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## Careers Bulletin – July 2020

### MY WEEK OF WORK

#### Virtual Week of Work

A reminder that 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 see the letter which was sent (June 2020) to all Year 10s <https://www.rgshw.com/page/?title=Year+10+Parent+Letters&pid=226>. 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: yiope12

#### 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.

### UNIVERSITIES

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

## **Cambridge University Virtual Open Days**

Bookings are now open for Cambridge College Open Days on 2-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1-2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020. Please also check individual colleges for more information.

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/virtual-open-day>

## **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](#)

## **Nottingham University Online**

Find out what it is like to live and learn at the University of Nottingham with their live open day, subject sessions and live lecture series.

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/virtual/index.aspx>

## **Choosing a University**

On July 3<sup>rd</sup> The University of Nottingham are running a virtual talk with guidance on how to choose the right university for you. Register for free.

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/he-guidance-choosing-a-course-a-university-with-william-hollis-from-university-of-nottingham/>

## **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/>

## **University of Leicester Wednesday Wisdom Webinars**

<https://myleicester.le.ac.uk/form/FSOwebinars>

Useful webinars from the University of Leicester including advice on personal statements, applying late to university and which course to choose.

## 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](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](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](#)

## On-Line University Courses with the University of London

<https://london.ac.uk/>

## 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/>

## COLLEGES

### 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](http://www.buckscollegigroup.ac.uk)

### The Henley College

Henley College are offering subject taster events on-line

Royal Grammar School  
Amersham Road  
High Wycombe  
Buckinghamshire  
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**Headmaster**  
Philip Wayne

**Registered No. 07492198**

<https://www.henleycol.ac.uk/>

## **BCA – Berkshire College of Agriculture**

Open Day Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020

<https://www.bca.ac.uk/>

## **APPRENTICESHIPS**

### **Apprenticeship Information**

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

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

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

### **Buckinghamshire Apprenticeships**

Apprenticeship opportunities in Buckinghamshire can be found at:

<https://wannabebucks.org/>

<https://centreforapprenticeships.co.uk/>

### **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.

<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. For more information about Softcat please visit <https://jobs.softcat.com/career-areas/apprentices/>

## **WORK EXPERIENCE & INTERNSHIPS**

### **1 year Internship (local tech company)**

Datitude, a local tech company based in Amersham are looking for a gap year student or school leaver for a 1 year placement from September 2020. The candidate should have a love of computing and technology, preferably with some software coding experience.

<https://datitude.co.uk/pdf/job-spec-intern.pdf>

### **Spotify Virtual Work Experience**

A week at Spotify 29<sup>th</sup> June – 3rd July

<https://www.s4snextgen.org//Opportunities/View/id/723>

### **Virtual Work Experience and Internships**

Useful information about applying for virtual work experience and summer internships online

[https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-internships/virtual-work-experience?fbclid=IwAR2mwYqxda4iC7bAWU35tKDU029z1xZYw2E6YY7Hr6aVleR0JoQ\\_gnZkg68](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-internships/virtual-work-experience?fbclid=IwAR2mwYqxda4iC7bAWU35tKDU029z1xZYw2E6YY7Hr6aVleR0JoQ_gnZkg68)

### **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>

### **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>

## **OTHER**

### **Summer Holiday Activities**

To keep you stimulated and occupied this summer, York College Careers Team have created a resource pack with lots of interesting online learning opportunities. Please see attachment for further details.

### **Future Talented Magazine Summer 2020**

[https://view.joomag.com/future-talented-summer-term-2020-summer-2020/0073600001593094441?short&utm\\_campaign=FutureTalentEd&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=90261522&hsenc=p2ANqtz--7rXp9YA2CUvpQ84-14-2aOCcopZ4IaqXSDGnqeDNv0WQeiZi1i2rcrhExFP0Jh6UkZR3yKlOAJ-69BAgW66T39S0J4g&utm\\_content=90261522&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://view.joomag.com/future-talented-summer-term-2020-summer-2020/0073600001593094441?short&utm_campaign=FutureTalentEd&utm_medium=email&hsmi=90261522&hsenc=p2ANqtz--7rXp9YA2CUvpQ84-14-2aOCcopZ4IaqXSDGnqeDNv0WQeiZi1i2rcrhExFP0Jh6UkZR3yKlOAJ-69BAgW66T39S0J4g&utm_content=90261522&utm_source=hs_email)

### **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?

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

## **Calling all Physicists with an Interest in Climate Change**

Using Physics to Investigate the Realities Of Climate Change With Dr Rachel Cross & Dr Huw Morgan From Aberystwyth University.

[Physics Talk](#)

## **PwC's Employability Skills Toolkit**

[http://pwctrk.co.uk/tp/rj6-8roU8\\_J.K](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/All/>

## **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/>

## **Virtual Careers Talks**

Learn Lounge by Springpod have launched an interactive platform featuring career stories and guidance from experts in different fields such as: music photography, polar exploration, cricket, business and lots more.

<https://learn.springpod.co.uk/speakers/>

## **Ravensbourne University Creative Workshops**

Workshops and tutorials for young people to stay engaged during lockdown for students aged 13+

<https://www.makeit.ravensbourne.ac.uk/creative-projects>

## **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.

<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)**

[Personal Finance Skills](#)

## **The Labour Market**

Information about youth employment and the labour market can be found here:

<https://www.cipd.co.uk/knowledge/work/trends/labour-market-outlook>

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/> |