

# Careers Information & Opportunities



**Dear Parents, Carers & Students**

***I hope everyone had a wonderful summer -  
and welcome to the first edition of the weekly Careers News bulletin.***

***If you have any career tips, comments, suggestions  
– or come across useful resources - please get in touch.***

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## Apprenticeships

***Students with a Unifrog log-in can see all  
apprenticeship listings, on-demand webinars & 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](#)***

### **Apprenticeships Listing – Nationwide.**

For a list of nationwide apprenticeships, sign up via [faa.vacancies@education.gov.uk](mailto:faa.vacancies@education.gov.uk)

### **Apprenticeship Article**

Read this – for inspiration and to fuel your ambition! [Click here](#)

### **BBC – Early Careers**

There's a huge range of careers in many different sectors, including apprenticeships, which launch this autumn. Click the link and register/follow to stay informed. [Click here](#)

### **Case Study – Tess Is An Engineer At The Met Office**

Chasing rainbows at the Met Office - Meet Tess, an **apprentice engineer** at the Met Office. Tess helps look after weather stations all over the UK. **Case study.** [Click here](#)

### **PwC Flying Start**

PwC have launched their Flying Start apprenticeship degree programme and are now open for applications. Choose between either Accounting or Business Management. Find out more from virtual events to be held in September-November. [Click here](#)

### **Success At Schools**

Lots of application information on their website now available. [Click here](#) Register then see the apprenticeship tab.

## Choice Magazine

*Amazing Apprentices* Parent & Carer Pack is now replaced by the new '**Choices**' magazine. This will be released monthly and continue to contain with the same content but with a fresh new look. Download [the first edition here](#).

## Latest Higher & Degree Listings

*Amazing Apprenticeships* have a list here. Register and download. **The Higher & Degree Listing** is a bi-annual publication, with the next release planned for October 2024. an [up to date list here](#)

## Apprenticeship Success

*Rate My Apprenticeship* is one of the leading homes of apprenticeships for 14-18 year olds.

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** full of comprehensive apprenticeship resources for students; from expert career advice and detailed industry guides by sector to apprentice success stories and free events.

Just in from *RmA*, is news of a session *What, Exactly, Is An Apprenticeship?* taking place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 5pm-7pm. [Register here](#)

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

If applying for apprenticeships, you will probably find this post from *NotGoingToUni* very useful. [Click here](#)  
[Register/home 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](#). Meet *Amazing Apprentices* – and apprenticeship levels explained in *Rapid Resources*, [click here](#)

## Unifrog Gen Z Report

How does Gen Z plan for the future? *Unifrog* have published a report based on a recent survey of 21,000 students aged 11–18 from all over the UK. A few interesting findings:

- 70% of students won't accept an apprenticeship or job without visiting the company first.
- The most important factors for choosing a university are: likelihood of getting in, accommodation, and graduate employability.
- Parents/caregivers are the top source of advice for students to discuss their futures. [Click here](#) for report.
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## [College/University Information](#)

### Local College Open Events

Keep an eye out here for news of local College open events.  
You will find dates and booking info here as and when I receive it.

### Events News from Harlow College

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Uttlesford Schools Careers Fair
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Industry Insight Day – Business, Finance & Management
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Industry Insight Day – Science, Health & Care
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Industry Insight Day – Construction & Building Services (Including Construction, Electrical & Plumbing)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Industry Insight Day – Public Services
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Industry Insight Day – Engineering, Technology & IT (Including Engineering, Automotive & IT)
Wednesday 26 <sup>h</sup> March 2025	Industry Insight Day – Creative (Including Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Gaming, Journalism & Media)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Industry Insight Day – Leisure (Including Sport, Hospitality, Hair & Beauty)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Harlow Schools Careers Fair & Open Evening

**Industry Insight Days** - These sector specific events provide students with a fascinating insight into the job opportunities that are available to them. A panel of representatives from industry, apprenticeships and higher education present a short insight into their industry, followed by a q&a session with students. Industry Insight days are held on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3.00pm.

**Harlow/Uttlesford Schools Careers Fairs** - Two large scale traditional careers fairs, open to local school and college students. Exhibitors include employers, education & training providers and support services.

The Uttlesford Careers Fair runs from 1pm to 6pm.

The Harlow College careers fair runs from 4.30pm to 8.00pm

Students can express an interest in any of the above events by clicking the link and leaving your contact details.

Harlow College will then be in touch with more information <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z3LJKS5>

### **Tool Showing Grades For Uni Courses**

Students hoping to start undergraduate courses in 2025 will be able to see the grades that recent successful applicants have achieved at A-Level/BETEC. Click link for BBC News article. [Click here](#)

### **The Uni Guide Podcast**

Episode 28 explores Law at university, featuring insights from Rosie, a current student at Durham University, and Paige, a Trainee Solicitor and star of BBC's How to Crack the Class Ceiling. Listen to this and all episodes [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](#).

### **The Uni Guide - Subject Guide Webinars**

Inspired by the latest series of the Traitors, where two contestants were Vet Nurses. Hear from Lyn at the Royal Veterinary College and discover what [to expect as a Vet Nursing student](#).

### **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](#)

### **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. Current edition is 2023-24 but watch out for new release. [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.

### **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](#)

### **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*.

### **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](#)

## **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***

### **SKA Observatory Astronomy & Engineering**

Work experience/virtual work experience: 22-24 Oct/9.30-2.30pm. Ages 14-19. Apply by 23/09/24/ Link [HERE](#)

### **Roles in the Literature Sector with The Poetry Society**

19<sup>th</sup> November 2024/Insight session/1-3pm/Apply by 19/10/24 /Link [HERE](#)

For other opportunities, [click here](#)

### **Uptree**

Various masterclasses, info events, Insight Days and work experience days now available to book. [Latest info here](#)

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

Sign up for Work Experience – various opportunities at 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.***

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## **Careers**

### **News From LCN (LawCareers.Net)**

#### **Meet the Lawyer CHRISTOPHER WEALE - KIRKLAND & ELLIS INTERNATIONAL LLP**

*“Young lawyers should never underestimate the importance of relationships even at the junior level and Kirkland has given me lots of exposure to clients both day to day and at events and meetings.”* **READ NOW**

**Solicitors' practice areas - BANKING & FINANCE – MILBANK LLP** Sarbajeet Nag

*"There's a lot of law and jurisprudence that underpins all of it but it's really about commercial view, understanding businesses and understanding markets."* **READ NOW**

**The Oracle** - What's the difference between training contracts and graduate solicitor apprenticeships?

Some law firms are recruiting graduate solicitor apprentices instead of trainee solicitors – what's the difference and how does one know which type of training to apply to? **READ NOW**

**LCN Podcast - Fashion law, career pivots and finding your 'why' - with Bunmi Jenfa** - In this episode hear from legal professional Bunmi Jenfa about imposter syndrome, Shein lawsuits, career pivots and the importance of finding your 'why' when pursuing a legal career. **LISTEN NOW**

**Meet the Barrister - SOUTH SQUARE - Rabin Kok**

*"The biggest lesson I learnt as a pupil is to never be afraid to debate and discuss ideas (respectfully) with the more senior barristers who are leading me on a case."* **READ NOW**

**LCN Blogs - MY WEEK IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW - The Rookie Lawyer**

In this article, hear how a rookie lawyer spent their week and the things they learned. **READ NOW**

***Don't forget the Law Portal for excellent advice & information*** <https://www.thelawyerportal.com/>

**Insight Programmes – Uptree**

Amongst many resources are the fantastic **Insight Days** from Uptree

**Forsters: Solicitor Apprenticeship Early Careers Application Q&A, Virtual**

Application deadline date: Tue 29th Oct for Thu 31st Oct. [Click here](#)

**Solicitor Apprenticeship Work Experience Day** with Trowers & Hamlin

For: Year 13 students Date: Varies depending on location. [Click here](#)

**National: Coca-Cola Europacific Partners, Apprenticeship Application Masterclass**

For: students aged 17-21 Date: Wed 25th Sep. [Click here](#)

**BBC – Early Careers**

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**Army Newsletter**

All students in Years 10-13 were emailed yesterday with the latest Army Newsletter which gives information on diverse recruitment, info on bursaries & scholarships including medicine, legal services, nursing & university study, plus information on the **Army Insights Day taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> November**.

**News From Neon (Engineering)**

*Enspire City* - Discover an online futuristic city where engineers work to solve green problems and develop future facing designs and manufacturing activities. It includes zones for the vertical farming, automotive, aerospace and space sectors. [Online, free of charge](#)

**Case Study – Tess Is An Engineer At The Met Office**

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**Optometry Opportunity – Bright Stars**

Optometry is more than just glasses. It's the chance to change lives with cutting edge tech and the diagnosis of diseases. It's a long-term career choice that can lead to you owning your own practice and becoming a partner in *Specsavers*. This year, they've launched the **Bright Stars scholarship** – an exclusive opportunity for students interested in Optometry to get the support they need to go far, including:

*£10,000 towards university costs, spread across the 4 years, Paid part-time work experience in a practice, Ongoing support and mentorship from colleagues, Protected clinical time to boost experience.*

**There are just 40 places in key areas across the UK.** [Click here](#) for info

### **Employment at Stansted Airport (Owned By Manchester Airport Group)**

For vacancies at Stansted Airport, sign up to the Employment Academy; many fulltime and parttime opportunities available. Email [Employment.Academy@stanstedairport.com](mailto:Employment.Academy@stanstedairport.com)

### **Careers In Crime**

Anglia Ruskin University are running a series of Crime Days – to cover a range of topics and contemporary issues impacting society. Cyber Crime Day deep dives into this growing area of crime and the boom in careers working towards its prevention. Sessions are suitable for students studying a range of subjects including sociology, politics, law, psychology, forensics and more.

#### **Sessions include:**

Demystifying the Dark Web

The True Cost of Crime

Where are the women? The role of female terrorists

### **Cambridge**

16 October 2024 - Crime Day

4 December 2024 - Cyber Crime Day

12 March 2025 - Cyber Crime Day

### **Chelmsford**

13 November 2024 - Crime Day

5 February 2025 - Crime Day

[Click here](#)

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

For aspiring journalists and writers, *The Young Reporter Scheme* is an initiative giving students an opportunity to write for a real live online newspaper. The programme runs for eight months during the school term, with various opportunities offered along the way.

At the end of the scheme students are judged on the articles they have submitted throughout the year and an awards ceremony is held for the winners. Leading the next generation of journalists, The Young Reporter Scheme has been running since 2008 in partnership with Newsquest Media Group. It is a quality programme, delivering lectures and teachings to help mould young people, not only into the world of the media, but also into worthwhile careers for the future. For more information and to register, [click here](#)

### **InvestIN Courses \*\*\* Free\*\*\***

InvestIN have launched a new webinar series aimed at simplifying the university application process for students and their families. Hear from experts who will provide insights on what makes applications stand out and how to navigate the process with confidence.

**Making It Into Medical School** 24<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm

**Understanding UCAS** 8<sup>th</sup> October 7pm. [Click here to find out more](#)

InvestIN also have weekend career days in many sectors this autumn but please note, there is a cost. [Click here](#)

### **What University/What Careers Live**

Book your free place for the *What University? & What Career? Live* at Olympia London on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Speak directly to top employers and leading universities including KPMG, Durham University, PWC, London South Bank University, British Airways and many more.

Watch 40+ inspiring talks, covering everything from applying for an apprenticeship to student finance and university accommodation. Get one-to-one advice from independent career advisors in the Careers Advice Lounge.

[Register/book here](#)

### **Careers Fair – Advance Notice**

The first career fair to be hosted by Hertfordshire Futures will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> December. *Generation Bishop's Stortford* will be held at the Herts and Essex Sports Centre, timings to follow.

### **Year 13 - With Unifrog Log In**

Here's an overview of some of the upcoming *Unifrog* events:



### **Unifrog University Fair 16th Oct 4–6:30pm**

Students can meet 40 universities in two hours and have questions answered about admissions, courses, and student life. Parents, and caregivers are all welcome to sign up too. (Year 12 have a UCAS Fair visit next year.)

### **Vwex with the Institute of Mechanical Engineering 16th Sept 4.30-5.15pm**

Students can access a range of vwex courses from the Vwex week held in July via the *courses* tool. (Vwex week for 2025 will be from June 30th - July 4th 2025.)

### **Cornerstone Construction Group – Careers Day**

Cornerstone are hosting a careers event at The University of Hertfordshire on the 28<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am-2.30pm. Find out what it's like to be a Quantity Surveyor. Details of registration to follow.

**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](#)

### **BBC Bitesize**

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

### **Careers Website**

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

### **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.

### **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](#)

### **Careers Talks – Speakers For Schools**

Register and you'll receive all the details needed via email the day before each broadcast. If you prefer to watch on demand, explore the **Inspirational Talks Library**.

Discover what a dynamic career in broadcasting and TV can look like with **Suzy Klein**, Head of Arts & Classical Music TV at the BBC. In this Industry Spotlight, Suzy will share insights from her career journey while offering a behind-the-scenes look at the range of opportunities within the broadcasting industry.

**Thursday 12th September | 10:00am - 11:00am | Age 11-19. [Click here](#)**

HR is all about managing the employee journey, from recruitment and training to employee benefits and welfare. Join **Howden Insurance** to learn about the skills needed and how your students can start a career in HR. **Wednesday 11th September | 10:00am - 11:00am | Age 11-19. [Click here](#)**

Discover how the **Mindera UK Foundation** is promoting diversity in tech through education, funding, and mentorship for underrepresented individuals. Perfect for those looking to explore the vast opportunities in the tech industry. **Monday 23rd September | 14:00pm - 15:00pm | Age 11-19. [Click here](#)**

Hear from **Amy Batley**, a recent Cambridge PhD graduate, as she shares insights on pursuing a career in academia, managing imposter syndrome, and thriving in higher education. Ideal for students considering further academic study. **Tuesday 19th September | 14:00pm - 15:00pm | Age 11-19. [Click here](#)**

## **Careers Videos From Speakers for Schools**

Lights, camera, equality: celebrating PRIDE and screen careers with Into Film & BAFTA

Daring to explore the world with renowned explorer, writer and photographer, Levison Wood

Tackling violence against women with Rachel Nolan, Assistant Chief Constable for Essex Police**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](#)

## **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](#)

# **Resources**

## **Years 12-13 Languages Event – Local**

There's a special language event taking place at Hockerill Anglo European School in Bishop's Stortford on 1<sup>st</sup> October. This fast-paced fun event is based on journalism and will increase students' confidence in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students from Years 12 or 13 studying French or German or Spanish welcome – and they will be teamed up with others studying the same language. The event is £29 plus VAT per student and if your son/daughter is interested, please ask them to make it known to their language teacher. Info/booking form is on [this link](#).

## **Cyber Explorers**

Cyber Explorers is an initiative led by the UK Government and is a fun, free learning programme for 11–14-year-olds that introduces students to the opportunities and risks of digital technologies, showcasing the relevance of cyber security in everyday roles. It encourages students to apply existing skills, such as research and problem-solving, to potential cyber security professions, fostering interest in STEM subjects.

By completing Challenges and Missions, students can achieve **Cyber Explorers - Cyber Squad Member** and **Cyber Explorers - Cyber Champion certificates**. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to enter the world of cyber security and provide them with valuable, certified skills for their cyber-centric futures. It's a must for anyone interested in learning more about coding, programming etc and excellent content for a Personal Statement.

[Click here](#)

## **Catalyst Magazine**

Issue 34 of the exciting science journal for young people aged 14-19 and their educators is now available. It covers scientific research and industrial developments, real life STEM stories, career journeys, STEM expeditions and adventure. [Click here](#)

## **Amazon Future Engineer**

Amazon Future Engineer has a range of programmes for secondary school students. Check out the competition challenges, and career exploration programmes. There's coding for climate action plus fun and engaging tools for Python coding. Designed for teaching but lots of useful info for students. [Click here](#)

## **The Future is Female**

STEM Careers at BP – 26 November (online) 6:30pm – 7:30pm [Click here](#)



## Engineering

'Engineering & Technology – Is the Key to the Future'. From Neon, is a new leaflet for parents & students. Download the new leaflet. [Click here](#)

## Outreach News/Resources From Balliol College, Oxford

### Oxford University Open Day

Our final Open Day of 2024 will be on Friday 20 September.

Open Days are the perfect opportunity for prospective undergraduate students to get a feel for Balliol and to meet our tutors and students. They are designed to give you information about the College and the wider University, helping you to make a choice of where to study and which course to choose.

At the Open Days, Balliol undergraduates will be available to answer general questions about student life. The Undergraduate Tutor for Admissions will be available to answer general admissions questions. Subject tutors will be available for Q&A sessions.

[You can find a list of talks taking place at Balliol here.](#)

[You can find information on events across Oxford University as a whole here.](#)

(You may need to register or book for some events at other departments or colleges of Oxford University. All talks at Balliol are walk-in with no booking required.)

### 2025 Entry Admissions Support

We have compiled a list of relevant support and resources for the Oxford admissions process. You can find both our [Interview Resources](#) and our [Admissions Test Resources](#) attached to this original email, or by sharing the hyperlinks used here.

Helpful upcoming events include:

[Oxford Admissions Tests 1: Information & Top Tips on Preparing'](#)

[Connect - 'Oxford Admissions Tests 2: Subject Practice'](#)

[Connect - 'Interviews 1: Information & Top Tips on Preparing'](#)

[Connect - 'Interviews 2: Subject Practice'](#)

### Year 12 Sustained contact programmes

Balliol has three sustained contact programmes for Year 12 students from UK state schools. These have been highly successful in supporting participants, many of whom have gone on to successfully make applications to competitive universities. With several of these currently studying with us here at Balliol at both undergraduate, and post-graduate level.

The Floreat programme is designed for students who aspire to study a Humanities degree. Frontier is for those interested in Life Sciences. Fibonacci focuses on Mathematics and related fields. All of these programmes are designed to academically challenge those interested in applying to competitive universities.

#### Information on our 2025 Programmes:

[Please see our website for details.](#)

We will be hosting an online information evening for those interested in applying for one of our programmes in 2025. This will take place on Thursday 10 October 2024 18:00 — 19:00

[To sign up for the information evening please complete this form.](#)

(Please note, this is purely an expression of interest in learning more. It is not an application to one of the programmes).

### Subject Specific Events and Support:

#### Archaeology

Who	What	When	Booking Information
Those interested in Archaeology	University of Oxford Archaeology resources	Continuous	<a href="#">Resources can be found here</a>

#### Biology

Who	What	When	Booking Information
Those interested in Biology	University of Oxford Biology resources	Continuous	<a href="#">Resources can be found here</a>

#### Chemistry

Who	What	When	Booking Information
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Those interested in Chemistry	University of Oxford Chemistry events	Continuous	<a href="#">Resources can be found here</a>
State school A level (or equivalent) Chemistry students and teachers	Ask a Chemist Q&A series	Now complete, but recordings are available	<a href="#">Further information and videos</a>
Anybody interested in Chemistry	<a href="#">What's On - Oxford Chemistry</a>	Continuous	NA
Royal Society of Chemistry – Women interested in Chemistry	Various events for women interested in Chemistry	Continuous	<a href="#">More information</a>
<b>Classics</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Booking Information</b>
Those interested in Classics	University of Oxford Classics events	Continuous	<a href="#">Resources and Events</a>
<b>Computer Science</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Booking Information</b>
Students interested in Computer Science	<a href="#">Computer Science Department outreach events</a>	Updated regularly	
<b>Engineering Science</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Booking Information</b>
Students interested in Engineering Science	<a href="#">Engineering Science Department outreach events</a>	Updated regularly	
Anyone who is in Year 10 at a state school in the UK, who identifies as being of Black heritage and wants to learn more about Physics, Engineering and Material Science at University	<a href="#">EMPower Oxford</a>	12:00 noon on Thursday 21st March until 15:00 on Saturday 23rd March 2024. (TBC)	<a href="#">Further information and application form</a>
<b>English</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Booking Information</b>
Students interested in English	<a href="#">English Department outreach events and resources</a>	Updated regularly	
Aimed at anyone over about eleven years old.	Virtual Chaucer: a new project using AI	Continuous	<a href="#">Further information</a>
<b>Geography / Earth Science</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Booking Information</b>
Students interested in Earth Science	<a href="#">Earth Science Department outreach events</a>	Updated regularly	
<b>History</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Booking Information</b>
Students interested in History	<a href="#">History Faculty outreach events</a>	Updated regularly	
State secondary school, sixth form and FE college pupils	Online History Skills Workshops	Various events.	<a href="#">Find out more and sign up to events here</a>

in years 12 & 13 from across the UK.			
<b>Anybody interested in History</b>	<a href="#">Oxford Historia Lectures 2023</a>	Recordings continuously available	NA
<b>Law</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Booking Information</b>
Students interested in Law	<a href="#">Law Faculty outreach events</a>	Updated regularly	
<b>Materials Science</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Booking Information</b>
Students interested in Materials Science	<a href="#">Department of Materials outreach events</a>	Updated regularly	
Anyone who is in Year 10 at a state school in the UK, who identifies as being of Black heritage and wants to learn more about Physics, Engineering and Material Science at University	<a href="#">EMPower Oxford</a>	12:00 noon on Thursday 21st March until 15:00 on Saturday 23rd March 2024. (TBC)	<a href="#">Further information and application form</a>
<b>Maths</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Booking Information</b>
Students interested in Maths	<a href="#">Maths Institute outreach events</a>	Updated regularly	
Students who are applying for Maths at Oxford	MAT Livestream 2024	Weekly	<a href="#">Further information and joining instructions</a>
<b>Medicine</b>			
Year 7, 8 or 9 of secondary school (England and Wales), (Scotland) or Year 8, 9 or 10 in Northern Ireland	Centre for Personalised Medicine Art Competition	The closing date for competition entries is 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 1pm	<a href="#">Further information and submission</a>
<b>Music</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Booking Information</b>
Anybody interested in Music at university	<a href="#">Music Outreach at Oxford</a>	Various events	NA
<b>Physics</b>			
<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Booking Information</b>
Students interested in Physics	<a href="#">Department of Physics outreach events</a>	Updated regularly	
Anyone who is in Year 10 at a state school in the UK, who identifies as being of Black heritage and wants to learn more about Physics, Engineering and	<a href="#">EMPower Oxford</a>	12:00 noon on Thursday 21st March until 15:00 on Saturday 23rd March 2024. (TBC)	<a href="#">Further information and application form</a>

Material Science at University			
Aspiring Physicists from year 11 and above	Projects and Mentoring with the Oxford Physics Department	Continuous events	<a href="#">More information</a>

### Service Children

Pupil premiums may be interested in using the [Thriving Lives Toolkit](#) which addresses ways to support the children of service personnel. Further support is available through your nearest [hub](#).

### Connected Forces

The project is an opportunity 16-19-year-olds from Armed Forces families across the UK from to make friends, keep in touch with those who have moved away, and mutually support each other through shared experiences.

[Young people who want to find out more can sign up here:](#)

### 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 produce 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's [Admissions Video](#), highlights 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](#), [History](#), [Maths](#), [Materials Science \(Teachers\)](#), [Materials Science \(Pupils\)](#), [Modern Foreign Languages](#) and [Physics](#).

### What University? What Career?

The What University? & What Career? Live on-demand video series is now open to view. With so many options available, knowing where to start can be overwhelming. Using this brand-new video series, students can navigate the post-school options, find out how to get started with applications and avoid some common mistakes.

These are **free, on-demand, short videos**. [Click here](#)

### BBC iPlayer/Sounds

Don't forget the vast archive available within the BBC and is absolutely free – it's a fantastic resource and useful for b/g research for an EPQ and/or reading around one's subject eg *The Law Show* on BBC Sounds [click here](#). Psychologists might find *All In The Mind* an interesting listen and on BBC iPlayer, there's *The Ascent of Man* for philosophers. For the arts and popular culture, there's everything from *Abba* to *Andy Warhol* – plus Orwell to Shakespeare. There's a history channel too as well as sport featuring profiles eg Pep Guardiola. [Click here](#) and see the Categories tab.

### STEM in Action - Online Resource

*STEM In Action* has 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](#).

### **New Uptree Careers Guide**

Uptree has a brand new [Careers Guide](#); students will be able to explore the world of work, diving into six key industries. Each industry has been carefully selected to provide students with useful insights that will help you make informed career decisions.

### **Uptree**

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

## **General/Competitions**

### **Help To Navigate Transition**

Young people will now be returning to settings across the country, ready to start a new school year. While plenty will be thrilled to reunite with friends and continue their education, this can be a stressful time for some who may be feeling unsure about a number of incoming changes. Research commissioned for *Children's Mental Health Week* has found that 65% of UK children have felt anxious, nervous, or stressed because of school.

This highlights the important role played by trusted adults when helping young people get excited to return to education, and it's vital that parents and educators understand how best to ensure those first days back go as smoothly as possible. This podcast offers expert advice on how to do exactly that, letting you know how best to support children and young people going back to school. [Click here](#) for 10 Top Tips to Navigate Transition, resources [here](#) and [here](#).

### **Year 13 – National Poetry Competition**

Run by *The Poetry Society* since 1978, The National Poetry Competition is one of the world's most prestigious prizes for an unpublished poem of up to 40 lines, open to all poets worldwide aged 18 or over. Prizes: First prize £5,000, second prize £2,000, third prize £1,000, commended prizes £500. Closing date: 31 October 2024. [Click here](#)

### **Soggy Sandwiches – Tales of British Summer**

A new exhibition *Soggy Sandwiches – Tales of the British Summer* is exploring The History of the British Holiday. See it from 20<sup>th</sup> July-13<sup>th</sup> October at Saffron Walden Museum. Find out more about this plus other activities taking place at the museum here [www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org](http://www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org)

***If you are willing & able, do think about hosting a lunchtime careers workshop; they are fun and informal, plus a great way of providing insights into careers. Volunteers from the parent body are extremely welcome to host, as are alumni.  
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