



OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

20.10.23

LEARN A SKILL

5 Benefits ...

1. It keeps you healthy — Learning keeps your mind engaged and body active.
2. It opens doors — for example when you learn a new language, doors open for you to work in different types of companies.
3. It increases your mental well-being and happiness.
4. It keeps you relevant. The world is always changing and learning a new skill will ensure you stay on top.
5. It helps reduce boredom and keeps your interest levels high.

THE BULLETIN HAS A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP YOU LEARN NEW SKILLS - CHECK OUT PAGES 2 - 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



STAY IN TOUCH!



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.



Dive in and start learning

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Search over 1000 free courses, interactives, videos and more ...



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Improve your study skills and get acquainted with student life with our expertly created courses and resources.

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Boost your employability skills and find useful resources to help you with your life outside of work.

[For Work >](#)

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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,

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UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Post-16 programmes and activities

Post-16 programmes and activities



[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.

Careers in Writing

**Saturday 25th November 2023
12.30pm in central Birmingham.**



With opportunities to ask questions and meet other writers your age (14–24), Careers in Writing will help you find out:

- **How to go from writing for fun to writing as a career**
- **What other jobs you could do which still use your writing skills and passion**
- **More about working in the publishing industry**

You can also book for a limited number of individual advice sessions to directly discuss anything you'd like to know about in more depth with a member of the team.

**Sign up to our mailing list for more details:
sparkwriters.org.**

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ARE YOU A GSCE, A-LEVEL, UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OR RECENT GRADUATE?

ACCESS TO THE BEST ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES IN UK IS HERE...

You are just a click away from UK's best work experience, courses, scholarships, insight days, apprenticeships and internships

[SEE LATEST OPPORTUNITIES](#)

BEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR UK STUDENTS

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

This page is updated at least once a week with the latest and best jobs and extra-curricular opportunities for students and recent graduates. Keep checking back here, you never know what you may find.

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MORE HERE**



VACANCIES

HIGHER & DEGREE LISTING

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



Apprenticeships

Created October 2023

Visit apprenticeships.gov.uk

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](#).



T LEVEL UPDATE - WEBINAR

Following Government announcements regarding T Levels and A Levels this month, join us on our next T Level information webinar on **Monday 27th November** at **3.30pm** to find out more about what's next and how you can support your students with up to date information. Click [here](#) to register.

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

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.

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SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY

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BOOK YOUR TICKETS!

BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 15th November 2023

6:00pm- 8:30pm

**Institute Road, Kings Heath,
Birmingham, B14 7EG**





Bishop Challoner
Sixth Form College

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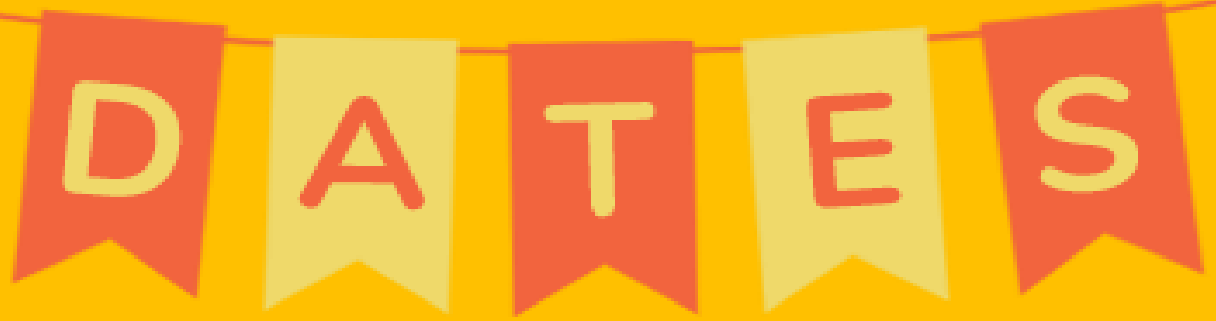
T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



Bishop Challoner Sixth Form College Open Evening 2023

Parents/Carers and Year 11 students
from all schools are warmly invited to
attend our Sixth Form Open Evening.

[Get tickets](#)



FOR YOUR DIARY

**SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING
WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER**

6.00pm – 8.30PM

Get tickets

**Y10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK
1ST – 5TH JULY 2024**

**Y12 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK
8TH – 12TH JULY 2024**



BISHOP CHALLONER UPCOMING EVENTS

**COLLEGE & SIXTH
FORM OPEN DAYS**

**BIRMINGHAM
CAREERS SERVICE**
guiding young people

YOUR CHOICE
YOUR FUTURE

LOCAL COLLEGE AND SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

2024

CLICK ON THE LINK
BELOW TO ACCESS
INFORMATION ON
UPCOMING OPEN
DAYS.

**FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION
AND DATES HERE**

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.



UniTasterDays

How can UniTasterDays help
with your university decisions?



UniTasterDays is a directory of university events for school groups and individual students.



SEARCH FOR UNIVERSITY EVENTS,
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ACCESS RESOURCES AND MUCH MORE

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Aston University Open Days

Friday 7 July

Saturday 30 September

Saturday 18 November

Birmingham

- Meet lecturers at subject-specific talks
- Ask questions about your course
- Talk to our current students about life as an Aston University student
- Take a campus tour
- Speak to our admissions and finance teams and more.



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





**WHAT
UNI?**

University? We can help.

Find courses, read honest reviews, get expert advice.

SEARCH



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



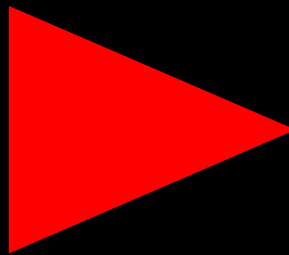
ALL our students have access to **unifrog**

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.



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MORE HERE



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Let's get started

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APPRENTICESHIPS

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!

FIND OUT MORE [HERE](#)



NOT GOING TO UNI

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 [HERE](#)



Check out our blogs!





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.

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL & COLLEGE LEAVER

FESTIVAL

THE NEC, BIRMINGHAM, 7 - 8 NOVEMBER 2023



NSCL Fest is a fully interactive, immersive & importantly 'fun' two-day showcase held to inform & inspire our future talent pipeline & showcase the best opportunities that Employers, Colleges, Universities & other Training Providers have to offer.

FIND OUT MORE HERE



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





HMGCC

Who are HMGCC?

HMGCC are the engineering specialists at the heart of the UK's national security. They bring engineering ingenuity to the national security mission, creating tools and technologies that drive us ahead and help to protect the nation.

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Aston University

PATHWAYS TO THE PROFESSIONS

To find out more visit:

[www.aston.ac.uk/sro/
pathways-to-the-professions](http://www.aston.ac.uk/sro/pathways-to-the-professions)



The Access to Birmingham (A2B) programme helps University of Birmingham applicants with little or no higher education experience to explore what studying at university involves.

The University of Birmingham has a long history of welcoming students from a wide variety of social and cultural backgrounds. We were one of the first universities to set up a fair access scheme for local students in 2000 and are proud to be able to offer you the support of our A2B scheme if you are studying at one of our partner institutions.

Apply to A2B

Applications for the 2023/24 A2B scheme are open until 15 February 2024. Completing the programme will bring you a range of benefits including an alternative offer and funding. We encourage you to explore our programme information and eligibility and consider applying.

APPLY NOW

Benefits of taking part in the programme

Once you complete A2B successfully, you will receive two offers from the University of Birmingham, the standard offer and a [Pathways to Birmingham offer](#).

The Pathways to Birmingham offer is typically a reduction of up to two A level grades (e.g. BBB rather than AAB).

As well as the Pathways to Birmingham offer, you will also benefit from:

- Financial support
- Continued support and guidance from an experienced and dedicated A2B team
- Preparation for the transition from school to university study
- The opportunity to make new friends at a special induction event before you start university
- Becoming a Birmingham Scholar upon starting university
- Practice interviews for courses where relevant (Medicine, Dentistry, Social Work, Nursing, and Physiotherapy)

EXPLORE THE BENEFITS

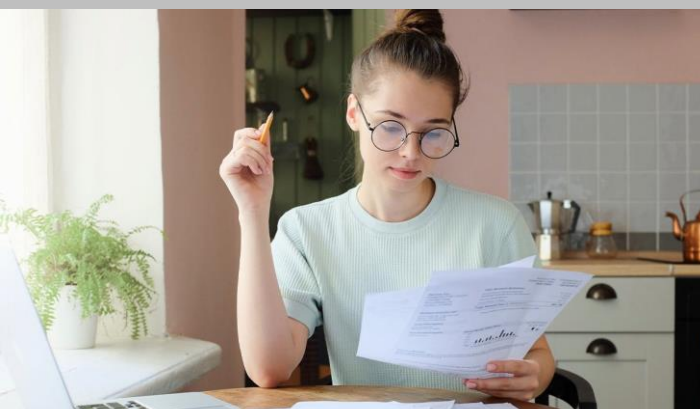


BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

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.



OPEN DAYS



Next open days...

Saturday 07 October 2023

College open day >
10:00am - 2:00pm

[Book now](#)

Saturday 14 October 2023

Undergraduate open day >
10:00am - 2:00pm

[Book now](#)

Saturday 18 November 2023

College open day >
10:00am - 2:00pm

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Saturday 25 November 2023

Undergraduate open day >
10:00am - 2:00pm

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Why choose University College Birmingham?

From our **award-winning student support services** to our collaborative culture that helps us nurture proud, ambitious and high achieving students. Together with our hands-on, practical approach in the classroom – which mirrors what you will find in the workplace and gives you a great head start for life after your studies. We have a truly unique offering for our students, here at University College Birmingham.



Find a career you'll love

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

[GET STARTED](#)

How can we help you?

We believe every young person should have the **opportunity to succeed** 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.



Upcoming Broadcasts

See what's new and next in our series of inspirational talks

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Work Experience

Get world-class work experience with top companies

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Inspirational Talks Library

Listen to great talks from high-achieving professionals

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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

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What careers link to Geography, Art and PE?

Celebs who went to Uni

What work experience do you need?

How to choose a bank account as a student?

Lesson plans and resources for teachers & MORE!

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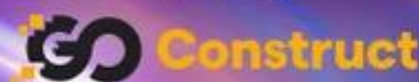


FOR PARENTS,
CARERS & GUARDIANS

Flick through and discover:

5 questions to help your child to
think about their next steps
Work Experience
In demand jobs
Apprenticeships: A Go to Guide
Preparing for your child to leave for uni
Spotting the signs of bullying
T Levels
& Much more!

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**Careermag for Parents,
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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



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

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

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...

Advice

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Supporting your child through their GCSEs

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



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...

Forums

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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...

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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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the next step

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Find an apprenticeship

APPRENTICESHIPS



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Find an apprenticeship in
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You can apply for
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in [Scotland](#), [Northern
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Use this search to browse which apprenticeships are available based on your interest and location.

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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.