



# OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

11.04.24

# I ❤️ REVISION

OK, SO YOU MAY NOT ACTUALLY LOVE REVISING BUT MOST OF US DO LOVE TO SUCCEED.

TO SUCCEED AT SOMETHING, YOU NEED TO PRACTICE AND THAT'S THE SAME WITH YOUR EXAMS. THE MORE YOU PRACTICE THE BETTER YOU'LL GET

CHECK OUT THE VIDEO BELOW FOR SOME TOP TIPS ON HOW TO USE PAST PAPERS.



STAY IN TOUCH!



# The Student Room

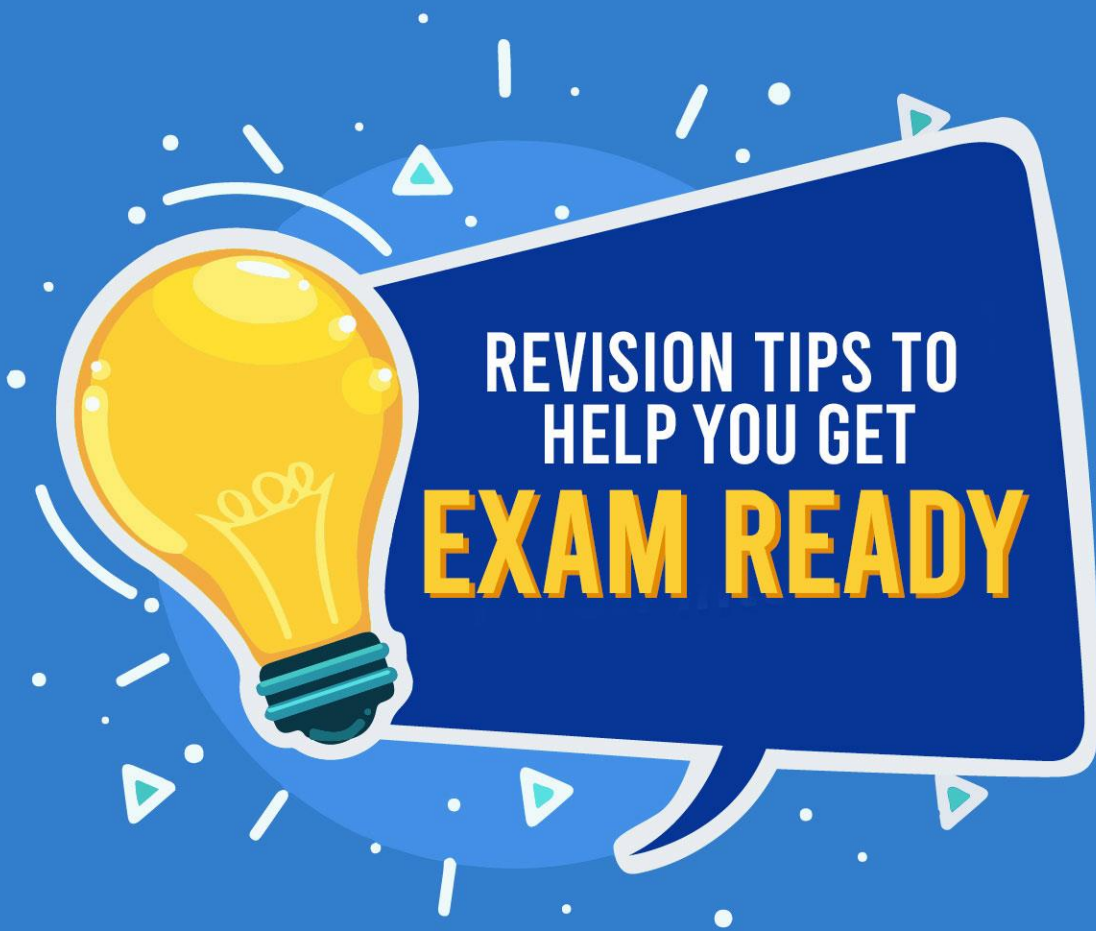
[Making the grade: A\\* students share their revision tips and secrets.](#)

*Whatever results you're aiming for, these tips from top-grade students can help you get there.*

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

**Want more advice?** This video has some general advice from A-level examiners.





## Revision: How to get started





# EXAM TIPS

1



## Make a revision timetable

Help set up your time management. Write down how many exams you have and on which days you have them. Then adjust your study accordingly. You may want to give some exams more time than others, so find a balance that works.

2



## Get enough sleep and drink enough water

Being well hydrated is essential for your brain to work at it's best so make sure you drink plenty of water throughout your studies and on exam day.

Use sleep to your advantage and plan ahead. Don't over use caffeinated drinks in an effort to stay awake!

3



## Think positively

Remind yourself on how you overcame previous set backs. This will help you deal with future challenges and help build a mental resilience. View the exam as an opportunity or as a challenge.

4



## Take regular breaks

If you were training for a marathon, you wouldn't try to run for 24 hours a day. Likewise, studies have shown for long-term retention of knowledge, taking regular breaks really helps.

Everyone's different, so develop a study routine that works for you and don't feel guilty about being out in the sunshine instead of hunched over textbooks!

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## Don't compare yourself with others

Remember, everyone's different and everyone studies differently. Focus on yourself and not on others as this will stress you out. Instead, focus on what you can control.

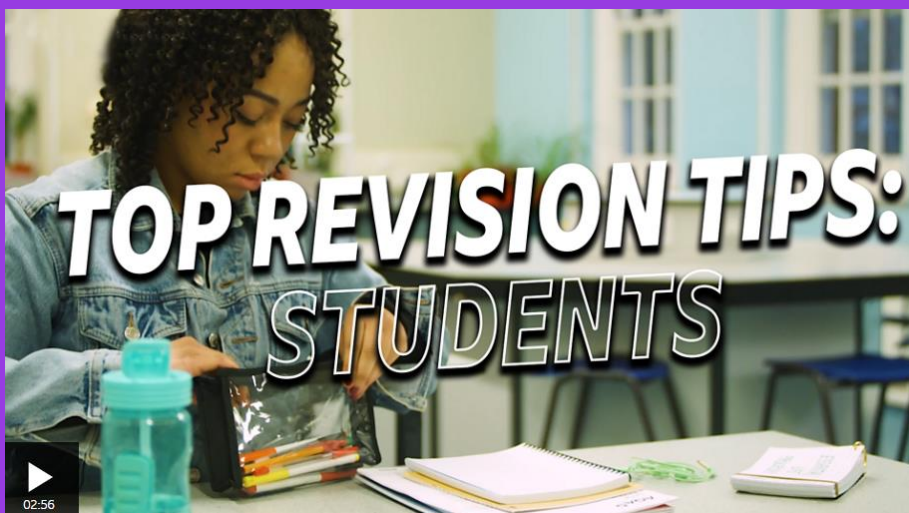
# BBC BITESIZE

## Exams and revision

Exams can be stressful, but don't worry: we've got you. Check out our handy tips and advice for keeping on top of your studies and revision.

## Study support

Bitesize Study support is the go-to place to support you through your studies and other life challenges. With tips and advice to help with revision, exam stress, bullying and more... we've got you





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Wellbeing Team onsite at  
Bishop Challoner.

# 2024

## Summer Exam GCSE and GCE provisional timetables

GCE EXAMINATION  
TIMETABLE

GCSE EXAMINATION  
TIMETABLE

EXAMINATION  
INFORMATION

# D A T E S

FOR YOUR DIARY

A LEVEL RESULTS DAY  
THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup>  
AUGUST 2024

GCSE RESULTS DAY  
THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>  
AUGUST 2024



**BISHOP CHALLONER UPCOMING EVENTS**





**IT'S ONLY 12 WEEKS UNTIL  
OUR WORK EXPERIENCE  
WEEKS COMMENCE!!**

**THE BULLETIN HAS LOTS OF GREAT  
INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS  
ON HOW TO FIND A PLACEMENT.**

**CHECK OUT THE POSTERS ON PAGES  
11 & 12 FOR SOME USEFUL TIPS ON  
HOW TO FIND A PLACEMENT.**



# WORK EXPERIENCE DATES

## YEAR 10

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 (5 DAYS)**

## YEAR 12

**8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 (5 DAYS)**

For any queries regarding Yr10 work experience please contact Mrs Newton at [b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

For any queries regarding Yr12 work experience please contact Ms Jacques at [a.jacques@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:a.jacques@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

More information and WEX documents and form can be found on the [Careers Hub](#)

# YR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

## How to find a placement

WORK EXPERIENCE

Do you know the type of work experience you would like?

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 friends of the family, neighbours or friends' parents 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.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.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.yell.co.uk](http://www.yell.co.uk)

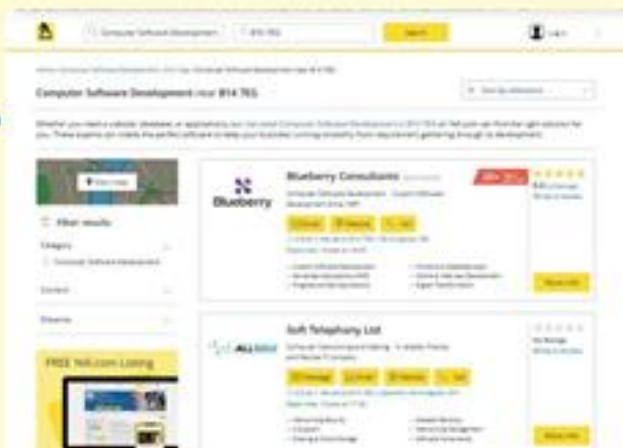
Insert the area you are interested in e.g. computer software and YOUR postcode – then hit search.



3

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).



4

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 (1st July – 5th July 2024)
- 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 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

5

Complete the Work Experience Form

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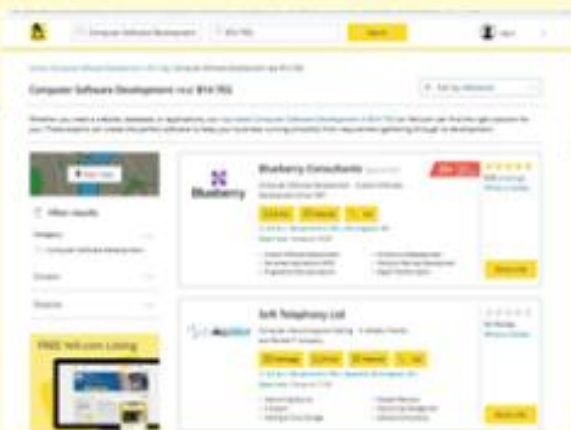
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  - Your skills (or previous experience, if you have any)
    - Why you'd be suitable for the role



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## **VIRTUAL** work experience



# RAF Cosford “More Than Just a Museum”

**Amazing 3 day placement featuring behind the scenes of a busy, working museum, showcasing all of the varied careers available.**

- Students will complete a variety of virtual projects over three days around the marketing, exhibitions and visitor experience.
- Hear from leading industry professionals, as well as gaining insight into what it is actually like to work alongside exhibitions and the public!
- Students with an interest in careers in tourism, history, business, customer service and events would love this opportunity.

**9th July - 11th July 2024 (Closing date: 11/6/24)  
10.00am-14.00pm 14-19 yrs old**

### **INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH...**

Click [here](#) to apply or email [Sally Cowburn](#) for more info

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**Living Well**  
UK

## **VIRTUAL** **work experience**



### **Discover The Third Sector!**

The Third Sector refers to a part of society that's neither government nor business. It includes organisations that aim to do good in various ways, often focusing on social, environmental, or cultural issues rather than making profits. These organisations are typically non-profit or charitable, and they work to address community needs, support causes, and improve people's lives.

**Living Well UK is part of the West Midland's leading mental health consortium and partners with 30 Third Sector mental health organisations.**

- Students will learn about a range of career paths into charitable work and volunteering.
- This placement would be perfect for any students interested in pursuing careers around mental health, community working or volunteering.
- Perhaps your school has a student wellbeing group, fundraising group or another extra curricular community club - this would be a perfect way to demonstrate future pathways using their skills!

**When: 10am-2pm 3rd - 5th July 2024**

**Closing date: 3/6/2024 Ages: 14-16 yrs old.**

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# VIRTUAL work experience



## For the Love of Animals!

Incredible once-in-a-lifetime 3 day virtual work experience looking at careers within animal management.

We have partnered with 3 different employers to bring your students the most comprehensive deep dive into animal management careers in the UK today.

- Your students will spend a virtual day with Flamingo Land and also Royal Zoological Society of Scotland. Final employer to be confirmed.
- Get up and close with a polar bear as well as learning about behaviour studies and how zoos prepare for a new species.
- As this is an immersive student focused placement, we will not be accepting group bookings and all students will need a laptop.



29th April - 1st May (3 day) 10am - 2pm  
14 - 19 yrs. Closing date: 19th April  
(May close earlier if demand is high)

**INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH...**

[Click HERE for booking details.](#)





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WORK EXPERIENCE

## **140+ Work Experience Ideas (Ideal for Year 10 and Year 12)**

When it comes to applying for jobs and university, you need to find a way to make your application stand out. When you're fresh out of school or university, this can be difficult as you will often not have much to put onto your university application or CV.

Something that can help to make you stand out from the crowd is having experience, particularly in the area that you want to go into. While work experience can be an important part of your application, it can be difficult to know how to get it.

### **General work experience ideas**

Getting work experience can be incredibly important and useful regardless of what you want to do in the future. Even if you're not sure what you want to study or don't have any particular career that you're interested in, getting work experience is still worth your time.

**FIND OUT MORE HERE**






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Apply by 19/04/24

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Mon 1st July - Fri 5th July, 9.30am - 15.00 pm daily  
Ages 14-19  
Apply by 17/06/24

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## Let's get started

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# SPEAKERS for schools

## Broadcast Video Library

We are delighted to share the recordings of our video Broadcasts (Previously known as Vtalks) below!

This page will be updated regularly with new videos and further resources.



### Tom Levitt, Consultant on Responsible Business & Former MP

Tom Levitt, Consultant on Responsible Business & Former MP All About Responsible Business Practic...

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### Chris Hale, Chair Emeritus, Travers Smith LLP

Chris Hale, Chair Emeritus, Travers Smith LLP The Law: Its Importance and Careers Into It Wednesday ...

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### Capt. Polly Marsh, CEO, The Ulysses Trust

Captain Polly Marsh, CEO, The Ulysses Trust Challenge And Adventure: Your Personal Development Tuesd...

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# Join us to sound out their options!

**DISCOVER!**  
creative careers

18th April 2024  
6.30 to 7.30pm

Our 1-hour virtual  
open evening for  
parents & carers...

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Did you know that the British creative industries are booming? We can help your child to find creative career opportunities and feel inspired to go after them!

Together with Discover! Creative Careers Week 2024, 18th – 22nd November, we will be delivering a week of FREE virtual sessions to state schools and colleges – including face-to-face opportunities in some regions – to showcase careers in creative tech, film, animation, design, music, fashion, publishing, architecture, crafts, heritage, museums, galleries and more!

Young people will be able to access 3-5-hour insight days and longer work experience placements, 1-hour industry spotlight career talks and inspirational talks with speakers – all advertised on the Speakers for Schools website.

Join us to find out more...

The Discover! Creative Careers 2023 – 2025 programme is funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport with additional support from Arts Council England



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## Work Experience

Welcome to our work experience opportunities page – the perfect place to start your career journey! Explore the latest placements on offer from hundreds of employers across a wide range of industries.

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**DISCOVER! Behind the Scenes of Live Shows**  
Employer: Fane  
Age: 16 - 19

**Ready, Set, Code! 3-day Tech Work Experience (Virtual Event - UK wide)**  
Employer: Kainos

**Pathways to Work | SEND**  
Employer: Speakers for Schools - East of England  
Age: 14 - 19  
Industry: Leisure/Sport  
Type: Virtual work experience  
Date: 24/04/2024  
Timings: 10:00 - 14:30  
Duration: 3 days

Date range  
Start date  
End date  
Type of opportunity



# BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



*Platinum Jubilee Remembrance Event*

**SCHOOL VISIT AND RANGE OF STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES  
BLESSING**

**THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024  
4.30-6.30PM**



## Masterclasses

Our popular masterclass programme provides school students in Years 7-13 with fun, engaging, and interactive insights into what it's like to study at a selective university.

Every year, our academic and research staff offer a variety of masterclasses designed to inspire curiosity and expand knowledge. Students participate in activities, workshops, and lectures that enhance their grasp of specific subjects, ignite their passion for the field, and encourage them to explore further studies in that area.

Masterclasses are offered on a range of topics, with previous classes exploring subjects like politics, psychology, business, and engineering.

Our 2024 masterclass series is open for registrations, explore your favourite interest areas below Questions?

Get in touch with the team at [masterclass@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:masterclass@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

**MASTERCLASS INFO HERE**

**YEAR 12/13 STUDENTS**

**SEE MRS NEWTON OR MS MULLINS IF  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A PLACE ON A MASTERCLASS**



# UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

## Post-16 programmes and activities

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### Access to Birmingham

Access to Birmingham (A2B) supports applicants to the University of Birmingham to discover what studying at university involves.



### Routes to the Professions

Routes to Professions (R2P) is for Year 12 students looking to get practical insight into university study.



### Inspired@Birmingham

The Inspired@Birmingham programme supports Year 12 students who are interested in applying to research-intensive universities.



### Academic Enrichment Programme

The Academic Enrichment Programme (AEP) is a five-day residential summer school for Year 12 students.



### National Access Summer School

The National Access Summer School (NASS) is a four-day residential programme for Year 12 students outside the West Midlands.



### Realising Opportunities

With Realising Opportunities, leading universities are working together to widen participation, improve access and promote social mobility.

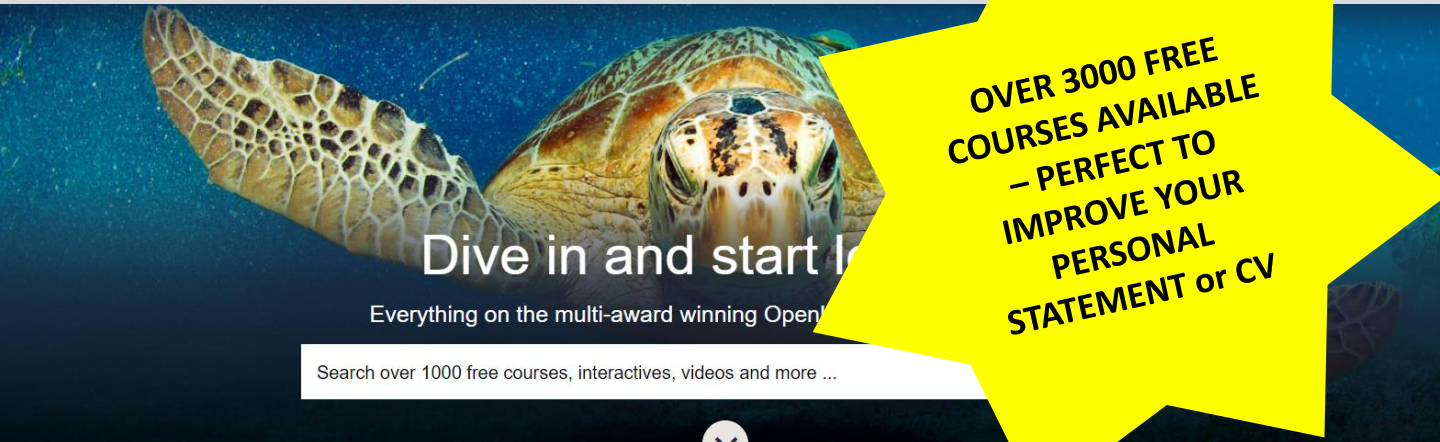
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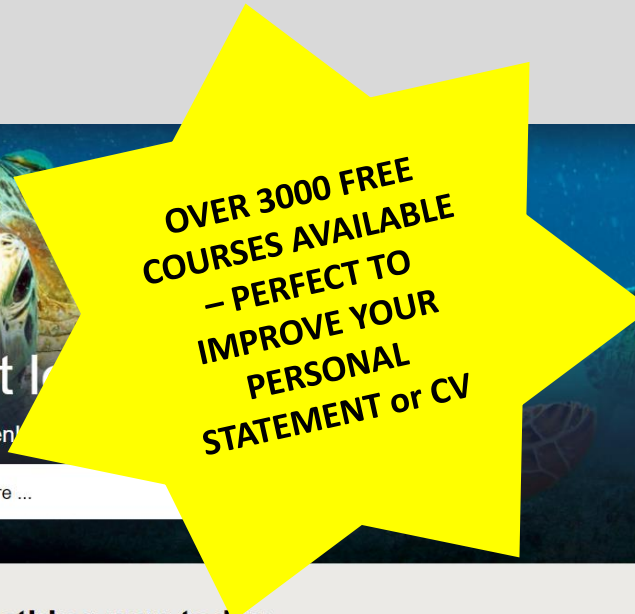
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### Pick a subject and start learning

<a href="#">Money &amp; Business &gt;</a>	<a href="#">Education &amp; Development &gt;</a>	<a href="#">Health, Sports &amp; Psychology &gt;</a>
<a href="#">History &amp; The Arts &gt;</a>	<a href="#">Languages &gt;</a>	<a href="#">Nature &amp; Environment &gt;</a>
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# 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**

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>  
July 2024

# SUMMER UNIVERSITY

**3-DAY RESIDENTIAL**

**Free for Year 12 students  
interested in:**

## MEDIA

- Creative Writing
- Film Studies
- Journalism/Sport Journalism
- Media Production
- Media, Culture & Communication

## ENGINEERING:

- Audio Music Production
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering



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# 2024 SUMMER UNIVERSITY

## YEAR 12 RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITY

We are delighted to announce that LJMU will be hosting Summer University Residential this summer. For 3 days we will give you the opportunity to discover what being a university student is all about and delve into a subject area of your choice. Don't worry if you're not sure whether university or LJMU is right

for you – this summer residential will provide the perfect opportunity to help you decide.

The cost of the summer university is completely **FREE** with luxurious student accommodation and meals all fully funded.

## During the Summer University, you will:

- Experience student life and live in University accommodation
- Engage in interactive subject content designed by university academic staff
- Get to know our current students and recent graduates
- Enjoy social events and meet fellow students whilst discovering the city centre
- Have the chance to become more prepared for your journey to University

## BOOK YOUR PLACE EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Applications will be closed as soon as we reach the number of students required!

*\*Participants in our Summer University programme may be eligible for a reduced entry offer of up to 16 UCAS Points lower.*



### Contact Us :

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W: [ljmu.ac.uk/outreach](http://ljmu.ac.uk/outreach)  
T: @LJMUOutreach  
◀ **SCAN TO APPLY**



**Accommodation and Meals will all be paid for!**



# WARWICK SCHOLARS



# UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!  
DEADLINE 27th MARCH 2024**

## Leeds Summer Schools



Our national programme of summer schools provides an opportunity for students to explore a chosen subject area and experience what it's like to live and learn at Leeds.

Designed for Year 12 learners, our summer schools offer a unique insight into university life. Students take part in interactive workshops and engaging practical sessions which develop their subject knowledge, study skills and careers awareness. Students will also meet current undergraduates, academics, stay overnight in student accommodation and participate in social activities and events.

### How to apply

For further information, eligibility criteria and to register their interest, students should visit the specific Leeds Summer School webpages linked in the subject choices section.

**FIND OUT MORE HERE**



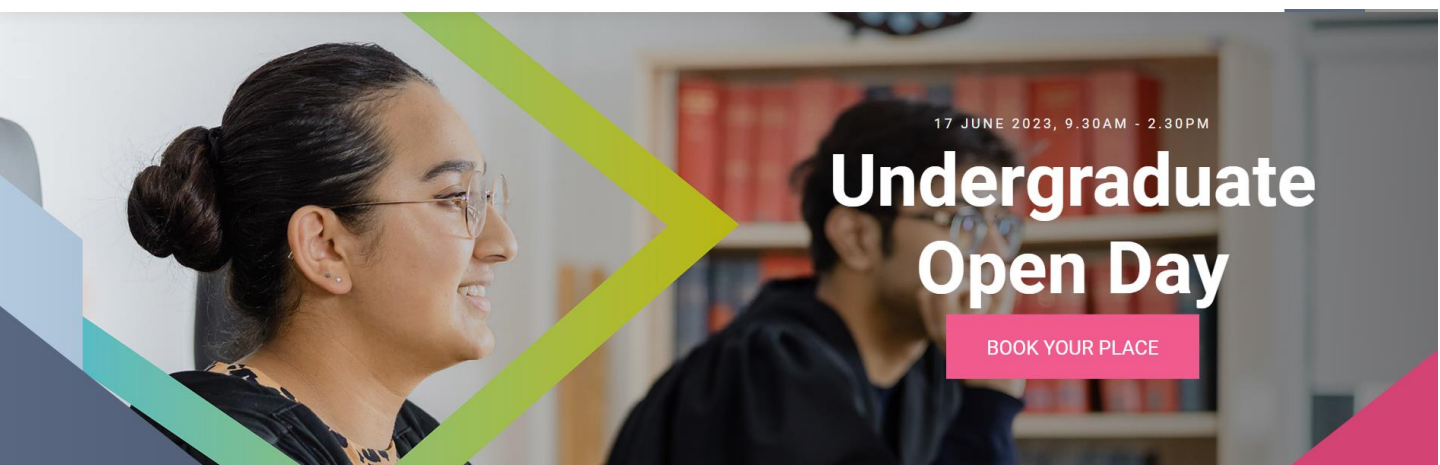
## Discovery Days

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Below are our Discovery Days for the 2023/24 academic year. These are broken down by our faculty areas.

Find out more about our events - [HERE](#)



17 JUNE 2023, 9.30AM - 2.30PM

# Undergraduate Open Day

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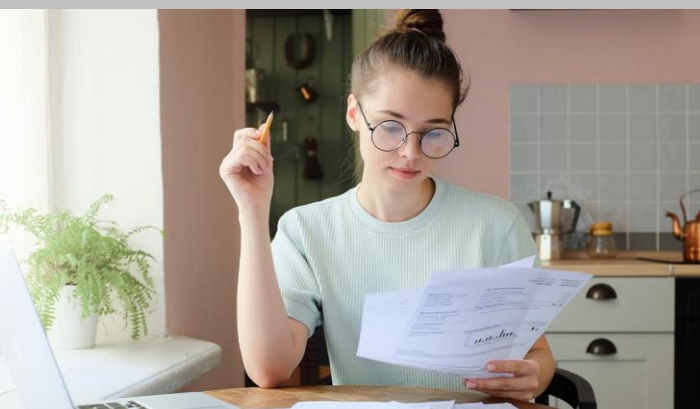


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University

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES VIRTUAL HUB

We have created a range of resources for you to help you explore the world of Higher Education. From videos to how to guides, there's something for everyone and you can use these resources to support you with your choices about your future. These resources will help you from the beginning of your journey, when you are just starting to think about university through to preparing yourself for the move. These can be done at home individually and you can share them with your teachers and advisers.

Our aim is to provide you with a range of useful information and activities to help you with making decisions about your future.







# ONLINE COURSES



[Coursera](#) is probably one of the best-known online learning sites. It is partnered with universities around the world, including Imperial College London and Stanford.

It also partners with companies including Google and IBM to offer expertise in specific areas - for example, machine learning.



[Harvard University](#) offer a small selection of free online courses. They're a little niche but interesting enough to have a look at.



[Open Learn](#) courses are FREE for anyone aged 13 and over. There are around 1000 courses to choose from and once you have completed the course you will receive a statement of participation.



[Gresham College](#) offer access to a huge variety of free online lectures.

## 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 Science](#)
- ▾ [College of Health and Life Sciences](#)
- ▾ [Pathways to the Professions](#)
- ▾ ['Thriving in Student Life: A Well-being Webinar'](#)

[No Title]

### Other Activities

- ▾ [Visit Us On Campus](#)
- ▾ [Advice and Guidance](#)
- ▾ [Open Days](#)
- ▾ [UniBuddy](#)

[FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY HERE](#)

# Insight into University Residential



Insight into University Residential Experience (previously known as Headstart) are summer schools run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. Students will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Students will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings.

These courses are for Year 12/S5-6 students and are a great way to try out a STEM subject at university before applying. This allows students to make a better informed decision for their UCAS application, as well as meeting like-minded students from all over the UK.

These summer schools are run for small groups (on average 30 students) and so places are limited.

## Courses running in summer 2024

Maths at Lancaster  
 Mechanical Engineering at UCL  
 Materials Science at Oxford  
 Broad-based Engineering at Sheffield  
 Materials Science at Cambridge  
 Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool  
 Ocean & Earth Science at Southampton

Additional courses coming soon!

Find out more and apply on our website  
[here.](#)

## What our students say

*"A wonderful experience which a few years ago I wouldn't have dreamed of going on. The staff were so supportive and everything was fascinating. Thank you all so much for this chance, it was something I'll remember and reap the benefits of for the rest of my life!"*

*"I greatly enjoyed it. This course has given me the opportunity to demystify university life for myself and also interact with those just as enthusiastic as myself. It was a great chance to experience life independent of my family for the first time. I now know how university life will be, and so I feel more comfortable pursuing it."*



## Statistics from 2023

99%

of participants said they would recommend the course to other students!

96%

of participants said they felt the experience on the course will help them make a better informed decision for their UCAS application.

## Follow us on social media



Visit our website

[www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university](http://www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university)

## Our Programmes

Our Apprenticeship programmes operate across the Amazon UK business and include on the job coaching as well as specialist partner training. By the end of your programme you will leave with real commercial experience coupled with associated qualifications.

Click below to find out more around programme eligibility, what the course consists of and why these might appeal to you given your interests, qualifications and background:

## 2024 Apprenticeship Programmes

Applications are now open for the majority of our schemes. Early application to the below programmes is advised.

### Human Resources, Business Management, Finance and Procurement



- Buying and Merchandising Apprenticeship >
- Project Management Apprenticeship >
- Chartered Management Degree Apprenticeship >
- Recruitment Consultant Apprenticeship >
- Product Manager Apprenticeship >
- HR Consultant Apprenticeship >
- Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Apprenticeship >
- Finance Apprenticeship >

### Digital



- Data Analyst Apprenticeship >
- Business Analyst Apprenticeship >
- Solutions Architect Apprenticeship >
- Software Development Engineer Apprenticeship >
- Cyber Security >
- Dev Ops Apprenticeship >

[No Title]

### Marketing and Sales



- Marketing Apprenticeship >
- Sales / Account Manager Apprenticeship >

### Operations and Engineering




- Safety Technician Apprenticeship >
- Mechatronics Apprenticeship (RME) >
- Automation Apprenticeship (RME) >
- Supply Chain Warehouse Operative Apprenticeship >

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£19,838  Nuneaton

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### Level 3 Engineering Apprentice

**Locations:** Please refer to the map above to view all of our locations which are open for applications.

**Salary:** £19,838

**Start Date:** November 2024

### What you'll be doing

Work alongside experienced engineers in depots across the UK and learn what goes into keeping thousands of miles of power lines and tracks running and fit for us. As part of our team, you'll help shape national projects, embrace the latest technology and develop the skills you need to succeed.

Each of our apprentices will specialise in a pathway relevant to the depot they're based at. The pathways available are Track, Signalling, Telecommunications, Overhead Lines, and Distribution and Plant. This could see you getting hands-on and repairing our tracks, working with high voltage systems, heights and specialist tools, repairing major signalling failures, supporting our telecommunications systems, or keeping our power flowing safely and efficiently.

Please note that your discipline will be allocated to you according to your geography and what the need is at your local depot. If you have a preference in what discipline you would like to specialise in, please make this clear as part of the application process.

### Who you are matters

You'll need grades 9-4 in GCSE English, Science, and at least one other subject, and grade 9-5 in GCSE Maths, or equivalent.

We look for driven individuals who have a keen eye for detail and the ability to solve difficult problems. You should love working in a team but be comfortable making your own judgements once settled in the role.

Our railway runs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This means that as a Rail Engineering Technician Apprentice it is likely that you will follow a shift pattern that could mean working nights and/or weekends. You'll find yourself out in all weathers, around the clock, seven days a week, so you'll need to be flexible about travelling and working shifts and be up for working in all conditions.

Due to the nature of the railway environment we operate certain safety checks when joining, as part of this we require all candidates to be 18 years old.

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## Apprenticeships

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Find out about apprenticeships with the help of this Skills for Life short course, powered by Springpod!

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## **OUR ADVANCED/HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS (LEVEL 3-5)**

If you are looking to kick-start your career or make a career change and move into technical operations, HR, marketing, business, journalism or production, a BBC advanced/higher level apprenticeship could be for you.

An advanced/higher apprenticeship will give you the opportunity to get hands-on experience, gold-standard training and gain a formal qualification while receiving a salary and benefits. You'll work as part of a team and receive support and guidance throughout.

Advanced/higher apprenticeship schemes last from 18 months to 2 years and you will receive an accredited apprenticeship qualification on completion. Opportunities are available across the UK. You'll need to be 18 when you join and be eligible to work in the UK. Some schemes have qualifying criteria which are listed in the job description.

These schemes are aimed at non-graduates. If you have a degree, extensive experience in an area or have previously completed an apprenticeship programme, please check out our higher and master's degree level apprenticeships.

## **WHAT YOU'LL GET**

- A salary of £20,475 (+ living allowance where applicable)
- A recognised professional qualification
- A dedicated team manager and scheme specialist to help with your development
- Professional teaching and mentoring by industry experts
- Industry-leading training through the BBC Academy where relevant
- 25 days of annual leave days and bank holidays
- Defined pension scheme
- Discounted dental, health care, gym and much more

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# Browse apprenticeships before you apply

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Amazing Apprenticeships

**Higher & Degree Apprenticeship  
Vacancy Listing for  
2024 Recruitment**

January 2024

Visit [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://apprenticeships.gov.uk)

## HIGHER AND DEGREE LISTING

January 30, 2024

By [aliciapascal](#)

Explore 1,400 Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies in the **January edition** of the Higher and Degree listing 2024.

Discover vacancy details from over 50 employers, including locations, salary information and direct application links.

The Higher & Degree Listing is a **bi-annual publication**, with the next release planned for October 2024.

Visit our [Higher and Degree page](#) to find out more.

# 5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER CHOOSING AN APPRENTICESHIP

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Department  
for Education



Apprenticeships are a brilliant option for people of all ages to launch their careers in a huge range of exciting industries or upskill at various levels.

There are thousands of apprenticeship vacancies on offer, with more than 640 high-quality apprenticeships approved for use by employers – meaning someone could pursue a career as anything from a space engineering technician to a junior advertising creative.

Here are five reasons why there has never been a better time to do an apprenticeship.

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## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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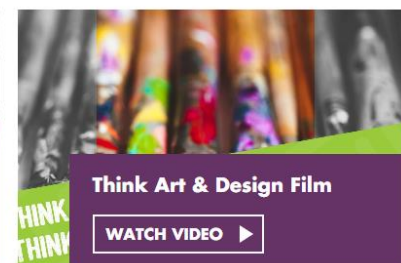
# THINK APPRENTICESHIP SUBJECT FILMS

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## THINK APPRENTICESHIPS SUBJECT FILMS

Discover our series of short and engaging films covering 12 school subjects and the many apprenticeship roles they link with.

Each film introduces a range of apprentice roles linked to the subject and outlines some of the tasks you could expect to be doing in each apprenticeship.



# PATHWAY

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## **Employment Opportunities**

Check out the latest opportunities with leading Employer's across the UK, from school leaver roles to Apprenticeships. [Contact our Student Support team](#) for help with your apprenticeship applications!

## **Degree Apprenticeships Apprenticeships Work Experience**



# Find an apprenticeship

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## Find an apprenticeship

Find an apprenticeship in  
England.

You can apply for  
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## A BRAND-NEW FILM TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS

**This month, the nation's number 1 apprenticeship employer - the British Army, is celebrating 100 years of offering apprenticeships!**

To mark this special occasion, we went along to the Army Foundation College (AFC) in Harrogate and met some incredible Junior Soldiers to find out what life is like at the college and the opportunities available.

**WATCH THE FILM NOW**

AFC Harrogate supports 16 and 17 year olds in learning military skills, fitness and education (including English and Maths) so they're ready for an apprenticeship and successful career in whichever part of the Army suits them best - all whilst earning a good wage and making friends for life.



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# HIGHER DEGREE LISTING

**Higher and Degree Vacancy  
Listing for 2023/24 Recruitment**



Created October 2023

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The new Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy Listing was launched this week, featuring over 250+ live vacancies from 50+ employers across England. To download the listing and share with your students, click [here](#).



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the next step

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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.

# Careerpilot

## Free online courses offered by unis (MOOCs)



MOOC stands for Massive Open Online Course and they are designed by universities across the world. They are short online courses and you don't need a degree to do them, just an interest in the topic.

### **Why not study a free short MOOC on a subject you might want to study in the future?**

If you are in Year 13 and planning on going on to university this year or are in Year 12 and wondering what you are going to do after your A Levels - studying a MOOC will have lots of benefits;

- They are usually free to study although sometimes they are only free for a certain length of time.
- There are hundreds of different short courses available and they offer an opportunity to focus on subjects you are studying now or are interested in studying at university. The courses also offer a chance for you to try something new and develop an area of interest.
- You do not need any qualifications to start the course, and they maybe as little as 2 hours a week - so you could always do several different courses.
- Although you may not get a formal qualification, the knowledge gained from doing one could help you prepare for higher education, or choose a course - and they are great to mention on your personal statement too.

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## 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!

One 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 [National Careers Service](#). One thing is for sure, you don't need a degree to be successful!

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The Orwell Youth Prize uses the writing of George Orwell as a starting point to inspire you to write about your own ideas and experiences.

Inspired by Orwell, we want you to think about ideas of home today. What does it feel like to be at home? What happens when our sense of a safe and secure home comes under threat? What does home mean in an ever-moving world? And how can we make our homes the places we want them to be – be this a household, town, city, country, or the world?

### **[ENTER THE PRIZE](#)**

The Orwell Youth Prize 2024 is now open for entries on the theme of HOME. Please use the online form below to enter.

# Considering Higher Education?

## Parents and Guardians Evening

National Careers Week 2024

Thursday 7 March, 5.00pm – 7.30pm

Held at Aston University city centre campus



Aimed at parents/guardians of year 9 and 10 students our Parents & Guardians event is back, and ***better than ever!*** Join us for an evening of discovery. Understand career opportunities and the skills needed to succeed at GCSEs and beyond. Learn about the benefits of higher education, the range of courses on offer, entry requirements, as well as attending subject specific workshops.

[Book Here](#)



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.





# COLLEGE & SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

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# 2024

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[Open day top tips: what to do  
\(and what not to do\)](#)

# opendays.com

## university + college open days

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The most comprehensive open days web site in the UK.

Easily accessible listings of all university and college open days throughout the UK.

### DETAILS PROVIDED

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

### EASY TO USE

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

### ONLINE BOOKING

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

### ADVICE SECTION

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

Remember our website [opendays.com](http://opendays.com) and tell your friends about the service.



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

UCAS

1

## Plan your day

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

2

## Make notes

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

3

## Get talking!

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

4

## 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.

5

## 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](http://www.ucas.com/open-days-dates)



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# UniTasterDays

How can UniTasterDays help with your university decisions?



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If you are seeking the best enrichment opportunities for students in UK, you are in the right place.

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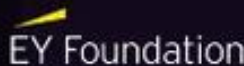
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