

Taking Place This Month - Latest Apprenticeship Webinars

Success at Schools have a list of upcoming apprenticeship webinars with leading companies such as *BP*, [click here](#). Here's a list. [Click here](#). For *Accenture* (tech & consulting) [click here](#), for *Dentons* (life as a solicitor), [click here](#). Also, two useful webinars, tips for *Online Application Assessments* and *Learn About Assessment Centres*. [Click here](#)

Dentons Apprenticeships

... are now open for applications. Close in January 2024. [Click here](#)

***** Tomorrow *** Apprenticeship Webinar**

There's lots of focus on higher and degree apprenticeships, but there are some fantastic intermediate and advanced apprenticeships that are a great way into an organisation and a career. *Amazing Apprenticeships*, discuss how you can progress your career using the different levels of apprenticeships and how starting as an intermediate or advanced apprentice can be a great way to begin your career. The session will highlight the careers of two apprentices who started their careers on level 3 and 4 apprenticeships respectively and are both now undertaking level 6 apprenticeships. Takes place tomorrow, Thursday 16th November at 3.30pm. [Register 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](#)

Also from *Rate My Apprenticeship* is the **Parent/Carers Hub**. [Click here](#)

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

T Levels

T Levels are a level 3 technical education option for students after their GCSEs and give students a head-start towards the career they want. The qualification offers plenty of work experience as well as classroom theory. Join this webinar to hear from the Department for Education, to find out everything you need to know about T Levels

[Click here](#)

Years 10-13 Local College Open Events

Please see the College websites for information & registration.

Hertford Regional College – 21st November 5.30pm-8pm

Capel Manor – 7th December 6pm-8pm (Virtual)

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 anyone 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.

Regardless of whether you want to attend Sheffield University, [Sheffield Live](#) is a great resource for information on university.

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](#)

Choosing The Right University/Course

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

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

Years 9-13 Immersive Surgical Work Experience – 25th November

Gain an insight into the fascinating world of surgery in a virtual operating theatre. This is aimed at students aged 14+ passionate about gaining an insight into the world of Healthcare and STEM. **Expert Insights:** students will witness real-life surgical cases delivered by practising doctors from various specialties, learning about their day-to-day experiences and challenges. **Hands-On Learning:** A live suturing tutorial; every participant will receive a full medical suturing kit in the mail to their home address. There will be a guided live demonstration of various suturing techniques. Students will leave the session knowing how to tie basic and more advanced knots. **NB There is a charge**
[Click here](#)

Uptree

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

[Lots to browse here](#)

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

News From Law Careers Net (LCN)

Meet the Lawyer LUKE BARDEN DE LACROIX – HOWARD KENNEDY

“My area of expertise is commercial dispute resolution. I have quite a broad practice so in any one day I could be working for an investment bank, an African republic or a former Premier League footballer.”

Solicitors' practice areas CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE – BOLT BURDON KEMP LLP

“I was really excited about one case where we secured our client funds for a swimming pool because she has strong sensory needs and it's quite hard for her to focus unless those needs are met.”

THE LAW, AI AND THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY

“A law career can take you into a variety of sectors. Four years ago, I moved into the complex, everchanging world of defence technology and the transition to this world of futuristic concepts has been an eye opener.”

For lots of information on careers in law, go to Law Careers Net: <https://www.lawcareers.net/>

The Law Portal

For aspiring solicitors or barristers, *The Law Portal* is a vital resource. [Click here](#)

PwC

For students looking to go to university whilst starting their career

Applications are open for PwC's Flying Start degree programmes

[Find out more](#)

For students considering an apprenticeship instead of university

Explore PwC's range of school and college leaver opportunities

[Find out more](#)

Want to hear more?

Sign up to PwC's Talent Community to be the first to hear about upcoming opportunities, [click here](#)

Careers Unwrapped

Careers Unwrapped is a podcast series where accomplished industry leaders share their career stories, advice and reflections to inform and inspire young people.

Electrical Careers

The core skills that you'll develop when becoming a qualified electrician are the foundation from which you'll then upskill and specialise in areas such as solar panel installation or electric vehicle charging point installation. [Click here](#)

Parent Perspective – Episode 8

From *Amazing Apprenticeships*, this podcast episode explores options for re-training and how apprenticeships can lead to a new career. [Click here](#)

Education In Chemistry

I'm A Scientist is a student-led activity that connects students with a diverse range of scientists from different specialisms and backgrounds. Students get to read profiles of scientists working in different careers. [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*.

Year 8-13 Find Your Potential – Career Sense

The *Find Your Potential* resources from Nat West's Career Sense, support 13-18 year-olds to discover their strengths and skills for the future world of work. Students will receive personalised information on future careers they may want to pursue, based on their strengths and what they enjoy. The resources help students develop self-awareness and confidently start to think about career next steps. **Register now to download the resources.** [Click here](#)

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](#)

Future You Podcast

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

Careers Websites

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](#)

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 20 th November 10-10:45am	SEND Panel Sufia Hussain, Inclusion, Equity & Diversity Director EMEA, Wunderman Thompson & Jessica Francourt, Head of HR, National Gallery KS3-5/S1-6	This panel event is tailored to students who wonder what it will be like for them to enter the workforce. Our expert speakers will address questions on creating inclusive workspaces, especially for those with unique support needs. Entering the job market can be daunting, gain hope and reassurance after discovering why inclusion is vital for all companies. Don't miss this opportunity to ease your worries and envision a bright future in the working world! Click here to register
Thursday 23 rd November 10-10:45am	Speaking Multiple Languages: Your Career Superpower with Misha Glenny, Journalist and Broadcaster KS3-5/S1-6	Meet Misha Glenny, a multilingual expert! With a career that spans the globe, he's witnessed firsthand the incredible opportunities and advantages that come with speaking multiple languages. In this broadcast, you will see that languages aren't just a means of communication but also a gateway to endless possibilities. Click here to register
Friday 24 th November 10-10:45am	It's all about Sound: Avgoustos Psillas, Sound Designer, Audio Craft Scandinavia AB & Royal Swedish Opera KS4-5/S4-6	Meet Avgoustos Psillas and discover the world of sound engineering. Do you love music and sound but don't want to be on stage? Or want to know how to make live audio sound amazing? Maybe a career in Sound Engineering would suit you! Don't miss the chance to hear about how exciting a career in audio can be. Click here to register
Monday 27 th November 2-2:45pm	Blind not Broken: Lucy Edwards-Cave, Blind Broadcaster, Journalist, Content Creator, & Disability Activist KS3-5/S1-6	Step into a world of charm, charisma, and creativity in this broadcast, when we are joined by Lucy Edwards-Cave, Blind Broadcaster, Journalist, Content Creator, and Disability Activist. After losing her full eyesight at 17, Lucy had no one to take inspiration from who was going through the same thing and made it her mission to share her experiences with the world. Tune in and hear how one woman built a community that champions disability advocacy and is changing how the world views blindness #BlindNotBroken. Click here to register
Tuesday 28 th November 2-2:45pm	Business: Designing Business Products with Wellbeing in mind with Lara Morgan Founder, Company Shortcuts Ltd KS3-5/S1-6	Lara Morgan is a British entrepreneur with a track record of delivering exceptional accelerated growth. Her investment strategy in wellbeing products primarily is pinned to improving life's journey. In this broadcast, Lara will talk to us about why she was empowered to design a product to help improve wellbeing and how she started a business with this product. Click here to register
Thursday 30 th November 2-2:45pm	What It's Like To Complete An Apprenticeship sponsored by VMO2 Lauren West, Future Careers Senior Programme Manager, James Harwood, Senior Security Product Manager And Matt Short, Head Of Field Operations (South), Virgin Media O2 KS3-5/S1-6	Meet a panel of Virgin Media O2 leaders who are currently completing or have completed an apprenticeship where they will share more about their own journeys, the benefits of an apprenticeship and explore the concept of squiggly careers. Join us in this broadcast to hear from our leaders and ask questions to help you make the best decision for your future. Click here to register
Wednesday 6 th December 2-2:45pm	Career Hacks: Kelly Beaver, CEO, Ipsos MORI KS4-5/S4-6	Kelly Beaver is Chief Executive of Ipsos in the UK and Ireland. She has been with Ipsos for over a decade and was previously Managing Director of Ipsos's UK Public Affairs division. Kelly holds several honorary positions external to Ipsos in academia and charities. She is passionate about the use of evidence in decision-making and her roles outside of Ipsos enable her to make a wider contribution to the social sciences discipline in promoting its use. Click here to register

Wednesday 13th December 10-10:45am	The Future of Architects: Maria Faraone, Director of the RIBA Studio, Royal Institution of British Architects KS3-5/S1-6	Maria Faraone's journey in the world of architecture is a testament to passion, dedication, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Join her talk as she unveils the innovations, sustainability, and collaborative approaches shaping tomorrow's architects. Don't miss this chance to gain information on what this career looks like to help you figure out if being an architect is for you! Click here to register
Thursday 14th December 2-2:45pm	'The Science is Just So Ridiculously Good.' Professor Lloyd Peck, Polar Marine Biologist KS3-5/S1-6	Dive into the extraordinary world of Polar Marine Biology with Prof. Lloyd Peck! Join his captivating talk, 'The Science is Just So Ridiculously Good.' Explore the wonders of icy ecosystems, cutting-edge research, and the thrill of discovery. Don't miss this chance to have a peek at the science and hear about marine biology as a career! Click here to register

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

Outreach from Imperial College, London

Year 10 and 12 STEM Futures Programme 2023/24 - Applications Now Open

STEM Futures is a multi-year programme of activities and support for students of Black heritage who are interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine).

This programme has been developed to support students to discover the wide range of subjects within STEM studies and to help them to get into university.

Students can join the programme in either year 10 or year 12 and the programme is designed to be relevant at whatever point in their school studies that they start.

Find out more at the [STEM Futures webpage](#).

Applications close for Year 12 on Tuesday 21 November and close for Year 10 on Wednesday 6 December 2023.

For any queries please email stemfutures@imperial.ac.uk.

Year 12 Levelling Up Programme 2023/24 - Applications Now Open

Levelling Up supports students with their Chemistry and Physics A-Levels and university applications during Years 12 and 13. You'll take part in a range of online academic tutorials, sessions to support you in your transition to higher education, and additional activities hosted by Imperial and other participating universities and partners.

All tutorials and sessions will take place online throughout the twelve month programme, with an in-person launch event taking place on a Saturday at Imperial's South Kensington Campus.

To find out more, including eligibility criteria and how to apply please visit the Levelling Up webpage.

Applications close on Thursday 11 January 2024. Preference will be given to applicants who do not live near London.

For any queries please email levellingup@imperial.ac.uk.

University College London (UCL)

Various initiatives for Years 7-11 – although check eligibility criteria. [Click here](#) for the *Informed Futures* outreach page.

Years 9-10 Routes Into STEM From EDT

Careers Skills – Tuesday 21st November at 4-5pm. Hear what employers are looking for, how to gain those skills and how best to present them in a CV, UCAS statement, application, or interview.

STEM Professionals Panel – Wednesday 22nd November at 4-5pm. Hear from STEM professionals in a variety of industries, hear their routes into STEM and what they do. Take the chance to ask questions about work life, entry routes and interviews, as well as any other questions you have.

As a reminder, the Virtual Routes into STEM course will provide students with an exciting opportunity to explore the various routes that they can take towards a STEM career. Students can log on to the course and complete it flexibly

between **2nd October 2023-2nd August 2024** (total time to complete the course is approx. 20 hours). [Click here](#) for full information on the opportunities with EDT. Once the students have successfully completed this course, they will be awarded with an Industrial Cadets Bronze Award. [All sessions here](#)

Engineering At Home

For parents/carers – from *The Smallpiece Trust* – experiments that can be completed at home [Click here](#)
Challenges can also be viewed on YouTube.

Arkwright Engineering Scholarships

Year 11 had an assembly presentation before half-term on the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship. Apart from the cash prize, it's fantastic to put on a CV or any future personal statement whether it's an apprenticeship or university application. Anyone studying a STEM subject at A Level may apply. **Applications are now open and close in January.** [Click here](#)

Prospective Engineers

In 2020 a lecture was delivered by chief designer and Managing Director of *The Submergence Group of Cedar Park* in Texas, from the company base in Plymouth, Devon. The talk was about an unmanned autonomous ship called the MAS 400 which was to sail between Plymouth here and a destination in the USA guided only by AI and powered by solar energy in order to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the first Mayflower crossing. The original lecture was just before departure. This next lecture is a follow-up to hear what happened during the voyage.

The ship was equipped with a collection of instrumentation to make scientific experiments en route and to send the data back to the engineers on shore. More data is available on line if you Google MAS400.

At the recent Careers Evening, several showed an interest in engineering, hence my contact thought students might find the lecture of interest – to hear what happened as the ship set sail and the crossing itself. **Tune in on 5**

December 2023 at 7.30 pm. The Zoom link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84863947329?pwd=7dQnM9Ne3A2Qf1P7AKqefYrv84kLeN.1> Passcode: 635646.

Uptree Courses

Uptree online courses offer an immersive learning experience that will empower you to excel in your academic and professional endeavours. They have just launched a new [Introduction to the National Cyber Force](#) course plus, check out the courses with [J.P. Morgan](#), [Arm](#) and [ATAC](#). For events, jobs and placements [look 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/Competitions

BAFTA Young Game Designers

The *BAFTA Young Game Designers Competition* is open again for entries.

Enter for a chance to win a BAFTA YGD Award, along with once-in-a-lifetime experiences with top game makers and industry professionals. If you're 10-18 years old, BAFTA's Young Game Designers opens a world of creative opportunities and supports you on your journey into making great games. *Deadline: Monday 4 March 2024*

[Click here](#)

All Years Imperial College, London - Faculty of Natural Sciences Science and Innovation Competition

The Science & Innovation Competition, run by the Faculty of Natural Sciences, aims to motivate young people to engage with science, to encourage them to work together as part of a team and to engage them in a fun activity that is motivated by their curiosity and drive. Teams will be asked to develop a new and innovative scientific solution to help achieve one of the [United Nation's Global Goals for Sustainable Development](#).

To enter, teams will be asked to create a 5-minute film that:

Briefly outlines the goal they have selected.

Describes their innovative solution.

Explains the science behind their idea.

Illustrates how their idea would address the goal.

Entries are open to teams of young people of primary and secondary school age; welcoming entries from schools community and youth groups. Finalists will be invited to participate in the finals event at Imperial College London. **You can register your interest here** and registration closes on Friday 15 December. If you have any questions please contact Dr Simon Foster ssfoster@imperial.ac.uk or fonschoolscompetition@imperial.ac.uk

UK Youth Model Rocket Challenge

This national competition is an opportunity for 11-18 year olds to design, build and launch model rockets. The winning team gets an expenses-paid trip to the international final at Farnborough Air Show and will be invited to Parliament. School teams will design and build their rockets between now and spring 2024, when they will be launched at a regional final in April, top teams will then be invited to the national and international competitions. [Find out more here](#)

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