

Amazing Apprenticeships – Parent/Carer Pack

This month's parents and carers pack is all about helping to search and apply for apprenticeships. This edition includes the latest information about apprenticeships, an insight into new *Career Starter Apprenticeships* and what support is available for disabled young people. Please [click here](#) to download this month's edition.

Opportunities Available via Career Map & Rate My Apprenticeship

Various listings, [click here](#) and [click here](#)

All You Need To Know About Apprenticeships

Amazing Apprenticeship have a terrific website packed full of facts, information and guidance. Here's the link to explore everything you might need to know, [click here](#). Apprenticeship levels explained in *Rapid Resources*, [click here](#)

Vacancy Reports Weekly apprenticeship and traineeship vacancy reports are now available showing all live vacancies broken down by local authority. To sign up to receive the reports, please send an email request to communications.ESFA@education.gov.uk - noting the region you require.

Apprenticeships – Recruiting Now

Here's a round-up from *Success At Schools* – many top prestigious employers are listed. [Click here](#)

College/University Information

Long Road Sixth Form College

Please note that *Long Road* operates a strict closing date for applications which is 10th January 2023. They are offering Scholars Awards of £500 to reward hard-working, high-achieving and ambitious students. To apply for your Scholars Award and your sixth form place, [please click here](#).

Herts Regional College

The next open event is scheduled for **TOMORROW** 8th December 5.30pm-8pm.

How To Choose The Right University & Course

Here's a useful video from Southampton University giving tips on helping you choose the right university and the right course - for you. [Click here](#) and [click here](#)

UCAS Subject Guides

[Click here](#) for information on subject study at university.

Read the threads too on *The Student Room*. [Click here](#)

A-Z List of University Courses

From *British Uni*, here's a list of university courses, [click here](#)

What Can I Do With My Degree

Not just for graduates, *Prospects* is the ultimate research tool when it comes to subject choice. The '*What can I do with my degree?*' tool can be used for students struggling to identify potential career paths from studying particular degree programmes. [Click here](#)

Everything You Need To Know About Russell Group Universities

Whether asking what is a *Russell Group* university - or weighing up whether they are worth it - here are some answers. [Read More](#)

UniTasterDays Parents' Guide to University FREE To Download

The Parents' Guide to University has been produced by *UniTasterDays.com* in collaboration with *HELOA* - to help parents or guardians support their young person with their higher education decisions. Editorial has been provided by over 40 colleagues at universities and schools and colleges throughout the UK on topics including student finance, university applications, university events, student wellbeing and more. [Click here](#)

University College London Parents Guide to University

Starting university is a major turning point in a young person's life. This can be an anxious time for parents and carers. UCL have created a guide that aims to answer some questions for parents and carers. [Download here](#)

UniTasterDays - University Event Directory

UniTasterDays are hosting online university events for students and here's a handy one-stop directory where you can search online. There are listings for taster days, masterclasses, workshops and open days in every imaginable subject – some 127 pages – with filters! Additional sessions such as, *Understanding The UCAS Process*, *UCAS And Personal Statements* and *Student Life*. It's available [here](#). **Special Note:** Workshops can prove useful background research for subjects, EPQs etc. Here's a link to the home page of this terrific directory: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/> The latest bogs feature an [introduction to university widening participation and fair access](#) and a [guide to the 2023 student finance changes](#).

UCAS for Parents

The UCAS website provides a wealth of information geared towards parents including a guide that you can download and information on financial support and budgeting, [click here](#)

Years 11-12 – Have you Considered All The Options?

University is a great choice for many students but if you're not sure, there are other options. [Click here](#) for an overview from *Success At Schools*. For the pros and cons of university, [click here](#). Which university and what degree to choose? There's some help [here](#) and [here](#). Finally, here's some general information on open days and how to make the most of them, click [here](#)

Work Experience (Check with Head of Year before attending sessions that fall on a school day)

Work Experience with MBDA

The Work Experience team have opened up the applications for the Work Experience weeks taking place next year for Y11 – Y13 students. Applications are for General Engineering or Software Engineering, both will allow students to explore MBDA and understand what it takes to work as an engineer at the company. The provisional weeks are:

- April: for General Engineering w/c 3rd & 2 Weeks for Software (w/c 3rd/10th).
- June: for both w/c 26th
- July: for both w/c 3rd, 10th, 31st
- August: for both w/c 7th

Click link to apply: <https://www.mbdacareers.co.uk/early-careers/work-experience>

HSBC Work Experience

Work Experience Programme is going live for applications on 23rd January 2023. If you are looking for a week's work experience during the Summer, where you can meet HSBC colleagues, find out more about our different business areas, develop your skills and attend 2 physical placement days, the HSBC Work Experience could be for you. To find out more and to apply, please visit: [UK Work Experience Programme | HSBC Holdings plc](#) For any questions please contact work.experience.team@hsbc.com

Year 9-13 Free Work Experience Programmes in February 2023

Springpod have some fantastic initiatives lined up for both Christmas and February half-term next year. Any students interested should sign up soonest.

Christmas Break programmes

These programmes are now available On-Demand.

Work Insights

Delivering Promises

Health Education England Medicine Online Work-Related Learning

Aviation and Aerospace

The World of a Housing Developer & Social Landlord

Discover Digital

Future Talent, Future Heroes

Healthcare Careers with Stockport NHS Foundation Trust

February Break Programmes

See below for the list available – more to be added so keep refreshing.

[Access Insurance Careers](#)

[Driving Your Future](#)

[Siemens](#)

[Emerging Talent](#)

[Barclays LifeSkills](#)

[Step Inside Accountancy](#)

[Future Innovators](#)

[Love Hospitality](#)

Find other opportunities [here](#).

Uptree – Regularly Refreshed – Lots Of New Courses

Register for work experience days (*ARM, GCHQ, JP Morgan, Shawbrook Bank and Ogilvy* amongst others) in creative, finance, accounting, tech and more. Lots of new opportunities now available. [Click here](#)

Uptree's online courses are officially recognised by companies such as *IBM* and *Mischon de Reya* – [click here](#)

CareerDays – Online Work Experience

CareerDays.co.uk is for any student aged 14-17 who wants to experience different careers or gain work experience in their chosen field. From medicine, law, performing arts, psychology, business or becoming a vet, we have a 1-day online event for you, designed to give you an insight into life in your chosen field. Visit www.careerdays.co.uk to enrol on any course.

Years 10-13 Work Experience via Speakers For Schools

There are **dozens of opportunities** available via the *Speakers For Schools* website. Do sign up so that you are able to view them – many are virtual so even more of a reason to sign up. To sign up, [click here](#)

www.speakersforschools.org

Careers

Check out the TBSHS careers website where you'll find previous bulletins plus information including quizzes and research tools

Home page: <https://tbshs.org/careers/>

Accountancy Careers

For students interested in accountancy, here's some information on pathways in this sector. [Click here](#)

Willis Towers Watson

WTW work in a number of business areas; consultancy, actuarial etc. Now open to apprenticeship applications. [Click here](#)

Complete Guide To NHS Careers

Get your guide to an *NHS* career by signing up and they will send you all you need to know. [Click here](#)

Highest Paying Jobs

The highest-paying jobs in the UK revealed! Using data from *The Office For National Statistics*, *Standout CV* have compiled the list. [Click here](#)

TOMORROW Careers Webinar – Careers In Estate Agency – Thursday 8th December 4.30pm

An Estate Agent plays an essential role in the buying, selling and renting of residential and business properties; they need to have exceptional people skills. To find out more about what an Estate Agent does register for this webinar. Registration is now open and available here - <https://www.hopinto.co.uk/explore-careers/virtual-employer-encounters/>

Years 9-13 Aspire Medical Conference – Saturday 21st January

The *Aspire Conference* is aimed at aspiring medic students from ages 14 to 17. They will learn the secrets of getting into medical school from an impressive set of speakers within the medical field. It's a great way to support those considering applying for medicine or to prepare students who have already decided on medicine and want to ensure they are competitive applicants.

Free Careers Guide – Download

InvestIN's new careers guide provides exclusive insights on how students can succeed in their careers after school, including advice on how to find the right career, build resilience and use creativity in the workplace.

[Click here](#)

Graduate Case Studies – Sheffield University

The University's [Graduate Case Studies database](#) is an excellent resource for any student who is a little undecided or unclear about their future career path. Often they know which subject they would like to study but not where it can lead to afterwards. The database gives examples of previous graduates from the university, and students can filter by different sectors.

Know Your Chosen Career?

If you know your chosen career but you're not sure how to get there, take a look at this page from UCL' website – [click here](#) Scroll down the page to see what careers you might consider with your A Level subjects..

From Idea To Career

In this booklet there are 12 different engineering disciplines to help students work out which area(s) might be right for them. This resource is also available to order in print, free of charge or download for [free click here](#)

BBC Bitesize

BBC Bitesize have some great advice from leading careers experts and over 350 job case studies from people who've found the right path for them. [Click here](#) for the home page. Check out *Where could your favourite subject take you?* *Explore careers by job sectors* and *Careers A-Z – Find your Perfect Job*.

Careers Websites

All About Careers When free, do take a look over the *All About Careers* website as there's lots of information to digest regarding careers, [click here](#)

Find Out More About Individual Jobs

For snapshots into the world of work, visit the *icould* website to explore hundreds of videos about different jobs - search by filters such as job type and school subject. [Click here](#)

UCAS Careers Advice

Explore job roles and take the careers quiz. [Click here](#)

Careers Sessions With Speakers For Schools

Upcoming live broadcasts schedule: Live broadcasts are a great way for students to hear directly from leading figures from a range of industries, and have the opportunity to ask questions via a moderated Q&A.

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Monday 12 th December 10-10:45am	Insight into a Recording Company with Chris Scott, General Manager, Domino Recording Company For students aged 14+	Chris has worked in the recorded music business for nearly 20 years and is the General Manager at Domino Recording Company, home to artists such as Arctic Monkeys, Wet Leg, Franz Ferdinand, Hot Chip and Jon Hopkins, amongst others. Click here to register
Thursday 15 th December 10-10:45am	Crime and Justice: Crime Prevention. Dr Angela Herbert MBE, Transformational Coach & Chair, Violent Crime Prevention Board	Join us as we interview Dr Angela Herbert MBE, who has had a career in the Criminal Justice System for over 37 years. She seeks to prevent young people from encountering the criminal justice system and support those who are in its clutches to access hope, equity, and employment. Get a chance to ask

	For KS4-5/S4-6	questions about crime prevention and how we can improve our prison systems. Click here to register
Wednesday 11 th January 2-2:45pm	Screenwriting Now! Phil Parker, Screenwriter and Co-Founder, BCre8ive For KS3-5/S1-6	Phil Parker is also one of Europe's leading content development consultants – productions include 'Wallace and Gromit – Curse of the Were Rabbit' ; 'Terry Prachett's – Hogfather' and "Bach In Brazil' for Disney International. Phil is also co-founder of BCre8ive, an online content development network and consultation body and he founded the UK's most successful screenwriting course. Click here to register
Thursday 12 th January 10-10:45am	Richard Walker, Managing Director, Iceland For KS3-5/S1-6	More details to follow Click here to register
Monday 16 th January 10-10:45am	Karen Blackett OBE, President, WPP and Chairwoman, MediaCom UK For KS4-5/S4-6	We are delighted to be working with Media and Advertising leader, Karen Blackett OBE on a broadcast. Watch this space for more details! Click here to register
Thursday 19 th January 10-10:45am	Luke Franks, Author, Actor and Podcast Host For KS4-5/S4-6	More details to follow Click here to register
Monday 30 th January 1:45-2:30pm	World Cup of Careers: Cheryl Foster, Teacher and Women's EURO Referee For KS3-5/S1-6	More details to follow Click here to register

HOW TO JOIN THE LIVE BROADCASTS

Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready. You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)
Watch pre-recorded broadcasts from their library [here](#).

Resources

Years 7-8 Institute of Engineering & Technology (IET)

Make, create, imagine and discover with Christmas STEM activities workshop, which provides fun craft ideas, recipes, projects, challenges, experiments and activities for families. [Click here](#)

Year 12 - Balliol College Oxford - Monday Maths

Monday Maths is a programme for students who aspire to study maths at Oxbridge or another highly competitive university. It is open to state school students who are in year 12 and are studying Maths A Level- (Further Maths is helpful but it is not a requirement.) Students should be aspiring to achieve an A* at Maths A Level. Students will take part in 8, 2- hour online sessions beginning Monday 30th January for which they will have to prepare. Therefore they need to be able to set aside up to 4 hours per week to accommodate this programme. The programme will include a visit to Balliol and support pre and post application. [Students can apply for a place on Monday Maths here](#). **The deadline for applications is Sunday 15th January 5pm**

Years 7-13 My World My Future – Where Can STEM Take Me?

This is a 4-page downloadable guide from *Neon* for students of all ages, with suggested STEM inspiration content for young people to explore at home, including podcasts, competitions, books, TV shows, films, days out, social media accounts, activities and apps. [Click here](#)

Personality Quiz - For Studying

If students are unsure of what mode of study might work best for them, it may help them to know what type of personality they have. *16personalities* is based on the established *Myers-Briggs* personalities. Complete as honestly as you can to see a more accurate result. [Click here](#)

Free Resources From STEM Learning

To support parents and carers, our subject experts have put together a selection of activities and materials, which are free for everyone to access. [Click here](#)

General

NHS Challenge

Win a £50 Amazon voucher and a live Q&A for TBSHS with NHS ambassadors by taking part in the *NHS Christmas Careers Challenge* between 10th Dec 2022 – 10th Jan 2023. Info here: [signing up to the NHS Careers Christmas Challenge!](#) KS3 and KS4 pupils of all abilities can find out about diverse careers through various modules and by

asking questions of ambassadors/mentors. These have been designed to be bite-sized and accessible to pupils with additional needs but helpful to any pupils who are interested in careers within the NHS.

To complete the Christmas Challenge pupils complete the following: **Sign up to** <https://hee.connectr.co.uk/hee/>
Complete 2 tasks, send a message to a mentor/ambassador

The schools with the most pupils completing the challenge will win an Amazon voucher worth £50 and connect with NHS ambassadors for a live session about careers in the NHS.

Years 8-13 Prof. Jimmy Choo's Sustainability Sketching Challenge – JCA London Fashion Academy

Continuing their tradition of an *End-of-Year Drawing Challenge*, Prof. Jimmy Choo invites pupils once again to show their creativity and help develop an influential community of creators who want to solve the problems of the future with fashion. Here's what you need to do:

Sketch a Sustainable garment or fashion accessory for 2023

They want to see your creative flair come to life so design hats on and start sketching. The winner will receive a Masterclass at JCA worth £1500, a 12-month subscription to British Vogue, and a Roberts Bluetooth Speaker. To enter, all participants need to:

1. Follow the Academy on Instagram
2. DM your best sketch that focuses on sustainability, whether it's an upcycled piece, recycled and uses sustainable fabrics.
3. Please include your name and school in the message
4. Post it on your IG and tag @jcalondon + tag 2 friends (make sure they're following the Academy too)

Competition closes 10th January 2023 at 12:00 am

1. Only one entry per participant.
2. Fashion sketch can be digital, collage, or traditional art.
3. All qualifying entries will be judged by panellist(s) based on merit.
4. Competition is open to all students from Art, Design, Fashion & Textiles background.
5. You need to be aged 13-17 years to participate

Samsung Competition

Samsung are launching their **Solve for Tomorrow Competition for 2023**, inviting young people aged 16 to 25 to create a tech-for-good solution to real world issues. Shortlisted entrants will join a programme of workshops and mentoring over several months, developed in partnership with *Startup Discovery School*.

1st Prize - 3 months mentoring AND a cash prize of £10,000, Runners up - further 3 months mentoring AND a cash prize of £1,000, All entrants – will receive a *Credly* badge as recognition for taking part. Sign up [here](#) Closing date is 18th December.

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