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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 career's 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. <https://kudos.cascaid.co.uk/#/>

Suggested Lectures for Sixth Form Students in a variety of fields

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/schools>

UNIVERSITIES

Many of you will have worked on your personal statements for this year's university application process. Some of you will be looking forward to the next stage of the application process which may include tests or a virtual interview.

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This will be a change from how things have operated in previous years so please take the time to think about how to prepare for a virtual interview and use the information and websites below to help you plan.

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 science, law, maths, science, computing, teaching, engineering and creative arts.

[UCASExhibitions](#)

What Career and University – Live Virtual Event 6th-7th November

<https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/london>

Meet The Russell Group - 7th October 12.00 midday - 18.00pm

A virtual event that lets you explore all 24 Russell Group Universities and talk to representatives. Register for live webinars. Download prospectuses and view information and videos on each university.

<https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/>

Cambridge University Shadowing Scheme 2021

Suitable for Year 11 students on track to gain A level grades of A*, A, A or equivalent and with either little family history of university attendance or with reservations about going to Cambridge. See attached information for more details.

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](#)

Top Tips for Preparing for On-line Interviews

See attachment for more details on how to prepare for professional video communication on-line and virtual interviews.

How to Prepare for a University Interview

- Consider the type of interview you can expect. Your interview may be done virtually
- Think about how you can stand out
- Re-read your personal statement
- Re-read the course information
- Plan some answers to common university interview questions
- Think of some questions to ask the interviewer
- Know your subject
- Practise with a friend
- Dress appropriately
- Smile!

10 Common University Interview Questions

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/advice/10-common-college-interview-questions-and-how-answer-them>

Oxford University Interview Questions

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/news/can-you-answer-these-oxford-university-interview-questions>

The Ultimate Guide to Passing Video Interviews

<https://www.assessmentday.co.uk/video-interviews.htm>

Sheffield University

Sheffield University along with many other universities has a virtual school's hub with up to date information on transition support and key advice. Sheffield Interactive Open Day is 17th October 2020.

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/schools/virtualhub>

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](#)

Y13 applying to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science

If you have not yet done so, 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/>

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/>

Yale Young Global Scholars

Experience life as a university student at Yale while attending an academic session of your choosing. For UK school pupils in Years 11 and 12. Register now for summer 2021.

<https://globalscholars.yale.edu/how-to-apply>

Discussions

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

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

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.buckscollegelive.ac.uk

The Henley College

Henley College are offering subject taster events on-line

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

APPRENTICESHIPS (Level 3, Higher Level, Degree Level)

Cyberfirst Degree Apprenticeship in Cybersecurity with GCHQ

GCHQ are looking to hire a candidate with a keen interest in computing, programming and cyber security. Candidates will need a minimum of BBC in predicted A-level grades and level 5 GCSE in Maths. Starting salary of £19,897 + £2,189 concessionary payment. Applications before 26th October 2020. Role from September 2021. Please see www.gchq-careers.co.uk for more information.

Kennedys Legal Apprenticeships

Kennedys offer legal apprenticeships that are aimed at school leavers who have completed A Levels or equivalent studies. Their apprenticeships are offered in conjunction with their learning provider, BPP. These two-year paralegal apprenticeships will result in students obtaining a Level 4 Certificate of Higher Education in Legal Services. This is equivalent to the first year of a law undergraduate degree.

Applications for 2021 paralegal apprenticeships are now open and will close on **28 February 2021**.

On Monday 26 October 2020 12pm there is a virtual session which will be a great way to gain further insight into the legal apprenticeship. It is aimed at school and college students who are interested in this alternative route to qualification as a solicitor.

<https://kennedyslaw.com/careers-at-kennedys/early-careers/legal-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>

<https://www.apprenticesandgraduates.co.uk/vacancies/>

Opportunities outside University

Details of apprenticeships and work experience after school

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

The Army

<https://apply.army.mod.uk/>

Buckinghamshire Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship opportunities in Buckinghamshire can be found at:

<https://wannabebucks.org/>

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

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. www.ucas.com

Apprenticeship Vacancies

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

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

Cambridge University CAMSTART Academy

The Camstart Academy has been developed at the University of Cambridge with the guidance of successful social entrepreneurs with experience building million-dollar businesses and social innovation experts from Dalberg. The academy guides you through the process of becoming a social entrepreneur. By enrolling in the Academy, you get access to videos and live workshops from guest lecturers. The Academy is tailored to students aged 14-19. The programme is self-paced, giving you the flexibility to complete it alongside school. www.camstart.org

Buckinghamshire NHS Healthcare Assistants

The NHS are looking to recruit many more healthcare assistants. This is a great career opportunity, especially for those who may be looking to gain experience before going to the likes of medical school, those who have deferred university by a year or those looking to go straight into employment. Please see attachment for more information.

Medical Work Experience and Virtual Medical Society

Medic mentor have teamed up with Queen Elizabeth's Hospital in Birmingham to put on a virtual work experience programme. The application process will open on 1st October and the programme will be available for Years 10, 11 and 12. Students can log in one Saturday a month and follow the patient journey from GP appointment through to hospital admissions and treatment.

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/how-to-become-a-doctor-applying-students/>

STEM Work Experience Placements

Applications open Jan 2021

<https://scienceoxford.com/schools/secondary-schools/stem-placements/>

The Financial Times Student Advocate Work Experience Programme for Year 12s

Find out more about this exciting opportunity here:

<https://enterprise.ft.com/en-gb/student-advocate-programme/>

Kennedys Virtual Work Experience Programme

This takes 5-6 hours to complete and you gain a certificate at the end of the programme

<https://www.theforage.com/virtual-internships/prototype/4MkD3QfC96ybnpH4C/Kennedys-Virtual-Experience-Programme>

Investin

Immersive live on-line work experience weekend programmes and autumn internships for ages 12+. Careers include medicine, law, engineering, computing, banking, publishing, psychology, politics and more. Costs detailed on the website. <https://investin.org/>

Virtual Work Experience

Please find attached information from the London Advisor Enterprise Network with details and links to virtual work experience opportunities.

Register for free Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

Industries with current virtual work experience opportunities include banking, politics, art and engineering

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/>

CAREERS TALKS

Request for Volunteer Guest Speakers

If anyone would be interested in volunteering to record a career's talk for our teams talk website we would love to hear from you. We are also looking to set up live virtual careers talks with employees in different industries. If you would be interested in talking to our Sixth Formers about your career one lunchtime please contact us at seb@rgshw.com Thank you.

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Pupils: please sign up to the open “Careers Talk” Team to find out about careers talks this term and to listen to webinars and tips from OWs and people about their higher education choices and career paths. This team is especially useful for Sixth Formers looking to make choices that may link in with future career paths. Link here.

[Careers Talks](#)

- Price Waterhouse Coopers – Accounting and Technology - October – Various online talks and information on careers with PWC
 - Peter Blaseby – Engineering – Tuesday 6th October
 - Tamara Jennings – RAF Lawyer 20th October
 - Polly Jacob – Friday 27th November 1.30pm - A career with Softcat, a Marlow based IT infrastructure provider
 - Talks from various OWs including: Rob Eyres – Studying English at Durham University and a career in Corporate Law, Luke Hashman – Studying Modern Foreign Languages at Southampton University and a career in Teaching
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- 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://www.springpod.co.uk/learn-lounge/#>

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 and apprenticeship opportunities. Please follow the link below for more information.

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

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

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

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/> |