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A train driver academy, funded by Network Rail, hopes to attract more youngsters into the industry.

The article on the BBC website says drivers will now be trained on the European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) which is due for use on the East Coast Mainline by 2029.

The system will replace conventional signalling methods currently used in the UK, Network Rail said.

Freightliner, which runs the centre in Ipswich, said the system will make journeys faster and more efficient.

Developers have submitted a planning application to the City of London Corporation for works to transform Liverpool Street station.

An article on The Construction Index says Shard developer Sellar, along with Network Rail and MTR, the Chinese company that operates the Elizabeth line, have submitted a joint planning application for £450 million-worth of station works at Liverpool Street and more than £1 billion of commercial developments.

A busy railway line will close for six days from Saturday, with Network Rail bosses issuing an urgent warning today to all train commuters.

An article on the Manchester Evening News website says engineering work under the ongoing electrification project will mean a full closure between Wigan and Bolton, until Friday, May 12.

Network Rail said the work would block the line completely for through services between Wigan and Manchester.

Metro bosses in Tyne and Wear have apologised after ageing trains led to passengers enduring high temperatures.

An article on the BBC website says commuters have reported travelling on carriages with heaters running at full blast on mild days.

Outdated technology on the 40-year-old trains means temperatures cannot easily be adjusted at the flick of a switch, chiefs said.

More than half the fleet has now been switched to summer heating mode, it has been confirmed.

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