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Due to the current COVID restrictions in place most universities, employers and training providers are running their open days and taster courses as virtual events. You'll find a wide range of events in this weeks bulletin.

### Don't miss out....sign up TODAY!!



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



Undergraduate Open Days give you the perfect opportunity to hear first-hand from our current students and teaching staff about living and learning in Birmingham.

Join us on either

Saturday 28 November or Saturday 5 December

Register here: https://bit.ly/39iiHdx



EXPLORE OUR CAMPUS ONLINE https://bit.ly/3IZuvoy



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#### 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 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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#### 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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### **Virtual Open Days**

As well as their monthly Virtual Open Days, they also have a Virtual Campus Tour Experience, a Live Chat service and members of staff and current students are ready to answer your queries on their forum in The Student Room.

**About Coventry University: https://bit.ly/3m54m7H** 

Virtual Experience: https://bit.ly/3fBW84D

Virtual Open Day - 5th December 2020: https://bit.ly/2UXRx3p

Live Chat service: https://sforce.co/3m8F8Fy

Student Room: https://bit.ly/3fwebJs



#### NEW THIS WEEK...NEW THIS WEEK...NEW THIS WEEK...NEW THIS WEEK...NEW



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



### How can UniTasterDays.com help you?

Students can use our listings to <u>find events</u> 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 <u>TASTER TUESDAY SESSIONS</u> THERE ARE VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS, REVISION RESOURCES, HAVE-A-GO-SESSIONS, MASTERCLASSES, VIRTUAL CAMPUS EXPERIENCE DAYS AND MUCH MORE....



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#### **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:

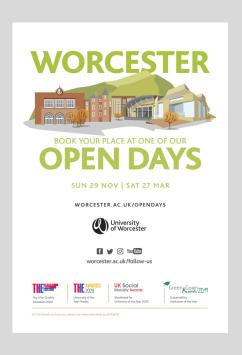
- Occupational Therapy Tuesday 1 December, 5.30-7.30pm
- English Literature Wednesday 2 December, 4.30-6pm
- Law Wednesday 2 December, 5-6.30pm
- Geography Tuesday 8 December, 4.30-6.15pm
- Primary Teaching Wednesday 9 December, 4-6pm

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.





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# UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

### **MASTERCLASSES**



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 and how to sign up will be posted in the January Bulletin.



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



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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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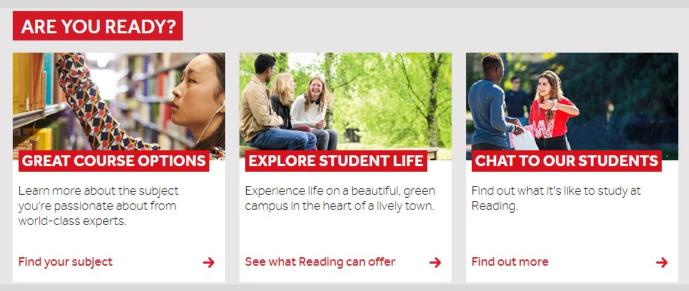




#### Experience student life from the comfort of your own home

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







### BBC .... YOUNG REPORTER

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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





### CLOSING DATE COMING SOON...CLOSING DATE COMING SOON...CLOSING DATE HSBC OPPORTUNITIES



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 <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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#### 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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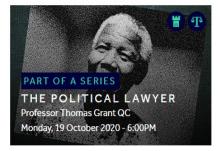


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#### ATTEND LECTURES













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/



#### SOMETHING DIFFERENT...SOMETHING DIFFERENT...SOMETHING DIFFERENT...



#### 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



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

### 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.

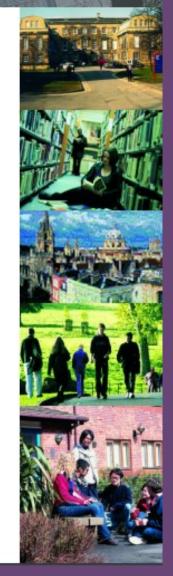


You can also save details of open days/ institutions that interest you and use our 'Online Booking System' to book your place at an open day!



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: <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.



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





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 <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.



