hills Headingley, will not be the same without the hustle and bustle of the school.

