



SIXTH FORM OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

17.12.2020

*WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR
FROM EVERYONE IN THE
SIXTH FORM TEAM*



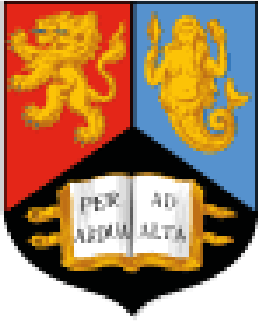
As always just pop in and see
us if you have any questions..
(We're next door to PA3)

*The Sixth Form
Team*



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UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

MASTERCLASSES - JANUARY



UoB's popular Masterclasses programme will be back in January with fun, engaging and interactive insights into what it's like to study at a selective university.

More details here: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/teachers/year-12/masterclasses.aspx>



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Warwick Year 12 Sutton Trust Summer Schools

Warwick is one of 12 UK universities that are part of the Sutton Trust UK Summer Schools programme. Our summer school will take place from Monday 2nd August to Friday 6th August 2021.

We are hoping to deliver the summer school face to face, at the University of Warwick campus. However keeping students and staff safe is of paramount importance to us so we are keeping a close eye on government guidance and the developing situation. If we are unable to deliver the programmes face to face, we will have a blended or digital programme of support through our new platform Sutton Trust Online.

It is a fantastic opportunity for your eligible Year 12 students to gain an insight into studying their chosen subject and life at the University. They will be able to interact with Student Ambassadors who are current students at the University, attend academic sessions, try out fun activities and live away from home for four nights and five days in our halls of residence.

The summer school aims to encourage students to experience a university course that matches their needs and interests; as well as encouraging them to aim for the most competitive courses at the most competitive institutions.

Who is it for?

To be eligible you have to:

- Be attending, and have always attended, a state-funded school or college (non-fee paying) in the UK.
- Be in Year 12

We are also looking for applicants who meet the below criteria. The more of these criteria you meet, the more likely you are to secure a place.

- Have been eligible for free schools meals
- Would be in the first generation of their family to attend university
- Attend a school or college with a below-average A-level or Higher point score and/or a low rate of progression to higher education
- Live in a neighbourhood with a low rate of progression to higher education and/or a high level of socio-economic deprivation .
- Have achieved at least five A or 7 grades at GCSE, or five A or B passes at National 5, and where applicable, taken subjects relevant to the course applied for.

How to apply?

Applications will open on open on **Monday 11th January 2021** and close at midday on **Tuesday 2nd March 2021**.

If you would like to be notified when application start please give us your details via this link:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4808590>



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Innovators Virtual Work Experience

February 2021

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Benefits



This programme is free
for students



Add the experience to
your CV and Personal
Statement



You'll get practical skills
and knowledge



You'll earn a certificate if
you complete the
programme

What's involved



Live workshops with employers

You'll meet professionals in live
workshops and be able to ask
them questions.



Work and assignments

You'll complete activities and work
assignments to develop skills and
knowledge.



Fits your schedule

If you miss a workshop then you
can still catch up by watching
a recording.

Eligibility

To apply for this programme you must attend a school or college in the UK and be in Year 12. Applications will close on February 1st 2021 and all applicants will hear back on the evening of February 5th 2021.

To apply you will need to create a SPRINGPOD profile here: <https://bit.ly/2K74Oo2>



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Apprenticeships

The Government Economic Service
Degree Apprenticeship Programme

Applications are opening soon!



Applications will be opening on **14th December 2020** for the Degree Economist Apprenticeship Programme with the Government Economic Service.

With 70+ vacancies available, this is a brilliant opportunity to work in a central government department or agency on some of the most important social, environmental and economic issues our country faces.

More information will be shared in the coming weeks on how to apply. In the meantime, you can find out more about the programme here: <https://bit.ly/3ls6zJz>

Visit Vacancy Snapshot for more information:
<https://bit.ly/3mxXQqn>



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Year in Industry



*Offering young people the
opportunity to gain
professional development
by working in industry*



Register for YINI

Vacancies

FAQ's

Employers

Information Update: Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

We help place students aged 17+ in Year 13 or S5/S6 (Scottish equivalent) or undergraduate students in top UK companies and organisations every year, including, Rolls-Royce, EDF, Network Rail, Scottish Power and P&G. Typically, the programme lasts between 10-12 months and is a paid placement.

The Year in Industry has vacancies with companies working in technology, science, engineering, business and finance across the UK – from leading FTSE 100 companies to small innovative start-ups. Around a quarter of all our students are sponsored through university each year and many of our 300 partner companies see The Year in Industry as an important part of their graduate recruitment programme.

To register : <https://www.etrust.org.uk/yini-register>

For more details: <https://www.etrust.org.uk/yini-faqs>



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Award Winning Apprenticeship Programme

Schneider Electric UK&I are proud to be awarded silver for the 'Best Apprenticeship or School Leaver Campaign'. Choose from one of our apprenticeship programmes to find the right one for you.

The **FUTURE** is electric, and Schneider Electric is shaping it

in-house RECRUITMENT awards
2018 SILVER WINNER

Do you want to join an award winning Apprenticeship Programme? Obtain a qualification whilst gaining on the job training and earning a salary?

Our apprenticeship programme is designed to give you on the job experience whilst gaining a qualification. We will provide you with opportunities to learn and develop whilst challenging you with real responsibilities, allowing you to shape your future career with Schneider Electric.

Read about our Apprenticeship Scheme

Find out more about our connected technologies that reshape industries, transform cities and enrich lives. Be part of the journey and contribute to solve today's energy challenge.

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Schneider Electric Apprenticeship Scheme
Our connected technologies reshape industries, transform cities and enrich lives. Be part of the journey and contribute to solve today's energy challenge.

To find out more : <https://bit.ly/2VC2kjZ>

To download a brochure: <https://bit.ly/39J2dLB>



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Welcome to the National Apprenticeship Show

You can register now for the event here: <https://nas.vfairs.com/en/>

That will give you the opportunity to download useful information and view online video content. The event 'goes live' on 2 December between 9.30am-4.30pm.

You can also download content relevant to the exhibitors they are interested in, view videos and apply for positions.

Visitors can return to the website for 30 days after the event and will be able to download information, view content during this time.



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Welcome to our On-Demand Virtual Open Day

Watch subject talks, campus tours and other content whenever it suits you. To access the On-Demand Open Day, fill in the form here:

<https://bit.ly/2JaVcZ3>

Chat with current students

Speak with a Unibuddy
ambassador about studying here



Chat with current students and find out more about
studying at Aston University:

<https://bit.ly/39lKmds>



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UniTasterDays

The one-stop source of university events for schools and colleges


- ✓ Search events for school groups, individual students and CPD
- ✓ Including taster days, workshops, masterclasses and open days
- ✓ Delivered by universities throughout England and Wales



UNI TASTER TUESDAYS

Weekly university guidance webinars #UTDIAG

Guest universities - Q&A opportunities - Every Tuesday



UniTasterDays

In collaboration with HELLOA

How can UniTasterDays.com help you?

Students can use our listings to find events open for direct student bookings including online events and on-campus opportunities.

Follow the link below to search for university events targeted for Bishop Challoner:

<https://bit.ly/361pKFv>

AS WELL AS TASTER TUESDAY SESSIONS THERE ARE VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS, REVISION RESOURCES, HAVE-A-GO-SESSIONS, MASTERCLASSES, VIRTUAL CAMPUS EXPERIENCE DAYS AND MUCH MORE....



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UNIVERSITY OF
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Undergraduate virtual experience

If you can't come to visit us right now, there are other ways to connect with us and find out about our courses, campus and students.

To find out more and to take a tour : <https://bit.ly/39wdLSx>

Ask a student

If you have a question about student life, what it's like to study a particular course, or the accommodation options available, you can chat directly to one of our Student Ambassadors.

Chat with our students



Ask us your questions about courses and university life at Bath.

To chat with our students: <https://bit.ly/39AduOw>



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University of Reading

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Other ways to visit the University >

Experience student life from the comfort of your own home

Our webinars, virtual taster sessions and online courses give you the chance to explore studying your chosen subject at university-level from the comfort of your own home.

To find out more information or to sign up visit: <https://bit.ly/2TdoDLP>

ARE YOU READY?



GREAT COURSE OPTIONS

Learn more about the subject you're passionate about from world-class experts.

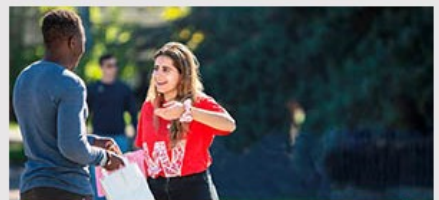
Find your subject



EXPLORE STUDENT LIFE

Experience life on a beautiful, green campus in the heart of a lively town.

See what Reading can offer



CHAT TO OUR STUDENTS

Find out what it's like to study at Reading.

Find out more



AT A GLANCE



94%

of graduates in work or study within six months of graduating³



150+

taught postgraduate courses



Over

£500_m

capital investment in top-class teaching, research and student facilities over the last decade

³ Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE), 2016



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**Apply now for the
Sutton Trust US Programme**



What is it?

The **Sutton Trust US Programme** is designed to support students from state schools across the UK to explore US study and access leading universities. It includes two virtual residentials before all students spend a week in the US staying on campus at a leading US university and visiting a variety of other American universities. Please note that the health and safety of our young people and our staff takes top priority. This may mean we need to adjust our plans, and possibly deliver US weeks in a virtual format. If you are accepted onto the programme we will provide further details regarding US weeks.

An optional second year of the programme supports students to apply to US universities alongside their UCAS options. In the past nine years, we have helped more than 400 British students get places and funding at top US universities.

How much does it cost for students?

The programme is free for students. All costs are covered by the programme – including travel, food, accommodation, admissions test preparation and more.

Who are we looking for?

To be eligible to apply, students must:

- Currently be in Year 12 in England and Wales, S5 in Scotland or Year 13 in Northern Ireland
- Attend, and have always attended, a state-funded school or college i.e. non-fee paying
- Not hold US citizenship
- Be from a low or middle income family (generally, this will mean a household earning £45,000 or less)
- Be interested in US culture and higher education

In addition, we are looking for students who:

- Would be the first generation of their family to attend university
- Have been eligible for Free School Meals
- Attend a school or college with a below-average A Level or Higher point score and/or a low rate of progression into higher education
- Have attended schools with a lower than average progression to higher education, or a higher than average proportion of students who qualify for Free School Meals
- Live in a neighbourhood with a low rate of progression into higher education and/or a high level of socio-economic deprivation
- Have excellent GCSEs or S4 qualifications. This means you have achieved at or close to the following: In England and Northern Ireland: at least eight GCSEs at grade A or 7 or above, or near this level. In Wales: at least eight GCSEs at grade A or above, or near this level. In Scotland: at least six B passes at National 5 or above, or near this level.

The more of these you meet, the more likely you are to get a place on the programme.

When is the deadline for students to apply?

Students must submit their application by **17 January 2021**.

However, we strongly advise they get started earlier, as the application form requires some thinking!

When is the deadline for school references?

Students must nominate someone at their school to fill out a reference alongside their application.

School references are due by **21 January 2021**.

Where can I find out more and apply?

There's lots more information on our website: <https://us.suttontrust.com> and the application form can also be found there.



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HSBC OPPORTUNITIES



Investing in Futures:

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a real sense of confusion and uncertainty for students, with question marks raised over the state of the employment market and future career prospects.

To counter this, the Early Careers team at HSBC have created a series of bite-sized virtual events and material all with the aim of developing your soft skills. This is designed to give confidence on employment prospects, mythbust common recruitment misconceptions and target key employability skills to give you an advantage when looking for a career.

Find Out More

The webinars will all be free to attend, and will be hosted via Zoom. Please register in advance through the following links. Spaces are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

December - 12 Days of Winter Work Skills

Distribution of soft skills material to follow in November

14th January – Who am I?

An exploration of Personal Branding including: what is a Personal Brand, how to discover and build your own and why changing your mentality is key for success.

Register for this webinar:

https://hsbc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uJLUtO6NOc2VYyAD17yoP9Q



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4th February – Do I need a degree to enhance my career?

An exploration of various career routes that are available to students, with an emphasis on what you need to consider when trying to choose the correct one for you.

Register for this webinar:

https://hsbc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D3x-B7VPSLyECYocbLL5Og

11th March – How to stand out?

A session dedicated to applications. This will include a breakdown of CVs in general and also aim to demystify online applications. We will also include application hints & tips from an employer's perspective to give you an insight into what is looked for.

Register for this webinar:

https://hsbc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g5LOlWAYs_-O78W4DoSv1A

22nd April – How to be the best you?

An exploration of the different type of interviews alongside their purposes. This will cover what signs to look for, and also how you can maximise your chances at success. We will also include different tips and tricks from an employer's perspective to give you an insight into what is looked for.

Register for this webinar:

https://hsbc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cbg82vsMSkwt2ztOtAKLUO

More details to follow:

May – Wellbeing

June - Classroom to boardroom, A day in a life?

July – Progression stories....

August – Resilience 'so what now & moving forward'

TO FIND OUT MORE:: <https://www.hsbc.com/earlycareers>



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**PATHWAYS TO
BIRMINGHAM**



Access to Birmingham (A2B)

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.

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/33CT0QI>



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KICK START YOUR JOURNEY

to a Future in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths



Gain Experience, **STAND OUT**

Calling all year 12 students interested in a STEM career,
the FREE In2scienceUK programme offers:

✓ Gain valuable experience
on a free 3 week summer
placement

✓ Access UCAS & careers
workshops

✓ Receive university
admissions support

✓ Acquire STEM skills
with tailored sessions

✓ Shadow a STEM
professional

Apply Now!



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Applications close 09.04.21

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO APPLY: <https://bit.ly/3lfcmbQ>

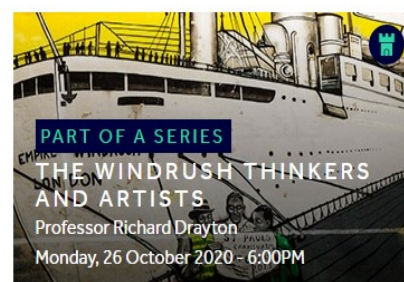
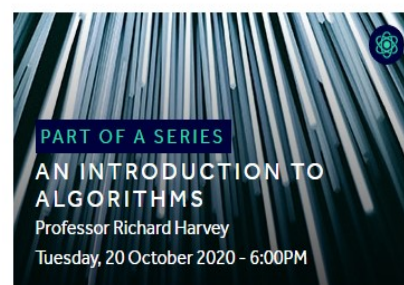
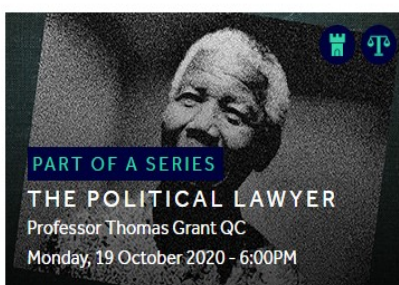


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ATTEND LECTURES



[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) - <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.



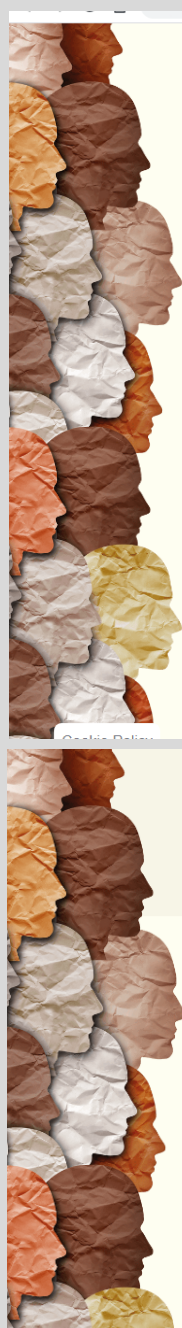
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Columban Competition

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	IMAGE PRIZES
1ST €300/£300	1ST €300/£300
2ND €150/£150 3RD €100/£100	2ND €150/£150 3RD €100/£100

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Winners will be announced in Columban media on **15 March 2021**.

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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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>

Consider your options



Research career pathways >

Research career pathways
Explore our extensive career library packed with useful information



Browse universities & courses >

Browse universities & courses
Find the course that's right for you at top universities across the UK



Explore employers >

Explore employers
Discover your dream employer from our stellar list of companies across every industry

Build connections

Get on the radar of top companies
Stand out by joining relevant employer talent pools



Get on the radar of top companies >

Ask questions to industry ambassadors
Get the inside scoop about roles directly from people who are doing it



Ask questions to industry ambassadors >

Get hired



Create your profile >

Create your profile
Unlock a treasure chest of opportunities with your digital Springpod profile



Find work experience >

Find work experience
Get a head start in your career by finding suitable work experience opportunities.



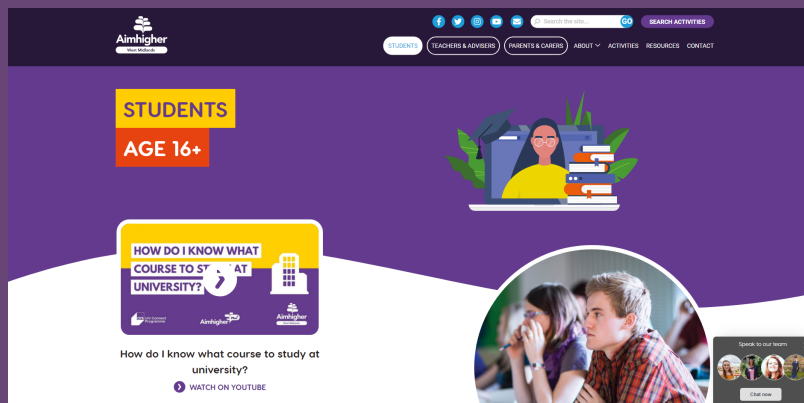
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Discover great alternatives to kickstart your career include leading degree apprenticeship opportunities



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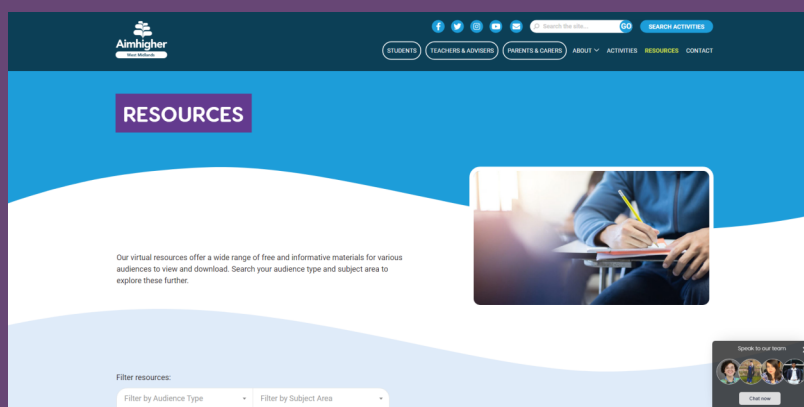
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AIM HIGHER WEST MIDLANDS

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>

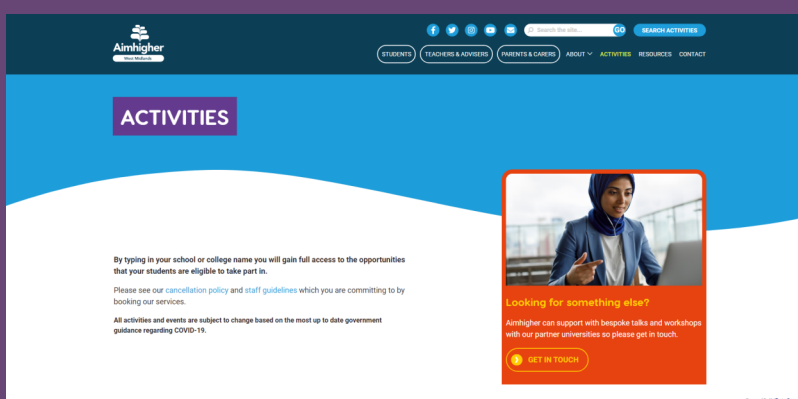


RESOURCE BANK

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.

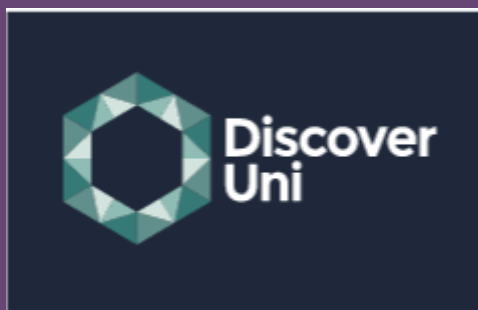
There are currently 150 events listed that students at Bishop Challoner can access.

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



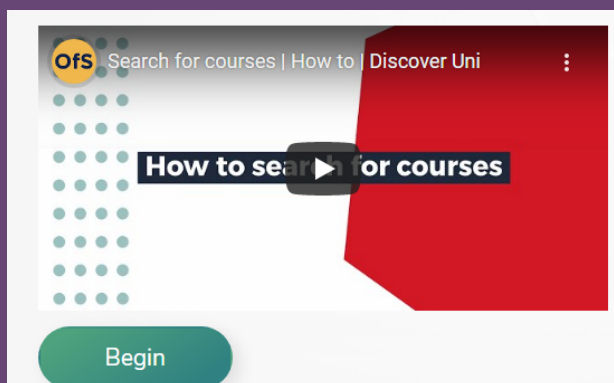
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THINKING OF UNI?..THINKING OF UNI?..THINKING OF UNI?..THINKING OF UNI?



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/what-would-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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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.



Unifrog 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 www.notgoingtouni.co.uk and have access to over 2000 new opportunities including apprenticeships, employment, training and much more.



www.wmjobs.co.uk/ 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



www.careerpilot.org.uk - 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



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ForwardThinking
Birmingham



Need someone to talk to?
Struggling to cope with feelings?
We're here for you.

We are operating a telephone-based service while Pause in Digbeth is closed.

Register for support via our website:

www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause

Or call [0207 841 4470](tel:02078414470) and we will arrange for one of our friendly staff to call you back.

Who can use us?

You can use us if you have a Birmingham GP and are:

- Under 25 years old (If you are under 14 you will need to have a parent / caregiver with you when we call to give consent).
- Or if you are a parent / caregiver looking for support for their child who is under 25 years old.

How can we help?

We can offer:

- Self-help strategies, skills for managing difficult situations and feelings.
- A non-judgemental listening ear.
- Details for other organisations that might also be able to help you.
- Each call lasts around 20-30 minutes which focuses on ways forward.

Our Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday: 10am-6pm, Saturdays: 10am-5pm.

We are closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.



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