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SIGN UP

THERES'S A HUGE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS WEEKS BULLETIN THAT CAN HELP YOU IMPROVE YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT OR CV.

MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP TO <u>AT LEAST</u> 2 EVENTS...... THEY'RE FREE!!

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE WEBINARS AND TASTER SESSIONS FROM: SUTTON TRUST US PROGRAMME, UNIFEST, ASPIRING PROFESSIONALS PROGRAMME, HSBC, GRESHAM COLLEGE ONLINE LECTURES, COLUMBAN COMPETITION, WORCESTER UNIVERSITY, AIM HIGHER WEST MIDLANDS ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES & BBC YOUNG REPORTERS



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

The Sixth Form Team





Virtual Taster Events

We have a number of virtual taster events planned for the remainder of this term, designed to help students find out more about studying a particular subject at university.

Upcoming dates include:

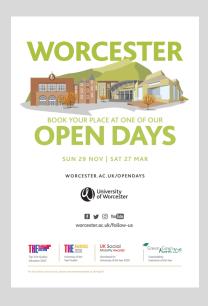
- Nursing Saturday 21 November, 11am-1pm
- History Multiple dates from Tuesday 24 November, 5-5.30pm
- Media & Culture Friday 27 November, 4.15-5pm
- Occupational Therapy Tuesday 1 December, 5.30-7.30pm
- English Literature Wednesday 2 December, 4.30-6pm
- Law Wednesday 2 December, 5-6.30pm
- Geography Tuesday 8 December, 4.30-6.15pm
- Primary Teaching Wednesday 9 December, 4-6pm

Students will have the opportunity to find out more about the course, take part in a taster session and chat to current students. To book onto a taster event directly please use our <u>online booking form</u>: https://bit.ly/2ITCo0y

OPEN DAY

University of Worcester Open Day Sunday 29th November

Our online Open Day is a great opportunity for your students to hear from our lecturers, admissions staff and student support team. We have a host of activities planned to help potential students learn more about what life is like studying at Worcester. They'll be able to watch live course-related talks, join live question and answer sessions and chat to current students.





PwC's Virtual Classroom

We're really excited to bring you the latest instalment of PwC's Virtual Classroom - a virtual programme open to students between Years 10 and 13*. The programme combines both live and pre-recorded content.

At PwC, we know that when people from diverse backgrounds and with different points of view work together, we create the most value – for our clients, our people and the communities we work within. To solve important problems we need to be inclusive of our diverse talent and encourage our people to use their creativity, authenticity and human differences to be the champions of change.

This month our Virtual Classroom sessions will focus on racial equality, social mobility and gender equality. You'll also have the chance to engage with a range of PwC ambassadors through the interactive live sessions, whilst having the flexibility to watch and listen to the recorded sessions at a time best suited to you each week. We recognise that you'll continue to have school or college commitments during the four-week period so we've made the virtual programme as flexible as possible.

You'll see below the times and dates for each of the live sessions - you'll need to register for each one that you're interested in attending in advance - the link for each session will be sent to you with the confirmation once you've registered for each event. All live sessions will start at 4.30pm and will last for approximately 50 minutes.

Each week we'll also add new content to this page that you can watch in your own time between sessions - you'll have access to these sessions until Monday 7 December.

We'll also be running a session specifically for parents, carers and teachers.

*(Years 11 to 14 in Northern Ireland and S3 to S6 in Scotland)





Live sessions



Pre-recorded content



Helpful links and further reading

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Thursday 26 November The importance of social mobility TO REGISTER: https://pwc.to/3lld4sG

Thursday 3 December The importance of gender equality REGISTER: https://pwc.to/2HeXYfe

Thursday 3 December Parents and Influencers Event: The importance of diversity REGISTER: https://pwc.to/2H8v2p0



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Apply now for the Sutton Trust US Programme



What is it?

The <u>Sutton Trust US Programme</u> 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.

For interested applicants, parents, and teachers we are holding an informational webinar on **Wednesday, 19 November** at 4:00pm. If you would like to attend you can register here: https://bit.ly/3mZs700
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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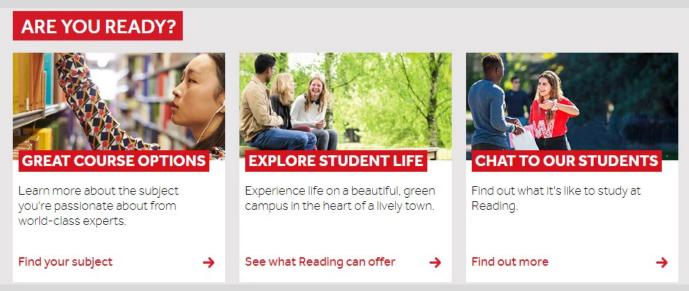




Experience student life from the comfort of your own home

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







BBG ... YOUNG REPORTER

BBC YOUNG REPORTER'S WEBINARS TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Creating A Sociable Gaming Environment with Claire Lim

10:00 - 10:45am

BBC's 'The Social' presenter and Twitch Partner, Claire Lim, shares her ideas about creating a sociable gaming environment and how publishers can create unique, interactive environments for gamers that not only connect but also entertain.

TO BOOK THIS SESSION EMAIL: youngreporter@bbc.co.uk

Lunchtime chat: working in the gaming industry 12:15 - 13:00pm

If you want to know more about the range of jobs and how to get into the industry, this session is for you. The panel will be answering your questions and share their insider knowledge. We'll have guests coming from a variety of backgrounds and doing very different roles, taking your questions.

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Video games creation with Aardman Animations 14:00 - 14:45pm

From pre-production to release, join Neil Pymer from Aardman Animations as he talks about the different stages of games creation. Plus he shows you how you can get started and create your own games at home.

Aardman Animations is the home of Wallace and Gromit and creators of various games including BBC iReporter and Dr Who Don't Blink.

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BBC YOUNG REPORTER CAREER TALKS

We've had lots of requests for career talks with BBC staff so we've organised two Zoom webinars, each with different BBC colleagues, that we hope you can join .

MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 10.15 - 11.00am - To book email: youngreporter@bbc.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 14.00 - 14.45am - To book email: youngreporter@bbc.co.uk



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You want a career with opportunities?

We have a world of them

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_uJLUtO6NOc2VYaD17voP9O



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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-B7VPSLvECYocbLL5Og

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_g5LQlWAvS_-Q78W4DoSv1A

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_cbg82vsMSkWt2ztQtAKLUQ

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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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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2021 ASPIRING PROFESSIONALS PROGRAMME

Run by the Social Mobility Foundation, the Aspiring Professionals Programme supports ambitious, high achieving young people from low-income backgrounds to access top universities and professional careers. The programme is **free of charge** and features **university application support** including free visits (when possible), **mentoring and internships** with leading companies, and professional development and **skills workshops**.

Providing support in **11 professional sectors**, including Accountancy, Architecture, Banking and Finance, Biology and Chemistry, Business, Digital, Engineering and Physics, Law, Media and Communications, Medicine and Politics, students can apply to join the programmes in Year 12 (England and Wales).

The deadline for applications is 16th December 2020. For more information and to apply: https://bit.ly/2U8Z0fp

Parents and carers can register for the event here:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/unifest-parents-carers



Aspiring Professionals Programme







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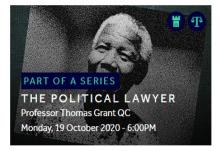


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ATTEND LECTURES













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

1ST €300/£300

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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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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



OPTIONS: SCHOLARSHIPS

The Army Officer Scholarship Scheme offers financial support to future Army Officers studying for A-Levels, Scottish Highers or equivalent qualifications.

You should be between 16 and 18 years of age

WHAT ARE SCHOLARSHIPS?

WHO CAN APPLY?

ARMY RECRUITING PROCESS

ARMY SCHOLARSHIPS

HOW TO APPLY?

WHAT'S ARMY TRAINING LIKE?



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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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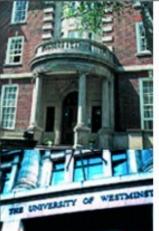
opendays.com

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.

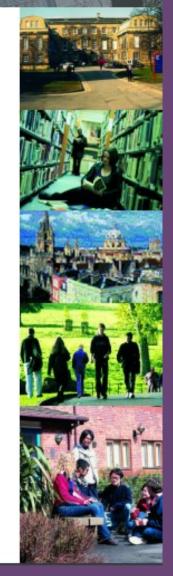


You can also save details of open days/ institutions that interest you and use our 'Online Booking System' to book your place at an open day!



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.







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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.



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





Forward Thinking 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 <u>0207 841 4470</u> 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.



