

## Careers Information & Opportunities



***Dear Parents, Carers & Students***

***Happy New Year – and welcome to 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](#)***

## Year 12-13 Solicitor Apprenticeship Webinars – Find Out More

The series started last week but continues on 16<sup>th</sup> January from 4:30-6pm with a virtual event featuring the following nine leading law firms: *Bird & Bird*, *Forsters*, *Herbert Smith Freeholds*, *RPC*, *Shoosmiths*, *Slaughter and May*, *Travers Smith*, *Weil Gotshal & Manges* and *White & Case*. They'll be exploring the question: 'Should I do a solicitor apprenticeship or should I go to uni?' **Students can sign up free [here](#).** There are further sessions on 16 January, 21 January and 22 January. Please see [here](#).

## Choices Magazine

The January edition of the *Choices* magazine is now available, featuring an interview with Jacqui Smith MP, as well as exploring the changes to apprenticeships in 2025, showcasing employers, and the BBC answers the question of the month 'How do I help my child apply for an apprenticeship?' Download and share the [January edition here](#).

## Ask An Apprentice

Got questions about apprenticeships, career paths, or life after school/college? Student mentors, apprentices who have been where students are now, are available to help. [Click here](#)

**Years 10-13 – Virtual Apprenticeships Careers Fair – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 5.30pm-7.30pm**

Taking place on **Wednesday 29th January from 17.30 - 19.00**, this free of charge event is specifically for parents, carers and students who would like to explore apprenticeship and T Level options available plus there'll be over 30 employers with apprenticeship vacancies [The Hertfordshire Virtual Careers Fair for parents and carers](#)

## Years 10-13 Generation Welwyn Careers Fair – 7<sup>th</sup> February

For year 10-13 students and parents, **Generation Welwyn Hatfield** featuring more than 60 employers and providers takes place at The Fielder Centre, Hatfield on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm-5pm** Book your FREE place here:

Generation Welwyn Hatfield 2025

### **Various Webinars**

From **Amazing Apprenticeships** are many webinars scheduled for 2025 but check out this one on 25<sup>th</sup> January *How to Search & Apply for Apprenticeships*. [Click here](#) **From Amazing Apprenticeships** is a link to all their employer webinars – [see here](#)

From **Success At Schools**, there's EY on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb followed by an info webinar from the *National Audit Office* (NAO) on 25<sup>th</sup> February. [Click here to register](#)

### **From Education & Employers**

**Date: 11 February, Tuesday, 11 - 12pm**

**Topic: *Anyone Can Be an Engineer: How to Start Your Engineering Career***

Engineering is rapidly evolving with new opportunities and pathways.

You will hear from apprentices and young engineers from Enginuity (a charity that works to close the skills gap in the UK's engineering and manufacturing sector), who will share how they've overcome challenges and used apprenticeships to unlock their potential and succeed in exciting engineering careers.

**Register Here**

**Date: 12 February, Wednesday, 11 - 12pm**

**Topic: *Inspiring the Future of Apprenticeships in Investment Banking***

Students will hear from professionals and current apprentices about their career journeys, the pathways available, and what it takes to succeed in this dynamic industry.

You will hear from:

Ryan Johnstone - Apprentice, Treasury Products

Yazmin Sandhu - Information Security Controls Specialist

Ella Williamson - Global Market Operations Officer

Whether your students are interested in finance, technology, or business, this session is a perfect opportunity to inspire them and showcase exciting career prospects.

**Register Here**

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 11 – 12pm**

**Topic: *Acing Apprenticeship applications – how to find and apply for apprenticeships.***

Get the chance to gain first-hand experience of apprenticeships and a step-by-step guide to mastering your application. In this session students will explore different apprenticeship levels and learn key skills to create standout applications.

**Register Here**

### **HOP Apprenticeship & T Levels Webinar - Wednesday 29th January 5.30pm-7pm**

Hertfordshire Careers Hub and HOP are hosting an apprenticeship & T-Levels Virtual Careers Fair event to empower parents/carers with the knowledge and confidence they need to support individuals with career decisions. Join the event by Zoom, [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](#)

### **Latest Higher & Degree Listings**

The eagerly anticipated Higher and Degree listing is now available. This edition features hundreds of vacancies from across the country and is a fantastic way to show students, colleagues and parents/carers the fantastic opportunities that apprenticeships can offer. Next release at the end of this month, in the meantime [Check out the October edition](#)

## **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](#)

## **Uptree**

Lots of webinar info here on apprenticeship masterclasses etc (including work experience), [click here](#)

## **College/University Information**

### **Stansted Airport College Open Event**

The Airport College will be open on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 5pm-8pm. [Click here to book](#)

### **Cambridge Regional College Open Event**

25<sup>th</sup> January 10am-12.30pm. [Click here to book](#)

### **Hertford Regional College Open Event**

The College will be open on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 5.30pm-8pm. [Click here to book](#)

### **Harlow College Open Event**

The College will be open on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 5pm-8pm. [Click here to book](#)

### **Years 10-11 Tottenham Hotspur Football Programme**

An annual event at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on 23 January 2025, Year 10/11 players can apply for this programme in conjunction with Hertford Regional College. This event explains pathways, opportunities, and success stories available at HRC through the Football Development Centre and combines practical experience with study whilst preparing potential candidates for various roles within the footballing industry.

There will also be a free mini stadium tour for everyone that attends. Please note, this is a sign up/pre-book event only, please use the [link click here](#) If you would like to have some more information about the course that runs at HRC, please check out the website, either the Level 2 or Level 3 course, [click here](#)

### **The Guardian University Guide 2025**

The latest tables rank institutions by student satisfaction, staff numbers, spending, and career prospects. Useful as a guide to university options based on comprehensive data. [Click here](#)

### **Global University Guide**

Take a look at the global QS rankings – this year's is the largest ever featuring over 1500 universities. [Click here](#)

### **Studying In The USA Webinar**

From *The Fulbright Commission*, this is a helpful & informative session. It provides a general overview of undergraduate study in the US, including choosing a university, funding and completing an application. [Click here](#)

**There's also a live webinar on 16 January at 5.30pm, [click here](#)**

## **HTQs**

New films have been launched to help you learn more about Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs). Hear from students about their experience studying towards their level 4 HTQs in Construction Management. [Please click here to watch the NEW HTQ stories](#)

## **T-Levels**

All the local Colleges offer various Post-16, 2 year T-Level Courses; study with industry placements of at least 315 hours/45 days. For more information on T-Levels, [please click here](#)

### **Struggling To Choose Your Uni Course?**

Many Year 13 students will have identified the degree and universities they want to apply to by now, but for some it's a struggle to make those choices. [BetterUniChoices most recent blog](#), written by an experienced university admissions officer, offers support for those who don't know where to start. [Click here](#)

### **UNiTool 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, Listen to this and all episodes on wide range of university related subjects [HERE](#)

### **University Subject Tasters**

Sheffield University also host subject tasters – great for experiencing a university lecture or seminar and get a feel for what studying at university is like. Interactive sessions available now. [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](#).

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

Impartial video guides on studying various subjects at university. The latest release is a guide to studying illustration. Watch this and hundreds more [HERE](#). Also, 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](#)

### **Is It Worth Going To University?**

*The Guardian* ask the experts. With a cost of living crisis, lecturers' strikes and high fees, is university still worth it? [Click here](#)

### **Choosing The Right Degree**

Struggling with that decision? *Lancaster University* have pulled together various resources. [SACU](#) - great to help Year 12s decide on the right degree/apprenticeship. Take a short picture-based quiz and SACU will come up with a cloud of subject areas that would suit a student. [Prospects](#) - another website for browsing 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](#)

### **UCAS Subject Guides**

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

### **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.

## 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***

## Prospective Medics

Year 12s should ensure that they read Mrs Price's email regarding medical shadowing at PAH.

## Year 10-13 Programmes- InvestIn

Explore the many programmes in different sectors; 1 day weekend sessions. ***Please note, there is a charge.*** [Click here](#)

## On-Line Careers Info/Work Experience

Explore careers and prepare for the job with hundreds of free job simulations designed by the world's top employers. Get instant access to a library of hundreds of interactive (2-5 hour) online projects, designed by top employers such as *BCG, JP Morgan, PWC, Latham & Watkins, General Electric* and many more. [Click here](#)

## Uptree

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

## Speakers For Schools Work Experience Opportunities



Do you have students passionate about languages? Invite them to this [multi-employer languages event](#), where they'll meet professionals and explore exciting career paths in the language sector.

**TODAY Deadline:** 15th January  
**Dates:** 12th - 14th February  
**Type:** Virtual work experience  
**Ages:** 14-19

[Find out more](#)



During this virtual insight day, [The Guinness Partnership](#) introduces students to apprenticeships. Students will enjoy engaging sessions on apprenticeship life, explore current opportunities, and gain tips to kickstart their careers.

**Deadline:** 17th January  
**Date:** 12th February  
**Type:** Virtual insight day  
**Ages:** 14-19



This one-of-a-kind placement introduces female students to diverse career paths in tech, hosted by leading software company [Oracle](#). Exclusively designed for young women, this programme empowers them to explore career options and build confidence in tech.

[Find out more](#)

**Deadline:** 30th January  
**Dates:** 17th - 19th February  
**Type:** Virtual work experience  
**Ages:** 16-19

[Find out more](#)

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

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### Learn To Code & Programme

Want to know how to automate repetitive tasks, solve real life problems, and take part in coding challenges? Eager to build websites, design games, solve puzzles, generate art, develop apps, craft digital musical instruments... ?

**Teach the Nation** equips you with the basic knowledge that will allow you to train further and take on all of these projects - and more. Join our free, interactive online workshop series, brought to you by QA and Aviva - and gain the expertise and confidence needed to set yourself apart from the competition.

There are two Python programming workshops available - choose one of the two dates.

Saturday, **8th February 2025**, 10am-4pm – 6 hours

Saturday, **15th February 2025**, 10am-4pm – 6 hours

Upon completing the session, you will receive an **official TTN certificate**

#### **What will you learn?**

The fundamentals of programming with Python

Creating working code using operators, conditional statements and loops

Describing the syntax of Python Programming

Basic problem solving with Python code

[Book 8<sup>th</sup> Feb here](#)

[Book 15<sup>th</sup> Feb here](#)

### Cyber Security – GCHQ

**Please note, training for the Cyber Specialist Development Programme begins in January 2026.**

GCHQ is an intelligence, cyber, and security agency with a mission to keep the UK safe. We use cutting-edge technology, ingenuity and partnerships to identify, analyse and disrupt threats. Working with our intelligence partners, MI5 and MI6, we protect the UK from terrorism, cyber-attacks and espionage. At GCHQ you'll do varied and fascinating work in a supportive and inclusive environment that puts the emphasis on teamwork.

You'll undertake a dedicated 18-month development programme, based at a designated place of study in Lancashire and funded by GCHQ. Through lectures, supervised lab sessions, and real-world simulations, you'll be equipped with all the skills you need, with plenty of support along the way. You'll also spend time at our Samlesbury location with the CNE team, where you'll get to know your colleagues, explore our systems and understand what it's really like to work at GCHQ. [Find out more here](#)

### **TOMORROW** Unboxing The Future: Inspiring Careers In Logistics

This is a virtual event on 16 January, 11 – 12pm, *Inspiring Careers in Logistics*, in partnership with *Tritax Big Box*. The session will introduce professionals from logistics and real-estate investment, shedding light on diverse and rewarding career pathways. Discover how business and geography come to life in the planning and management of cutting-edge warehouses, the role of science and sustainability in making logistics greener and more efficient and insights into career pathways that connect classroom learning to the real world. [Click here to register](#)



## **Law Masterclass – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 3pm**

Are you a non-law student interested in a career in law? In this LawCareers.Net masterclass, sponsored by Clyde & Co LLP and Osborne Clarke LLP, you can find out what it means to start a career in law as a non-law student, including how to research firms, what to include in your application, and how to make the transition into law. [Click here](#)

## **Uptree Careers Guide**

Discover your journey with this latest guide from *Uptree*, it's in useful sections; business & finance, engineering & technology, law, marketing, professional services and science. [Click here](#)

## **News From LCN – Refreshed**

### **Meet the Lawyer RAVI PATTANI – REED SMITH**

*“Before beginning my training contract, the work I did as a paralegal was invaluable because the skills I picked up have remained applicable throughout my legal career. I’ve consistently drawn on my paralegal experiences as an associate.”* **READ NOW**

### **Features How to research law firms when applying for vacation schemes**

Conducting in-depth research into a law firm before making a vacation scheme application is essential. Here's a succinct guide on how to research law firms when applying for vacation schemes. **READ NOW**

### **The Oracle - Using AI in law firm applications**

Should I use AI in my applications to law firms or chambers?

**READ NOW**

### **LCN Podcast Practice Area Profile: company & commercial – with Walker Morris LLP**

Walker Morris LLP senior associate Ryan Doodson describes his journey into commercial and technology law, his advice for aspiring lawyers and his thoughts on how AI is affecting the profession.

**LISTEN NOW**

### **Meet the Barrister 4 PUMP COURT Katy Handley**

*“At 4 Pump Court, I felt that the objective of pupillage was to get us to the level we needed to be at to become a tenant and form our own practice.”* **READ NOW**

***Don't forget The Law portal for much more information on training & careers in the sector***

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

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

## **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](#)

## **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 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](#)

### **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](#)

## **Resources – For Background Knowledge & Wider Reading**

### **Years 10-13 Young Curator's Programme – South Mill Arts**

The *Young Curator's Programme* is back and starts with a seven-week induction (one evening after school) covering all aspects of museum work through discussion, handling artefacts and creating displays, and continues with the opportunity to volunteer at the museum if students wish. Several students have attended in the past and found it an interesting experience – and it would look terrific on a personal statement or on a CV. Starts on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 4pm-5.30pm. Email Janet Shepherd: [museum@southmillarts.co.uk](mailto:museum@southmillarts.co.uk)

### **Young Reporter Scheme**

The Short Course is closing for applications on Friday. This journalism course offers students the opportunity to write for a real newspaper and earn a byline – a fantastic addition to any CV or UCAS application.

Students will learn how to meet strict deadlines, refine their writing, and gain confidence while reporting on local news within their community. Plus, those who complete the course and meet all deadlines will receive a Letter of Recognition, further boosting achievements.

If you need to discuss the possibility of an extension, please email us - [info@youngreporter.co.uk](mailto:info@youngreporter.co.uk)

### **Kier Construction**

Kier are holding a series of Open Door events to promote careers in construction and the opportunities with Kier Construction. [Click here](#) for more info.

### **Resources from University College, London (UCL)**

#### **Years 12-13 Spring into STEM 2.0 20 November 2024 – June 2025**

From November 2024 we're hosting another unmissable series of ground-breaking lectures exploring hot topics in STEM, live at our UCL East campus! [Click here](#)

#### **Year 12 UCL Choices** Applications close 28 January 2025

Join a panel of current UCL students as they discuss 'expectations vs reality' of their courses, as well as what they studied at A level and how this affected their choices. Sessions are subject-specific and for Year 12s. [Click here](#)

#### **I Didn't Know Philosophers Did That!** 18 February 2025

What do philosophers actually do? This new event, brings together 10 philosophers who want to share their research and innovation on these topics with students who would like to know what philosophers do but have not had the opportunity to ask. [Click here](#)



### **Years 9-10 Link College Info/Cambridge University - Caius 9 &10 Programme**

Year 9-10 students in Hertfordshire are invited to take part in *Caius 9 &10*, one of the online after school programmes for young people attending state schools in the link area.

#### ***Application deadline: Midday on Friday 21 March 2025***

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 23 April 2025, 4:30-5:30pm:	Introduction to studying at university and Oxbridge
Session 2, Wed 7 May 2025, 4:30-5:30pm:	Exploring subject interests
Session 3, W/C 19 May 2025, 5:00-6:00pm:	Taster lectures (one STEM lecture, one humanities)
Session 4, Wed 11 June 2025, 4:30-5:30:	Student Life Q&A (life at university, clubs, societies)
Session 5, Wed 18 June 2025, 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/carers (this can be done on a touchscreen device or with mouse on a desktop computer). [https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9NalzVdnydkPJrw](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9NalzVdnydkPJrw)

**The deadline for signing up is midday on Friday 21 March 2025** and students will be notified by Wednesday 26 March 2025 whether they have been successful in gaining a place on the programme.

### **King's College, London: Medicine & Dentistry Lecture Series**

Applications for the **online King's College London Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series 2025** are now open. This free programme is for students **across the UK** in **Year 11, 12, and 13** interested in becoming a **doctor** or **dentist**.

Over the course of the programme students will hear from a wide variety of speakers to help build their understanding of the **opportunities** and **challenges** of being a doctor and dentist, as well as guidance on the application process. Last year's lectures included the following:

Medical and dental specialties: cardiology, oral surgery, renal transplant, and many more!

Q&A's each week with current medical and dental students.

Support with the application process: UCAT, personal statements, and interviews.

Q&A with admissions colleagues in the school of medicine at KCL, UCL, St George's, Queen Mary, Brunel, and Imperial.

Most importantly participants will become **part of a community of like-minded students** all interested in applying to medicine and dentistry and finding out what being a doctor and dentist really entails. Lectures will be held on

Tuesday evenings between 6:00 – 7:30pm, and the first lecture will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. For more

information and to apply, [students should follow this link](#). The deadline is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January**. ***This would look terrific on a future Personal Statement***

### **Smallpiece Trust**

*The Smallpiece Trust* is an educational charity that inspires young people to pursue careers in science and engineering through events and workshops. For over 50 years, they have been giving young people everything they need to fuel their passion for engineering. [Find out more here](#).

### **Mathigon**

<https://mathigon.org/> - An interactive mathematical playground to explore.

### **What University? What Career?**

Live on-demand video series. Using this brand-new video series, students can navigate the post-school options, find out how to get started with applications and avoid some mistakes; **free, on-demand, short videos**. [Click here](#)

## **Competitions, General, Ad Hoc**

### **Years 7-9 Cyber Explorers Cup**

Are students ready to secure the Cyber Squads new headquarters and become the **2025 Cyber Explorers Cup champions**? The Cyber Explorers Cup is back, and the challenge is on! Entries are now open for schools across the UK. Talk to your computing teacher if interested in entering. [Click here for info](#)

### **Tik Tok Guide For Parents**

This free guide lets you know about the most prominent potential dangers associated with *TikTok* and offers expert advice on how to safeguard youngsters who are navigating the site. [Download from here](#)

### **Big Garden Birdwatch - World's Largest Garden Survey – 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> January**

*Big Garden Birdwatch 2025* is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. Join in now, [click here](#)

### **Top Tips To Return To A Routine**

This free guide lets you know how to help children and young people through the transition back into education after a school holiday. [Click here](#)

### **UK FoNS Science and Innovation Competition 2025**

**For students of all ages with an interest in STEM.** Imperial College's **Faculty of Natural Sciences Science and Innovation Competition** returns for the new academic year. Open to teams of young people of primary and secondary school age, they welcome entries from schools, community and youth groups. There is no limit to the number of teams that can enter and **registration is now open**. There are four entry groups:

4 – 11 years old (Primary)

11 – 14 years old (KS3), 14 – 16 (GCSE)

16 – 18 (A-level)

Open Category for teams of mixed age groups.

The competition aims to motivate young people to engage with science, to encourage them to work together as part of a team and to engage them in a fun activity that is motivated by their curiosity and drive.

Teams are asked to develop a new and innovative scientific solution to help achieve one of the United Nation's Global Goals for Sustainable Development. To enter, teams will be asked to create a 5-minute film that:

Briefly outlines the goal they have selected

Describes their innovative solution

Explains the science behind their idea

Illustrates how their idea would address the goal.

Initial entries will be judged by the team at Imperial and finalists will be selected and invited to participate in the finals at Imperial in April 2025. **Find out more and see details of last years final and competition winners.**

Registration for entry will close on **Friday 13th December**. If you have any questions please contact Dr Simon Foster at [ssfoster@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:ssfoster@imperial.ac.uk) or [fonsschoolscompetition@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:fonsschoolscompetition@imperial.ac.uk)

***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 our parent body are extremely welcome to host, as are alumni.***

***Please get in touch [claire.jonas@tbshs.org](mailto:claire.jonas@tbshs.org)***

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