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SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

This weeks bulletin includes some great resources for different career paths. Whether it's the Armed Forces, Finance & Business, Engineering, Law, or Web Designer there's plenty of opportunities, webinars and virtual events for you to take advantage of

See pages 11 -14 for more details.













As always just pop in and see us if you have any questions..
(We're next door to PA3)

The Sixth Form Team



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ATTEND LECTURES













SEE ALL FUTURE LECTURES

ONLINE LECTURES

REGISTER ONLINE FOR EACH EVENT YOU WANT TO WATCH OR ATTEND: https://www.gresham.ac.uk/attend/#

The College's 130 annual lectures and events are free and open to all. The College has been recording its lectures since the 1980s and we live stream all lectures for those unable to attend in person. There are now over 2,000 lectures freely available online on this website and on YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/user/GreshamCollege

Gresham College is an independent institution funded from the estate of our founder, Sir Thomas Gresham. After his death in 1579, Sir Thomas' estate and control of his benefaction were left to the City of London Corporation and the Worshipful Company of Mercers, which operate through the Joint Grand Gresham Committee to support the College.



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Columban Competition

Don't miss this chance to make your mark! Two separate competitions will be held, one for students in Ireland and one in Britain (England, Scotland, Wales); each has two categories: Writing and Image.. Winners will be announced in Columban media on 15 March 2021.. The winning entries will be published in the Far East magazine and online on Columban websites in Ireland and Britain and shared ...

www.columbancompetition.com



SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION 2021

THE COMPETITION WAS LAUNCHED ON MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2020

We are looking for students (aged 14-18 inclusive) to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme:



'LET'S CREATE A WORLD WITHOUT RACISM'



PRINT PRIZES

1ST €300/£300

2ND €150/£150 | 3RD €100/£100

IMAGE PRIZES

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The winning entries will be published in the Far East magazine, online on Columban websites in Ireland and Britain, shared on Columban social media, and published in other Catholic media.

This is a chance to engage with an issue that addresses equality, justice, inclusion and also draws on faith and personal experience.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: 20 FEBRUARY 2021

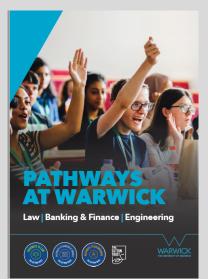
For more details and how to enter: https://www.columbancompetition.com/



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POST 16 ACTIVITIES @ UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK FOR YEAR 12



Pathways at Warwick is an engaging two year programme that gives students practical advice about university and the workplace in a particular sector, with the overall aim of leaving students feeling inspired and more confident about their future.

Students interested in a career in Law, Banking & Finance or Engineering will have access to academic lectures, employer engagement, CV and personal statement support in their retrospective stream. The programmes are two years long, starting in year 12 and finishing in year 13.

For more information and how to applyDownload our brochure via this link: https://bit.ly/3hGv8jO



Pathways to Law

Pathways to Law is a programme that looks to inspire and support students to explore a range of careers in law and build essential knowledge, skills and

The programme was established in 2006 by the Sutton Trust and the Legal Education Foundation, with generous support from our partner law firms and is the largest initiative of its nature. Pathways to Law was developed to widen access to the legal profession, as research by the Sutton Trust had shown that the top echelons of the professions were drawn from a narrow range of social backgrounds. The programme aims to raise students' aspirations and allow them to make informed decision about their future career. **For more details: https://bit.ly/3kpzeyx**



Pathways to Banking & Finance

Pathways to Banking and Finance is a programme that aims to inspire and support students to explore a range of careers in the banking and financial sectors, including accountancy, investment banking, tax and asset management. It has been developed to widen access to the financial sector following research which showed that 51% of leaders in the profession came from a narrow range



Pathways to Engineering

Pathways to Engineering provides academic and sector-specific support for

At this point we will transition to a mixed delivery format where in person events run alongside the resources on Sutton Trust Online. You can still look forward to academic sessions, opportunities to hear from employers within the sector and support with writing personal statements. You will also have the opportunity to explore whether Engineering is the right path for you, and build the essential knowledge, skills and confidence required to go on to higher education and the world of work

For more details: https://bit.ly/2ZRXwts



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Spotlight on... Taster Events

Our Spotlight on... events give students a taster of a subject and help them to understand what studying at university is like. Our virtual events will give students a taster of what it is like to study at university in the current times. Students will explore the blended learning approach that the University is using through a mix of real recorded lectures, live workshops, and Q+A sessions.

Spotlight events are designed to complement the curriculum and widen your students' understanding of the subject area. Depending on subject, virtual events can include a mixture of:

- lectures
- seminars
- workshops
- campus tour
- careers and employability
- an opportunity to meet and talk to current students.

Spotlight events are available for the following subject...follow the link to book your place:

Biosciences - 22 October 20 and 5 November 20 - https://bit.ly/3iY3OhN

Electrical Engineering - 11 November 20 - https://bit.ly/376JWqy

Mathematical Sciences - 4 November 20 - https://bit.ly/3718Ck9

Physics - 3 November 20 - https://bit.ly/3duUEIn

Psychology -20 October 20 - https://bit.ly/2SUFyCw

Social Sciences - 21 October 20 - https://bit.ly/3ILZMe4

Languages - date to be advised

Sport and Health - date to be advised



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Here at Keble College we are excited to announce the launch of West Midlands Webinars, a new series of online sessions run by Cambridge and Oxford Colleges for Year 12 students at state schools or sixth form colleges in the West Midlands.

The webinars are suited for anyone who hopes to apply to competitive universities: if you're a high-achieving student (aiming to get above AAA at A Level), intellectually curious and ambitious, these webinars will be a great start for your university journey.

To attend these sessions, you will need to complete the application form.

Please note, if you would like to attend Webinar 1, you will need to complete the form via this link by Monday 19th October: https://bit.ly/3dfgUFW

If you are offered a place on the programme, you will be emailed ahead of each session with further information and a registration link. These webinars will take place after school (all final times/dates will be confirmed once you have been offered a place). You are not obliged to attend all sessions.

Programme

Webinar 1: Introduction to Oxford and Cambridge: Newnham and Oriel Colleges 21 October 2020, 5-6pm

Webinar 2: **Applying to Oxford or Cambridge**: Sidney Sussex and Keble Colleges 5 November 2020, 5-6pm

Webinar 3: **Study Skills and Supercurriculars**: Girton and St John's Colleges 30 November 2020, 5-6pm

Webinar 4: Q&A with current Oxford and Cambridge students

2 December 2020, 5-6pm

Selection

To apply for this programme, you must be attending a state school or sixth form college in the West Midlands. We would like to support as many students as possible through the programme. However, if it is oversubscribed, we will prioritise students who match one or more of the following criteria:

- •Have lived, or are currently living, in local authority care
- •Are eligible, or have been eligible within the past six years, for free school meals
- Are a refugee
- •Have caring responsibilities for a family member
- •Live in neighbourhoods with low overall progression rates to higher education
- •Have no parental history of higher education
- Have a disability

What is a webinar?

These sessions will be run using Zoom webinar software. When you register to attend a webinar-style session, you will then be sent a Zoom link which will allow you to join the event. Your camera/microphone will not be enabled, and you will only be able to communicate with the hosts/panellists running the session by typing out questions or comments.

Any questions?

Please direct any queries to slo@newn.cam.ac.uk or outreach@oriel.ox.ac.uk.



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Inspired@Birmingham

Our **Inspired@Birmingham** programme supports Year 12 students who are interested in applying to Russell Group universities. It aims to encourage and motivate students to achieve their full potential, and enable them to make a successful transition from KS4 to KS5.

Applications for the 2020/2021 programme will open in October 2020.

For more details: https://bit.ly/3c8ukTJ



The **Routes to Professions** programme offers a unique opportunity for Year 12 students to gain a real insight into university study. It focuses on specific vocational courses and provides students with tailored support through the university application process.

Applications for the 2020/21 programme will open in October 2020 (date to be announced nearer the time).

For more details: https://bit.ly/2Ft6INZ



The Access to Birmingham (A2B) programme supports applicants to the University of Birmingham, who have little or no experience of higher education, discover what studying at university involves.

The University of Birmingham has a long history of welcoming students from a wide variety of social and cultural backgrounds. We were one of the first universities to set up a fair access scheme for local students in 2,000 and are proud to be able to offer prospective applicants the support of our A2B scheme if they are studying at one of our partner institutions.

Applications for A2B 2020/21 are now open.

For more details: https://bit.ly/302p1Rd

PATHWAYS TO BIRMINGHAM FAQs

Find the answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about Pathways to Birmingham (PTB), including how the benefits work, successful completion, applications and IT support. If you cannot find the answer to your question please email the team at a2b@contacts.bham.ac.uk who will be happy to assist you with your query. Students should include their home postcode and their current school/college in the subject line of their email enquiry.

For more details: https://bit.ly/33CT0Ql



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university search





Virtual Fair - South West, West Midlands & Wales Fair

Wednesday 21st October 2020 -

Event Time: 12.00 - 18.00

Join us for our incredibly special online and interactive UK University Search Virtual Fair. The event will feature universities, apprenticeship providers and colleges from across the UK, as well as ten live webinars on essential topics such as UCAS personal statements, clearing, and student finance.

This event is especially for students, teachers and parents from the West Midlands, South West of England, and Wales.

We have designed an amazing online experience to allow you to explore a huge range of post-18 options. Our Virtual Fair will feature a wide range of exhibiting universities including Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist institutions. This incredible event will enable you to visit exhibition stands and chat to representatives, view information and videos, download prospectuses and take part in live webinars in the virtual auditorium.

The event is completely free of charge to students, parents and teachers. We know the cancellation of open days and recruitment events, and changes to exams and admission procedures has made choosing your next steps more difficult. This fair is designed to provide you with everything you need to make the right decisions. We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

Please see the video below (which we created for our June virtual event) to find out how to get the most out of your visit.

Register Now

FOR MORE DETAILS: https://bit.ly/3kuijLn
TO REGISTER: https://bit.ly/32lwarr



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Webinar Timetable

We'll be hosting 10 live webinars throughout the day on Wednesday 21 October, with representatives from universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers talking you through a range of topics and answering your questions. These will take place in the Auditorium, which you can access from the lobby or by using the navigation bar. We recommend catching the topics you're interested in live so you can take part in the Q&A chat; but you can easily catch-up on any sessions in the Auditorium after they've aired too. The webinars will be available to view 24/7 until Wednesday 4 November, so feel free to log back in another time and catch-up or re-watch.

To register: https://ukunisearch-west.vfairs.com/en/registration

	Webinars
① 12:30 - 12:55	CHOOSING A COURSE Presented by TBC
② 13:00 - 13:25	PERSONAL STATEMENT Presented by Plymouth College of Art
① 13:30 - 13:55	• STUDYING IN SCOTLAND Presented by University of Glasgow
① 14:00 - 14:25	HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS Presented by EY
① 14:30 - 14:55	• LIFE AT UNIVERSITY Presented by Bangor University
① 15:00 - 15:25	• INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE CAREERS Presented by Falmouth University
① 15:30 - 15:55	STUDYING IN WELSH Presented by Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol
① 16:00 - 16:25	• STUDENT FINANCE Presented by TBC
② 16:30 - 16:55	• WHY CHOOSE AN APPRENTICESHIP? Presented by Pearson College London
① 17:00 - 17:25	PERSONAL STATEMENT Presented by York St John University



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DIVE INTO ACCOUNTANCY



WHY ATTEND?

Attending one of our virtual events will give you the chance to discover more about life at PwC. During this interactive presentation, you'll find out about our apprenticeships, degree programmes and work experience, and you'll hear from our people. You'll pick up lots of information about the work we do and the application process, to help you to decide which of our career options interests you most and how to get there. In this session, we'll focus particularly on the work we do with Accountancy, how we help our clients, and what it takes to pursue a career in this exciting, fast-changing sector.

Once you have signed up we will provide you with the details of how you can login in to this exciting and interactive virtual online session. Want to know what opportunities PwC have for you after you leave school or college?

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 10.00 - 11.30

WHAT WILL THE SESSION INVOLVE?

This interactive session will tell you about our school leaver programme and the opportunities we offer.

Join us in a welcoming environment to discover where a career with PwC could take you – and how far you could go. You could walk away with some great ideas about your future.

WHO IS THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR?

This is suitable for Year 12 & 13 students aiming to achieve high grades at A Level or equivalent in any subjects.

To sign up, email suzie.bell@aheadpartnership.org.uk





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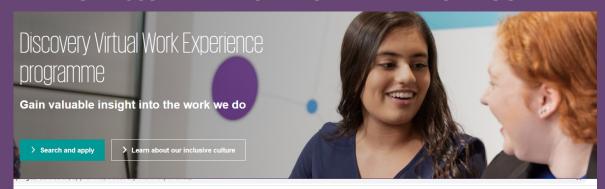


ARMY OFFICER SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME WHAT ARE SCHOLARSHIPS?

If you have your heart set on becoming an officer, but are still at school the good news is that the Army has a scheme to help support you through school and university. The Army Officer Scholarship Scheme (AOSS) which is offered to high quality students who have the potential to make excellent Army officers.

For more details: https://bit.ly/36jn7zf

KPMG - DISCOVERY VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME



Why a Discovery programme at KPMG?

Our Discovery Virtual Work Experience programme has been designed with students like you in mind – bright, curious and enthusiastic. As well as giving you the chance to gain an invaluable overview of the professional services sector, this programme will give you an excellent virtual insight into the work we do, our culture and people and provide you with some interactive learning opportunities to enhance your skills.

Available for students finishing Year 13/S6 in autumn 2021 or those who are simply looking to start an apprenticeship career in autumn 2021, this is the perfect chance to discover if KPMG is the place for you. You'll get the opportunity to virtually interact with other students and participate in workshops to develop some of the key skills you'll need to thrive - meeting colleagues from across the business along the way.

This virtual experience will also give you the chance to get ahead and be fast-tracked through the recruitment process for one of our <u>Apprenticeship programmes</u> upon completion of your Discovery work experience (subject to meeting the required academic requirements), details of which can be found <u>here</u>.

Your future is every bit as important to us as it is to you - that's why our aim is to provide you with meaningful experiences that last a lifetime.

Locations and dates

The programme will take place virtually over 2 days, across the following dates:

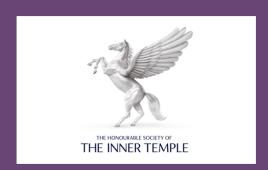
Glasgow: 12th – 15th October 2020
 Birmingham: 26th – 29th October 2020
 London: 26th – 29th October 2020

• Manchester: 26th - 29th October 2020

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO APPLY: https://bit.ly/3kZxCvV



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Schools Discovery Day - Friday 30th October, 1-4.30pm

Are you interested in a career in law and becoming a barrister? Then sign up for our free upcoming online Discovery Day!

The Inner temple are pleased to host another Discovery Day for Schools - taking place online on Friday 30th October 1-4.30pm, and including:

- •Q&A panel discussion on progression to and life at the Bar
- •Interactive workshop looking at a variety of legal exercises to give you an insight into being a barrister

It's a brilliant opportunity to learn from professionals in the industry, and ask the burning questions you have on the realities of being a barrister.

All places for this day are free, and it will be held online via Zoom.

Sign up here: https://innertemple.typeform.com/to/POXLRwmF





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WHAT IS SPRINGPOD?

Springpod is an early careers network for students to explore career paths like apprenticeships & connect with leading employers. Once you have signed up you will have access to a wide range of virtual work experience opportunities, live and interactive careers talk as well as the option to join an employers **Talent Pool.**

To find out more and to register for free: https://app.springpod.co.uk/sign-up-simple





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AIM HIGHER WEST MIDLANDS

Aimhigher West Midlands is a partnership of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), schools, academies and colleges. Check out their 16plus page for information on University Choices & Applications, Student Finance and the Aim Higher Help Hub.

For more details: https://bit.ly/33oEHA9

RESOURCE BANK

Check out the Resource Bank for a wide range of links to free and informative materials including...

Careers, Higher Education Help Hub, BTEC's, subject resources, Virtual Open Days and events.

For more details: https://bit.ly/312dP7t

ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

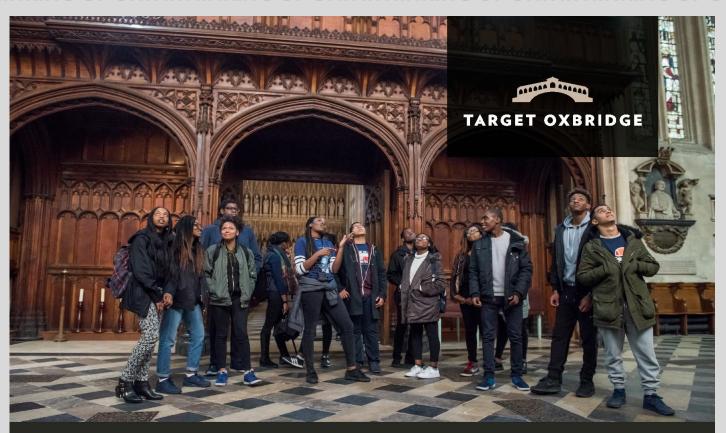
Use the Search for Activities directory to find events due to take place such as open days, webinars, and taster sessions.

There are currently 168 events listed that students at Bishop Challoner can access.

For more information: https://bit.ly/3im56mf



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Application Deadline: Sunday 1st November

Target Oxbridge is a free programme that aims to help black African and Caribbean students and students of mixed race with black African and Caribbean heritage increase their chances of getting into the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge (known collectively as Oxbridge). Since launching in 2012, Target Oxbridge has helped over 200 students to secure Oxbridge offers.

The programme is open to UK-based students in Year 12 (as well as, in certain circumstances Year 13). The students accepted onto the programme will be high attainers – they will ideally have achieved, 5 grades at A*, 9, 8 or 7 at GCSE. In the case of students hoping to study Medicine, they will ideally have achieved 8 grades at A*, 9 or 8 at GCSE.

Applications can be made at: www.targetoxbridge.co.uk/apply The various strands of the programme focus on intellectual, cultural and social development irrespective of personal or economic barriers. These strands include:

- Advice on subject and university choice
- Talking to and hearing from current Black Oxbridge students about their experiences
- One-on-one mentoring from past and current Oxbridge students
- Advice on UCAS applications
- Academic sessions with Oxbridge academics, and interview practice

The programme will be run in accordance with social distancing regulations, using online resources where necessary.













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Thinking about your uni choices?

Discover Uni is here to help you search and find the right courses for you. There's lots to choose from, so it's important you do your research. Use our course search to find and compare information and



data for individual undergraduate courses across the UK.

To begin your search....
https://discoveruni.gov.uk/whatwould-you-do/

Discover Uni Is an official source of information about higher education.

It is owned and operated by the UK higher education funding and regulatory bodies. These are:

The Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland

The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales

The Office for Students in England

The Scottish Funding Council.

It includes official statistics about higher education courses taken from national surveys and data collected from universities and colleges about all their students.



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university + college open days

Opendays.com is a web site providing students with university and college open day information.

The most comprehensive open days web site in the UK.

Easily accessible listings of all university and college open
days throughout the UK.



DETAILS PROVIDED

Open day dates, booking information, travel details, monthly calendars and mini prospectuses for over 300 universities and colleges in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



It is easy to find the information you seek either through a comprehensive search facility or browsing the open day calendar.

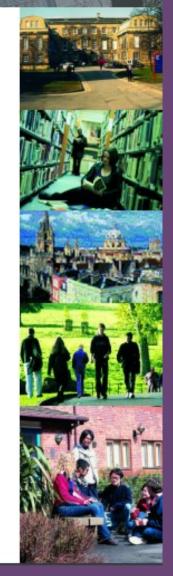


You can also save details of open days/ institutions that interest you and use our 'Online Booking System' to book your place at an open day!



Higher Education opportunities, What To Do At Open Days, UCAS Forms and Gap Years.

Remember our website opendays.com and tell your friends about the service.







LOOKING FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Register with **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SERVICE** to receive regular updates on current opportunities: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship Create an account and you can specify the types of apprenticeships you are interested in.



<u>Unifrog</u> is the complete destinations platform and it is the only place where students can compare every university course, apprenticeship and FE course in the UK as well as university in 30 other countries across the world.



You can also search <u>www.notgoingtouni.co.uk</u> and have access to over 2000 new opportunities including apprenticeships, employment, training and much more.



<u>www.wmjobs.co.uk/</u> updates regularly with apprenticeships and training opportunities with the Midlands area.



www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/find-an-apprenticeship



www.amazingapprenticeships.com/ Apprenticeships explained.



www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/ Links to blogs, vacancies and how to guides



<u>www.careerpilot.org.uk</u> - Careers information and tools for 11 - 19 year olds, all in one place.

Many employers also have a dedicated section on their websites related to recruitment where they post apprenticeships information. These are sometimes posted before they are on the National Apprenticeships site so it's worth looking around.

For more information or general careers advice please email Ms Darby or Ms McGowan.

e.darby@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

e.mcgowan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk