



# SIXTH FORM OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

9.10.2020

## THINKING ABOUT UNI?

This weeks bulletin includes some new resources to help you when considering what University and which course to choose. They can help with any queries you may have about courses, student finance, degree apprenticeships and much more...



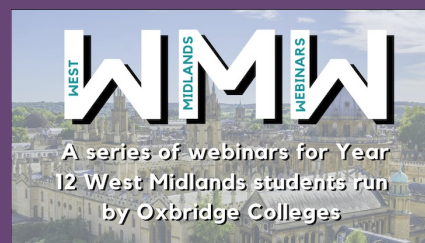
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As always just pop in and see us if you  
have any questions..  
(We're next door to PA3)

*The Sixth Form Team*



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



Here at Keble College we are excited to announce the launch of West Midlands Webinars, a new series of online sessions run by Cambridge and Oxford Colleges for Year 12 students at state schools or sixth form colleges in the West Midlands.

The webinars are suited for anyone who hopes to apply to competitive universities: if you're a high-achieving student (aiming to get above AAA at A Level), intellectually curious and ambitious, these webinars will be a great start for your university journey.

To attend these sessions, you will need to complete the application form .

Please note, if you would like to attend Webinar 1, you will need to complete the form via this link by Monday 19th October: <https://bit.ly/3dfgUFW>

If you are offered a place on the programme, you will be emailed ahead of each session with further information and a registration link. These webinars will take place after school (all final times/dates will be confirmed once you have been offered a place). You are not obliged to attend all sessions.

### Programme

**Webinar 1: Introduction to Oxford and Cambridge:** Newnham and Oriel Colleges  
21 October 2020, 5-6pm

**Webinar 2: Applying to Oxford or Cambridge:** Sidney Sussex and Keble Colleges  
5 November 2020, 5-6pm

**Webinar 3: Study Skills and Supercurriculars:** Girton and St John's Colleges  
30 November 2020, 5-6pm

**Webinar 4: Q&A with current Oxford and Cambridge students**  
2 December 2020, 5-6pm

### Selection

To apply for this programme, you must be attending a state school or sixth form college in the West Midlands. We would like to support as many students as possible through the programme. However, if it is oversubscribed, we will prioritise students who match one or more of the following criteria:

- Have lived, or are currently living, in local authority care
- Are eligible, or have been eligible within the past six years, for free school meals
- Are a refugee
- Have caring responsibilities for a family member
- Live in neighbourhoods with low overall progression rates to higher education
- Have no parental history of higher education
- Have a disability

### What is a webinar?

These sessions will be run using Zoom webinar software. When you register to attend a webinar-style session, you will then be sent a Zoom link which will allow you to join the event. Your camera/microphone will not be enabled, and you will only be able to communicate with the hosts/panellists running the session by typing out questions or comments.

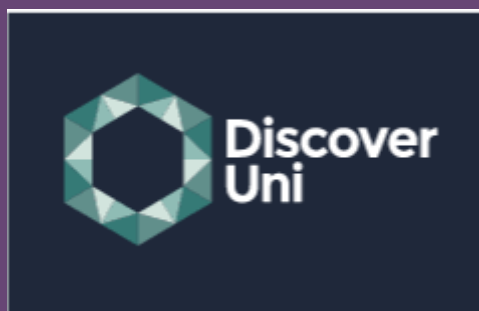
### Any questions?

Please direct any queries to [slo@newn.cam.ac.uk](mailto:slo@newn.cam.ac.uk) or [outreach@oriel.ox.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@oriel.ox.ac.uk).



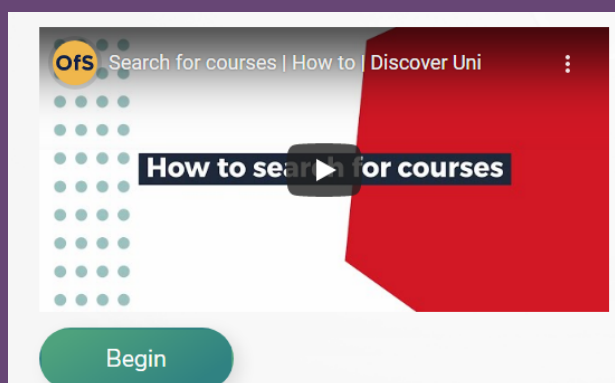
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## Thinking about your uni choices?

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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## 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 >

Research career pathways

Explore our extensive career library packed with useful information



Browse universities & courses >

Browse universities & courses

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



Explore employers >

Explore employers

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

#### Build connections

Get on the radar of top companies

Stand out by joining relevant employer talent pools



Get on the radar of top companies >

Ask questions to industry ambassadors

Get the inside scoop about roles directly from people who are doing it



Ask questions to industry ambassadors >

#### Get hired



Create your profile >

Create your profile

Unlock a treasure chest of opportunities with your digital Springpod profile



Find work experience >

Find work experience

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



Find apprenticeships >

Find apprenticeships

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





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**Aimhigher** West Midlands

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## Aged 16 plus

Home > Students > Aged 16 plus

As a 6<sup>th</sup> form or college student you are at a critical point in your educational and career journey, juggling a demanding programme of study as you plan for a more independent future. There is a lot to do in a short period of time – working hard to do as well as possible in your qualifications, researching and evaluating your options as you decide your next step, and gaining experiences to help you develop a winning UCAS or job application.

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.

UNIVERSITY CHOICES AND APPLICATIONS  
STUDENT FINANCE  
HELP HUB

## 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>

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## Resource Bank

Home > Resource Bank

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.

Primary School Learners KS3 & KS4 Learners Post 16 Learners Teachers, Careers Advisers & Parents Network Partners

Post 16 Learners

## 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.

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## Post 16 Learners

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 University Insiders YouTube Channel

## 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.

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## Search for Activities

Home > Search for Activities

**CLICK HERE FOR OUR ONLINE STUDENT FEST EVENT**

Looking for something else? Email your enquiries to [aimhigher@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:aimhigher@contacts.bham.ac.uk) or enter your school /college name below to search for activities.

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School: Bishop Challoner Catholic College [remove]

Type: Any

Subject: Any

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.

### 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](http://opendays.com) and tell your friends about the service.







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## UK university search



### Virtual Fair - South West, West Midlands & Wales Fair

**Wednesday 21st October 2020 -**

**Event Time: 12.00 - 18.00**

Join us for our incredibly special online and interactive UK University Search Virtual Fair. The event will feature universities, apprenticeship providers and colleges from across the UK, as well as ten live webinars on essential topics such as UCAS personal statements, clearing, and student finance.

This event is especially for students, teachers and parents from the West Midlands, South West of England, and Wales.

We have designed an amazing online experience to allow you to explore a huge range of post-18 options. Our Virtual Fair will feature a wide range of exhibiting universities including Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist institutions. This incredible event will enable you to visit exhibition stands and chat to representatives, view information and videos, download prospectuses and take part in live webinars in the virtual auditorium.

The event is completely free of charge to students, parents and teachers. We know the cancellation of open days and recruitment events, and changes to exams and admission procedures has made choosing your next steps more difficult. This fair is designed to provide you with everything you need to make the right decisions. We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

Please see the video below (which we created for our June virtual event) to find out how to get the most out of your visit.

[Register Now](#)

**FOR MORE DETAILS: <https://bit.ly/3kuijLn>**  
**TO REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/32lwarr>**



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## Webinar Timetable

We'll be hosting 10 live webinars throughout the day on Wednesday 21 October, with representatives from universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers talking you through a range of topics and answering your questions. These will take place in the Auditorium, which you can access from the lobby or by using the navigation bar. We recommend catching the topics you're interested in live so you can take part in the Q&A chat; but you can easily catch-up on any sessions in the Auditorium after they've aired too. The webinars will be available to view 24/7 until Wednesday 4 November, so feel free to log back in another time and catch-up or re-watch.

To register: <https://ukunisearch-west.vfairs.com/en/registration>

### Webinars

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 🕒 12:30 - 12:55 | ● CHOOSING A COURSE<br><i>Presented by TBC</i>                                |
| 🕒 13:00 - 13:25 | ● PERSONAL STATEMENT<br><i>Presented by Plymouth College of Art</i>           |
| 🕒 13:30 - 13:55 | ● STUDYING IN SCOTLAND<br><i>Presented by University of Glasgow</i>           |
| 🕒 14:00 - 14:25 | ● HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS<br><i>Presented by EY</i>                 |
| 🕒 14:30 - 14:55 | ● LIFE AT UNIVERSITY<br><i>Presented by Bangor University</i>                 |
| 🕒 15:00 - 15:25 | ● INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE CAREERS<br><i>Presented by Falmouth University</i> |
| 🕒 15:30 - 15:55 | ● STUDYING IN WELSH<br><i>Presented by Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol</i>         |
| 🕒 16:00 - 16:25 | ● STUDENT FINANCE<br><i>Presented by TBC</i>                                  |
| 🕒 16:30 - 16:55 | ● WHY CHOOSE AN APPRENTICESHIP?<br><i>Presented by Pearson College London</i> |
| 🕒 17:00 - 17:25 | ● PERSONAL STATEMENT<br><i>Presented by York St John University</i>           |



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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>

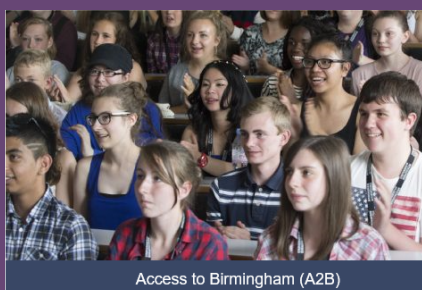
### Routes to the Professions



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](mailto: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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## LOOKING FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Register with **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SERVICE** to receive regular updates on current opportunities: [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://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](https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk) and have access to over 2000 new opportunities including apprenticeships, employment, training and much more.



[www.wmjobs.co.uk/](https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/) updates regularly with apprenticeships and training opportunities with the Midlands area.



[www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/find-an-apprenticeship](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/find-an-apprenticeship)



[www.amazingapprenticeships.com/](https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/) Apprenticeships explained.



[www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/](https://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/) Links to blogs, vacancies and how to guides



[www.careerpilot.org.uk](https://www.careerpilot.org.uk) - Careers information and tools for 11 - 19 year olds, all in one place.

Many employers also have a dedicated section on their websites related to recruitment where they post apprenticeships information. These are sometimes posted before they are on the National Apprenticeships site so it's worth looking around.

**For more information or general careers advice please email Ms Darby or Ms McGowan.**

**[e.darby@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:e.darby@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)**

**[e.mcgowan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:e.mcgowan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)**



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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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## DIVE INTO DIGITAL



### WHY ATTEND?

Attending one of our virtual events will give you the chance to discover more about life at PwC. During this interactive presentation, you'll find out about our apprenticeships, degree programmes and work experience, and you'll hear from our people. You'll pick up lots of information about the work we do and the application process, to help you to decide which of our career options interests you most and how to get there. In this session, we'll focus particularly on the work we do with Technology, how we help our clients, and what it takes to pursue a career in this exciting, fast-changing sector.

Once you have signed up we will provide you with the details of how you can login in to this exciting and interactive virtual online session.

Want to know what opportunities PwC have for you after you leave school or college?

**THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER  
10.00 - 11.30**

### WHAT WILL THE SESSION INVOLVE?

Find out more about PwC's Technology degree apprenticeship programme, a course that will provide you with a salary, paid tuition fees and work experience. Join us in a welcoming environment to discover where a career with PwC could take you – and how far you could go. You could walk away with some great ideas about your future.

### WHO IS THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR?

This is suitable for Year 12 & 13 students aiming to achieve high grades at A Level or equivalent, including Mathematics, Computer Science or Computing.

To sign up, email  
[suzie.bell@aheadpartnership.org.uk](mailto:suzie.bell@aheadpartnership.org.uk)





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## DIVE INTO ACCOUNTANCY



### WHY ATTEND?

Attending one of our virtual events will give you the chance to discover more about life at PwC. During this interactive presentation, you'll find out about our apprenticeships, degree programmes and work experience, and you'll hear from our people. You'll pick up lots of information about the work we do and the application process, to help you to decide which of our career options interests you most and how to get there. In this session, we'll focus particularly on the work we do with Accountancy, how we help our clients, and what it takes to pursue a career in this exciting, fast-changing sector.

Once you have signed up we will provide you with the details of how you can login in to this exciting and interactive virtual online session.

Want to know what opportunities PwC have for you after you leave school or college?

**THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER**  
**10.00 - 11.30**

### WHAT WILL THE SESSION INVOLVE?

This interactive session will tell you about our school leaver programme and the opportunities we offer.

Join us in a welcoming environment to discover where a career with PwC could take you – and how far you could go. You could walk away with some great ideas about your future.

### WHO IS THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR?

This is suitable for Year 12 & 13 students aiming to achieve high grades at A Level or equivalent in any subjects.

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