



SIXTH FORM OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

23.10.2020

HOORAY..IT'S HALF-TERM !



This weeks bulletin has a few new events as well as some reminders. Please make sure you register for any that you are interested in asap. Check closing dates so you don't miss out.

Year 13 students - Your Personal Statement should now be completed and on UNIFROG.

If you have any questions please email
Ms McGowan or Ms Darby.



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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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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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.

12th November - HSBC and You

Uncovering the culture, benefits, mission and breadth of opportunities available at HSBC.

Register for this webinar:

https://hsbc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZcvTHyc3SJKKJOM1TZ39-g



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HSBC OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED....

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_wJLUtO6NQc2VYaD17yoP9Q

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-B7VPSLyECYochlL5Og

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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Here at Aston we have an exciting Employer Engagement online event on the 12th November, 5 – 6pm, which your year 12 & 13 students may be interested in.

Working with a colleague from ARUP, our Insight into Highways Engineering event will give students a fascinating opportunity to learn more about this Civil Engineering pathway. As part of this 1 hour webinar, your students will get the opportunity to learn more about Aston's Engineering courses, hear from a Highways Engineer from ARUP and have time to ask any questions they may have.

For more information and to book on, please visit:

<https://www.aston.ac.uk/sro>.

If you would like to know more or have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Student Recruitment and Outreach activities for post-16 students



Check out a range of other online activities for post 16 students here:

<https://www.aston.ac.uk/sro/post16>

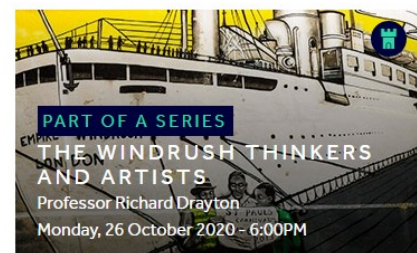
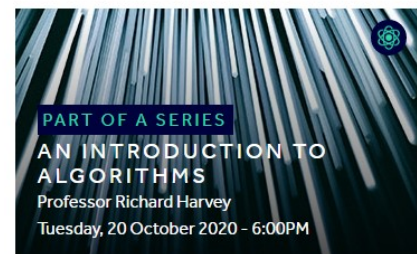
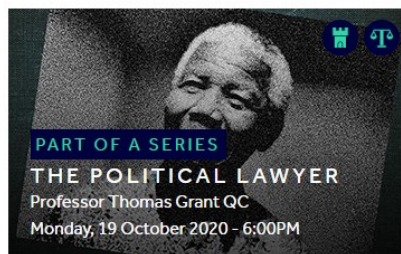


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ATTEND LECTURES



[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.



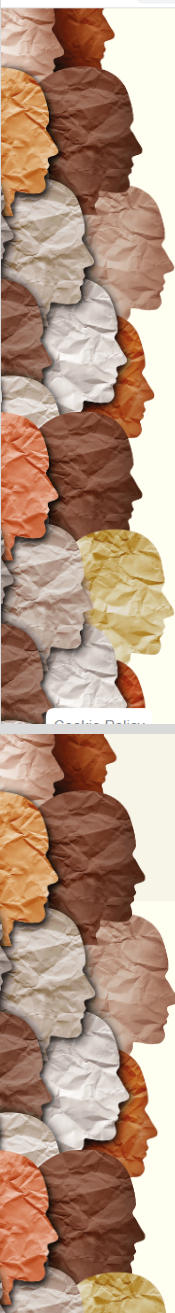
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Columban Competition

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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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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PATHWAYS TO BIRMINGHAM



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>

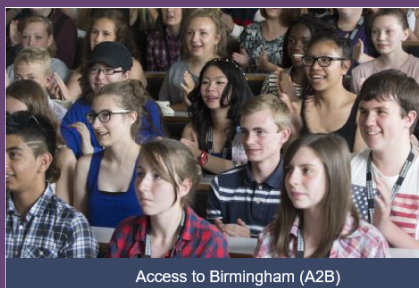
Routes to the Professions



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>



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.

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/33CT0QI>



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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?

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

Discovery Virtual Work Experience programme

Gain valuable insight into the work we do

> Search and apply

> Learn about our inclusive culture



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 [Apprenticeship programmes](#) upon completion of your Discovery work experience (subject to meeting the required academic requirements), details of which can be found [here](#).

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

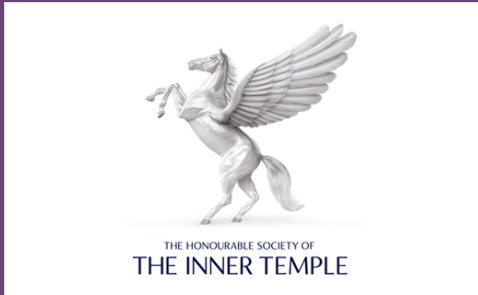
FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO APPLY:

<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

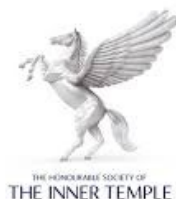
It's a brilliant opportunity to learn from professionals in the industry, and ask the burning questions you have on the realities of being a barrister.

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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SPRINGPOD®

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** > Explore our extensive career library packed with useful information
- Browse universities & courses** > Find the course that's right for you at top universities across the UK
- 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
- Ask questions to industry ambassadors**
Get the inside scoop about roles directly from people who are doing it

Get hired

- Create your profile** > Unlock a treasure chest of opportunities with your digital Springpod profile
- Find work experience** > Get a head start in your career by finding suitable work experience opportunities.
- Find apprenticeships** > Discover great alternatives to kickstart your career include leading degree apprenticeship opportunities



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The screenshot shows the Aimhigher West Midlands website interface. At the top left is the Aimhigher logo with 'West Midlands' underneath. A navigation menu includes 'About Us', 'Students', 'Teachers & Advisers', 'Parents & Carers', 'Aimhigher Plus', 'Research & Impact', 'Resources', and 'Activities'. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Aged 16 plus:** A green header with a circular graphic. Below it, text explains that for a 6th form or college student, this is a critical point in their educational and career journey. It lists resources for 'UNIVERSITY CHOICES AND APPLICATIONS', 'STUDENT FINANCE', and 'HELP HUB'. A paragraph states: 'Aimhigher are here to help. We work with schools and colleges in the region to give young people like you support with your studies, advice and guidance on the UCAS process, opportunities to experience university life, a key understanding of student finance and how to make a successful transition to higher education.'
- Resource Bank:** A yellow header with a circular graphic. Below it, text says: 'Our virtual resource bank holds a wide range of free and informative materials for various audiences to view and download. Find your user group below to explore these further.' It features five circular icons for 'Primary School Learners', 'KS3 & KS4 Learners', 'Post 16 Learners', 'Teachers, Careers Advisers & Parents', and 'Network Partners'. The 'Post 16 Learners' icon is highlighted.
- Post 16 Learners:** A green header. Below it, a grid of 12 resource icons is displayed, including 'A Level Practical Science Resources', 'Careers of the Future - West Midlands', 'From BTEC to University of Birmingham', 'Higher Education Pathways for BTEC Students', 'Higher Education Help Hub', 'Journey to Higher Education Video', 'Mature Students' Guide', 'Pearl - Part-time Education For Adults Returning To Learn', 'Residential Summer Schools', 'Student Finance', 'What Course Should I Study?', 'Search for Activities', 'Ultimate Guide to University Admission Interviews', and 'University Insiders YouTube Channel'.
- Search for Activities:** A pink header with a circular graphic. Below it, text says: 'CLICK HERE FOR OUR ONLINE STUDENT FEST EVENT'. A sub-heading asks: 'Looking for something else? Email your enquiries to aimhigher@contacts.bham.ac.uk or enter your school /college name below to search for activities.' At the bottom, there is a search form with a dropdown menu for 'School: Bishop Challoner Catholic College' and dropdowns for 'Type' and 'Subject'.

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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TARGET OXBRIDGE

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.

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

Applications can be made at:
www.targetoxbridge.co.uk/apply

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

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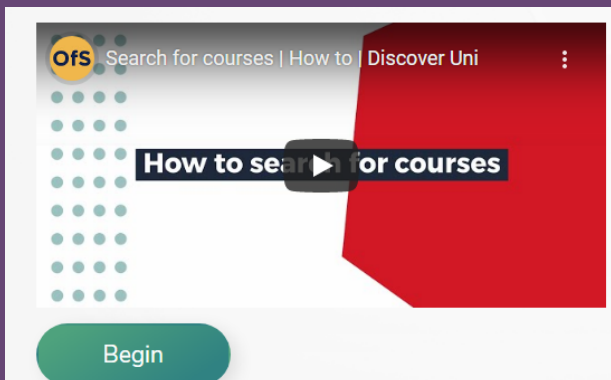
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Thinking about your uni choices?

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/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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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.

EASY TO USE

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

ONLINE BOOKING

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!

ADVICE SECTION

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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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.

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e.mcgowan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk