



OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

20.01.2022



EXPLORE

NOT SURE ON YOUR NEXT STEP?

EXPLORE THIS WEEKS BULLETIN AND DISCOVER..

- OPEN DAYS
- WORK EXPERIENCE
- LIVE CHATS
- APPRENTICESHIPS
- SUMMER SCHOOLS



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creative college

Book onto an Open Day
or Virtual Meet and Greet

**OPEN
DAY**

OPEN DAY JANUARY 2022
TUESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2022
All campuses

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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE

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LIGHTING ENGINEERING
VENUE MANAGEMENT**

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WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

We are excited to announce that the largest free national work experience programme for your aspiring medical, dental and veterinary students has returned. This was developed last year in partnership with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust and it is free for students from 10-13 or S3-S6 year groups to participate in. We took a small break from the virtual work experience programme in November to convert the LIVE teaching into E-learning courses that students can now complete in their own time. Students have 1 month to complete each session, and once they have completed the programme they will receive a certificate from Medic Mentor and UHB as evidence of their participation. Medical Schools are accepting virtual work experience as an alternative to in-person work experience in light of the pandemic and reduced access to placements.

Participation in the virtual work experience will also provide students (and their parents) with several opportunities to speak to doctors, dentists and vets continuously throughout the academic year. They will be able to do this on Tuesday evenings and most weekends, for free. They can also call the Mentor Helpline number 01530 417 299 from 10am-5pm Mon-Fri if they would like to advice on careers or applying to medical, dental, vet school. Mostly this number is manned by Doctors. Medic Mentor is a non-profit social enterprise and all of our proceeds are reinvested in supporting students to make informed career decisions.

Registering for these programmes could not be easier, all they need to do is complete the free online application form for:

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

Dentistry: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/dental-live-virtual-work-experience/>

Veterinary: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/veterinary-virtual-live-work-experience/>

WHAT IS
MEDIC
MENTOR?



Apprenticeships

Our apprenticeship programmes

We offer apprenticeships right across our business. Whether you're looking hands-on or office-based work, there's something for you.

Our apprenticeships range from 1 to 4 years, and the qualifications you'll get range from level 3 (equal to an A-level), to level 6 (equal to a degree).

We have schemes for everyone. We want to hear from you, no matter what your journey has been like up until this point.

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Apprenticeships out and about

Network engineering, Water production, and Waste treatment.

OPERATIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS



Apprenticeships in the office

Human resources, Technology, Finance, and Project management.

OFFICE-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS

MORE INFO AND TO APPLY

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Universities and alternatives to
Higher Education

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UNIFEST 2022



WHAT IS UNIFEST?

UniFest Summer Schools take place at 6 universities across the West Midlands. UniFest gives you the chance to spend time exploring university life, meeting students and staff, making friends and having an action packed, fun experience!

WHO IS UNIFEST FOR?

UniFest is for students in Year 10 at state-funded secondary schools in the West Midlands who are from backgrounds and communities that are less likely to be considering university as an option. To apply for a place, you will need the support of your school and the consent of your parents or carers, and you should be able to answer “Yes” to at least one of the following:

- My parents or carers did not go to university
- I receive Free School Meals
- I have a disability or learning difficulty
- I am in the care of my local authority
- I am a young carer
- I live in an area where not many young people go to university

WHAT WILL I DO?

That depends on which UniFest event you choose! Some explore university life and study in general and others focus on certain career or study options. All UniFest events include lots of hands-on sessions, and a packed programme of fun social activities!

WHAT’S THE CATCH?

There is no catch. UniFest is funded by universities and schools **and is totally free of charge**. For residential UniFest events, meals, accommodation and activities are all paid for (although you may want to bring a little pocket money with you). The universities will help you plan how to get to and from events.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY



FIND YOUR ROLE

RAF VIRTUAL EVENT
**ACCESS ALL
AREAS**

**THURSDAY 10TH
FEBRUARY**
18:30-20:30

Explore the roles of the RAF within an immersive hangar with an opportunity to discover information on key roles, as well as chat live with a specialist RAF recruiter. All from the comfort of your own home.

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- An immersive, interactive 360° experience
- Find your force - discover a role for you
- Download role specific information
- Chat live with an RAF recruiter - have your questions answered

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We offer enhanced Level 3 and Level 6 apprenticeships in Engineering, Manufacturing and Business. They include a range of benefits such as fully funded qualifications, excellent development opportunities and a competitive salary.

Find out more and apply at www.bmwgroup.jobs/uk (under "Opportunities", search "Apprentice") or use the QR code.

Applications close on Sunday, 20th February 2022.



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THE SUTTON TRUST
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MOBILITY THROUGH
PROGRAMMES, RESEARCH
AND POLICY INFLUENCE

OUR PROGRAMMES

We support young people from less advantaged backgrounds to access leading universities and careers. In partnership with universities and employers, we run engaging programmes that give students practical advice and leave them feeling inspired and more confident about their future.

Our programmes are completely free to attend. All costs - including travel, accommodation, food and activities – are paid for by the Trust and our partners.

Apply for a programme

[OPEN NOW](#)

[OPENING SOON](#)

[VIEW ALL](#)

US PROGRAMME



PROGRAMME STATUS: [OPEN NOW](#)

OPENING DATE:
[18/11/2021](#)

AGE: [S5 \(SCOTLAND\), YEAR 12 \(ENGLAND AND WALES\), YEAR 13 \(NI\)](#) LOCATION: [UK WIDE](#)

Get a taste of what it's like to be a student in the US.

APPRENTICESHIP SUMMER SCHOOL



PROGRAMME STATUS: [OPEN NOW](#)

OPENING DATE:
[11/01/2022](#)

AGE: [YEAR 12 \(ENGLAND & WALES\), YEAR 13 \(NORTHERN IRELAND\) OR S5 \(SCOTLAND\)](#) LOCATION: [UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK](#)

Find out more about what a degree-level apprenticeship would be like.

UK SUMMER SCHOOLS



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OPENING DATE:
[11/01/2022](#)

AGE: [YEAR 12 \(ENGLAND & WALES\), YEAR 13 \(NORTHERN IRELAND\) OR S5 \(SCOTLAND\)](#) LOCATION: [NATIONWIDE](#)

Get a taste of life as a university student in the UK.

[FIND THE RIGHT PROGRAMME FOR YOU](#)

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

Medicine Application: Getting Back On Track

FREE WEBINAR



Date

Wednesday, January 26

Time

07:00 PM (London time)

Location

Zoom (link will be provided)

Admission

Free

Suitable For

Year 10, 11 and 12 Students

In this webinar, our special guests will get you back on track with your Medicine application after taking a break from it during the festive period. This webinar will give you a comprehensive understanding of what you need to do towards your Medicine application in the next few months.

We will talk about the following topics:

- Medicine Application Timeline
- Medical Work Experience
- How to Get Work Experience
- Reflection
- Deadlines/Dates to note down
- Choosing a Medical School – Making Choices

Every attendant will also receive multiple frameworks, templates and other materials they can use on their journey to Medical school.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER**

SAVE THE DATE!

7th – 13th FEBRUARY 2022



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

What is UNIQ?

UNIQ is the University of Oxford's access programme for state school students. We prioritise places for students with good grades from backgrounds that are under-represented at Oxford and other universities. Every year more students from diverse backgrounds get offered places at Oxford with help from UNIQ.

The UNIQ residential summer school started in 2010 and we continually make changes to improve the support we provide to UNIQ students. For the last two years UNIQ has been delivered online, due to the pandemic.

UNIQ 2022 will build on the successes of previous years, offering students both an academic residential in Oxford and a sustained online admissions support programme.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 7th FEBRUARY 2022

Experience Oxford in person and online.



Applications to UNIQ 2022 are now open.
[Learn more about our selection criteria here.](#)



WHAT IS UNIQ

Do you have good school grades but are not sure if Oxford, or university, is right for you? Our free UNIQ programme might be just what you need.



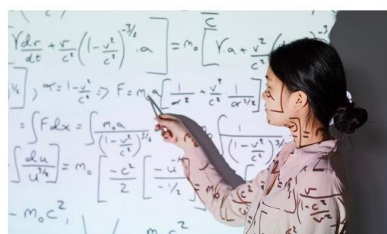
APPLY TO UNIQ

Applications for UNIQ 2022 open 10 January.



WHO GOES ON UNIQ?

UNIQ helps many students from diverse backgrounds to make successful applications to the University of Oxford. Find out more about UNIQ selection criteria [here](#).



EXPLORE NEW SUBJECTS

Choosing which course you study at University is an important decision for all students, so please look at the range of UNIQ courses we offer before making your decision.



UNIQ 2022

After two years of delivering UNIQ online, UNIQ 2022 welcomes back UNIQ students to Oxford for a summer residential and offers a sustained online programme of admissions support.



KEY DATES

Make sure you get your application in by 7 February 2022. Click [here](#) for more information on dates across UNIQ.



ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

The Only LIVE NHS Healthcare Careers Virtual Work Experience In The
UK **Run By Healthcare Professionals!**

Let us help you to take your first steps into the world of healthcare careers. It is live, giving you the chance to interact with healthcare professionals, but from the comfort and safety of your own home. Join thousands of other students who are exploring healthcare careers with the help of our LIVE simulated high fidelity work experience programme!

FIND OUT MORE HERE

Completely Unique Experience

Follow multiple patients over a 6-month period, as they go from their initial injury to recovery. It is amazing how many different healthcare professionals are involved in a patient's care. This incredible opportunity showcases a variety of professionals in one day. It gives students a chance to see them in action in various settings from the ward to the community. It is also a fantastic opportunity to see them work together in a multidisciplinary team.

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and also each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching. This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and their healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community. For this reason we recommend that students attend one work experience a month for 6 months to not only gain a deeper knowledge of multidisciplinary teams in general but also their chosen careers.

Allied Healthcare Mentor are committed to ensuring that students still have the opportunity to gain valuable insight into healthcare careers, even in these difficult times.

WARWICK PRE-UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL

5 - 15 JULY 2022

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY!

If you are an enthusiastic and motivated 15-17 year old student wishing 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
- enjoy nine nights on Warwick's beautiful self-contained campus
- spend one night and two days in London, including lots of time to enjoy the capital city and a visit to a top London University
- 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**



Why
Warwick?

[Learn more](#)



All
Courses

[Learn more](#)



Social and
Cultural Activity

[Learn more](#)



Campus and
Accommodation

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Fees and
Admissions

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Practical
Information

[Learn more](#)

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

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 note 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.



BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

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**





BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

A photograph of four diverse students walking along a paved path on a university campus. From left to right: a blonde woman in a grey scarf, a Black woman in a plaid scarf, a white man in a dark jacket and light blue jeans, and an Asian woman in a red plaid scarf. They are all smiling and looking towards the right. In the background, there is a large, modern university building with many windows and some trees. The text 'I AM BCU' is overlaid in large white letters in the center of the image.

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ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOLS
AND COLLEGES

2021/22



Aston University

Birmingham

Student Recruitment and Outreach activities for post-16 students



Student Recruitment and Outreach

Activities for post-16 students

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](#)



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

2022 MASTERCLASSES
COMING SOON

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:**

LINK

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.

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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-ordinator

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

b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk



WORK EXPERIENCE

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**

**SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS
VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

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**WORK EXPERIENCE
OPPORTUNITIES**



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EXPERIENCE**

YOUNG PEOPLE



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

It's time to take control of your future

Meet Springpod - the careers platform where you can
experience the world of work & university before applying.

[Get Started](#)[Learn More](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE
OPPORTUNITIES

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experience, secure a place on the course of your
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Let's get started

STUDENT SIGN UP

PATHWAYS TO PROPERTY

Discover where a career in property starts for you

APPLICATIONS OPEN
JANUARY 2022



Where business comes to life

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

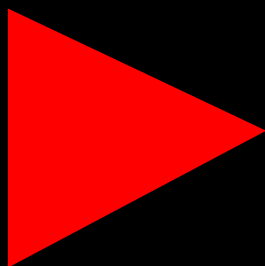


@PathsToProperty





Police Officer Recruitment



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 vital 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



Apprenticeship Opportunities in the West Midlands with Arqiva

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**



STEM
LEARNING

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



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.

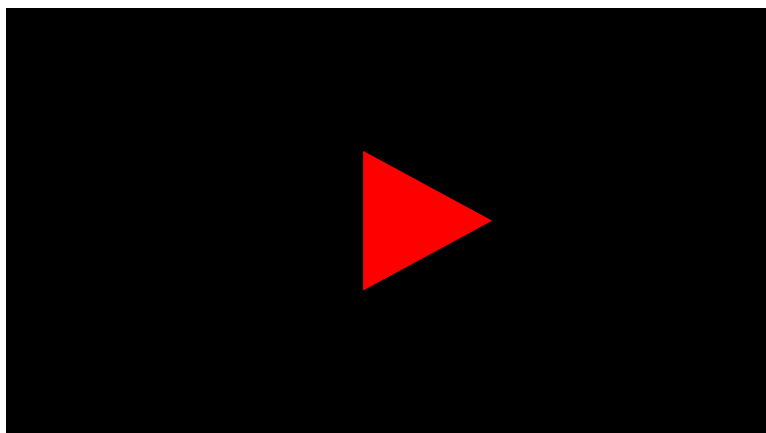
They are a fantastic opportunity for students to apply skills and
knowledge learned at school while providing a meaningful contribution to
the work of researchers and industry professionals.

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 enquiries@eyfoundation.ey.com and our friendly team can help!



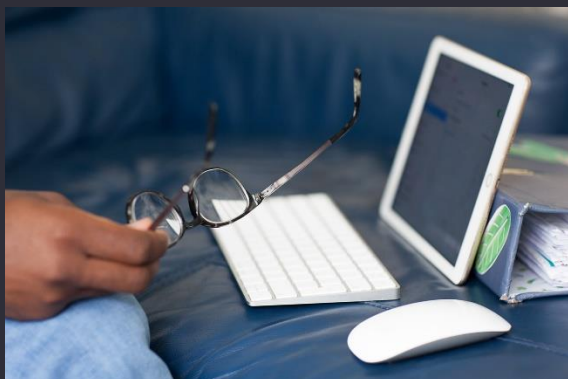
Smart Futures

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.

Smart Futures

Get paid to have a great
experience of work

**WORK EXPERIENCE
OPPORTUNITIES**



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

WORK EXPERIENCE
OPPORTUNITIES

Smart Futures Professional Services

Get paid to have a great experience of work



Enter

EY Foundation

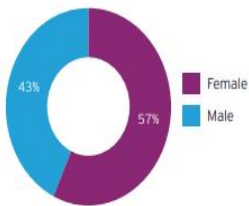
What is Smart Futures Professional Services?

- 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.

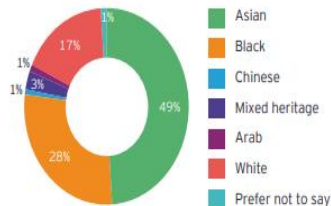
Who we work with

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

Gender split²



Ethnic backgrounds



¹ From 2021 onwards

² Based on data collected from Smart Futures respondents between July 2019-June 2020

³ Out of 284 Smart Futures respondents



99%

of our young people rated the Smart Futures programme as Good or Excellent.³

96%

of our young people said they were extremely, very or confident that the support they received will help them get a job after education.³

FOR MORE INFO



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YEAR OF GIVING 2021-2022

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

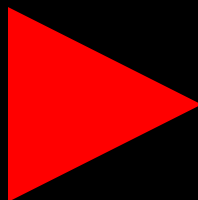
If you're keen to volunteer but looking for a bit more practical advice on how to get involved (and perhaps some inspiration too), then you're in the right place. We've gathered all of the top tips on how to volunteer here, just for you.

[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.

YEAR OF GIVING 2021-2022

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.





ONE FREE APP, ENDLESS LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES



Get access to:

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- Expert talks
- Work experience and so much more

Download the
free Youth Card
app here or find it
in the app stores



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UK YOUTH





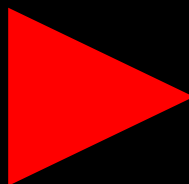
**WORK EXPERIENCE
OPPORTUNITIES**

Uptree is hosting over 30 work experience events this term alone! With a wide variety of companies hosting in person and online events - you're sure to find something that interests you.

UPTREE NEWSLETTER

WORK EXPERIENCE

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WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

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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.

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**FIND OUT ABOUT WORK
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BIRMINGHAM CAREERS SERVICE

Contact us



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



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Why study a free course on OpenLearn?

Our courses have been proven to increase confidence and develop the skills needed to enter Higher 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**.

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What are the advantages?

- **OpenLearn free courses are available immediately**
- Our courses do not have a start and end date. You can start right away or at a time that suits you.
- **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.



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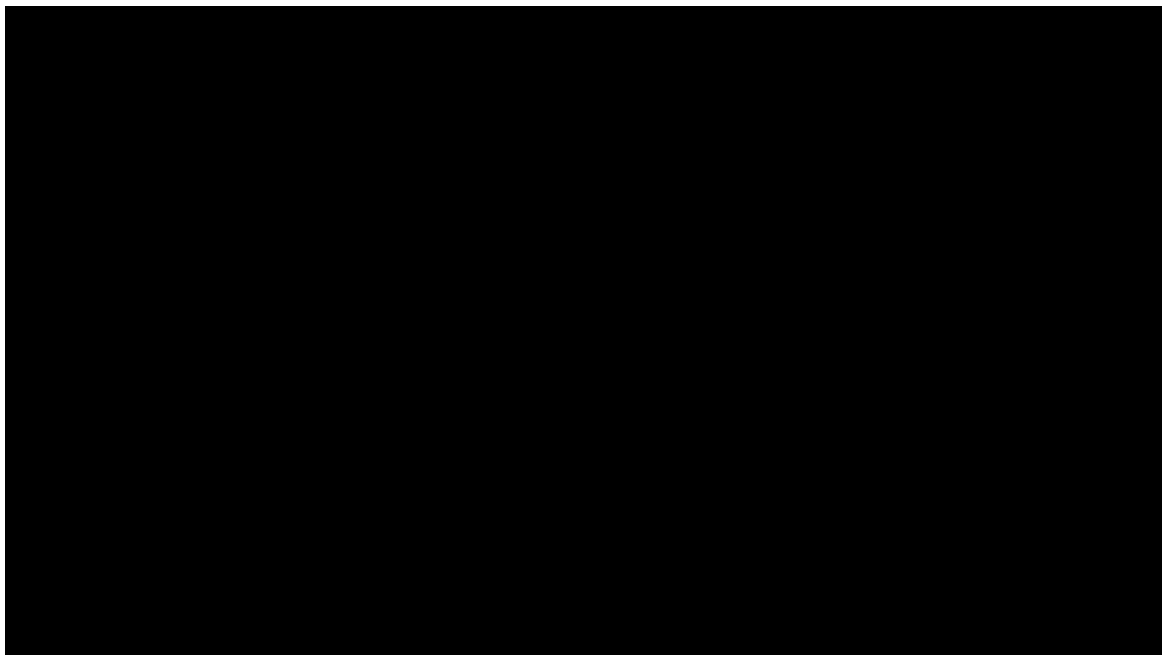
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Royal College of
General Practitioners

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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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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OpenLearn

Free course
Caring in hospitals



Free statement of participation on completion

You can start this course right now without signing-up.
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If you want to be able to track your progress, earn a free
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Work Experience

Year 11 & Year 12

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 placement.

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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LOOKING FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP

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Register with **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SERVICE** to receive regular updates on current opportunities. Create an account and you can specify the types of apprenticeships you are interested in.



You can also search www.notgoingtouni.co.uk and have access to over 2000 new opportunities including apprenticeships, employment, training and much more.



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



www.amazingapprenticeships.com 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 in Music .com

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What are you most interested in?

SINGING	SONGWRITING
MUSIC PRODUCTION	THE MUSIC BUSINESS
PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT	OTHER



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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

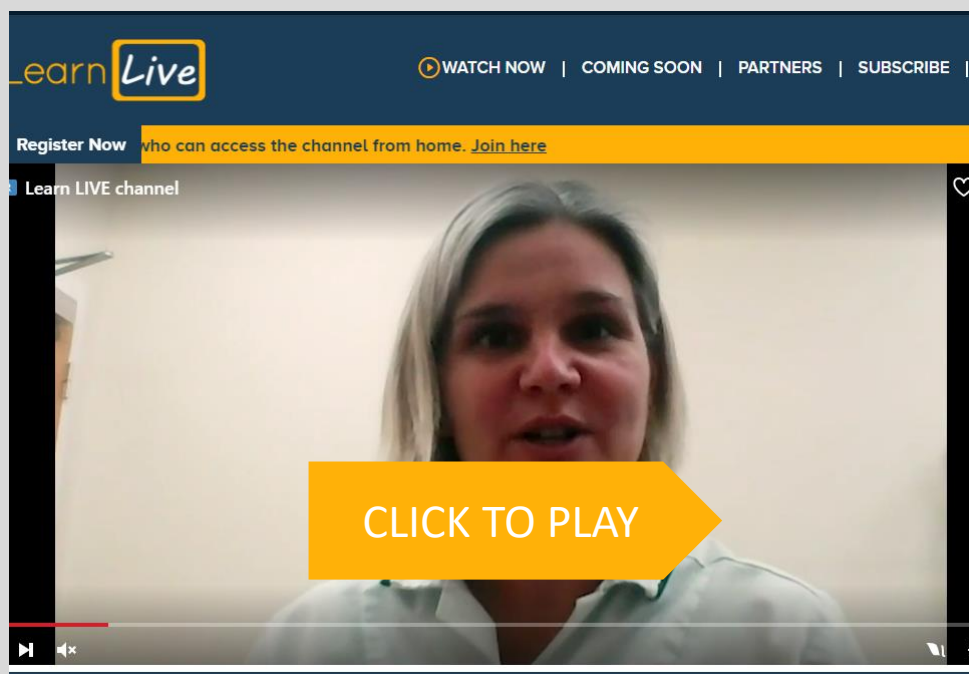


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Learn Live seeks to inspire the next generation through engaging and interactive live broadcasts direct into the classroom. Learn Live have worked successfully with companies like The BBC, Balfour Beatty, Gatwick Airport, National Apprenticeship Service, 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.



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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 marketers; 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.

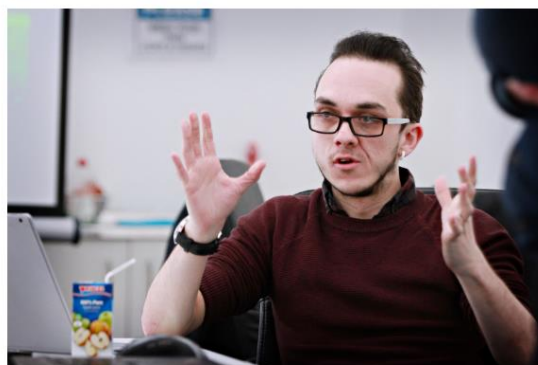
Visit our vacancies now to start searching for your perfect job:

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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.

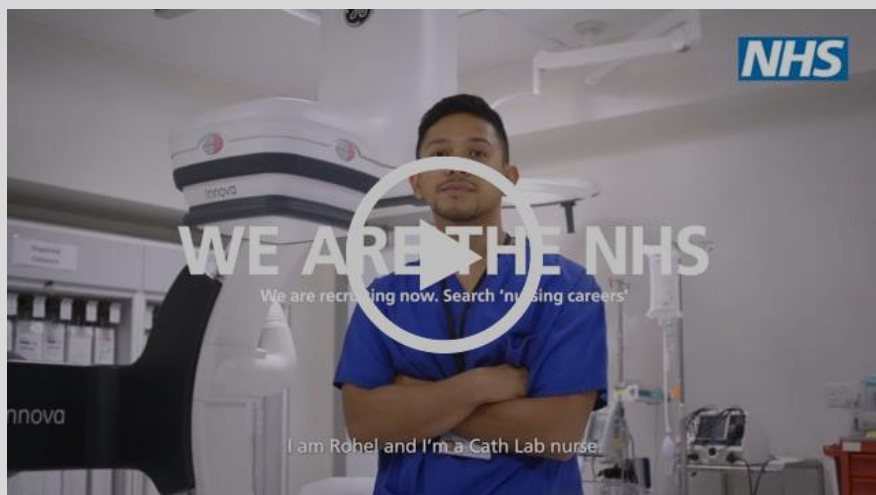
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Nursing is such a versatile career choice. Where else could you work in a hospital, GP surgery, hospice, patients' homes, school or prison? It's a career that travels well, so nursing is a great choice if you're keen to work abroad in future too!

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.