

# Careers Information & Opportunities



**Dear Parents, Carers & Students**

**Here is this week's round-up of Careers News.  
If you have any career tips, comments, suggestions  
– or come across useful resources - *feel free to email.*  
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## Special Announcements

### Years 10-13 Biennial Careers Fair

Parents/carers should by now, have a note of the huge biennial **Careers Fair taking place here at TBSHS on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. This high-profile and prestigious event has attracted some fantastic employers including all the armed services, the police, *ARM Holdings, MBDA, the NHS, Deloitte, Linklaters LLP, Taylor Wimpey, GSK, BBC, Pell Frishmann Consulting Engineers, Xenia Broking, Group 1 Auto, Walton Lodge Veterinary Group, Manchester Airport Group, Titan Aviation* – and many many more including apprenticeship and post-grad recruiters. Almost 10 educators will be present including all the Colleges of Further Education, *Writtle College & University, the University of Hertfordshire* and the *University of East Anglia*. We hope to see all of the students from Years 10-13 making the very most of all the opportunities that will be available to them during the course of the evening. There will be attendance registers on entry for students and timings for the visiting year groups are as follows:

Year 11	4.45pm-5.30pm
Year 12	5.30pm-6.15pm
Year 10	6.15pm-7pm
Year 13	7pm-7.30pm

### Years 10-13 College Open Events

Please see the College/University section of this newsletter for a list of all the open events taking place in the next few weeks.

## Apprenticeships

***Students with a Unifrog log-in can see all  
apprenticeship listings, on-demand webinars and more  
Students should research the many apprenticeship websites  
(Amazing Apprentices, Springpod, Uptree, Success at Schools etc) and  
if they haven't already, register with the government website, [click here](#)***

***The apprenticeship 'season' has begun and future bulletins will highlight openings  
as they arise. However, students should research opportunities continuously***

### **Virtual Police Degree Apprenticeship Experience**

Are you interested in a career in the Police, or the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship?

*Anglia Ruskin University* works with eight police forces across the East, Southeast of England and London to recruit and educate new police officers through two new entry routes into policing: the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship and the Degree Holder Entry Programme. Virtual sessions take place on **Wednesday 11 October**: 2pm to 3pm or 6pm to 7pm and will provide guidance about the application process and answer your questions. [Click here to book your place](#)

### **Amazing Apprenticeships Parent/Carer Podcast – Episode 5**

This month, the nation's number 1 apprenticeship employer - the *British Army*, is celebrating 100 years of offering apprenticeships. For this special episode, Colonel Craig Terblanche, who leads the delivery of the Army's apprenticeship programme plus parent of a British Army apprentice, Mandy Gregson, ask all the big questions about their prestigious apprenticeship programmes. [Click here](#)

### **IBM Early Careers Webinar**

Listen to the many different opportunities available at IBM and hear from some of the current interns about their experience so far. Every IBMer, and potential ones, has a voice, carves their own path, and uses their expertise to help co-create and add to our story. It takes place on 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm. [Click here](#)

### **Apprenticeships For Parents/Carers**

From *Amazing Apprenticeships* comes this guide full of hints & tips for parents/carers. [Click here](#)

### **Apprenticeship Success**

Access real-life stories from apprentices to finding out what it's really like to do an apprenticeship. [Success Stories](#) | [RateMyApprenticeship Hub](#)

### **Things I Wish I'd Known Before Starting My Apprenticeship**

If applying for apprenticeships in any field, you will probably find this post from *NotGoingToUni* very useful. [Click here](#)

### **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](#)

## **College/University Information**

### **Royal Society of Chemistry – Accredited Degree Courses**

The *Royal Society of Chemistry* has been accrediting chemistry degrees in the UK for many years. Accreditation is a peer review process that guarantees that a degree course is equipping students with the skills and knowledge they'll need to build a career in the chemical sciences and fulfil the academic requirements for achieving Chartered Chemist status. Take a look at the list of accredited courses on our website. [BROWSE ACCREDITED COURSES](#)

### **London Institute of Banking & Finance**

In case students are unaware of its existence, *The London Institute of Banking & Finance (LIBF)* is an established educator of banking and financial professionals. Whether it's ultimately a job in investment, financial risk, trading or fintech – careers in this sector can be thrilling. There's an **Undergraduate Open Day on Saturday 14 October**. Read where some of the students are now in this [read a case study](#) from LIBF Alumni, Adella on her current role as a Junior Associate Director. [Register for the open day here](#)

### **Years 10-13 Local College Open Events**

Please see the College websites for information & registration.

Harlow College – Thursday 19 October 5pm-8pm

Hertford Regional College – 26<sup>th</sup> September/21<sup>st</sup> November 5.30pm-8pm

Chelmsford College – 11<sup>th</sup> October 6pm-8.30pm  
Stansted Airport College - 14<sup>th</sup> October 10am-2pm  
Writtle College – 14<sup>th</sup> October/25<sup>th</sup> November 10am-3pm  
Oaklands College – 4<sup>th</sup> November at St Albans Campus 10am-3pm  
Cambridge Regional College – 11<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am-12.30pm

### **Free Download Guide For Parents**

From *Success at Schools*, this free digital guide will help parents and carers support their children to make informed decisions about their next steps after school and is designed to provide them with all the information they need to make a successful application to uni.

Articles include: Is university right for my child? How to choose a university, applying through UCAS, writing a personal statement, student finance, Summer Schools (Sutton Trust), accommodation - and lots more [Click here](#)

### **Choosing The Right Degree**

*Lancaster University* have gathered together their top resources to help students struggling with that decision, along with some guidance on how to pick a degree course.

[SACU](#) - great for Year 12s struggling to decide on the right degree or apprenticeship for them. Take a short picture-based quiz and SACU will come up with a cloud of subject areas that would suit a student.

[Prospects](#) - another great website for browsing through degree subjects and the careers they can lead to. *Prospects* is also useful for working backwards - starting with a desired career in mind and seeing which degrees or other pathways would be best for achieving a role within that industry.

[Hear from Student Ambassadors](#) – a blog on how to choose between universities.

### **Graduate Case Studies – Sheffield University**

The University's [Graduate Case Studies database](#) is an excellent resource for any student who is a little undecided 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.

### **University Subject Tasters**

Also at the *University of Sheffield*, are a huge number of subject taster lectures taking place online which can be accessed and used as subject study research - although not necessarily at Sheffield. Register your interest and keep an eye on the [webpage](#) for updates.

### **UCAS Subject Guides**

[Click here](#) for information on subject study at university. Read the threads too on *The Student Room*. [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](#)

### **A-Z List of University Courses**

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

### **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](#)

### **Imperial College – For Parents/Carers**

There are some generic pages on Imperial's website which will support parents/carers – regardless of which university students are applying for. [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](#)

## **Choosing The Right University/Course**

Click the link for tips/advice [here](#)

## **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](#)

## **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 features an introduction to university widening participation and fair access.

## **Work Experience**

***Uptree & Speakers for Schools have lots of virtual opportunities – check with your Head of Year before attending sessions that fall on a school day***

### **Year 12 Inspiring Scientists At CIMR & MRC**

This is an opportunity for Year 12 students to participate in work experience at the Cambridge Institute for Medical Research (CIMR) and MRC Mitochondrial Biology Unit (MBU), in association with St Catharine's College, Cambridge. It's a four-day, non-residential work experience programme which will take place during school half term in February 2024. The first three days will be held at two University of Cambridge research Institutes (The Cambridge Institute for Medical Research; CIMR and the MRC Mitochondrial Biology Unit; MBU) which share the same building on the Cambridge Biomedical (Addenbrookes) campus. [Click here for information](#)

### **Year 10-13 Work Experience with Top Tech Company Cambridge Consultants**

Whilst requesting CC to attend our forthcoming Careers Fair, they dropped a line regarding their work experience offer of 5 days during August for students in Years 10-13. Please email me if interested. *Cambridge Consultants* also offer a Technology Scholarship Scheme for Year 13 Leavers in 2023-24 [apply here](#)

### **Uptree**

Various masterclasses, info events and work experience days now available to book.

[October and November listings here](#) (and beyond).

### **Years 10-13 Speakers For Schools**

Sign up for Work Experience – various opportunities at various times. [Latest info is here](#)

***Students must seek permission from Head of Year before attending on a school day.***

## **Careers**

***Check out the TBSHS careers website where you'll find previous bulletin***

### **New Solicitors Qualifying Exam**

As with anything new, there are lots of questions about the *Solicitors Qualifying Exam* (SQE). In this week's newsletter you can discover the various SQE prep courses on offer and how they differ in the [Feature](#).

### **Introduction To The National Cyber Force**

The new online careers course is where you'll learn about UK defence and intelligence.

No age specified. On completing the 30 minute course, you should be able to:

Describe the mission, purpose and work done by the National Cyber Force

Identify the organisations that NCF brings together

Explain the UK's defence and intelligence industry, and how NCF and its partners work together

Identify potential defence and intelligence career

[Click here](#)

### **Careermag For Parents, Careers & Guardians - Issue 11**

The latest edition of *Careermag* for Parents, Carers & Guardians is now live. With more expert guides, tips and advice to help you to help students. This edition covers Students and money, UCAS - Key Dates, Talking Careers with Teens and more. [Click here](#)

### **Y13 & Parents/Carers – Graduate Webinar**

Presented by Martin Birchall, Editor of *The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers* and Levi Jouavel, journalist & presenter at the BBC, *Graduate Careers Live!* is on **Thursday 5th October at 2pm**. The programme is aimed at those considering university entrance in 2024 and will showcase many of the graduate job opportunities, occupations and professions that sixth form students can aspire to in the future. Highlights from the 90-minute live programme include:

- the latest analysis of the universities and degree courses that are most-likely to lead to a well-paid job after graduation
- an introduction to degree apprenticeships and how they can offer a debt-free alternative to the traditional university experience
- interviews and discussions with graduate employers, recent graduates, degree apprentices and recruitment experts
- guidance on how to use university to develop the skills and experiences that graduate employers are looking for
- new research on the universities that the country's top employers are most-likely to target for their graduate recruitment
- the chance to hear from today's students about the choices they've made and what they wished they'd known before applying to university
- expert advice on student finances and the new loan repayment scheme introduced this year

*Graduate Careers Live!* is produced by High Fliers Research in association with the Department for Education.

**Register to Watch Programme** Available on catch-up after the 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Make the Future Yours - Issue 8 Available**

Features include the Fire Service, 'What would you tell your 15-year-old self', Eight unusual courses to study and Engineering - a great career. There is also an article on Studying Esports, where there are now a lot of opportunities for young people. It can be viewed at [www.makethefutureyours.uk/latest-issue](http://www.makethefutureyours.uk/latest-issue)

If you missed Issue 7 or any of the previous issues, you can find them at [www.makethefutureyours.uk/mtfy-archive](http://www.makethefutureyours.uk/mtfy-archive)

### **All Years - Careers Fairs**

From *UK Careers Fairs*, here's a list of Careers Fairs taking place in many major cities in England. [Click here](#)

### **All Years - Careers Advice – Bullet Points**

Also from *UK Careers Fairs* are these useful box links. [Click here](#)

### **London Stansted Airport Jobs Fair**

The next jobs fair is taking place on the 10th of October 2023 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, London Stansted Airport 10 am till 2pm. Please confirm your attendance [HERE](#) for registration. The issued ticket will also give you free access to public transport for travel to the event and free parking\* but please note that you must register your attendance to claim this.\* Free parking will be available in the Short Stay Blue carpark. Please take a ticket as normal at the barriers and before leaving the event make yourself known to a member of staff who will give you an exit ticket for free

## **Years 12-13 Army Officer Insight Day – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

From 10am-4pm you can visit the famous *Royal Military Academy Sandhurst* in Camberley, Surrey (GU15 4NP). Activities include registration & refreshments, welcome brief in Churchill Hall, recruiting journey, brief Subject Matter Experts stands, lunch and a tour of the Royal Military Academy. Speak with current RMAS Officer Cadets, view presentations with Q & A sessions. There will also be a chance to participate in *Breda Games*: Sandhurst's Annual Inter-Collegiate Sports Competition. Spaces will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis to eligible potential officers. All guests must be aged 16 +. Please note that this is an optional insight event and not a formal part of any application. [Register here](#)

## **Future You Podcast**

Listen to *Prospects' Future You* podcast for inspiring insights from employers, careers, advisers, students and graduates. [Click here](#)

## **Careers in Business Webinar 6<sup>th</sup> December**

ACCA are pleased to bring back "Careers in Business", the virtual expo, this time in partnership with *Success at School*. Throughout the day we will host multiple live and interactive sessions covering topics such as jobs and roles available across various areas of business and entry pathways e.g. T Levels, apprenticeships and university. [Click here](#) to find out more

## **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](#)

## **Begin! - Careers Guide**

*University of Nottingham* has just launched a new careers guide called *Begin!* Whilst this is targeted at university students, it may also be relevant for sixth form students. Wherever students are with their career journey, this is the place where they can begin. [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*.

## **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](#)

## **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.

**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](#).

## **UPCOMING TALKS**

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October  2-2:45pm	<b>Black History Month</b>  <b>Transferable Skills and Varied Careers: Brandie Deignan Chief Executive Officer, Pier Health Group</b> KS4-5/S4-6	In this broadcast you can hear from Brandie Deignan, who's had a diverse career spanning various industries, she embodies the power of transferable skills and job versatility. Her insights will showcase how embracing change and pursuing varied careers can lead to personal growth and success. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a dynamic leader who navigated her path with adaptability and resilience. <a href="#">Click here</a> to register
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>World Mental Health Day</b>	Jenni Cochrane is gearing up for an insightful interview in this broadcast on World Mental Health Day. She'll share invaluable insights on fostering mental well-being, encouraging open

10-10:45am	Jenni Cochrane, CEO & Co-Founder, Getahead & Founder & CEO, Work Inspired - Moving The NeedleKS5/S5-6	conversations, and nurturing resilience among young minds. She will also talk about her work in the music industry and the importance of empowerment in your mindset. Don't miss this opportunity to empower the next generation to prioritise their mental health. #MentalHealthMatters #TeenWellness Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 10-10:45am	<b>Black History Month</b> Patrick Younge, Co-Founder/MD of content production company, Sugar Films, and the former Chief Creative Officer of BBC Television Production KS3-5/S1-6	Patrick Younge is set to inspire young people in an upcoming interview. With his widespread experience in the media industry, he'll empower them to pursue their dreams, navigate university preparation, and chart their career paths. An opportunity you don't want to miss. Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 10-10:45am	<b>Black History Month</b>  75 Years on from Windrush with Karen Blackett OBE, President, WPP  KS4-5/S4-6	Join us and Karen Blackett OBE for a broadcast about her insightful perspectives on the Windrush generation and its enduring impact. She brings a unique and empathetic lens to discussions surrounding the 75th anniversary of this pivotal event. Her contributions underscore the importance of diversity and inclusivity in today's global landscape, making her a trailblazer in the world of advertising and an advocate for multicultural representation. Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 10-10:45am	<b>Black History Month</b>  Denise Nurse, Entrepreneur, Solicitor & Presenter  KS5/S5-6	In this broadcast we will hear from Denise Nurse, who is an experienced leader, entrepreneur, commercial lawyer, and life coach. She has had a fun and varied career working at the top of her fields in law, business, public speaking, and television presenting. She is an advocate for diversity and inclusion, accessible education, and economic empowerment and will be talking about her life experiences and exciting career. Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2-2:45pm	<b>Black History Month</b>  Education after School with Gisela Abbam, FRSA, MBA, Chair, General Pharmaceutical Council & Senior Director, Government Affairs, PerkinElmer KS5/S6	Education after school can be challenging. Taking the next step in education to learn more about yourself as an individual and be in charge of your own learning can be difficult. Gisela will talk about her time in college and studying engineering at university and key life lessons that she has learnt along the way. Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 10-10:45am	In Partnership with Indu: The Business Story of Indu- The Makeup and Skincare Industry with Aaron Chatterley and Lulu Jopp  KS3-5/S1-6	In this talk, students will get the opportunity to hear from one of the founders about their experiences first creating the UK online beauty retailer, Feelunique, building it up and finally selling it to Sephora in 2021, then how Indu, a new beauty brand was created as a result, what it takes to build a brand and the skills and qualities they'll need to start their own business. Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 10-10:45am	<b>Black History Month</b> The Black Heroes of Mathematics with Professor Nira Chamberlain OBE, President, The Mathematical Association & Visiting Professor, Loughborough University Mathematical Sciences Department  KS4-5/S4-6	Professor Nira Chamberlain OBE, a distinguished mathematics professor, is set to inspire young minds at our event. With a passion for mathematics, he'll highlight the incredible contributions of Black heroes in mathematics and the Windrush generation. Nira will show how mathematics can be a winning career, just like his own journey from a love for numbers at a young age to becoming a renowned professor. Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 10-10:45am	<b>Black History Month</b>  Christian Scotland-Williamson, Former Two-Sport Professional Athlete & Future Barrister, NFL, Premiership Rugby, Christian Scotland Williamson Ltd KS3-5/S1-6	Meet Christian Scotland-Williamson: A pro rugby player who turned his passion into a career! He believes in buying into your dreams through hard work. Join us in this broadcast, as Christian shares his inspiring journey from passion to profession in sports and what he's doing now. Learn how dedication can make your dreams a reality! Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	NHS75 Scotland	Gregor always knew that he wanted to become a doctor and help people. Coming from a working-class family with no previous experience of university, this wasn't straightforward.

2-3pm	Dr. Gregor Smith, Chief Medical Officer, Scottish Government KS3-5/S1-6	However, after various roles in the NHS, he achieved his dream and became CMO during the pandemic. Whatever your ambition is, join us and be inspired as Gregor shares his leadership story and some of the key lessons that he has learned along the way. Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 10-10:45am	NHS75 Chris Grant, Executive Medical Director, North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust KS4-5/S4-6	Chris Grant is the Executive Medical Director of the North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust. With a passion for saving lives, he'll share insights into the exciting world of ambulance service in the UK. Join his presentation to discover the heroic, fast-paced, and rewarding career opportunities waiting for young minds like yours! Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 10-10:45am	NHS75 Professor Dame Sue Hill, Chief Scientific Officer, NHS England KS4-5/S4-6	Meet Professor Dame Sue Hill, the Chief Scientific Officer of NHS England. She's a science superhero, using her brainpower to keep us healthy. Sue will show you how stem cells work like tiny repair kits in our bodies, and how cool science gadgets help doctors save lives. Get ready for an exciting peek into the world of science and healthcare! Click <a href="#">here</a> to register

### **Parent/Carer Webinar: Careers In The Creative industries**

Ahead of *Discover! Creative Careers Week*, **Speakers for Schools** are hosting a parent/carers webinar.

Is your child interested in a career in the creative industries? Do they have a passion for Art, Design, Drama, English or other creative subjects? Join Speakers for Schools for their parent/carers webinar on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30-7.30pm** to help support them with their future plans. During the webinar, you'll hear from 4 creative industry employers- **including Sonnaz Nooranvary from the Repair Shop**- about roles available and the importance of creative skills in the workplace. [Sign up to attend the parent/carers webinar here.](#)

## Resources

***Sixth Form students will receive more guidance & information on UCAS & apprenticeships in Mrs Price's Post-18 Bulletin next month***

***There will also be more detailed information for prospective Oxbridge, Medics, Dentists & Vet candidates***

### **Royal Society of Chemistry Resources - Firefighting Chemistry**

From polymers to inorganic compounds, discover the remarkable science behind fighting fires. [Click here](#)  
[View more resources here](#)

### **Salters Chemistry Club**

... is an awards-shortlisted unique online, interactive learning platform for 11-14-year olds. *The Salters' Chemistry Club* aims to increase the accessibility of chemistry for young learners at the start of their secondary education, a time when chemistry is perhaps not on their radar. It uses chemistry in everyday life to help explain the concepts that they learn as part of their curriculum. It promotes independent learning and offers additional subject knowledge and support in a fun and engaging way. The platform has high levels of interactivity with beautiful illustrations relating to each monthly theme which really bring the science to life on the learners' screens. [Click here](#)

### **High Performance Podcast**

*A conversation about science, philosophy, the meaning of life and the unfathomable size of the universe.*

Professor Brian Cox is a physicist, known for his astronomy and cosmology series', including *The Universe and Stargazing Live*. Before his career in science, aged 18 Brian embarked on a musical career & formed a band. Having achieved in D in Maths A-level, Brian discusses with Jake and Damain how this experience taught him his greatest lesson: the importance of practice. Brian shares his secrets on summoning the courage to ask difficult questions and the importance of saying "I don't know". Jake, Damian and Brian tackle life's biggest questions, whilst exploring life's more personal subjects: self-doubt, fear and finding confidence. [Listen 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](#)

### **Outreach From Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge**

#### **The Cambridge Higher Aspirations Scheme (CHAS)**

CHAS is run by Gonville and Caius College, and is aimed at highly able year 12 students attending state schools considering Cambridge/highly selective universities. At the heart of the scheme is the opportunity to experience Cambridge-style supervisions. Applications to the CHAS programme are now open. The scheme consists of six supervisions from January-March, summer application sessions, and a selective residential during summer.

For more information on the scheme, visit: [Cambridge Higher Aspirations Scheme | Gonville & Caius](#)

For access to a recording of the Information Webinar, visit: [Information evening for Cambridge Higher Aspirations Scheme-20230926\\_180456-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

To sign up to the scheme, visit: [https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6wYRvtZEqrnOSmG](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6wYRvtZEqrnOSmG)

#### **October 2023: 11:00-15:00 at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge**

An in-person Interview preparation day (at Gonville and Caius College) for year 13 students attending state schools in Hertfordshire and Norfolk who have applied to Cambridge. Students should sign up in advance, with further details and a sign-up link being sent out to schools on W/C 9<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Applicant Webinar Series**

Our 2023 Applicant Webinar Series is taking place between **6th September – 23rd November** and the sessions are now available to book. These are a series of webinars addressing all stages of the application process, with a specific session for parents/supporters as well. The sessions will feature presentations delivered by Admissions Tutors, followed by an opportunity to submit questions and have them answered live. Students and parents/supporters can use the link below to view the sessions on offer, and book their places now:

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applicant-webinars>

#### **T Levels (Higher Technical Qualifications) Webinar**

This week is *National T Levels Celebration Week*. Explore the different progression routes for T Levels, such as HTQs, by joining a free webinar 'Getting to grips with HTQs' today between 3.45pm-4.15pm. Once registered you can watch on catch-up. [Click here](#)

#### **Book Clubs**

G & C have developed material aimed at students in years 11 and 12 to support them in doing super curricular work through teacher led book clubs. There are material available in Science and RE/Philosophy for 4-5 sessions aimed at supporting students in developing independent study skills and supporting the transition to higher level study whilst enabling them to explore their subject interest. To access these free resources, please email:

[gwyneth.hamand@cai.cam.ac.uk](mailto:gwyneth.hamand@cai.cam.ac.uk) or [matthew.bowen@cai.cam.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.bowen@cai.cam.ac.uk)

## **General/Competitions**

#### **Fuel Scientific Curiosity - Top of the Bench Chemistry Competition**

*Top of the Bench* is a competition for ages 14–16 designed to inspire an excitement about chemistry and the regional heats for this year's competition are on their way. It's open to every secondary school & student in the UK, with tasks and questions that are accessible to all abilities. Top of the Bench could be the next big step and journey into a career in the chemical sciences. [FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER](#)

#### **Prospective Journalists - Years 10-13 Young Reporter Scheme**

*The Young Reporter Scheme* is a schools programme giving students aged 14-18 an opportunity to write for a real live online newspaper. The programme runs for eight months during the school term, with various opportunities offered along the way. At the end of the scheme students are judged on the articles they have submitted throughout the year and an awards ceremony is held for the winners. [Click here](#)

### **Healthy Living Festival**

*Writtle University College* is working in partnership with Chelmsford CVS to launch family-friendly and free festival focusing on health and wellbeing. The local community will come together for live music, delicious food, games, talks and demonstrations. Visitors can explore the University College's beautiful gardens and enjoy tours of the specialist Animal Centre, which features capybaras, emus, alpacas and much more! Attendees can look forward to basketball, yoga and hula hooping as well as arts and crafts, such as pumpkin painting. Other activities include creating your own seed-bomb, an introduction to stunning plant life, and a face painter offering nature-inspired designs.

**The event is free and will take place on our campus on Saturday 7th October from 10am-3pm.** Find out more [here](#)

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