

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 - please email
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Special Announcements

***** PROSPECTIVE MEDICS/NURSES/PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS *****

Years 11-13 Summer Volunteering Opportunity – CUH (Addenbrooke's Hospital)

This is an opportunity for students aged 16-18 to take part in a volunteering programme over the summer holidays. As volunteers on the *Young Person's Programme* (YPP) students will undertake a 'ward helper' role, spending time chatting and socialising with patients as well as offering a range of services including activities and refreshments to improve the quality and comfort of their time in hospital. They will also participate in a series of virtual 'Healthcare Information Sessions' which run each week alongside the volunteering and give volunteers the opportunity to hear interactive talks from a range of clinical and non-clinical professionals from Addenbrooke's about their roles and specialities. The Summer 2024 cohort of the YPP will run for 6 weeks, commencing **Monday 15th July 2024**, and students will be required to complete 2 volunteering shifts per week (Mon-Fri), each of 2 hours in length. Shifts are either 11:00-13:00 or 14:00-16:00 and days/times will be allocated based on students' availability.

Students must complete **at least 20 hours of volunteering** (i.e. 10 out of a possible 12 shifts) in order to 'complete' the programme, meaning they can take up to 1 week off for holidays. However, they must be available to volunteer during the induction/training week, commencing **Monday 15th July**, as well as for a pre-placement induction session on **Friday 12th July**. Those who complete the programme will be awarded a certificate, badge, and reference letter, as well as the opportunity to progress and train as mentors for future generations of YPP volunteers.

Applications for the summer programme will be open from 11th March – 3rd April via the purple 'Apply here' button on the website: <https://volunteering.cuh.org.uk/>

There is a short online form to complete, and successfully shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an in-person interview during the week commencing **Monday 15th April**. *Students must be aged 16 or above at the time of applying* in order to be considered for the role, as all prospective volunteers are required to complete a DBS check and this cannot be performed on under 16s.

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' is upon us and bulletins will highlight occasional openings as they arise, however, students should research opportunities continuously

Dixon Wilson Tax Apprenticeships

Dixon Wilson is one of the UK's leading accountancy firms based in the City of London. They specialise in providing accountancy, audit, tax advice and strategic planning to private clients, companies, entrepreneurs and their businesses. **Closing date: 30th June.** [Click here](#)

Nursing Associate Apprenticeship Online Recruitment Event - 20 March 10:00 to 11:00 or 13:00 to 14:00

North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust have **12 vacancies** for Nursing Associate apprentices to work and train in one of their hospitals. It's a great opportunity to start a career in healthcare, training on the job, with no tuition fees. Recruitment is already open and if interested, then this one-hour online event is a must.

Students will

Learn what the nursing associate apprenticeship is and how it works

Find out about the job role and what it's like to work for North West Anglia Foundation Trust

How to apply

Gain tips on interview techniques and how to write a personal statement [Book your place here](#)

Webinars – Live & On Demand

If you missed the BBC, the British Army and Try a Trade - you can watch them all again on demand [click here](#)

If you're looking for live webinars coming up, including how to impress in the application process, search & apply for HTQs & more - check out the workshops and webinars page, [click here](#)

Tesco Retail Apprenticeships Coming Soon

Tesco launched their **Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship** programme last month – it offers an opportunity to gain skills and a retail qualification. The programme is available in Birmingham, Hertfordshire, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, and Sheffield, and applications open in June. Click the button to register your interest. [Click here](#)

BlackRock Apprenticeship Programme

Starting in October 2024, the *BlackRock Apprenticeship Programme* is an 18-month training contract which provides the opportunity for school leavers to earn as they learn. Apprentices will be fully immersed in the business, working alongside experts in the industry, as well as studying towards an industry-recognised Level 4 Investment Operations Specialist qualification. On successful completion of the programme, apprentices will have the opportunity to receive an offer to join BlackRock as a full-time employee. Opportunities in the central London office are available in Business Management, Client Experience, Compliance, Investments, Product Marketing and Sales & Relationship Management. Closing: **15th March 2024** – submit a CV and complete a Virtual Cover Letter. This consists of two short questions around you and your motivation for joining. [Click here](#)

ASK Webinar: How to Impress in the Application Process - Thurs 21st March 2024, 3:30pm

Want some top tips from current apprentices and apprentice employers? Hear directly about the best ways to impress in the apprenticeship recruitment process. [Click here](#)

Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) Apprentice

In this video, Sofia Zuhra, Senior Financial Services Customer Advisor Apprentice talks about her favourite things about the FCA and support avenues she has whilst on programme. Shape your future, and shape the future of financial services – join the FCA. And here's [a link to their early careers page](#) – recruiting now.

Success At Schools

Lots of application information on their website now available for *CBRE*, the *Army*, *Dentons*, *Marsh McLennan* etc.

All About Assessment Centres

Webinar for students who wish to explore what assessment days are about. Although this is presented by *BP*, it might be useful for generic applications for apprenticeships. [Click here](#)

Latest Higher & Degree Listings

Amazing Apprenticeships have an [up to date list 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

Top companies are hiring now; *EY, Arcadis, Marsh McLennan, CGI, GE Aerospace, Unilever, Mace, Softcat, AWE* and *BP*. [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

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ) Webinar For Parents/Carers

The webinar on 24th April at 6pm will help parents and carers to understand and explore Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) and the opportunities they present. [Click here](#)

Outreach News From University College London (UCL)

Years 7-11 [Bring Your Family to University Days](#) - A series of free one-day events aimed at providing information, advice and guidance about university to young people and their parents and carers through fun and interactive sessions on UCL's central London campus.

UCL Choices – If you are still undecided on what undergraduate course to study or unsure about where your A level subjects can take you then join *UCL Choices* - an online event where you can hear from current UCL students on a Q&A panel discussing course 'expectations vs reality' and how your A Level subjects relate to course selection.

Years 9-11: [Language and culture degrees at UCL - try before you apply](#) - Take a tour of German or Romanian language and culture through our short online taster courses (via *Springpod*), giving you a chance to sample what studying languages at university might be like. Gain a certificate upon completion. For Romanian Stepping Inside the Language, [click here](#)

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.

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](#)

Lots Coming Up - 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 – even if you don't fancy studying 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.

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](#)

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

It's vital students sign up to Uptree & Speakers for Schools who have lots of face to face and virtual opportunities – check with your Head of Year before attending any sessions that fall on a school day

Maven's Summer Work Experience 2024

Applications are now open. **Overview of Maven:**

Maven is a leading market maker and proprietary trading firm and technology firm. Unified ambition, meticulous risk management and a focus on advanced technology enable them to rapidly succeed in a highly competitive industry. Maven implements both fundamental and quantitative trading & market making strategies across global financial markets, utilising only the group's capital. We see ourselves just as much a technology firm as a multi-strat trading firm. **Work Experience Opportunity:**

Maven's work experience week offers first-hand insight into the day in the life of a Mavenite. The programme will focus on communication, employability skills and interview practice to prepare you for future recruitment processes. It will also provide you with a short-term project and work shadowing opportunities in one of Maven's business areas. This is a unique opportunity for 6th form students who are keen to find out more about Maven, and fire up their professional skills in a friendly and collaborative environment.

Application link: <https://link.colorintech.org/MavenSummerWork24>

Year 10 – Work Experience

Please note, the deadline for handing in work experience placement information has passed. If you have yet to hand in any documentation, please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Year 12 - Work Experience

Students, parents & carers have received email information regarding the Year 12 Work Experience Programme. Letters/forms can also be found on the school website.

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. [Click here](#) Students in Years 12-13 have recently been sent the latest work exp & Insight opportunities. ***Students must seek permission from Head of Year before attending on a school day.***

Careers

Webinar In Sustainable Construction

Thursday's (14th March) **HOP Webinar** will focus on **Careers in Sustainable Construction** and the huge array of roles and future opportunities required in Hertfordshire within a Construction setting to help achieve ambitious Net-Zero targets. Modern methods of construction require young people and those already in the work place to understand how environmental sustainability effects the way that properties are constructed and maintained. This webinar could appeal to any young people that:

Have an interest in any construction trades or more general roles such as surveying, planning and project management and have a passion for environmental sustainability. Full details can be found in the attached document and registration is now open on HOP - <https://www.hopinto.co.uk/virtual-employer-encounters/virtual-employer-encounters/>

Green Careers

check out this website (one of many) for lots of information and resources about **Green Careers** [Click here](#)

Register Your Interest – Nat West

For career opportunities register your interest with the *Nat West Early Careers* team, [click here](#)

NHS Careers

Here's the latest from NHS Recruitment:

Adult nurse training places will increase to 38,000 by 2031/32 – a 92% increase. Mental health and learning disability nurse training places are also set to increase.

Increase in apprenticeships, working towards nearly a quarter of clinical staff training via an apprenticeship route (currently 7%) and the number of apprenticeships tripling overall.

A doctor degree apprenticeship being introduced.

More nursing associates (a fantastic route to registered nursing) and physician associates.

And it's definitely not all about degrees. There'll be more healthcare support worker opportunities with progression via apprenticeships also available.

Finally, if a patient-facing role isn't the right thing there will be more opportunities in digital roles as well as estates and facilities and many others.

There'll be many opportunities for your students over the coming months and years with increasingly flexible training routes and pathways. Take a look at the [NHS Health Careers website](#)

Working With Children/Early Years

The Norland Nanny has moved on somewhat since its conception. Here are some useful links if you are thinking of looking into the Early Years/Working With Children sector:

[Our My Norland Story series](#) includes videos and written pieces from our fully-qualified graduates, known as Norlanders, about studying at Norland and the incredible careers they've had since qualifying.

Over the past couple of years, Norland have been celebrating [the variety and diversity of careers Norlanders](#) have gone on to enjoy within nannying, the early years sector and beyond.

[Read our career spotlight blogs](#) to hear the experiences of Norlanders who have gone on to accomplish some remarkable achievements in their distinguished and fascinating careers.

Year 9 Medicine/Dentistry Discovery Sessions

Year 9 students can find out more about medicine, dentistry and the alternative science/allied-health subjects through Queen Mary University Year 9 Health Careers Discovery Sessions. These online sessions aim to give students interested in science/healthcare careers the chance to learn more about the opportunities available to them. Dates for the sessions are:

TODAY Wednesday 13 March, 5:00 – 6:00pm: Introduction to Medicine, Dentistry and Higher Education

Tuesday 26 March, 5:00 – 6:00pm: Meet the Healthcare Professionals

Please note that there is no selection procedure for these webinars so any interested student can book onto them.

[Please click here](#)

Engineering News From Neon

Explore the world of engineering careers this **National Careers Week** with new experiences and case studies on Neon. Where could engineering take you?

National Careers Week: Tech For Sport - this KS3 virtual live lesson on 7 March explains the future of technology in sport, about wearable tech, and what careers are available in this sector. **Tune in tomorrow, free of charge.**

AtkinsRéalis virtual work experience - step into the world of AtkinsRéalis through this WEX programme to discover the early careers options available to them! **Online, free of charge.**

Building a resilient future - meet Divya and find out more about how engineers are helping to future proof our cities and towns.

Solving problems at sea - Susie shares how apprenticeships can help give on-the-job experience, solving problems to save lives at sea.

Careers In Banking, Finance & Accountancy

Banking and finance are to do with borrowing, saving and investing – whether that's in the form of a mortgage to buy a house, a pension fund or the large sums of money invested by businesses and public bodies. Accountancy is about keeping track of an organisation's money.

There are two types of banking. **Retail banking** refers to the so-called 'high street banks' where you, your family and businesses keep their savings and apply for loans. In this area of work, you could work as a cashier, mortgage advisor or **branch manager**. **Investment banks** help individuals, businesses and other organisations make money from financial markets by investing in stocks and shares and other financial products. You could work as a market trader, fund manager, **investment analyst** or **stockbroker**.

Accountants keep track of an organisation's finances. Specialisms include tax accountants, who work out ways for companies to save money on tax while paying what they owe. Management accountants advise on decision-makers on their financial plans. **Auditors** independently check company accounts.

Check out the Accountancy and Banking & Finance Career Zones for information about these areas of work, many more jobs and guidance on what it takes to succeed. [Click here](#) and [here](#)

Making the Future, Part 3: Careers in Crafts and Making with QEST

Friday 15th March 2024, 11am – 12pm

For our third session as part of our careers in crafts and making series this academic year, students will continue to explore a diverse world of roles in the sector.

From illustrators, jewellers and footwear designers to armour conservators, cheesemongers and Haute Couture fashion designers, the sector offers exciting job prospects. Professionals could work in specialist boutiques, become an entrepreneur, or work for big brands such as Nike, Cartier, and Louis Vuitton to name a few!

Students will learn about routes into these creative careers, gain tips and advice for getting started (even now), and will have a live 'show and tell' where the professionals will showcase some of their creations.

Speakers include:

- Sofia Karakatsanis (Furniture Making)
- Wayne Hart (Letter carving & Sculpture)
- Lucy Martin (Embroidery)

[Click here](#)

A Guide to Career to Options 2024

This guide is full to the brim with career and application advice for students. You can download the online version of [the free guide here](#).

Free Online Careers Taster Schedule

Not sure which career to choose? Signing up to multiple webinars is a great way for students to explore different careers and find out where your interests lie.

13th March – 6pm

Breaking into Engineering

Breaking into Law

14th March – 6pm

Breaking into Medicine

Breaking into Banking

All webinars will take place online via Zoom at 6pm UK time. [Click here to sign up](#)

Parent/Carers Virtual Open Evening – Discover Creative Careers

Did you know that the British creative industries are booming? Find creative career opportunities and feel inspired to go after them. *Speakers for Schools* are delighted to be partnered with the *Discover! Creative Careers* programme led by *ScreenSkills* and supported by employers from across the creative sector to deliver this virtual Open Evening. They will showcase careers in creative tech, film, animation, design, music, fashion, publishing, architecture, crafts, heritage, museums, galleries and more. Young people will be able to access 3-5-hour insight days and longer work experience placements, 1-hour industry spotlight career talks and inspirational talks with speakers – all advertised on the Speakers for Schools website. [Click here](#) to register.

Free Webinars For Parents/Carers – 18th April 6.30pm

The webinars are designed to help parents/carers supercharge their child's career potential.

Competing for Corporate Careers

Wednesday, March 20th, 7-8pm (UK time)

Gain insights from industry professionals on diverse corporate opportunities and learn how to support your child's entry into the field.

Effective Leadership & How to Follow

Wednesday, 27th March, 7-8pm (UK time)

Learn strategies for skill development and discover how to nurture your child's ability to lead and follow effectively. If parents/carers are unable to join the sessions live, you can still register for the event to receive the recording.

CUH (Cambridge University Hospital) Careers Day

CUH is inviting you students to come to their Careers open event on Saturday 18 May 2024 on-site. There will be experts from different areas in the Trust for people to talk to and learn about their experiences in the healthcare setting as well as non-clinical roles. Please see this link for more information and to register: <https://bit.ly/CUHEvent>

Imperial College, London Meet the Researcher

The [Meet the Researcher](#) webinar series returns - it started on 21 February 2024.

Have you ever wondered what researchers at Imperial actually do? Meet the Researcher webinars allow you to find out how our researchers got to where they are now, what excites them about their field of research and what their current projects are on.

Each live webinar features one of Imperial's researchers talking about their academic and research journey so far and you'll have the chance to ask them any questions you have.

First up is **Civil Engineering graduate** Abdirahman who now works in the structural engineering industry. Join Abdirahman for their webinar this Wednesday.

These webinars are aimed at students in Years 12 and 13 but everyone of all ages are welcome to register and watch at 16.30-17.30 pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 20 March

Wednesday 27 March

Wednesday 29 March

You can also watch last term's Meet the Researcher series [here](#).

Army Officer Insight Day

The Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst in Camberley is opening its doors for an **Army Officer Insight Day on Saturday 16th March from 10am-4pm**. Secure your place now: <https://forms.office.com/e/P4aAB1J8z2>
Registration and refreshments and welcome brief, Recruiting Journey Brief, Subject Matter Expert Stands, Lunch Tour of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS). Speak with current RMAS Officer Cadets and staff Lived Experience Presentation plus Q&A. If you are hoping to apply for Officer Training, attendance at an Insight Day will reflect well on an any future application.

Careers In Law

Success at Schools have a very comprehensive law career zone, take a look – and don't forget the extremely useful Law Portal too. [Click here](#) and [here](#)

All Years - New Careers Quiz

Here is *The InvestIN Career Quiz!* By answering a series of expertly crafted questions, students unlock a personalised report that unveils an industry aligned with their skills and interests. [Click here](#)

Careers Website

Explore and find out about careers using this website – lots of useful tools. [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.

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*.

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

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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

Dive in broadcasting with **Joe Lynam**, an industry veteran, gaining insights, tips, and anecdotes. Defying Oxbridge norms, he shares a unique journey for all.

Thursday 14th March | 10:00am - 10:45am | KS3-5 / S1-6

Sign-up

Join **Nicholas Hytner**, award-winning theatre director, in a broadcast for insights on the theatre industry, from uni Panto Dame to reimagining classic musical 'Guys & Dolls'.

Friday 15th March | 10:00am - 10:45am | KS3-5 / S1-6

Sign-up

Embark on an inspiring talk with **Gavin Wade**, the creative force behind Eastside Projects in Birmingham. Explore recognising creative potential and forging unique career paths.

Monday 18th March | 02:00pm - 02:45pm | KS3-5 / S1-6

Sign-up

Unlock the secrets to personal and professional success in this broadcast featuring a powerhouse in marketing and business leadership, **Visha Kudhail**.

Tuesday 19th March | 02:00pm - 02:45pm | KS3-5 / S1-6

Sign-up

Discover diverse tech roles in our TCS **Industry Spotlight**. Gain career insights and tips. Open to all, with a special welcome to girls and non-binary students. Let's reshape the tech landscape together!

Thursday 21st March | 02:00pm - 03:00pm | KS3-5 / S1-6

Sign-up

Explore diverse careers in video games with British Esports Community Manager, **Emma "Emzii" Rose**. Discover industry insights, pathways, and challenges.

Friday 22nd March | 10:00am - 10:45am | KS3-5 / S1-6

Sign-up

Resources

***Sixth Form students will receive more guidance & information on UCAS & apprenticeships in Mrs Price's Post-18 Bulletin next month
You will also find more detailed information for prospective Oxbridge, Medics, Dentists & Vet candidates in Mrs Price's bulletin***

Year 11 – Revision Online

Engaging online session designed to help GCSE students increase their grades for Science GCSEs.

Not just for potential vets/science students - everyone studying GCSE science is welcome.

On Tuesdays until March 26th at 4-5pm - students can join after the start if necessary

Science career inspiration followed by exam subject knowledge

Ideal for GCSE - but other year groups welcome to attend

Webinar format - you can type anonymous questions and won't be seen on screen

[Find out more](#)

Prospective Medics

From *Medicmind*, come these excellent tips on the UCAT.

[How do universities use the UCAT?](#) While the UCAT is an important component of the application process, universities have **different approaches to interpreting UCAT scores**. In this article, we will discuss how universities use UCAT scores to make admissions decisions.

Tips to reduce UCAT test anxiety

Most of you will have your UCAT test coming up in the next few months, so you might be starting to feel some pressure. This article tries to take some of that pressure off, by showing you that it's honestly not that bad if you look after yourself and approach the admissions test in a good way!

Booking the UCAT: Everything you need to know

You've probably got some great revision going on for your upcoming UCAT exam... but what about booking the UCAT to make sure you can actually take the test!? Read this blog post to understand when to take the UCAT.

GCSE Online Revision

The RVC are based in Hertfordshire and have an amazing FREE online GCSE revision programme that offers careers insight talks and then leads into revision for GCSE Science every Tuesday – it started yesterday. This will run on Tuesday afternoons between 4pm and 5pm finishing on 26th March 2024. Designed to help students increase their grades for Science GCSEs (and will also be a useful revision for A Level/BTEC students). Covering Biology, Chemistry and Physics key topics. Students who sign-up and attend have the opportunity to win prizes in competitions and gain access to more visits in person to RVC. Find out more and sign up as and when, [click here](#)

How I Aced My Online Interview

Amirreza Nanaei is a second year MBBS student from Iran, who excelled at his online interview at the start of the pandemic in 2020. He's now studying Medicine at the University of Central Lancashire in North West England. Read [his tips here](#)

Years 9-10 Caius Programme

Caius College at Cambridge University are inviting able Year 9 and Year 10 students from Hertfordshire to take part in Caius 9&10, one of their online after school programmes for young people attending state schools in a link area. Please note that students who took part when they were in year 9 last year should not re-apply, as this is the same programme. Information below:

Deadline: Friday 22 March 2024

The program will consist of a series of online after-school sessions. The students will receive both guidance and ideas on how to explore subject interests, and an introduction to studying at University. Students will also have the chance to talk to current Cambridge students and attend an online lecture.

Session 1, Wed 17 April 2024, 4:30-5:30pm: Introduction to studying at university and Oxbridge

Session 2, Wed 1 May 2024, 4:30-5:30pm: Exploring subject interests

Session 3, W/C 13 May 2024, 5:00-6:00pm: Taster lectures (one STEM lecture, one humanities)

Session 4, Wed 5 June 2024, 4:30-5:30: Student Life Q&A (life at university, clubs, societies)

Session 5, Wed 19 June 2024, 4:30-5:30: Session chosen by students

Students should register their interest by completing this short survey form. Please note, this form requires a digital signature from a parent/guardian/carer (this can be done on a touchscreen device or with mouse on a desktop computer) https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2srWC9yArjsCXXw

The deadline for signing up is **Friday 22 March 2024** and students will be notified by Monday 15 April 2024 whether they have been successful in gaining a place on the programme. Applications welcome from all students and they will prioritise applications from high-achieving students with a widening participation background (e.g. Free School Meals, living in care etc).

Imperial College London – Outreach

STEM in Action is an online resource with five themed modules that include videos and activities that can be done at home or in school. Explore all the modules and learn about how scientists and engineers at Imperial College London are working to better our world. For more information, please see [Outreach Programme FAQs](#).

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](#)

Resources From Balliol College, Oxford

Archaeology			
Who	What	When	Booking Information
Those interested in Archaeology	University of Oxford Archaeology resources	Continuous	Resources can be found here
Biology			
Who	What	When	Booking Information
Those interested in Biology	University of Oxford Biology resources	Continuous	Resources can be found here
Year 12 at state schools who are interested in studying Biology at Oxford University.	Balliol College Biology Taster Day	Tuesday 4 June Application Deadline is Friday 10 May	Further information and application form
Chemistry			
Who	What	When	Booking Information
<i>Those interested in Chemistry</i>	University of Oxford Chemistry events	Continuous	Resources can be found here
<i>Year 12 currently studying both Chemistry & Maths A Levels & aspire to apply to study Chemistry at Oxford University.</i>	Balliol College Chemistry Taster Day	Wednesday 10 April 2024 Application Deadline is Friday 22 March	Further information and application form
<i>State school A level (or equivalent) Chemistry students and teachers</i>	Ask a Chemist Q&A series	Now complete, but recordings are available	Further information and videos
<i>Anybody interested in Chemistry</i>	What's On - Oxford Chemistry	Continuous	NA
<i>Royal Society of Chemistry – Women interested in Chemistry</i>	Power Up Challenge - Women in Chemistry	Continuous	More information and booking
Classics			
Who	What	When	Booking Information
<i>Those interested in Classics</i>	University of Oxford Classics events	Continuous	Resources and Events
<i>high-achieving Year 12 at non-sel state schools interested in Classics at university</i>	Classics Subject Exploration Day	1 May 2024	Further information and booking
Computer Science			
Who	What	When	Booking Information
<i>Students interested in Computer Science</i>	Computer Science Department outreach events	Updated regularly	

Anybody interested in learning about how Mathematical Oncologists apply mathematical and computational models help fight cancer	Mobilising Mathematics for the Fight Against Cancer - Public Lecture from Trachette Jackson	The lecture will be broadcast on the Oxford Maths YouTube Channel on Thursday 21 March at 5-6pm and any time after. (No need to register for the online version).	Register to attend live in Oxford
Economics			
<i>Who</i>	What	When	Booking Information
A Level Business Studies and Economics students	Online Lecture series What Economists Really Do	20 th May	Further information
Engineering Science			
<i>Who</i>	What	When	Booking Information
Students interested in Engineering Science	Engineering Science Department outreach events	Updated regularly	
Year 12 at state schools who are interested in studying Engineering Science at Oxford	Balliol College Engineering Science Taster Day	Wednesday 12 June Application Deadline is Friday 17 May	Further information and application form
English			
Who	What	When	Booking Information
Students interested in English	English Department outreach events and resources	Updated regularly	
Year 12 (or equivalent) at their school	Rex Nettleford Prize for Year 12 Students: Essays on Colonialism and its Legacies	Essays must be received by midnight on Friday 15 th March 2024.	Further information and Entrance
Year 12 students from state sch interested in studying English at Oxford University.	Balliol College English Taster Day	Thursday 13 June Application Deadline is Friday 17 May	Further information and application form
Aimed at anyone over about eleven years old.	Virtual Chaucer: a new project using AI	Continuous	Further information
Geography / Earth Science			
<i>Who</i>	What	When	Booking Information
Students interested in Earth Science	Earth Science Department outreach events	Updated regularly	
Year 12 interested in Geography at University	Oxford University -Geography Department Open Day	Monday 10 th June	Further information and booking
History			
Who	What	When	Booking Information

<i>Students interested in History</i>	History Faculty outreach events	Updated regularly	
<i>Year 12 at state schools interested in studying History at Oxford University.</i>	Balliol College History Taster Day	Wednesday 5 June Application Deadline is Friday 10 May	Further information and application form
<i>History teachers</i>	Oxford Historian Talks for Schools	Continuously	Find out more
<i>State secondary school, sixth form</i>	Online History Skills Workshops	Various events.	Find out more and sign up to events here
<i>Anybody interested in History</i>	Oxford Historia Lectures 2023	Recordings continuously available	NA

Law

<i>Who</i>	What	When	Booking Information
<i>Students interested in Law</i>	Law Faculty outreach events	Updated regularly	
<i>Year 12 or 13 students at UK State Schools</i>	Maitland Chambers' Mock Trial 2024	Saturday 23rd March from 10:30 to 15:30.	Further information and booking

Materials Science

<i>Who</i>	What	When	Booking Information
<i>Students interested in Materials Science</i>	Department of Materials outreach events	Updated regularly	

Maths

Who	What	When	Booking Information
<i>Students interested in Maths</i>	Maths Institute outreach events	Updated regularly	
<i>Anybody interested in learning about how Mathematical oncologists apply mathematical and computational models help fight cancer</i>	Mobilising Mathematics for the Fight Against Cancer - Public Lecture from Trachette Jackson	The lecture will be broadcast on the Oxford Mathematics YouTube Channel on Thursday 21 March at 5-6pm and any time after. (No need to register for the online version).	Register to attend live in Oxford
Prospective Maths students	Mathematics Open Days	20 April (in-person) 27 April (online)	Further information and booking

Medicine

Who	What	When	Booking Information
Interested pupils' years 10 - 13	Insight Into: Imaging Analysis in Neuroscience	Thursday 14 March	Further information and booking
<i>Anybody interested in learning about how Mathematical</i>	Mobilising Mathematics for the Fight Against Cancer -	The lecture will be broadcast on the Oxford	Register to attend live in Oxford

oncologists apply mathematical and computational models help fight cancer	Public Lecture from Trachette Jackson	Mathematics YouTube Channel on Thursday 21 March at 5-6pm and any time after. (No need to register for the online version).	
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Modern Languages

Who	What	When	Booking Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 10-11 (ages 14-16) Years 12-13 (ages 16-18) 	French & Spanish Flash Fiction Competitions	The deadline for submitting your entry is 12 noon on 27 March	Further Information and Submission
Year 12 students who are currently studying a language a Level and aspire to apply to study Languages at Oxford University.	Balliol College Modern Languages Taster Day	Monday 3 June 2024 Application deadline is 5pm on Friday 10 May	Further information and application form

Music

Who	What	When	Booking Information
Anybody interested in Music at university	Music Outreach at Oxford	Various events	NA

Neuroscience

Who	What	When	Booking Information
Interested pupils' years 10 - 13	Insight Into: Imaging Analysis in Neuroscience	Thursday 14 March	Further information and booking

Physics

Who	What	When	Booking Information
Students interested in Physics	Department of Physics outreach events	Updated regularly	
Year 12 interested in studying pure of a joint-honours Physics degree at Oxford University.	Balliol College Physics & Philosophy Taster Day	Tuesday 11 June Application Deadline is Friday 17 May	Further information and application form
Year 12 at stateschools, in Maths and Physics.	Year 12 Online Masterclass	15 June 2024	Further information and booking
Aspiring Physicists from year 11 and above	Projects and Mentoring with the Oxford Physics Department	Continuous events	More information

Non-course- specific programmes and events - St Edmund Hall - Big Think Competition Every year, we invite students across the UK to tackle one of our academics' 'big' questions. These have been specially designed to challenge you beyond your normal school curriculum and get you thinking 'big' about your subject and what it might be like to study it at university. Simply record a video of 5 minutes or less presenting your arguments, research, evidence and opinions. **To enter you must:**

- live in the UK
- attend a state school
- be in Year 11, Year 12 or Year 13

[Further information and submission form](#) Application deadline is **Wednesday 1 May**.

Hertford College, Oxford Unsung Heroes of Science Video Competition.

We're challenging you to make a short video celebrating an unsung hero of science who you think deserves wider recognition. The competition is open to everyone everywhere aged 16-18 and there are no restrictions on who you can choose to celebrate. We want to see who from the world of science inspires you and to learn more about them. [More Information and Submission Link](#) The deadline to submit your video is **Midnight on Tuesday 16 April 2024.**

Super-Curricular Resources for Students

[Our Springboard videos](#) are designed to introduce students to a range of topics related to A Level and Degree Level study. Each has been designed and produced by our graduate students and each contain activities and suggestions about further resources to explore the subject. Please note we will be adding more videos on a rolling basis. Students need to answer a few short questions to access each video.

[Our Insight recordings](#) are now available online. This series of talks is aimed at post 16 students with an interest in science. Each talk was given by an Oxford University post-graduate student, giving the audience an insight into their particular research specialism. Passionate, motivated KS4 pupils looking to challenge themselves academically may also find these talks interesting.

[These subject specific super-curricular guides](#) which are available for most A Level and GCSE subjects, contain suggestions for exploring subjects further by watching, reading, listening and doing. Please tell us about any suggestion you have to add to these guides.

[Oxford University Digital Resource Hub](#) – here you can find the best of our digital resources to support learning and exploration. They can help parents and teachers to feed the curiosity of growing minds and inspire them to think broadly.

Videos from Balliol College

Balliol College has a new [Admissions Video](#), highlighting what our students think about college life and why Balliol may be the perfect choice for Oxford applicants.

[In this video, Balliol tutors talk about undergraduate study](#), sharing insights into how tutorials work as well as the qualities they are looking for in prospective applicants.

[In this video, a third-year medical student gives prospective applicants a tour of Balliol](#), showing the Lodge, Library, Hall, Chapel, Junior Common Room and quads as well as undergraduate accommodation at the Broad Street site and in the new accommodation blocks at the nearby Master's Field site.

Oxford Mailing Lists

Subject specific mailing lists operate for [Chemistry](#), [Classics](#), [Computer Science](#), [English](#), [Engineering](#), [Geography](#), [History](#), [Maths](#), [Materials Science \(Teachers\)](#), [Materials Science \(Pupils\)](#), [Modern Foreign Languages](#) and [Physics](#).

Uptree

Do make sure you are signed up to *Uptree* – fantastic resources, work experience & insight days.

General/Competitions

Years 12-13 The National Trust Time and Space Award 2024/Imperial College

Do you have a world-changing idea? If you're aged 16 and up the National Trust want to hear your big idea and give you the chance to bring it to life at Sir Isaac Newton's home, where he discovered gravity.

The Time + Space Award has been inspired by what Newton called his 'year of wonders'. Forced to leave university and return home because of a pandemic in 1666, he used this time to explore his ideas on calculus, optics and the laws of motion and gravity.

This award will give you the time, space and opportunity to explore your big idea in one of four areas – science, art and culture, society and nature and climate. A panel of experts from the fields of science, creativity and culture will help you develop your idea and bring it to life.

To enter answer one of the following four questions:

How can science be more accessible and relevant to everyone?

Access to art and culture isn't equal. How can your big idea address the imbalance?

What's your big idea that would change society for the better, for everyone?

Nature and climate are in crisis. How can your big idea save them and help us break out of the echo chamber?

Find out more about the competition and how to enter. Entries close on 30 April 2024 and are open to anyone aged 16–25 living in the UK. Entrants under 18 will need permission from a legal parent, guardian or carer to apply

Energising Futures – ‘Fix Fashion’ Competition

What’s it about? The wasteful way we buy, use and dispose of clothes is having a huge impact on our environment but exciting innovations in science and technology are helping us move to a more sustainable future. In this competition, students become real-world problem-solvers as they fix fashion for themselves and the planet.

Why should we enter Discover the science of materials, climate and sustainability. Be intrigued and inspired by real-world case studies showcasing incredible scientific and technological innovations. Students become problem-solvers as they come up with their own creative vision for how to ‘fix fashion for the future’ and win amazing prizes.

Who’s it for?

All students Years 7-9. For full competition Terms & Conditions download the delivery guide or competition entry form, [click here](#)

Design Your Own Energy Town

Be as creative and imaginative as you can with you designs. What resources will your city use to generate electricity? How can you make it as green as possible? From *Equinor* comes this competition where there are some exciting prizes up for grabs and entering is easy. **Prizes:** A brand-new tablet for the winning pupil and a £1000 sustainability grant for your school. Closing date is 29th March. [Click here](#)

Years 7-9 Step Into The NHS – Fantastic Prizes

This careers competition from the *NHS* is to help inform students of the hundreds of careers available within the organisation. Your task is to create a job advertisement. Closing date is 30th April. [Information here](#)

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