

Careers Bulletin - June 2020

MY WEEK OF WORK

Virtual Week of Work

All Year 9-13s are invited to participate in "My Week of Work". This is an online programme to support you in gaining skills and knowledge of the workplace during a time when physical work experience is not necessarily possible. Please find attached the letter which has been sent to all Year 10s. The programme is also available to any Year 9-13s who are interested in being involved.

RECOMMENDED CAREERS RESOURCES

National Careers Service

NCS: Call 0800 100 900 to speak to an adviser. Lines are open from 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week.

All students should contact the National Careers Service to speak to an independent careers advisor. They will discuss higher education and career pathways and send a written action plan. For further information, see <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

e-Clips

Find out more about pathways, careers and LMI (labour market information) with this useful resource: <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/> NEW Password for RGS: yiophe12

Kudos

All Y10-13 have a Kudos account. Kudos can give career ideas based on a student's likes and dislikes. It also has a wealth of information on pathways and LMI. School licence code: readcode80. [Parents Guide Ebook](#)

UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

Y13 Transition to University

With universities starting courses in September but **possibly** only opening campuses in January, your start at university may be unusual.

- Check your potential university websites, to see the latest information.
- See if they offer a mentor programme, pairing you with a current student.
- Look up the modules and reading lists for your course e.g. King's College London
 - o Medicine: <https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/reading-lists/medicine-reading-list>
 - o Politics, Economics and Philosophy: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/sspp/departments/politiceconomy/study/ug/recommended-reading-list>

UCAS Application Support

Sidney Sussex College Cambridge has created a series of information and guidance videos on choosing subjects and universities and preparing to make competitive applications to universities. In the coming weeks there will be additional content on writing first drafts of personal statements and preparing for admissions assessments.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5ZhtCIF6B6D6NeL9YytXTQ>

Cambridge Student Events

Downing College Webinars May – August <https://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/>

Homerton College Virtual Subject Open Days June – July <https://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/>

Trinity College Virtual Law Taster Day Monday 13th July (booking closes 13th June) <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/>

Pembroke College Virtual Open Day Wednesday 15th July <https://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/>

Cambridge University Virtual Open Days

Bookings are now open for Cambridge College Open Days on 2-3rd July 2020. Please also check individual colleges for more information.

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/cambridge-open-days>

Oxford University Virtual Open Days

Bookings are now open for Oxford College Open Days on 1-2nd July 2020. Please also check individual colleges for more information.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/open-days-and-visits>

Y12 applying to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science

Please join the Oxbridge and MDV 2020-21 Team. It is an open Team, so just join it to access the latest news on OMDV applications for 2021. [OMDV Team Link](#)

Virtual Open Day Calendar

Plan your university visits <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

UCAS Website

For the latest information on this year's applications and general information on universities and courses.

<https://www.ucas.com/>

Tips on Writing Your Personal Statement

A step by step guide on how to write an outstanding personal statement with links to other useful websites

<https://www.uniadmissions.co.uk/creating-an-outstanding-personal-statement-for-oxbridge/>

Essay Competitions

This is a great time to enter competitions. Many universities and organisations have them, a few are listed below (let me know if you find any more, they can be tucked away on college websites!)

- Humanities
<https://www.johnlockeinstitute.com/2020-essay-competition> (including a separate U16 competition)
<https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/essay-prizes/english-literature/>
<https://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/prospective/undergraduate/essay-competitions>
<https://www.st-hughs.ox.ac.uk/2020-julia-wood-and-mary-renault-essay-competitions-now-open/>
https://learnmore.lawbore.net/index.php/Law_Essay_Competitions
- Writing competitions (open to adults too)
<https://www.neonbooks.org.uk/big-list-writing-competitions/>
- Architecture
<https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/study-us/undergraduate/opportunities-prospective-applicants/essay-competitions>
- Law

https://learnmore.lawbore.net/index.php/Law_Essay_Competitions

- Various

<https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/essay-prize>

<https://scholarship.wellingtoncollege.org.uk/competitions/> (useful link from Wellington College – check the deadlines)

Channel Talent: university course and subject interactive webinars

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/events/list/>

How to choose an online degree

[How to Choose Your Online Degree: Ultimate Guide](#)

USA Universities

A-List Free Webinars for USA University Advice and information on SAT/ACT bootcamps

<https://www.alisteducation.com/uk/courses-events/>

Aberystwyth University

A new online portal designed to help young people with preparations for university life during the ongoing Coronavirus lockdown has been launched by Aberystwyth University.

<https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/undergrad/hub/>

Bucks College LIVE Events

Bucks College is unable to run their usual open day events so they have moved them online. Live events are being held for all subjects which you will need to register for at www.buckscollegigroup.ac.uk

APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeship Information

[The Complete Guide to Higher and Degree Apprenticeships](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Prospects - Degree Apprenticeships at a glance](#)

UCAS Apprenticeships News

Having second thoughts about uni? Make sure you're aware of [your options](#). You can find the latest apprenticeship opportunities using the UCAS apprenticeship search tool – [find out more](#)

Business Studies degree, Zenopa, High Wycombe

We have a fantastic opportunity, a great alternative to University. Gain BA (Hons) Business Studies degree after 3 years alongside Chartered Manager status. All fees paid for, £16,000 a year basic salary plus monthly bonuses and sports/gym membership of your choice. No debt at the end. 1 day release at the University of West London.

<https://www.zenopa.com/apprenticeships>

Heathrow Apprentices

Heathrow's Engineering Apprentice programme has just opened for applications for a start in August 2020. The Engineering Apprenticeship scheme at Heathrow has been running for over 40 years and more than half the engineers at Heathrow started their career through this apprenticeship scheme.

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<https://www.heathrow.com/company/careers/early-careers/engineering-apprenticeships>

Performance Management Degree Apprenticeship Review

Video clips from apprentices and degree apprentices working in companies like Arup, Rolls-Royce, John Lewis and BAE Systems. [youtube PM link](#).

Sales Apprenticeship, Softcat, Marlow

Softcat are one of the UK's leading IT infrastructure providers and a FTSE 250 listed company. They are looking to recruit school leavers and graduates into their sales and IT workforce. Please see attached job description for a sales apprenticeship. For more information about Softcat please visit <https://www.softcat.com>

OTHER

The Supercurriculum

The supercurriculum is an exciting prospect for those who have a passion for developing their understanding or skills. It goes far beyond the school curriculum; ranging from researching neural network function, to breeding fish, to learning and using a computer language, to refurbishing a motorbike (genuine things that RGS students have told me about in the past). The development can be through reading, videos, discussion, practical application...anything!

Of course, this is great for your personal development; it is also useful for adding evidence of wider skills and interest for job interview and university applications. These are resources I have used since lockdown...what will you do?

- [Explore - big questions for discussion](#)
- [TED Talks](#)
- [Learn Spanish](#)
- [A very short introduction to... \(100s of introductions to academic subjects and ways of thinking\)](#)

Y13 (over 18) Virtual Summer Internships

<https://www.brightnetwork.co.uk/internship-experience-uk/>

InvestIn Internship Summer Programmes (£350+)

<https://investin.org/collections/live-online-programmes>

PwC's Employability Skills Toolkit

http://pwctrk.co.uk/tp/rj6-8roU8_J.K

PWC Virtual Events

PWC are running a number of virtual events covering topics such as: studying for a degree with PWC, starting your career in business or technology, apprenticeship opportunities and parent/teacher insights. Please follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk/Events/Filter/IsExpired/false/Event%20Programme/Virtual>

Virtual Subject Focussed Sessions

Subject based sessions led by channel talent covering topics such as: Economics and Climate Change, Sports and PE, Studying a year abroad and more. Please see the following link.

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/events/list/>

On-line Work Experience Internships with a Focus on Conservation and Biodiversity

A variety of on-line work experiences for students aged 15-18 with Operation Wallacea

<https://www.opwall.com>

The Bucks Skills Hub

The following hub can provide a careers home learning resource which students can complete by themselves. Local opportunities can be discovered here along with resources to help inspire and motivate students during lockdown. In addition, please find attached document outlining 10 steps to exploring careers in lockdown:

<https://bucksskillshub.org/>

Science Live

Bring Science to your students' living rooms with Premed Projects Live TV, a unique twice-weekly live show where students can learn all about Biology, Science, Medicine and Anatomy, all from the comfort of their own homes.

<https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/premed-projects-live-tv>

BAE Systems

BAE Systems are passionate about promoting STEM and also understand the difficulties faced by many families at the moment and the importance of home learning. BAE Systems has developed a range of learning resources to help you teach your children or pupils whilst they are at home. As well as brand new STEM home learning activities to complete, there is a **UK Sport Competition** (four age categories from 5 – 18 years) with fantastic prizes to be won.

<https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/getting-ready-for-work/home-learning>

Skills for Care

Information and resources about careers in Social Care <https://sfca.re/2Veuu3X>

How to improve your employability skills during COVID

Pearson College London have published a series of articles titled "How to improve your employability skills during COVID?" Click the links below to view the articles.

- [Part 1](#)
- [Part 2](#)
- [Part 3](#)
- [Part 4](#)
- [Part 5](#)

Institute and Faculty of Actuaries

Access modules to the Certified Actuarial Analyst (CAA) through this link: <https://www.caa-global.org/welcome-caa-global/how-to-qualify/exams>

Personal Finance skills (Y10-13)

https://mypersonalfinanceskills.org/free-online-financial-education-sessions-2/?utm_campaign=539981_School%20-%20Email%201%20free%20financial%20education&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dotmailer&dm_i=4W7Z,BKNH,31HLG1,1BHNN,1

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