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#### THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS ALL ABOUT YOUR NEXT STEPS...

#### YEAR 12 - THE FOCUS FOR YOU IS ON GAINING NEW SKILLS.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE WORK EXPERIENCE INFORMATION ON **PAGES 2 -5** AND START THINKING ABOUT WHERE YOU FEEL YOUR SKILLS NEED IMPROVING.

#### YEAR 13 - NOT GOING TO UNI? WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER?

THERE ARE LOTS OF GREAT LINKS AND INFORMATION ON APPRENTICESHIPS
FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON **PAGES 6 - 12.** TAKE SOME TIME TO RESEARCH POSSIBLE
CAREERS AND START REGISTERING FOR UPDATES.

### IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THE OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS WEEKS BULLETIN JUST GET IN TOUCH WITH US:

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### VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Speakers for Schools is proud to announce the launch of the Speakers for Schools Virtual Work Experience (VWEX) programme. To address the need for high quality work experience, in communities which often have a disconnect between the aspirations of young people, and the presence of outstanding employers.

#### For more information:

https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/vwex/

### **Start Your Journey**



#### **REGISTER AS A YOUNG PERSON**

https://www.s4snextgen.org/students/Take-Part



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Find the perfect virtual work experience programme for you.















FOR MORE DETAILS ON ALL THE WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

AVAILABLE THROUGH SPRINGPOD VISIT:

https://bit.ly/3nmtmY7



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#### Nuffield Research Placements

Nuffield Research Placements are engaging, real-life research projects, where year 12, or equivalent, students have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution towards the work of a host organisation.

They are a fantastic opportunity for students to apply skills and knowledge learned at school and work alongside researchers and industry professionals to:

- Develop subject understanding alongside research and quantitative skills to expand career prospects
- · Learn more about higher education and different career paths
- · Enhance UCAS personal statements and applications to university
- · Apply for a Gold CREST Award or the Big Bang Competition

Nuffield Research Placements are funded by the Nuffield Foundation.





#### Applications are now open for 2021

Students can find our more and start the application process below. Please check your eligibility using the eligibility tool to begin your application.

If you are an employer interested in hosting a placement, find out more below or apply here.

#### **Stats**

**960** students successfully placed in 2019

175 organisations offered to host a placement in 2019

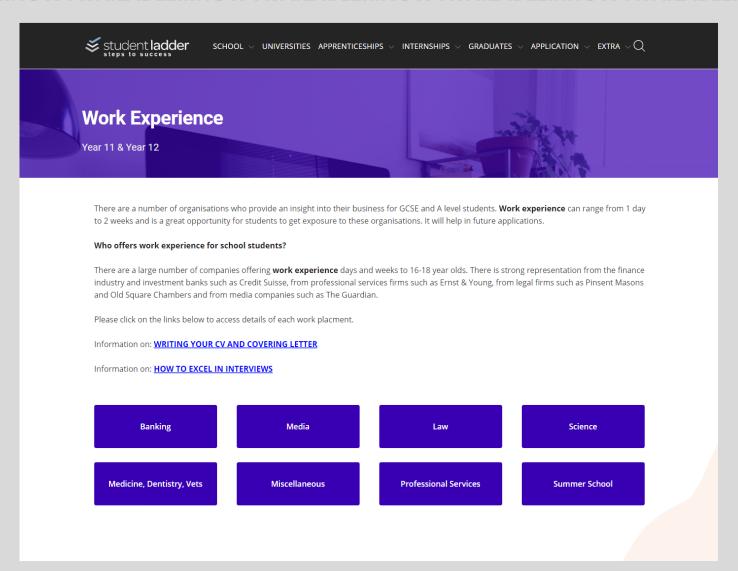
100% of students are from low-income backgrounds or are first in their family to attend university

#### **FOR MORE DETAILS:**

https://www.stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements



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For more details and how to apply:

https://www.studentladder.co.uk/work-experience/



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

- That will give you the opportunity to chat with exhibitors by voice or text chat as well as download useful information and view online video content. The event 'goes live' on 10 February between 11.00am and 6.00pm.
- We recommend that you do your research on exhibitors in advance and that you are prepared with any questions you might have.
- Please also take a look through our Workshop Schedule, these sessions are pre-recorded with live Q&A sessions following the recorded sessions.
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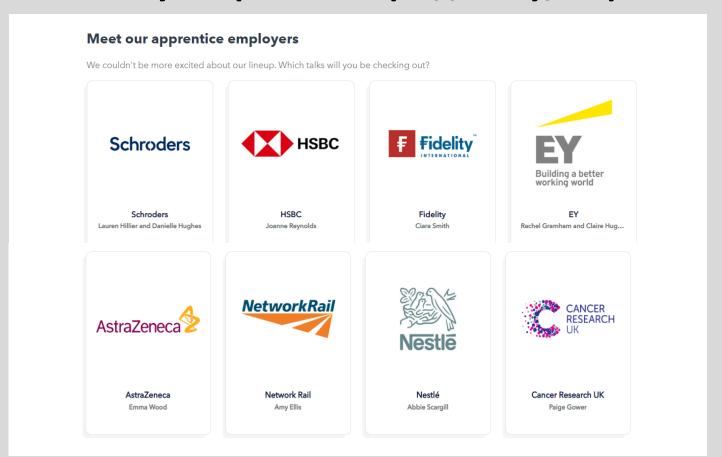
Lockdown Virtual Careers Fair With the UK's Top Employers!



The current situation we find ourselves in shouldn't stop students' early careers learning! Usually they'd have face-to-face resources such as Careers Fairs and Work Experience Programmes to help them work towards their future.

That's why Springpod is holding a Virtual Careers Fair, taking place on the 27th of January, which allows students to learn from companies such as HSBC, Network Rail, EY and Cancer Research UK.

### To book your place - https://bit.ly/2Lqb9vZ



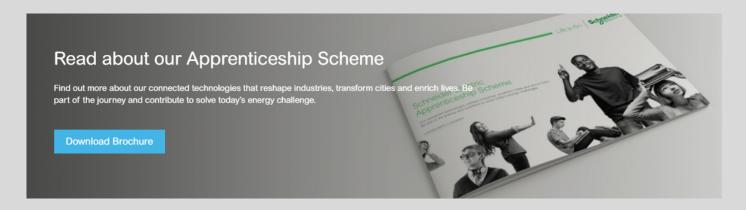


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Do you want to join an award winning Apprenticeship Programme? Obtain a qualification whilst gaining on the job training and earning a salary?

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.



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

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



### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

National Apprenticeship Week is soon around the corner and we are kicking the week off with our really exciting apprentice talk sessions.

From 10am - 12pm we will be hearing from 8 different apprentices from; IBM, EY, PwC, M&S, bp, CIMA, CGI & Vodafone. Each apprentice will give a short 10-minute snapshot on what they do and their career journey to date in a really inspiring and engaging way!

#### **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK:**

- Monday 8th February, 10am 12pm
- 8 Different Apprentice highlight journeys
- Open to all year groups in Y10, Y11, Y12 & Y13
- Opportunity to ask questions and find out about other young people's career journeys
- Learn about different types of apprenticeships, some myth busting and a few prizes along the way!

#### **REGISTRATION LINK:**

https://www.research.net/r/NAW2021

#### **The Young Professionals App**

Everything you need to find an apprenticeship or work experience scheme, all in one place.





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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



#### LOOKING FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Register with **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SERVICE** to receive regular updates on current opportunities: <a href="www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship">www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a> 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.



<u>www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/</u> 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.

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# SIXTH FORM OPPORTUNITIES



Join the Learn Live Channel for an RAF Live broadcast

Wednesday 3 February @18:00 - 21:00



The RAF works at the cutting edge of technology every single day, some of which is the most advanced in the single day, some do is vital. It demands the highest World. The work we do is vital. single day, some of which is the most advanced in the World. The work we do is vital, it demands The DAE is standards and brings the greatest remarks. World. The work we do is vital, it demands the highest standards and brings the greatest rewards. The RAF is standards and brings the greatest rewards. The RAF is standards and brings the greatest rewards. The RAF is standards and brings the greatest world around the World countries! We are a force for good around the World countries! currently engaged in 15 missions on 4 continents, in 2 courtently engaged in 15 missions on 4 continents, in 2 countries! We are a force for good around the World.

Interested in a role in the RAF but unsure of what to go Interested in a role in the RAF but unsure of what to go for?? Did you know that we have 55+ different roles to shape from within a province to the state of the tor?? Did you know that we have 55+ different roles to the choose from within 8 specialisations? Why not tune into the choose from bind out more? learnlive channel to find out more?

This live streamed event will broadcast to thousands of Inis live streamed event will proadcast to thousands of people across the UK. There will be videos detailing the different roles and also generic information videos on life. people across the UK. There will be videos detailing the detailing the description videos on life different roles and also generic information videos on life within the RAF.

Our interactive event features a Q&A session with RAF Our interactive event reatures a Q&A session with Ricareers personnel and different trade ambassadors. careers personnel and different trade ambassadors.

Questions on key topics submitted from the studio Questions on key topics submitted from the studio and virtual audience were addressed by our panel and broadcast in real-time and villual addition we broadcast in real-time.

The broadcast is free for all schools and colleges to watch.

The link to register for this event is

https://learnliveuk.com/partner/raf-careers/ Don't forget to use the LIVE CHAT facility next to the video

Don't forget to use the LIVE CHAT facility next to the video have about the RAF. The player to ask any questions you have about the available 24/7. player to ask any questions accessible and available 24/7. chat facility is safe, moderated, accessible and available 24/7.

See the Student Tutorial Video: https://vimeo.com/426183878

For general information about RAF careers visit RAF Recruitment scan our QR code or alternatively scan our QR code or alternatively download the RAF Recruitment App on your smartphone or tablet.



General - What does the RAF do

Challenges Benefits Fitness Apprenticeships Sponsorship How to join. Engineering & Technical Air Operations

Personnel orce Protection Intelligence Medical & Medical Support

Competitive pay and pension Training and lifelong learning Six weeks' paid leave and public holidays Free medical and dental care Gain civilian recognised qualifications Guaranteed job after training Subsidised food and Free gym and sports facilities Adventurous training opportunities Excellent starting salary and career progression



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# UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

### **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**



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

Please email Mrs Newton if you would like to book onto a masterclass - b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk



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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/#

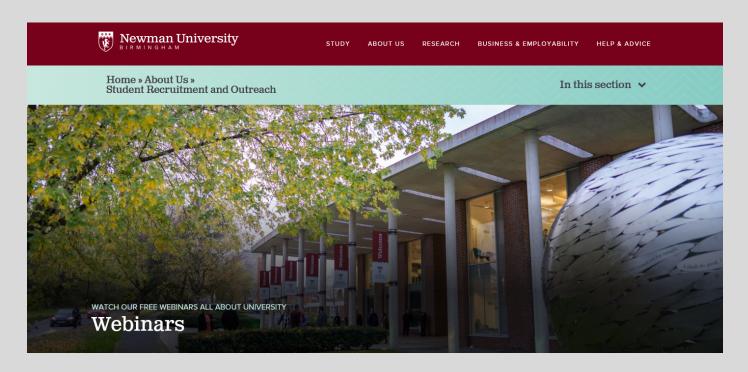
The College's 130 annual lectures and events are free and open to all. The College has been recording its lectures since the 1980s and we live stream all lectures for those unable to attend in person. There are now over 2,000 lectures freely available online on this website and on <a href="YouTube">YouTube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

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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Newman University's Student Recruitment team are hosting a series of webinars covering numerous topics relating to the university application process. Topics such as how to choose your course and university, writing a Personal Statement, how to complete a UCAS application and Student Finance will be covered during the series. During each live webinar you will have opportunity to interact with the team and ask questions during the session. After registering you will receive logon details for the session, with a reminder email shortly before the session is due to commence. Our webinars are for students and their families interested in studying at Newman or finding out more about the world of Higher Education. Each session will commence promptly at the start time listed.

To find out more or to register to attend:

https://www.newman.ac.uk/about-us/student-recruitment-and-outreach/webinars/



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Bookings are now on h for the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences
2021

our FREE virtual Student Conference, organised by the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge, from 15 - 26 March 2021.

Our conference is available to students from all UK schools and colleges currently in **Year 12 or equivalent**, studying for A Levels or comparable qualifications. The conference includes:

- Up-to-date information on applying to Oxford and Cambridge (including Student Experience)
- Live Q&A sessions with course academics and current undergraduate students
- Opportunity to hear about sports and societies at both Universities
- Sessions from our current undergraduate students about applying, settling in to life at both Universities and their course of study
- Support staff will be available for a live Q&A session, including Careers,
   Student Funding and the Disability team
- · Information for teachers and HE advisors

A full timetable of talks and sessions will be available nearer the time.



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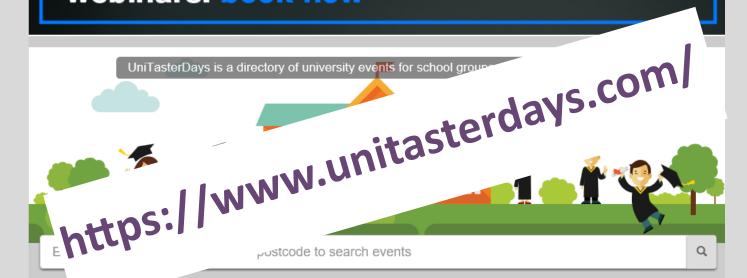
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Taster Tuesday Webinars

### **New live and on-demand** webinars: book now





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#### **Featured Webinars:**

### UniTaster **On Demand**

Subject Special: **Physics** 



#### **Physics**

An introduction to studying Physics at University. Including courses, careers and application tips. Featuring the University of Surrey.

#### **UniTaster** On Demand

Subject Special: Games, Animation & VFX



#### Games, Animation & VFX

An introduction to university courses and careers in Visual Effects, Computer Games and Animation. Featuring the University of Bradford and London's Escape Studios.



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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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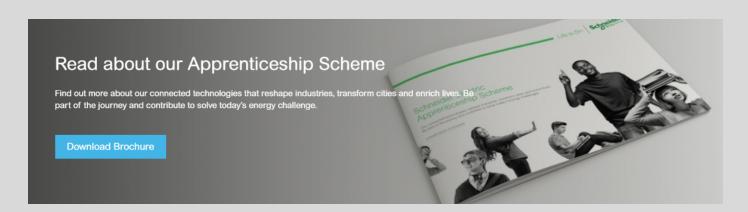


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To download a brochure: https://bit.ly/39J2dLB



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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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### 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 <a href="mailto:a2b@contacts.bham.ac.uk">a2b@contacts.bham.ac.uk</a> 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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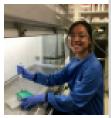
### KICK START YOUR JOURNEY

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: √ Shadow a STEM professional √ Receive university admissions support

√ Gain valuable experience on a free 3 week summer placement

√ Acquire STEM skills

√ Access UCAS & careers workshops

with tailored sessions

Apply Now!



www.in2scienceuk.org Applications close 09.04.21

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



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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

20D €150/£150 | 3RD €100/£100

#### **IMAGE PRIZES**

1ST €300/£300

2∩D €150/£150 | 3RD €100/£100



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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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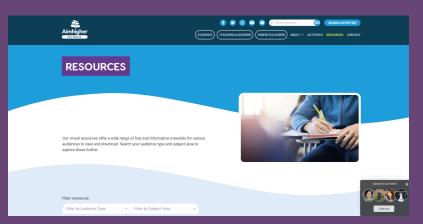
#### **UPDATED WEBSITE..UPDATED WEBSITE..UPDATED WEBSITE**



#### **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

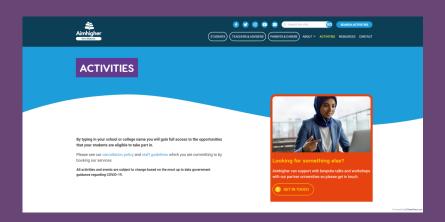


#### **RESOURCE BANK**

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



#### 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/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.





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.



