

# **OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN**

10.03.23

### YEAR 9 PATHWAYS EVENING

**TUESDAY 14th MARCH** 

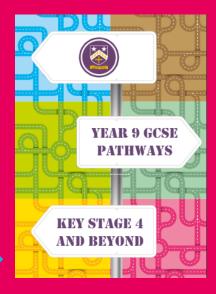


**PATHWAYS ASSEMBLY** 

### THE NEXT STEP...

OUR YEAR 9 STUDENTS WILL SOON BE CHOOSING THE SUBJECTS AND QUALIFICATIONS THEY WILL STUDY DURING YEARS 10 & 11.

YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS PROCESS IN THE PATHWAYS HANDBOOK HERE



**CAREERS HUB** 



**BBC** Bitesize

# GCSE Options: Everything you need to know about choosing your GCSE subjects

Wondering which GCSEs you should take? Watch our quick guide to help you decide!



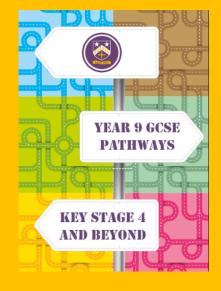
### BISHOP CHALLONER UPCOMING EVENTS



### GCSE RESULTS DAY THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023

A LEVEL RESULTS DAY THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

ZAU, DEADLINE MARCH 2023

### WHAT IS UNIFEST?

UNIFEST

2023

UniFest Summer Schools take place at six 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 consider university as an option.

FIND OUT MORE....

DOWNLOAD THE UNIFEST 2023 DIRECTORY

VIEW THE UNIFEST 2023 DIRECTORY e-book



### YEAR 12 BIOLOGY & CHEMISTRY STUDENTS

### **Access to Medicine and Dentistry**

This year 290 young people from England will be offered the chance to attend a medicine pathway programme. The pathway programme will be open to young people in Year 12 who are interested in studying medicine. The programme will consist of a series of activities alongside a residential or online summer school.

Alongside this 100 young people from England will be offered the chance to attend a dental summer school. This is open to young people in Year 11 and Year 12 who are interested in studying dentistry. There will be online and residential summer schools available.

Funded by Health Education England, the programme is aimed at young people who are from under-represented backgrounds, and targets areas of England that have limited outreach engagement with medical or dental schools.

FOR MORE INFO AND TO APPLY

### YEAR 12 STUDENTS APPLICATIONS FOR 2023/24 PROGRAMME NOW OPEN



# WARWICK SCHOLARS

FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY HERE

# YR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023

# YR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK 3<sup>rd</sup> – <sup>th</sup> JULY 2023

# SAVE THE DATES...

WORK EXPERIENCE FORMS

SEE <u>MRS NEWTON</u> IN THE LIBRARY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR YOU CAN EMAIL b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

ONCE YOU HAVE SECURED A PLACEMENT YOU ALSO NEED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN A <u>PLACEMENT CONFIRMATION</u> FORM

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE RETURNED YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE MEDICAL CONSENT FORM



### WORK EXPERIENCE How to find a placement



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# MORA EXPERIENCE Do you know the type of work experience you would like to do?

#### YES

If yes, follow these steps...

Do you know anyone who works in the area of work you are interested in? (This could be family members, or Priends of) the Family, neighbours on Priends' panents etc.)

If yes, ask them if the organisation they work for could offer you a work experience placement.

> If successful go to Step 5. If unsuccessful go to Step 2.

### NO

#### If no, follow these steps...

Let your Head of Year know ASAP so that we can organise a workshop for you in the Library where we can discuss ideas.

You can also start to gather ideas by going onto www.unProg.org and completing the Work Environment proFile quiz.

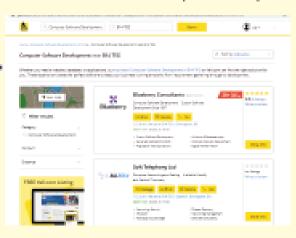
When you have decided what type of work experience you want to do go to Step 2.

#### Go onto www.yelico.uk

insert the area you are interested in e.g. computer software and YOUR postcode then hit search.

### Use the Contact Details provided

Use the contact details provided on this list to either call or e-mail the company to ask them if they can offer you a placement. (You may need to go onto the company's website to find their e-mail or phone number).



### Complete the Work Experience Form

Complete the Work Experience Form outlining where you're going (with your parents/carers signature) and hand it in to Mrs. Newton in the Library. Once the Health and Safety checks have been done on your placement, it can go ahead.





### Call them

This is the most direct way of getting hold of someone at the company. When you call, you should:

- Ask to speak to someone about work experience
- Tell them your name, what school you go to and when the work experience dates are (3rd July 2023 - 7th July 2023)
- Tell them that you have a real interest in this kind. of work and would be grateful for an opportunity
- to get some insight into it by doing some work experience with them.
- Be prepared to give them your e-mail address or phone number for them to contact you on.

### Email them

This is not as quick and not as effective as phone call because an e-mail can be ignored more easily, but if you really can't bring yourself to make a call, send them an e-mail which should include:



#### Who you are

- What kind of role you're looking for
- Your overall career goals (and why this position would help)
  - Your skills (or previous experience, if you have any)
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### **Work Experience and Academic Placements**

Each year Birmingham Museums offers a range of opportunities for work experience and academic placements.

### **Work Experience**

Our work experience programme is open to anyone 15 years or over who is not currently in employment. Each placement is 3-5 days long and is a great chance to develop your skills and knowledge and get a general awareness of the working world.

We have a variety of placements available (see below). Due to an increasingly high level of demand we are unable to offer work experience opportunities outside of our advertised placements. To apply for any of the placements simply visit our jobs website and complete an <u>online application form</u> before the closing date. (Please check the placement dates in your application carefully).

### **Thinktank - Visitor Services Team**

Work experience placements at Thinktank in the Visitor Services Team are ideal for anyone who is interested in gaining experience of working life within a busy science museum. These placements run from 9.15am-3.30pm on weekdays.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DATES



Parents / Guardian Young People Educators

### Find a career you'll love

WORK EXPERIENCE Want to get a head start in life? Click 'Get Started' to find out which types of careers a likely to suit you, or scroll down to discover amazing work experience, inspirational talks, a other great resources.

#### How can we help you? We believe every young person should have the opportunity to s ceed and reach their potential, including you. If you attend a UK state secondary school or college, click on the tiles below to explore our latest work experience opportunities or browse our library of inspirational talks. Inspirational Talks pcoming Broadcasts Work Experience Library Get world-class work experie ce with top pirational talks LEARN MORE

### Who benefits? You do!

We know it can be hard to get ahead or even imagine yourself in certain careers. By giving you the chance to explore what's out there and decide for yourself what suits you best, we can help you take control of your own future. Learn about a wider range of career options Get in front of big-name businesses wherever you live Boost your skills and confidence Get evidence for your CV or personal statement Find careers that really suit you Get free support to help you reach your potential

# **REGISTER HERE**

# **OVER 1000 FREE COURSES AVAILABLE!**

### FREE COURSES WITH OPEN LEARN

### 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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NOW

### 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.



# GRESHAM COLLEGE



Are you looking for resources that complement and yet go beyond the school curriculum? Expert sources to help you stand out from the crowd at sixth form and university interview? Gresham lectures are a great resource for both teachers and students because they provide stretch, challenge and support for the GCSE, A Level and International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum.

As a student, attending Gresham lectures in person or watching online can deepen your knowledge and develop new ideas, concepts and perspectives that can be used and referenced in exams, coursework (including EPQs), and at university interviews,

### **FIND OUT MORE HERE**



# UNIVERSITY MASTERCLASSES ARE A GREAT WAY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT DEGREE SUBJECTS AND UNIVERSITY LIFE.

MORE INFORMATION ON UNIVERSITY MASTERCLASSES AND SUBJECT TASTER SESSIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT FEW PAGES.

PLEASE SEE MRS NEWTON IN THE LIBRARY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A PLACE.

### UNIVERSITY MASTERCLASSES, EXPLORE DAYS AND SUBJECT ACTIVITIES

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

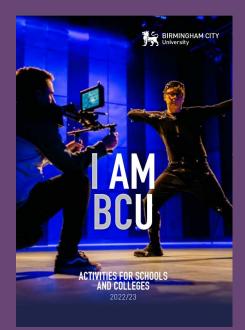
# For more information click on the images below.



### BCU RESOURCE HUB FIND OUT MORE HERE

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









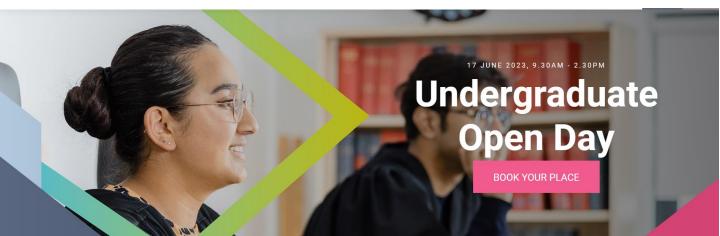
### **Discovery Days**

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Below are our Discovery Days for the 2022/23 academic year. These are broken down by our faculty areas.

Find out more about our events - HERE





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ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES 2022/23

### It's time to take control of your fut<u>ure</u>

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

Learn More

Get Started

# Experience the world of work & university

Welcome to Springpod. We help you take control of your future by enabling you to gain experience with top employers & universities for free.

# Let's get started

WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **STUDENT SIGN UP**



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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 & 6<sup>th</sup> 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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# **Open**Learn

### Free course Caring in hospitals

Free statement of participation on completion

You can start this course right now without signing-up. Click on any of the course content sections below to start at any point in this course.

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

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# BIRMINGHAM CAREERS HUB PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF INFORMATION ON CAREERS RESOURCES AND EVENTS –

CHECK OUT THE LINKS BELOW.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

**APPRENTICESHIPS** 



# MORX EXPERIENCE Welcome to Success at School!

Success at School is the place for young people to explore careers, get the lowdown on top employers, and search for the latest jobs, courses and advice. Get career smart and Register today!



**Career Zones** Explore different careers, how to get there and what to study

Advice



Employers Find out about top employers, what it's like to work for them and what they have to offer you



Universities

Explore life on campus and get updates on the latest courses, events and open days

#### News

#### Covid-19: Sponsored Gatsby Subject Guides Free...

Go >

Go >

To help you prepare for the start of National Career Week on 1st March, we're giving you free access to our sponsored Gatsby... 😒

#### A quarter of survey respondents say their school...

GCSEs and A-levels were cancelled this year due to Covid-19 and replaced with Centre Assessment Grades, with schools and...

### Forums

Go >

#### maxillofacial surgeon

Hi, Did my question go through?

What should i do for my GCSE's?

Hi. I was just wondering which GCSE subjects i should pursue for the job of maxillofacial surgeon, (I would prefer to become ... o

Supporting your child through their GCSEs

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Is your child sitting their GCSEs this summer? Wondering what you can



Why do an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are increasingly becoming a popular option for young people... ©



How to become a train driver

Train drivers do an important job, helping us travel around and get to where...

### **FIND OUT MORE HERE**

APPRENTICES

# Browse apprenticeships before you apply

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Use this search to browse which apprenticeships are available based on your interest and location.

Select an interest

Select interest

Enter your postcode

SEARCH

BECOME AN APPRENTICE CREATE AN ACCOUNT HERE

### 'Find an apprenticeship' is an online government service which allows you to search, save and apply for apprenticeship opportunities.

The service is used by thousands of employers to advertise their current apprenticeship opportunities, making it easier for you to find the right apprenticeship for you.

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# Find an apprenticeship

### 🗯 GOV.UK

Find an apprenticeship Find an apprenticeship in England. You can apply for apprenticeships in <u>Scotland</u>, <u>Northern</u> Ireland and Wales.

### **SEARCH**

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### **Green careers**

Be part of changing the world and tackling climate change by choosing a green career. In a green job you might develop products, provide a service or change the way companies do things that are more friendly to the environment. As more businesses try to be more eco-friendly, every job has the potential to become green.

Discover the endless opportunities.

### The impact you could make

- Make a significant and positive difference to tackling climate change.
  Pave the way for a better, more sustainable way of life helping people now and in the future.
- Play a key role in preserving our environment, wildlife and nature.



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GREEN JOBS HERE

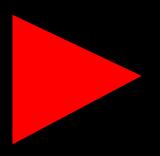
# AppRENTICESHIPS Careers Service Helping you take the next step

FIND OUT MORE HERE

We provide careers information, advice and guidance. We can help you to make decisions on learning, training and work at all stages in your career.

# APPLICATIONS NOW OF

# NOW OF Police Officer Recru



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

# NHS

### **NHS** apprenticeships

APPRENTICESHIPS Earn, learn and make a difference with an NHS apprenticeship. Our apprenticeships offer routes into many of the more than 350 NHS careers through a mix of on-the-job training and classroom learning.

### What you need to know about NHS apprenticeships

•if you are aged 16 to 18 or 19+ and in your first year of an apprenticeship, the minimum you should receive is £4.30 an hour (the National Minimum Wage for apprentices)

•many NHS employers will pay you more than the minimum wage

•they take between one and five years to complete

•anyone over the age of 16 can do one

•you're likely to spend four days on work placement and one day or at a training centre or college

•you'll develop your skills, including English and maths

•you'll gain a competence qualification (based on what you can do in the workplace) and a knowledge qualification, or a qualification combining both

### FIND OUT MORE

### **Meet our apprentices**



# Learn Liveships

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



# Not going to Uni? Explore your options!

### Not going to uni?

So you're not 100% sure on whether you want to go to university! It's certainly not the only option open to school/A-Level leavers!

On of the main drivers in making such a critical decision is whether or not you know what type of work you want to do – and possibly for the rest of your life! If you want to be a doctor or a dentist, you're pretty limited to the university route! If you aren't 100% sure yet (and you won't be alone here) then it's a great idea to spend some time to explore your options.

There are several places you can get advice including the <u>National Careers Service</u>. One thing is for sure, you don't need a degree to be successful!

### FIND OUT MORE HERE

# Careers Nusic

### ★ Start Here What are you <u>most</u> interested in? √





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# FIND OUT MORE HERE





### Apply today pwc.co.uk/schools



School and College Leaver jobs Get your career off to a head start

Explore. Inspire. Reimagine.

# **VIEW ALL OPPORTUNITIES**



School and College Leaver Jobs Apply to our school and college leaver jobs



School and College Leaver Events Search and book onto an event to meet us

# Kick-start your jou to a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Calling all Year 12 students (or equivalent) interested in a career in STEM:

# Apply to the 2023 In2science summer programme!

The free In2science summer programme offers:

- Valuable hands-on STEM experience through a one or two week summer work placement
- Access to online skills workshops and careers panels
- University admissions support and career guidance
- Competitions and events
- A bursary to cover travel and lunch costs

# Scan the QR code to apply:







Contact us: students@in2scienceuk.org



NGTU is the #1 website for school and college leavers. Search thousands of jobs, opportunities and apprenticeships in UK and find your perfect fit!

READY TO START YOUR FUTURE CAREER? CREATE A PROFILE <u>HERE</u>



# University? We can help.

WHAT UNI?

Find courses, read honest reviews, get expert advice.





Open day top tips: what to do (and what not to do) COLLEGE & SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

BIRMINGHAM CAREERS SERVICE guiding young people

# LOCAL COLLEGE AND SIXTH FORM **OPEN DAYS** 2023**CLICK ON THE LINK** BELOW TO ACCESS INFORMATION ON UPCOMING OPEN DAYS.

FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION AND DATES HERE

# YEAR 12 OPPOR.

# AppliCATIONS STILL OPENI **EY** Foundation



### Opportunity 3: Smart Futures - GCF (Civil services)

Smart Futures is a programme for young people in Year 12 (England) who have been eligible for free school meals or college bursary within the last two years. The programme offers young people the opportunity to develop their employability skills whilst completing a paid work experience placement. The programme starts with 5 days employability skills workshops and then 5 days' work experience.

### **Opportunity 4: Smart Futures Professional services - EY**

A programme for young people in Year 12) who have been eligible for free school meals or college bursary within the last two years. The programme offers young people the opportunity to develop their employability skills whilst completing a paid work experience placement. Young people work towards an Institute of Leadership Management (ILM) qualification and 24 months of mentoring support is available during their final year of school. The programme starts with 5 days employability skills workshops and 3 days' work experience.

# For more information and to register: Smart Futures

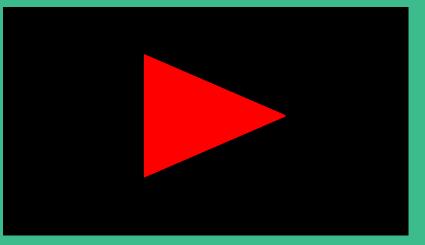
# unifrog

# ALL our students have access to **Unifrog**

Here they can access a wealth of information about apprenticeships, university and college courses, careers advice, work experience information, CV and personal statement tools and much more....

They can access at home 24/7 and it's a great starting point for their career exploration and planning.

FIND OUT MORE HERE



# **UniTasterDays**

How can UniTasterDays help with your university decisions?



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## SEARCH FOR UNIVERSITY EVENTS, BROWSE ON DEMAND WEBINARS, ACCESS RESOURCES AND MUCH MORE

# FIND OUT MORE HERE

Let open days open your mind to what a university or college has to offer...

### UCAS

# Get talking!

No one knows a university better than its students. so take the opportunity to talk to them during compus tours and accommodation visits.

### Plan your day

Decide in advance which talks you want to go to so you don't miss the topics you're interested in.

### Make notes

There's a lot to take in so it'll help when you come to comparing different universities and colleges afterwards.

# Ask questions (lots of them!)

Make a list of what you want to know before you set off and check you've got all the answers before heading home.

# Keep in touch

Take an email address for someone you can contact after your visit in case you think of more questions you'd like to ask.

# For open day dates go to

www.ucas.com/open -days-dates.

# opendays.com

### university + college open days

Opendays.com is a web site providing students with university and college open day information.

The most comprehensive open days web site in the UK. Easily accessible listings of all university and college open days throughout the UK.



### DETAILS PROVIDED

Open day dates, booking information, travel details, monthly calendars and mini prospectuses for over 300 universities and colleges in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

### EASY TO USE

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

### ONLINE BOOKING

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

### ADVICE SECTION

Higher Education opportunities, What To Do At Open Days, UCAS Forms and Gap Years.

Remember our website opendays.com and tell your friends about the service.

