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STEP INTO CHRISTMAS WITH A NEW SKILL ...

HOW CAN LEARNING A NEW SKILL HELP YOU?

- YOU BECOME MORE ADAPTABLE Learning a new skill helps you become more open to change.
 - HAVE MORE OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM— It can give you greater choices — having a broader skill set makes you more versatile.
 - LEARNING BENFITS YOUR HEALTH Of course learning new skills can make you smarter but it is also good for your health! It's great brain training.

FOR SIXTH FORM STILL OPEN!



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Aspiring Professionals Programme

Overview

The Aspiring Professionals Programme (APP) is carefully designed to open up professions for those with the ability to join them in the future, but without the means or networks to get there.

We aim to give young people a real insight into top professions and to provide them with the skills needed to achieve their aspirations. We offer support through our four pillars:

- 1. Mentoring by a professional via email
- 2. Tailored skills sessions and career workshops
- 3. University application support and guidance
- 4.Internships with top employers

Students complete one application to the APP but the strand they are on and therefore how they receive our four pillars of support depends on where they live:

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STEP INTO NURSING WEBINAR

for aspiring Nurses who want to make a difference





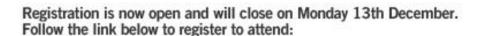


Join us for our upcoming Step Into Nursing webinar, and find out more about the Nursing programmes at the University of Leeds.

Lecturers from our Adult, Child, and Mental Health Nursing teams will be on hand to tell you all about their professions and the differences between the three branches of Nursing, to help you decide if a career in Nursing is right for you.

You will also have the opportunity to ask them any questions about a career in Nursing and the programmes on offer at the University of Leeds.

Step Into Nursing Webinar - Tuesday 14th December 2021 16:00 - 17:00 (4-5PM)





https://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/events/webinar-step-into-nursing/

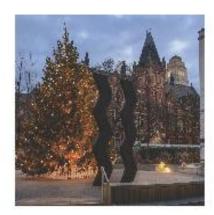
If you have any questions, please contact the Health Sciences Outreach Team at medicineandhealth@leeds.ac.uk OEADLINE APPROACHING!



HEALTHCARE SCIENCES WEBINAR

for aspiring Healthcare Scientists with an interest in science and care







Join us for our upcoming Demystifying the Healthcare Sciences webinar, and find out more about the Healthcare Science programmes at the University of Leeds.

Lecturers from our Audiology and Cardiac Physiology teams will be on hand to tell you all about their professions and why you should follow a career in Healthcare Science.

You will also have the opportunity to ask them any questions about the professions and the programmes on offer at the University of Leeds.

Demystifying the Healthcare Sciences Webinar -Monday 13th December 2021 17:30 - 18:30 (5:30-6:30PM)

Registration is now open and will close on Monday 13th December. Follow the link below or the QR code opposite to register to attend:

https://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/events/webinar-demystifying-thehealthcare-sciences/

If you have any questions, please contact the Health Sciences Outreach Team at medicineandhealth@leeds.ac.uk

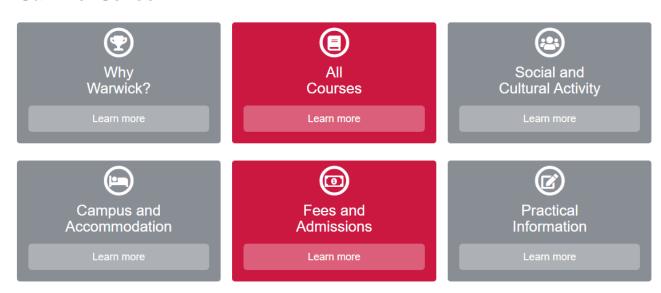




to have an unforgettable and inspirational summer experience, our Warwick Pre-University Summer School is for you.

You will:

- •experience a taste of Warwick with like-minded peers at one of the UK's highest ranked universities
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- •choose from two courses taught by top Warwick faculty *Economics and* Finance or A Taste of Social Sciences
- •live alongside Warwick student ambassadors fully participating in the programme
- visit the famous University City of Oxford
- •have a great mix of academic and personal development sessions as well as social and cultural activities
- •experience a fully catered programme with no hidden costs
- •94% of 2018 and 2019 students would recommend the Pre-University Summer School





KEAR 12 STUDENTS.

Pathway to STEM



Pathway to STEM is an 18-month programme that empowers eligible Year 12 students to achieve their goal of studying STEM courses at University. Students on the scheme receive the following benefits:

- •Residential summer school
- •E-mentoring
- •UCAS and personal statement support
- Study skills support
- A contextual offer

This sustained programme of activity aims to raise students' aspirations, improve their motivation to progress onto Higher Education and provides them with the knowledge, skills and experiences that will enhance their UCAS application, Students must have support from their teachers to apply, including approval for time off school/college where necessary to attend events.

Who is the Pathway for?

Places on our Pathway are open to Year 12 students who have the potential to enter higher education and are considering a degree in Technology, Engineering and Maths and the Physical Sciences. Please note, this Pathway does not cover Medicine and Healthcare courses as these subjects are covered in our Pathway to Healthcare programme. Please not that places on the programme are limited. If the programme is oversubscribed then places will be offered by random allocation to all eligible applicants until the programme is full. Those students who are not on the standard programme will be offered a flexible programme of activities that covers the information, advice and guidance provided by the standard programme but without a residential summer school and e-mentoring. Students who are interested in applying must meet the eligibility criteria as below.

Applications must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 4th March. Any applications submitted after this time and date will not be considered.

UNIVERSITY MASTERCLASSES, EXPLORE DAYS AND SUBJECT ACTIVITIES

(BOOKING NOW OPEN - SEE MRS NEWTON FOR MORE DETAILS)

For more information click on the images below.









We have created a range of resources for you to help you explore the world of Higher Education.

BCU RESOURCE HUB FIND OUT MORE HERE









Aston University's post-16 programme provides sixth form and college students, as well as offering fantastic opportunities for students to discover more about studying a particular subject at university.

Subject-specific activities

College of Business and Social Sciences
College of Engineering and Physical Sciences
College of Health and Life Sciences

Other Activities

KS5 Campus Experience Days
Advice & guidance
Open days
UniBuddy



The Masterclasses programme has finished for this year. UoB have a Masterclasses Recording Hub where you can watch back the recorded sessions.

Request access to the Masterclasses Recording Hub below:



WHERE CAN I GET MORE HELP & ADVICE?

SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE CAREERS TEAM, YOUR FORM TUTORS OR HOY.

CAREERS TEAM Who are we and what do we do?



Ms Darby

Student Services – Post 16/Careers Leader
Responsible for the delivery of Bishop Challoner's careers programme.
e.darby@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk



Mrs Colgan

Careers Advisor

Provides impartial information, advice and guidance in order to help students make decisions about their future.

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Mrs Newton

Sixth Form & Careers Support/ Work Experience Co-ordinatorSupports Careers and Sixth Form events, masterclass programme and produces the opportunities bulletin. Responsible for co-ordinating Year 10 & Year 12 Work Experience.

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DON'T MISS OUT – APPLY TODAY!

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START LOOKING FOR YOUR WORK PLACEMENT. THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN IS PACKED WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES.

SAVE THE DATES...

YR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

4th – 8th JULY 2022

YR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK 11th – 15th JULY 2022

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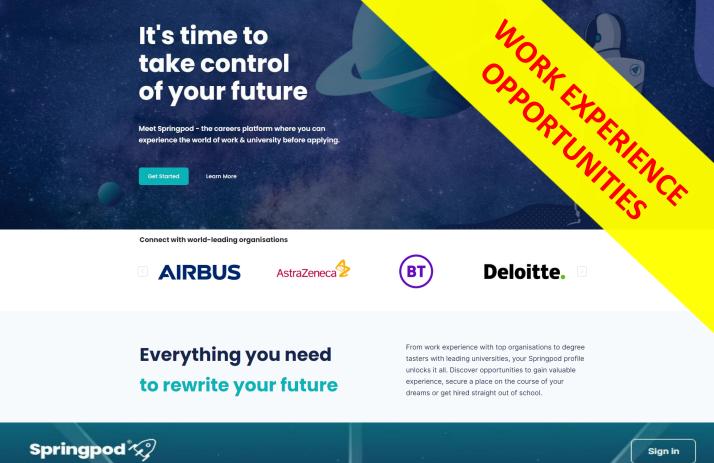


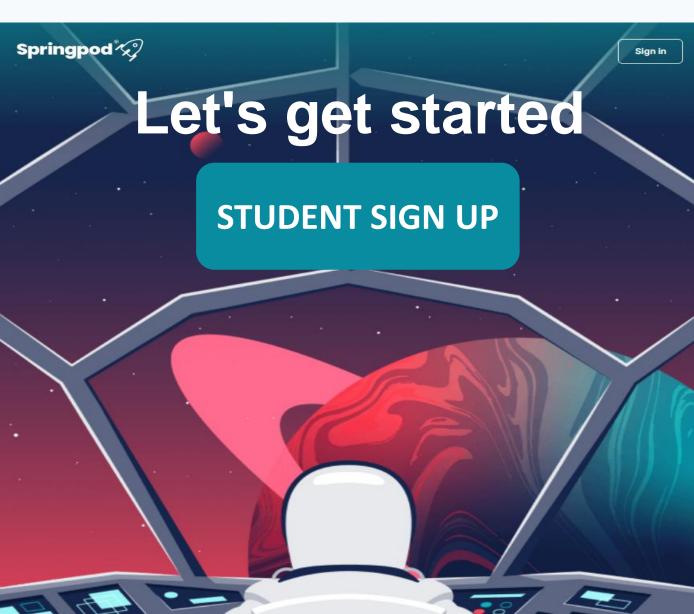
WHY DO WORK EXPERIENCE?

Before you make decisions about your future, you need to know about the opportunities that are out there.

The Speakers for Schools Experience platform connects you with leading employers from your area who can give you a taste of life in their industry, teach your valuable professional skills and show you how to get where you want to go.

REGISTER HERE







GET INVOLVED

- Four-day, fully-funded Summer School for Year 12 students held at Henley Business School, University of Reading
- Opportunity to take part in a one-week work experience placement in a real estate. and planning firm
- E-mentoring programme
- Open Online Course free and open to all. Runs all year round and requires six hours of study
- Summer School attendees who enrol on a property-related degree course at any University are eligible to apply for a bursary of £30,000 over three years of study
- Summer School attendees who enrol onto a real estate and planning degree at Henley Business School, University of Reading will be awarded a £1,000 Welcome Bursary

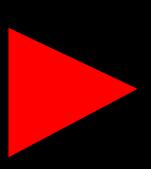
For more details visit:

henley.ac.uk/alumni/support-henley/pathways-to-property









Our officers play a vital role in ensuring that the communities of the West Midlands are kept safe. It isn't easy but it is rewarding and can be a career like no other. We want people to join us who have a range of life experiences and backgrounds; it is vitality important that we represent all of the communities that we serve.

Policing uses plenty of **everyday skills**, from being able to reassure someone who has been a victim of crime to just being that friendly face that encourages a vulnerable person to open up and talk. Our training equips officers for the specialist skills they need to do the job, but it's the **human touch** – kindness, humour, friendliness and empathy – that people remember.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Apprenticeship Opportunities in the West Midlands with Argiva

In case you haven't heard of us before, Arqiva is one of the most well known companies which you have never heard of, working behind the scenes, connecting broadcasters and utilities companies such as the BBC and ITV to customers.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES



Nuffield Research Placements
Nuffield Research Placements (NRPs) are
engaging, real-life research or
development projects, where talented year
12 (or equivalent) students are placed at
the heart of a UK host organisation.

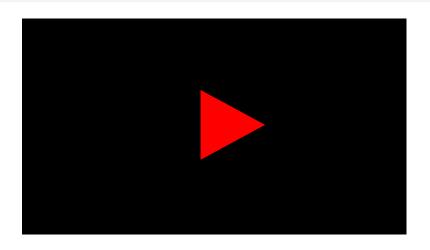
They are a fantastic opportunity for students to apply skills and knowledge learned at school while providing a meaningful contribution to the work of researchers and industry professionals.

Students

Find out what participating means, how to check you're eligible and what you need to submit an application.



FIND OUT MORE



EY Foundation

The EY Foundation Programmes are exclusively for young people who are aged 16 and above, and have been recently eligible for free school meals, a college bursary or Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). We also have a specific programme designed for young people with experience in care.

Which programme is right for me?

If you wish to apply directly yourself, then **Smart Futures** is for you.

The **Our Future** and **Beyond Your Limits** programmes run on a referral system from a teacher, a social worker or other youth worker. Share the programme pages with them to see if they can support you to take part in either of these programmes.

If you are unsure and have any questions, please email us at enguiries@eyfoundation.ey.com and our friendly team can help!



Smart Futures

If you are in Year 12 (or S5 in Scotland) and have been recently eligible for free school meals, a college bursary or Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) then you will be eligible to apply



Our Future

If you are aged 16-19 in full-time education, may have struggled with school in the past and have five or less GCSE's, this programme could be suitable for you. To apply you must also have been recently eligible for free school meals, a college bursary



Beyond Your Limits

If you are a care-experienced young person aged 16-20 and in full or part-time education, this programme may be suitable for you.



What is Smart Futures?

- It is a ten month programme which starts with paid work experience in the summer or Easter3.
- A mentor will support you throughout the programme to advise you on one of the biggest career choices you will make the first step in your working life.
- You will be invited to a series of alumni events throughout your final year at school or college from learning about different industries to opportunities to practice your networking skills.
- You will gain a wide variety of transferable skills to give you a head start in your career.
- Smart Futures is accredited by the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) which looks great at your CV and at interview.

FOR MORE INFO

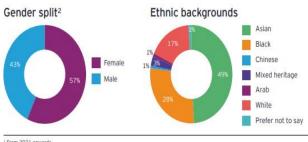


What is Smart Futures Professional Services?

- It is a two year programme which starts with paid work experience and employability skills training during school holidays.
- You will learn about the professional services industry and receive opportunities to practice your networking skills.
- · You will gain a wide variety of transferable skills, giving you a head start on learning more about successfully securing a job in the professional services industry.
- · A mentor will support you for up to 24 months and advise you as you take the first step in your working life helping you with application and recruitment processes as well as providing ongoing support.
- · The experience can make you more employable, helping you with your next steps into working in professional services whether that's on a school leaver or apprenticeship pathway.
- · You will also be invited to a series of events throughout your final school year to further build your skills and experience.
- · Smart Futures Professional Services is formally recognised and approved by the Institute of Leadership and Management.
- Our national programme will be delivered virtually this year. We welcome students from across England and Scotland and applicants from Black backgrounds.

Who we work with

Smart Futures Professional Services is supported by a range of employer partners across the UK in the professional services industry.



ed on data collected from Smart Futures respondents between July 2019-June 2020

3 Out of 284 Smart Futures respondent



FOR MORE INFO



MAKE A DIFFERENCE MAKE YOUR MARK

FIND OUT MORE

Why volunteer?

Volunteering helps you make a difference to something you care about and learn new talents too. There are loads of ways to volunteer; whether you've got an hour or a week, are into music or sport, whatever's your thing, volunteering lets you make your mark.

Find out more

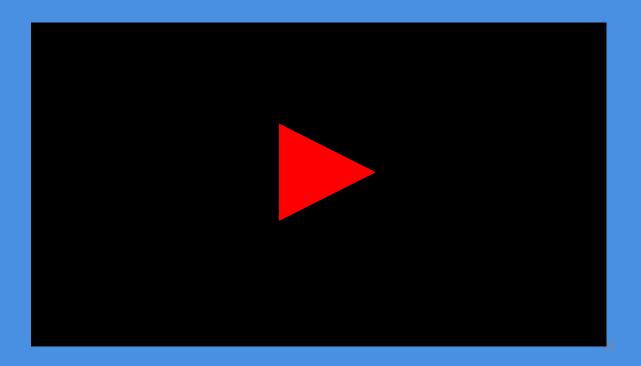
Volunteering Tips

If you're keen to volunteer but looking for a bit more practical advice on how to get involved (and perhaps some inspiration too), then you're in the right place. We've gathered all of the top tips on how to volunteer here, just for you.

Get the top tips

Volunteer Centres

Volunteer Centres can offer you additional support finding volunteer roles in your local area. To see if there is a Volunteer Centre near you, visit the NCVO website. Find a Volunteer





NCVO champions the voluntary sector and volunteering because they're essential for a better society. We do this by connecting, representing and supporting voluntary organisations.

Volunteering can make a real difference to your own life and the lives of those around you. There are loads of ways to get involved and plenty of organisations that can help you find your dream role.

So how do you go about finding the right volunteering role for you? Here are three steps to follow:

1. Think about what interests or excites you.

This could be something you enjoyed doing before, or something completely new.

2. Think about what time or skills you can give.

With so many opportunities to choose from, it's a great idea to narrow down the choices by deciding what you're willing to give.

3.Get researching!

NCVO doesn't hold a list of roles, there are simply too many. But you can:

- 1. go to your local volunteer centre
- 2. search the internet
- 3. ask friends what they do
- 4. or check out one of the online opportunity finders below.















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WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Banking & Finance
Engineering
Energy
Retail
Construction
Third Sector – Charity (not for profit)
Business & Admin

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VOLUNTEERING & WORK EXPERIENCE IN PARKS

Volunteering is a great way to take an active role in caring for and improving your local park. You can volunteer on an ongoing basis, or just join us for a few hours.

Thousands of people volunteer in Birmingham's parks each year. There are lots of opportunities to get involved, for people of all ages, abilities. In most cases you don't need prior experience, and training and equipment is provided.

If you're at school, college or university, you can also apply to complete a work placement with us.

FIND OUT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING

FIND OUT ABOUT WORK PLACEMENTS



Birmingham Careers Service is a free and friendly support service providing careers information, advice and guidance to young people aged 16 to 19 who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). If a young person has a learning difficulty and/or disability then we can help them until they are 25.

Marketplace



Visit Birmingham Careers Service Marketplace and check into the following rooms:

- Room 1 College & 6th Form
- Room 2 Training Provider Room
- Room 3 Opportunities for me
- Room 4 Careers Library
- Room 5 SEND Information
- Room 6 Personal Development
- Room 7 Activities





LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

Why study a free course on OpenLearn?

Our courses have been proven to increase confidence and develop the skills needed enter to Education and succeed with learning. You can choose an OpenLearn course from a wide range of subjects. Some are based on Open University course materials. Others are written specifically for OpenLearn.



What are the advantages?

- OpenLearn free courses are available immediately
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- You can work through at your own pace
- •You can spend as long as you like on an OpenLearn course, plus, if you sign up you can track your progress and work towards a statement of participation.
- There are around 1000 courses to choose from
- •The courses always focus on a specific area of learning. Some focus on important and fascinating academic subjects, whilst others help you develop skills needed for study or work.
- You can try out what's on offer from The Open University
- •If you're interested in taking an Open University course but are not sure what to study or if distance learning is right for you, then OpenLearn lets you get a feel for what's on offer.











Observe GP

Observe GP is an alternative to work experience for aspiring medics aged 16 and over, who are living in the UK. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team.



Observe GP is supported by the Medical Schools Council as a suitable element of relevant experience to help prepare an application to medical school.

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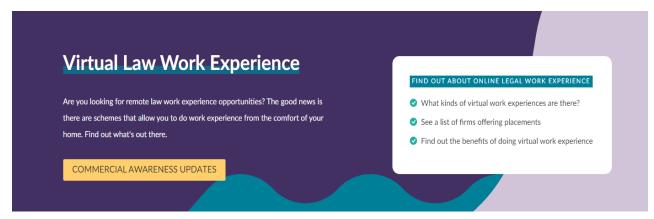




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The Lawyer Portal



Traditionally, work experience for law students has taken place within an actual law firm or barristers chambers. However, some law firms have paved the way for a new kind of virtual work experience for law students to allow them to see what life at a law firm might be like from the comfort of their own homes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION











Medic Mentor, the UK's largest medical family, have been overwhelmed with the feedback from our programme over the last 6 months. across our medical programme alone we have provided virtual placements for over 10K students across the UK and internationally.

If you are seeking work experience to enhance your insight into a career in medicine then here are a few reasons why you should consider Medic Mentor.



https://medicmentor.co.uk/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/





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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Young Professionals App

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

One Simple Platform

One brilliant app that will allow you to unleash your career potential. Search for your ideal job, employer and key location quickly and easily

Kick Start Your Career

View hundreds of job opportunities from leading employers who will help you turn your first job into a rewarding career

Personal Profile

Create your own profile to showcase you to potential employers! Take your video, upload your skills and get yourself discovered!



Targeted Notifications

Receive notifications about all of the jobs that match your choices and your job match profile

Keeping up to Date

Pick your favorite employers and follow them to grab the best opportunities as soon as they are listed. Connect directly with the key decision makers and fast track your interview process

You are in control!

Post out relevant content, videos and images to your fans and help you grow a good professional profile to kick start your early career!





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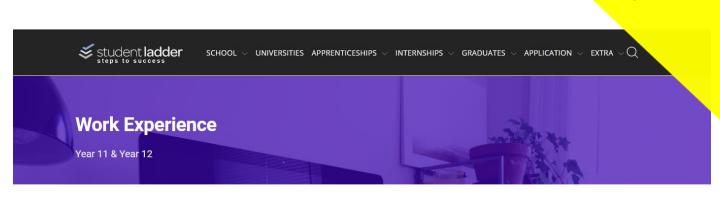
If you want to be able to track your progress, earn a free Statement of Participation, and access all course quizzes and activities, sign-up.

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There are a number of organisations who provide an insight into their business for GCSE and A level students. **Work experience** can range from 1 day to 2 weeks and is a great opportunity for students to get exposure to these organisations. It will help in future applications.

Who offers work experience for school students?

There are a large number of companies offering **work experience** days and weeks to 16-18 year olds. There is strong representation from the finance industry and investment banks such as Credit Suisse, from professional services firms such as Ernst & Young, from legal firms such as Pinsent Masons and Old Square Chambers and from media companies such as The Guardian.

Please click on the links below to access details of each work placment.

Information on: WRITING YOUR CV AND COVERING LETTER

Information on: HOW TO EXCEL IN INTERVIEWS

Banking Media Law Science

Medicine, Dentistry, Vets Miscellaneous Professional Services Summer School

For more details and how to apply:

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





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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.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/find-an-apprenticeship</u> allows you to browse for a wide range of apprenticeships.



<u>www.amazingapprenticeships.com</u> gives you more information on anything you wanted to know about apprenticeships.



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 apprenticeship information. These are sometimes posted before they are on the National Apprenticeships site so it's well worth looking around.

Careers Nusic .com



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A GUIDE TO CAREER OPTIONS For school and college leavers

COVID-19 has put a stop to a lot of things. Exams. Seeing pals. Watching live sport. But it hasn't put a stop to apprenticeships - so at least you can crack on with your career.

This guide is packed with advice to help you choose the right path, find virtual work experience, ace your video interviews, and much more.

It also features the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2020-2021, with insights into what it's like to be an apprentice at each company.

A GUIDE TO CAREER OPTIONS 2021

For school and college leavers

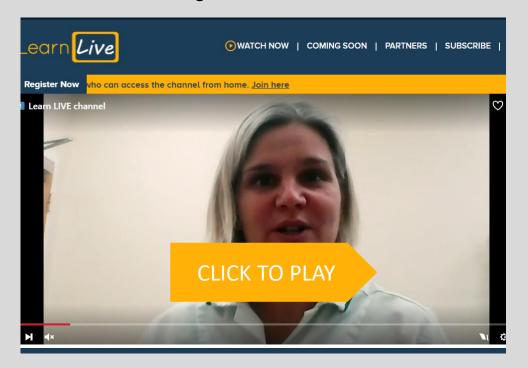




OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

Learn Live

Learn Live seeks to inspire the next generation through engaging and interactive live broadcasts direct into the classroom. Learn Live have worked successfully with companies like The BBC, Balfour Beatty, Gatwick Airport, National Apprenticeship Service, Lancashire LEP, Network Rail, IBM, Health Education England and The NHS since 2015 to deliver careers advice, recruitment opportunities and health awareness broadcasts into schools and colleges across the UK.



FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO JOIN





OPPORTUNITIES APPRENTICESHIPS BULLETIN



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Creative Alliance is the specialist provider of creative, digital and marketing apprenticeships.

We create real work based learning opportunities for with the best the best creative companies to offer a range of different roles including digital marketeers; digital content producers; graphic designers; lighting designers; events assistants; social media assistants, customer service, administration and many more.

Our employers include theatres, advertising agencies, marketing companies, galleries, film-makers, design companies the education sector and more. Your new job will be exciting and interesting and will give you a competitive edge and a valuable step up into a new creative career.

We have a dedicated Apprenticeship jobs board which allows you to search all our vacancies and advice for applying.

Visit our vacancies now to start searching for your perfect

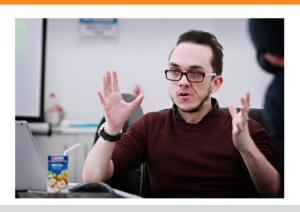


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What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is your way into a range of creative, digital and marketing roles with lots of different types of employers. If you are a creative person there is bound to be something for you.

Need More Information?







OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN



Nursing is such a versatile career choice. Where else could you work in a hospital, GP surgery, hospice, patients' homes, school or prison? It's a career that travels well, so nursing is a great choice if you're keen to work abroad in future too!

Whatever specialty you choose, one thing is certain – you'll be part of a team that makes a huge difference to patients from day one.

Getting started

Studying for a degree is essential to being a registered adult, children's, learning disability or mental health nurse. But do you know there are different routes when it comes to getting into the profession?

Finding a healthcare assistant role is a great way to get a taste of what nursing is like. Or a nursing associate apprenticeship provides great experience in different settings while studying for a foundation degree (which can be put towards a full degree).

Registered nursing degree apprenticeships are available in some areas too without the need to study full time at university. And some universities are offering adult nursing courses where the theoretical content is mainly delivered online – a great option for more mature students who need to fit studies around their home life.