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## Careers Bulletin – Summer 2020

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## HOLIDAY INSPIRATION

The summer holidays are nearly here. Want to make the most out of this summer? Try a new hobby or skill! Enter a competition! Take part in relevant work experience! Visit a relevant gallery museum or exhibition relating to your subject choices! These activities can all be done online if need be. All your experiences can be used to make you stand out from the crowd. You can add them to your further education application, your university personal statement, your apprenticeship application or your CV. At interview for university, college or job you may be asked the question “What did you do during lockdown?”

### Summer Holiday Activities

#### **IT Coding**

Learn to code for free at <http://www.codecademy.com/>

#### **Art and Design - Project Ideas**

Look at WOW Art on <https://www.youtube.com> for daily inspiration

#### **Languages**

Duolingo is a free to use app for many languages including Spanish, Latin and Japanese.

Try watching a movie or programme in a foreign language on TV, Amazon or Netflix and use the subtitles to help you improve your vocabulary.

#### **Journalism**

Piers Morgan has helped to launch the NCTJ Summer school at <https://www.nctj.com/>

#### **Science Competitions**

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Take part in a competition <https://www.see-science.co.uk/whats-on/competitions/>

### **Religious News Articles from around the world**

<https://religionunplugged.com/>

### **Scientists, Engineering and Covid**

Celebrating the work of scientists during the pandemic - live stream on July 14th

<https://www.digitalbigbang.co.uk>

### **Stand where history happened**

Visit one of English Heritage's sites of interest. See their website for more information on opening hours and tickets <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/>

### **The National Geographic**

Subscribe to one of the most interesting magazines out there with plenty of current topical articles

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

### **The British Museum**

Take a tour of the British Museum's collection of Greek vases and sculptures and visit the Parthenon gallery without the crowds.

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/galleries/greece-parthenon>

### **The Royal Opera House**

What's on at the Royal Opera House while the venue is closed. Listen and stream live performances

<https://www.roh.org.uk/tickets-and-events>

### **Other 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.

### **Talks and Webinars**

#### **RAF Live Learn Experience – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Join the RAF Live broadcast for more information about a career in the RAF. See attachment.

#### **Summer webinars from the University of Birmingham**

[Birmingham Webinars](#)

#### **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.

[Careers Talk](#)

#### **Science Live**

Bring Science to your living room 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 your own home.

[ScienceLive](#)

#### **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>

## **Discussions**

Talks just for you and what interests you <https://www.ted.com>

What's your big question? <https://explore.org/>

## **Essay Competitions**

This is a great time to enter competitions. Many universities and organisations have them. Check their websites for more information. For example: [EssaysOxfordUniversity](#)

## **Ravensbourne University Creative Workshops**

Workshops and tutorials for young people to stay engaged during lockdown. For students aged 13+ [Creative workshop](#)

## **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. Please see attachment & <https://bucksskillshub.org/>

## **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)

## **SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS**

### **Y13 (over 18) Virtual Summer Internships**

[VirtualSummerInternships](#)

### **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/>

### **InvestIn Internship Summer Programmes (£350+)**

[InvestIn Internship](#)

### **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>

## **RECOMMENDED CAREERS RESOURCES**

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## 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. <https://kudos.cascaid.co.uk/#/>

## 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/politicaconomy/study/ug/recommended-reading-list>

### The University of Birmingham Clearing Program

Register now to be the first to hear about clearing places at the University of Birmingham.

[BirminghamClearing](#)

### Check out your University Website

Lots of useful information including transition advice, for example:

[TransitionAdviceBhamUni](#)

### 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.

[UCASSupport](#)

### Cambridge Student Events

Downing College Webinars July - 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/>

### **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. [NottinghamLive](#)

### **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/>

### **UCAS Virtual Exhibitions**

This is to help students focus their research within their subject area. Topics include medicine, dentistry, veterinary, law, maths, science, computing, teaching, engineering and creative arts.

[UCASExhibitions](#)

### **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 [PersonalStatement](#)

### **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.

### **Channel Talent: University Course and Subject Interactive Webinars**

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

### **How to Choose an Online Degree**

[On-LineDegree](#)

### **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/>

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

### **The Henley College**

Henley College are offering subject taster events on-line

<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 Websites**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships>

### **Buckinghamshire Apprenticeships**

Apprenticeship opportunities in Buckinghamshire can be found at:

<https://wannabebucks.org/>

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

### **Useful Apprenticeship Info for 2020**

[https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2020/04/ASK-Brochure-Digital\\_2020-2.pdf](https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2020/04/ASK-Brochure-Digital_2020-2.pdf)

### **Top Tips for Preparing for On-line Interviews**

[VirtualInterviewTips](#)

### **Apprenticeship Parent and Carer Pack**

Please see attached document.

### **UCAS – Apprenticeships**

Having second thoughts about uni? Make sure you're aware of the options. You can find the latest apprenticeship opportunities using the UCAS apprenticeship search tool.

### **Apprenticeship Vacancies**

Current vacancies advertised here with companies such as EY, Nestle, Softcat, Savills

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>

## GAP YEAR

How to plan for a GAP year in a socially distanced world

[GAPYear](#)

For GAP year advice you can email [info@aventure.co.uk](mailto:info@aventure.co.uk)

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

### 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>

### 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/> |