

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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This week is **National Careers Week**

We have a host of special visitors and activities planned
this week for NCW – see the main newsletter or Careers page
of the school website for all the details
In the meantime, check out this website (one of many) for lots of
information and resources about [Green Careers](#) [Click here](#)

Special Announcements

National Careers Week 4th-8th March

We now have a careers display in reception with handouts available – do encourage your son/daughter to visit!
Starting at 1.10pm in Room 21, tomorrow's lunchtime workshop will be about officer opportunities in the army.

Paid Role - Year 12

An after-school tuition centre for children aged 5 – 16 in Bishop's Stortford, is looking to employ a few young people to help deliver maths and English tuition to school-age children for two hours on a Tuesday and/or Thursday from 4pm to 6pm. The centre is situated within Windhill21 Primary School, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2NE. Committed young people with very good projected or actual passes at GCSE for Maths and English, plus other supporting GCSEs should apply and the successful candidates will be expected to stay until at least the end of Y13. This has proved an excellent opportunity in the past providing first-class b/g info for UCAS applications as well as providing a competitive income for the hours provided. Interested applicants should complete and return an application form to bishops-stortford@firstclasslearning.co.uk asap, ideally before **Wednesday March 13**. **Please email Mrs Jonas if you would like an application form.**

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

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. Candidates can apply before 15th March 2024 by submitting their CV and completing a Virtual Cover Letter. This consists of two short questions around themselves and their motivation for joining. Note, the entry requirements are 3 A levels, grade C and above, and a C at Maths & English Language GCSE (or equivalent qualifications). [Click here](#)

Year 13 - Warner Bros CrewHQ Trainees Programme

Warner Bros CrewHQ have announced their **CrewHQ Trainee Programme**, a brand-new scheme providing a pathway into a career in film and TV production based on site at Warner Bros. Studios Leavesden.

Applications are now open and **close at midnight on Sunday 10th March 2024**. Applicants must be 18 years old as of 31st March, and be able to start on the programme in May 2024 (so you may have to liaise regarding exam dates).

HSBC Apprenticeships

Think that technology lies at the heart of banking? Whether you've tinkered with tech or have no previous experience with it doesn't concern HSBC – they're looking for curious, open-minded and motivated people to help create a digital-first bank that provides great experiences for our customers and colleagues. The **Technology Degree Apprenticeship** is now open for applications and is open to all. **Closing date 11th March**. Find out more [here](#).

Apprenticeships With Costain

Costain recruit for a wide variety of apprenticeships (Level 2 through to 7) from Administration and Finance to Civil Engineering and Material Technicians. Costain recruit for our apprenticeships across the year, so although there may not be a suitable opportunity now, keep any eye out on the careers page and remember to register your interest. **To find out more about what is on offer, [click the link](#)**

Ministry Of Defence Apprenticeships

Please see a brief summary below of apprenticeship opportunities available for current students that you think studying for a future career in Science and Engineering. **Closing Date: 12th March**.

Level 3 Waterfront Engineering Advanced Apprenticeship - <https://link.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/BxD>

The SDA is looking for talented, motivated, and creative potential engineers to join their Level 3 Waterfront Engineering Apprenticeship Scheme and become Engineers of the future. This 3 year scheme is open to anyone over the age of 16 years at the start of the apprenticeship in September 2024 and the salary is £22,240 for this role.

Level 6 Nuclear Engineering Degree Apprenticeship - <https://link.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/Wg3Y>

During this four-year programme, successful applicants will undertake a comprehensive program of study associated with the Nuclear Scientist and Nuclear Engineer standard ST0289 while earning a salary of £25,270 per annum. Year 1 of the scheme will be full time in college, based in the National College for Nuclear. During year 2, 3, and 4 students will have the opportunity to carry out a number of work-based technical placements and defence specific nuclear training.

Due to the secure nature of these positions, posts will be reserved for UK Nationals only and may require students to obtain Developed Vetting clearance once in post.

KPMG Apprenticeships

Opportunities now available – including roles located in Cambridge. [Click here](#)

Apprenticeships – Various

Meet Deloitte's recruitment team, hear about green careers with RHS, and start your career with JLR. [Click here](#)

On Demand – Missed The Live Action?

Dive into 25+ apprenticeship videos from top UK employers. [Click here](#)

Register Your Interest – Nat West

For apprenticeships (Plus graduate schemes, internships & work experience), register your interest with the *Nat West Early Careers* team, [click here](#)

National Careers Week - Apprenticeship Webinars

ASK Webinar: How to Find & Apply for Apprenticeships - Thurs 29th February 2024, 3:30pm

A step-by-step guide to the different vacancy platforms for apprenticeships, including Find an Apprenticeship, and tips for supporting your students/child during the application process. [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](#)

Amazing Apprentices – Full List of Webinars

The next webinar in the series of ASK L&D webinars for parents/carers is tomorrow, 29th February and explores how to find and apply for apprenticeships. An additional webinar is also available to explore the application process for T Levels. Find out more about upcoming webinars [here](#).

Celebrating Female Apprentices in Trades - Thursday 7th March 2024, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

In celebration of **International Women's Day** this week, here's a chance to celebrate inspiring female apprentices in domestic trades. Hear from a panel of amazing female apprentices about their experiences working in the trades, what their career journey has been like and how they hope to progress in the sector in the future. [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.

Apprenticeship Guide 2024

To celebrate *National Apprenticeship Week*, *Success at Schools* are launching a brand new **Apprenticeships Guide** for parents and carers – and it's free for you to download now. The new digital guide is packed full of vital information to help parents guide young people as they decide whether an apprenticeship could be for them.

Sponsored by the *National Audit Office*, the fourth edition of the Apprenticeships Guide contains insider insights from employers, interviews with today's apprentices – and in-depth information about apprenticeship programmes across 17 industries. [Click here](#)

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

Virtual Insight Into University - Years 11 & 12

This course is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects can lead to. It will also give students access to information on student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers and current students. The course will run during the period **1st July – 23rd August 2024** and can be completed flexibly to fit around other commitments. On completion of the course which involves 30hrs of study, students will receive a **Silver Industrial Cadets Award**. *There is a fee of £95 to access this course but there are **bursaries available for eligible students eg. Those who are in receipt of Free School Meals, Pupil Premium etc.**

Year 13 are invited to join the work experience Placements Open Day Webinar, registration details as follows:

Webinar EDT Placements Open Day Session
Date Wednesday 13th March
Time 4-5 pm [Click here to register](#)

This session will provide your students with full details on the placement programme. It is a **free service** which helps place school and college leavers with companies across the UK. The programme lasts for 12 months and is paid.

TOMORROW University of Hertfordshire – Making the Right Choices For Post-16

The University of Hertfordshire are running an online session for Yr11 students which is free for to attend. Parents and guardians are also welcome to join. Topic: In Year 11? Making the right choices for your post-16. Date: Thursday 7 March 2024. Time: 16.30 - 17.15. [Click here](#)

Bishop's Stortford Football Academy

The 16+ Football and Education Scholarship College is accessible for students living in Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, and London. BSFA is not only a sports & media college, all students graduate with the qualifications, knowledge, and life skills to be successful in the future. Various course options offered to academy students that include Apprenticeships, BTEC Level 3 (equivalent to 3 A Levels) in Sports Coaching, Science & Business AND Creative Media and Digital Production; coupled with an unrivalled football, business & media experience led by UEFA licensed coaches, sports scientists, media specialists, analysts, and therapists.

Students are encouraged to master the skills learnt through a number of work experience opportunities with grassroots & professional clubs/businesses. Exit routes include:

Higher Education - UK University and USA College Scholarships to study a wide range of courses including Business Management, Football Studies & Law, Marketing, Media and Journalism, Nutrition, Performance Analysis, Physical Education & Teaching, Sports Science & Therapy, Sports Coaching, and more.

Football - Regular games programme in the National Youth Alliance and British Colleges League. Plus, the chance to play against, be watched and trial with pro clubs, with previous academy scholars having successfully signed at professional clubs in the past.

Media - Social media, photography, videography, TV/film production, sound production, graphic/web design, digital editing/marketing and more. Previous students have featured in multiple TV adverts including UEFA Champions League, FIFA, Adidas, Puma, New Balance, Santander, Panasonic and more.

Experiences - Previous students have attended FIFA Launches, Adidas shoots and filming sessions with some of the world's best players and YouTubers.

Employment - Upon graduation students will have the qualifications to go straight in the sports, coaching, fitness and media Industry. Previous students have started coaching and media companies.

Open events throughout the year - complete the application form below and one of the staff members will be in contact regarding dates: <https://forms.gle/TkSwB88DB4WudGpo7>

Year 12-13 Unifrog Virtual University Fair

For those who are thinking of going to university, the *Unifrog* virtual University Fair is open.

Students can attend **live sessions** on topics including student finance, contextual offers, subject spotlights, and city vs. campus universities. You can make **meaningful connections** with reps from **40 universities**, including the University of Exeter, Cardiff University, Queen's University Belfast, and Royal Holloway University of London.

There's also an **exciting competition** during the fair – and the most **interactive, engaged student** will win a prize that will help them get one step closer to university. [Unifrog University Fair: agenda and sign up](#) (13 Mar)

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](#)

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.

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

Register Your Interest – Nat West

For internships & work experience, register your interest with the *Nat West Early Careers* team, [click here](#)

Spotlight Opportunity: Green Skills & Sustainability - Careers in the Energy Industry

Sign up for this 2-day virtual work experience placement with Simens Energy on 13-14th March, 10am-2pm daily. In this interactive virtual experience, students will hear from professionals at different stages of their careers, who will share their experience working with circular energy, recycling, carbon footprint, and carbon emissions and their career journey to date. There will also be a CV masterclass and industry expert panel session [view the full advert here](#). To see more fully-funded employer encounter opportunities, please click here:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/work-experience-opportunities/>

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

National Careers Week

Virtual Careers Fair

Here's the official guide from the *National Careers Week* organisers. Take a look around their virtual Careers Fair. [Click here](#)

Years 12-13 Unifrog

A career to explore for students who are practical, quick at picking up new skills, strong communicators, and problem solvers. Multi-skilled engineers need to have a strong grasp of many disciplines, which also means they have several potential career paths. Students should check out the **Labour Market Information** (LMI) under each career profile to take job vacancies, salaries, and sector growth into consideration. Click 'use platform as a student' to view correctly: **Multi-skilled engineer: career profile**

Barclays LifeSkills

Barclays LifeSkills, the free employability skills and financial capability programme, aims to help young people build the core transferable skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to thrive in a rapidly changing work environment when they leave education. They are the sponsor of this year's National Careers Week. Take a look at all the support & resources available to students, [click here](#)

BBC Bitesize

To celebrate *National Careers Week*, *BBC Bitesize Careers* have some fantastic resources.

Explore future careers and discover a pathway that suits with new videos, quizzes and job profiles.

Celebrity Job Swap Challenge – watch NHS doctor, Dr Ranj Singh swap jobs with Radio 1 DJ Charlie Tee to discover what each job entails and explore transferable skills.

The Bitesize Careers Video Podcast - Radio 1 presenter Katie Thistleton and careers experts help young people figure out their pathway.

Motivation Monday – exploring job motivations

Talented Tuesday – linking talents and passions to possible future jobs

Working World Wednesday – behind the scenes of real jobs

Throwback Thursday - real-life stories of turning long-loved hobbies and interests into jobs

Your Future Friday – identifying career goals and how to achieve them

[Click here](#)

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NHS – Part Sponsor of NCW

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:

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](#)

Languages At GCHQ

Currently Mandarin and Russian are the languages GCHQ need the most. They are also recruiting for Persian and in the recent past, they have run campaigns for Arabic, Spanish, French, Somali, Pashto and Turkish. During the recruitment process, GCHQ will also test for analytical aptitude – that is because, although you don't need prior experience of analysis, they want you to bring a curiosity for piecing together a jigsaw for which you don't have all the pieces, as described above. Because of the nature of GCHQ's work, there are some eligibility criteria that all candidates need to meet to be eligible to work for them and you can find out more about the application process here. GCHQ also currently have open recruitment campaigns for Mandarin and Persian, and they will soon also have a campaign open for Russian. [Find out more here](#)

If you're interested in working for GCHQ but languages aren't for you, GCHQ have lots of other opportunities across corporate, technical and specialist roles. Visit [the GCHQ Careers Site](#) for more information.

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](#)

TOMORROW STEM Careers in the BBC: Empowering Futures and Celebrating Diversity

Thursday, 7 March 2024, 11am - 12pm via Zoom

Join this event with the BBC dedicated to honouring women in engineering and technical roles.

Get ready to be inspired by the journeys of our female apprentices as they break down gender stereotypes and explore exciting opportunities in STEM.

Participate in a lively Q&A session, gain valuable insights, and uncover the intricacies of apprenticeships with WorldSkills UK. Discover how apprenticeships can open doors to a successful career journey.

Featured speakers include a Broadcast Engineer, Software Engineer, and Technical Operative. [Click here](#)

Healthcare Science Careers Chat: Healthcare Science Week

Monday 11th March 2024, 11am – 12pm

In the NHS there are over 50 scientific specialisms, and over the last 75 years NHS healthcare science has played a vital role in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease and the health of our population.

For the session - in celebration of Healthcare Science Week, 11-15 March – explore opportunities in the world of healthcare sciences. Students will hear from diverse healthcare scientists in the NHS, gain insight into their roles, and learn about entry routes into this particular field of healthcare work.

Speakers include:

- Mark Unstead (Lead Respiratory Physiologist)
- Sadie Dresman (Trainee Clinical Scientist in Cancer Genomics)
- Kathryn Drew (Genetic Counsellor). [Click 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!

12th March – 6pm

Breaking into Creative Arts

Breaking into Psychology

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

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 06 March

Wednesday 13 March

Wednesday 20 March

Wednesday 27 March

Wednesday 29 March

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

Crime Scene Investigator – Do You Have What It Takes?

Here's an article from *The Guardian* newspaper. [Click here](#)

Want To Train To Be A Pilot?

Fantasy Wings will be launching the *Fantasy Wings Flying Higher ATPL Programme* - an initiative that extends the mission of addressing diversity in the aviation industry by training Airline Pilots and Flight Instructors. This will be completed between partner flying schools in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Please go to www.fantasywings.co.uk/ATPL to read more information on the programme and register your interest to be alerted when spaces open up. Hefty costs incurred but financial loans in place.

TOMORROW London Stansted Airport Jobs Fair

Learn more about the enormous range of opportunities at all levels at the Jobs Fair. It takes place TOMORROW, Thursday 7th March 10am-2pm at Radisson Blu Hotel, London Stansted Airport, Stansted CM24 1PP.

Years 11-12 PwC – Insight

Applications are open for the three-day *Virtual Insight Programme*, taking place this summer. Are you interested in accounting, business or technology and want to explore what a career could look like in those industries? The Virtual Insight Programme will give you an opportunity to learn about our different business areas through interactive sessions. Hear from those who joined straight from school or after university, **The deadline to apply is Friday 8 March.** [Click 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](#)

News From LCN (LawCareersNet):

It's *International Women's Day* on Friday and what better way to celebrate than reading about the women who changed the legal industry in this week's [LCN Says](#). Once you've found your inspiration, start pondering the work life you wish to lead by reading about work/life balance in the [Oracle](#).

The [Feature](#) then offers a detailed description of the four areas of knowledge you need to get a training contract. Plus, if you want the real inside scoop on firms, read this week's [Meet the Lawyer interview with Macfarlanes](#) and the [Meet the Recruiter with Hogan Lovells](#). If you want to learn more about the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) you can [sign up](#) for a masterclass on the SQE and social mobility with BPP University.

[Meet the Lawyer](#) [LUCY CONWAY – GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER UK LLP](#)

“As I thought about my future in more depth, I felt more drawn to a role in which I'd be working closely with corporate clients and as part of a team as opposed to going down the more solitary barrister route.”

Solicitors' practice areas

[INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY – BRISTOWS LLP](#) [Ellen Lambrix](#)

“I do a lot of work in the life sciences space for clients who are developing new therapies and products to treat disease.”

[Meet the Barrister](#) [SOUTH SQUARE](#) [Rabin Kok](#)

“I got involved in all the cases my pupillage supervisors were working on when I sat with them, which meant I had exposure to a very broad range of work.”

[LCN Blogs](#) [PUTTING THE 'FIRM' IN LAW FIRM: THE BUSINESS BEHIND LAW FIRMS](#) [The Rookie Lawyer](#)

The aim of this blog post is to provide an overview of the business of law firms – their structure, hierarchies and how they generate income from clients – to provide a deeper insight into the full scope of a solicitor's role within a law firm. ***Sign up to LawCareersNet for more articles.***

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

Discover behind the scenes TV & Film insights from this all-female panel event with **PACT and Into Film**.

Friday 8th March | 10:00am - 10:45am | KS4-5 / S4-6

Sign-up

Explore a diverse range of specialist careers with **Care UK** . Learn about roles from entry-level to director, and hear inspiring colleague stories.

Wednesday 13th March | 10:00am - 10:45am | KS3-5 / S1-6

Sign-up

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](#)

WWF

WWF is hosting a series of conversations with some of the biggest names in industries across the UK over the next two weeks. Hear first-hand how industries are adapting to today's changing world. Get advice from experts to support your career path. Win an insight day at WWF and meet industry experts! Topics include fashion, entertainment, finance, sport & farming. All webinars start at 6pm, UK time & registration is free. [Click here](#)

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.

Resilience – Keep Going

This conversation offers a glimpse into the life of an Olympian, inspiring listeners to pursue their dreams by building mental strength and resilience. In this episode, Olympic legend Jessica Ennis-Hill explores what being an Olympian really looks like. Jess opens up about what it was like being the face of the 2012 Olympic Games and how she dealt with the immense pressure that brought, highlighting the crucial role of a sports psychologist in helping athletes block out distractions and focus on what truly matters.

With her degree in psychology, Jessica reflects on how her understanding of the human psyche has transformed her approach to training and communication. She acknowledges the invaluable support of her team and loved ones, emphasising the significance of their consistency in her path to success. They discuss how her career changed after the birth of her son in 2014 and then going on to become World Champion not long after. Jessica shares her advice for young athletes and why happiness will always be her top priority.

From overcoming career-threatening injuries to embracing the joys of motherhood, Jessica's journey is one of resilience, determination, and continued passion. [Click here](#)

EDT - Virtual Open Day Session – 13th March 4pm

What is EDT's Placement scheme?

EDT's, The Year in Industry (YINI) Placement scheme, helps school-leaving students into paid 12-month long placements into all areas of engineering, science (particularly physics), technology/electronics, business, marketing and finance across the UK.

Invitation to the next webinar: You are invited to join the EDT Placements Open Day webinar on Wednesday 13th March 2024 – please see below for details and link to register;

Webinar: EDT Year in Industry Placements Open Day

Content: YINI offers students a free resource when searching for a year out paid placement and has been helping students for over 37 years. Find out how the scheme can help you in searching for a paid placement, as well as how they support each student during their placement. Plus, hear from our Placement Team and currently placed/Alumni YINI Placement students talk about their placement experiences.

Date/Time: Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 4pm - 5pm.

Register in advance for this Webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7igSW52iR6yGfp2Nec4E-Q

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; commencing on 27th February 2024 and finishing 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](#)

Uptree

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

General/Competitions

Rotary Music Competition

This competition is for young performers and takes place on Saturday 20 April at Bishop’s Stortford College. There’s a Junior, Intermediate and Senior Class for brass, woodwind, strings (including guitar), piano and vocal.

Deadline for entries is 9th March. For more information, please contact the organiser: margaretwebb01@gmail.com
See posters around school.

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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