



# OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

21.07.22

## SCHOOL'S OUT FOR

# SUMMER

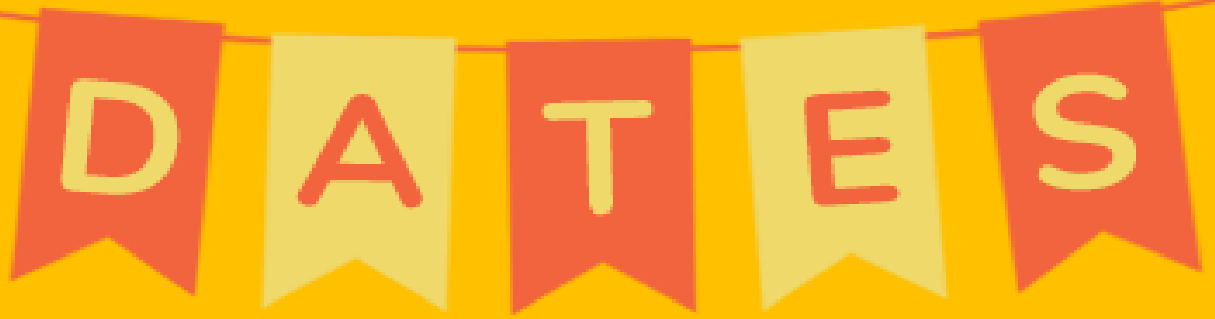
**BUT...THE FINAL BULLETIN OF THE TERM IS STILL PACKED WITH OPPORTUNITIES.**

**THERE'S LOTS TO KEEP YOU BUSY OVER THE SUMMER AND BEYOND...**

**HAVE A RESTFUL BREAK!**



**STAY IN TOUCH!**



FOR YOUR DIARY

A LEVEL RESULTS DAY  
**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
2022**

GCSE RESULTS DAY  
**THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
2022**



# WHERE CAN I GET MORE HELP & ADVICE?

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

## CAREERS TEAM

### Who are we and what do we do?

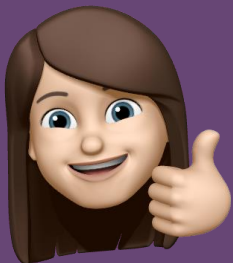


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**Do you see yourself as a future entrepreneur managing your own multi-million enterprise one day? Perhaps you'd like to pursue a career as a businessman or woman for a huge multinational organisation?**

On **Wednesday 27th** and **Thursday 28th** of **July** from **10:00am - 4:00pm** we'll be hosting a 2-day virtual Careers in Business event headlined by the University of Law's Business School.

We'll be bringing along several global employers including data technology giants Experian, Europe's biggest bank HSBC, internationally renowned investment bank and financial services company Goldman Sachs and the \$45 billion turnover professional services firm PwC.

The University of Law is one of the UK's longest-established specialist academic institutions and in 2016 they opened their leading Business School. They too will be running a mock lecture-style session designed to give students a taste of what it's like studying business at university.

Following on from the 2 days online, on **Friday 29th of July**, the University of Law will be opening all of their 5 university business locations for an in-person business-focused day. If you want to be a part of this, you'd be more than welcome to drop in for the day.

Join us for what's set to be a thoroughly engaging insight into the business world this summer and hear from some of the world's most successful organisations.

Kick-off this summer with an excellent addition to your CV / Personal Statement.

**Click the following link to sign up:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Business-Summer-WEX>



## Autumn Term Open Days

**Saturday 1st October**  
**Saturday 12th November**

We'd love to welcome you on to campus for our Autumn Term Open Days!

This is your opportunity to find out more about the courses we run at Aston University, explore our vibrant, city-centre campus and speak to our current students. You can pre-register for our October Open Day now, and we can't wait to meet you!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

## What's coming up?

### Careers at the Bank of England

Dates: 15/08/22 – 17/08/22

**Bank of England**

Application deadline:  
01/08/22

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### Careers and skills in the consulting industry with PA

Dates: 05/08/22



Application deadline:  
26/07/22

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### 1 - week work experience placement with Santander

Dates: 22/08/22 - 26/08/22



Application deadline:  
22/07/22

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### Careers in the arts with the National Portrait Gallery

Dates: 24/10/22

**National Portrait Gallery**

Application deadline:  
24/09/22

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

### BP virtual work experience placement

Dates: 24/10/22 - 27/10/22



Application deadline:  
03/10/22

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

### Speech and language therapy as a career

Dates: 18/10/22



Application deadline:  
27/09/22

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

DISCOVER MORE WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES [HERE](#)  
OR REGISTER DIRECTLY ON OUR USER PORTAL [HERE](#)



# COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT **FUTURE MAKER?**

Here are the class of 2021, will YOU be in the class of 2022?

YOU could be our next Engineering Apprentice, attend one of our **Future Maker** sessions on Wednesday's throughout June, July and August.

These FREE to attend sessions will give you hands on practical experience and significantly increase your chances of getting an apprenticeship. Invest in yourself and Make 2022 the year you start your career in Manufacturing and Engineering with an apprenticeship.

**MAKE MONEY**  
**MAKE SKILLS**  
**MAKE FRIENDS**  
**MAKE A CAREER**



For more information or to book:  
WhatsApp Kai on **07584 214860**,  
email [asrecruitment@makeuk.org](mailto:asrecruitment@makeuk.org)  
or scan the **QR Code** above

**MAKE**uk  
The Manufacturers' Organisation

# It's time to take control of your future

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

[Get Started](#)

[Learn More](#)

Connect with world-leading organisations



## Everything you need to rewrite your future

From work experience with top organisations to degree tasters with leading universities, your Springpod profile unlocks it all. Discover opportunities to gain valuable experience, secure a place on the course of your dreams or get hired straight out of school.

Springpod 

[Sign In](#)

# Let's get started

**STUDENT SIGN UP**





**YEARS**  
**9 - 13**

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## LEARN SOMETHING NEW!!

### 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**.



**OpenLearn**



**REGISTER  
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.

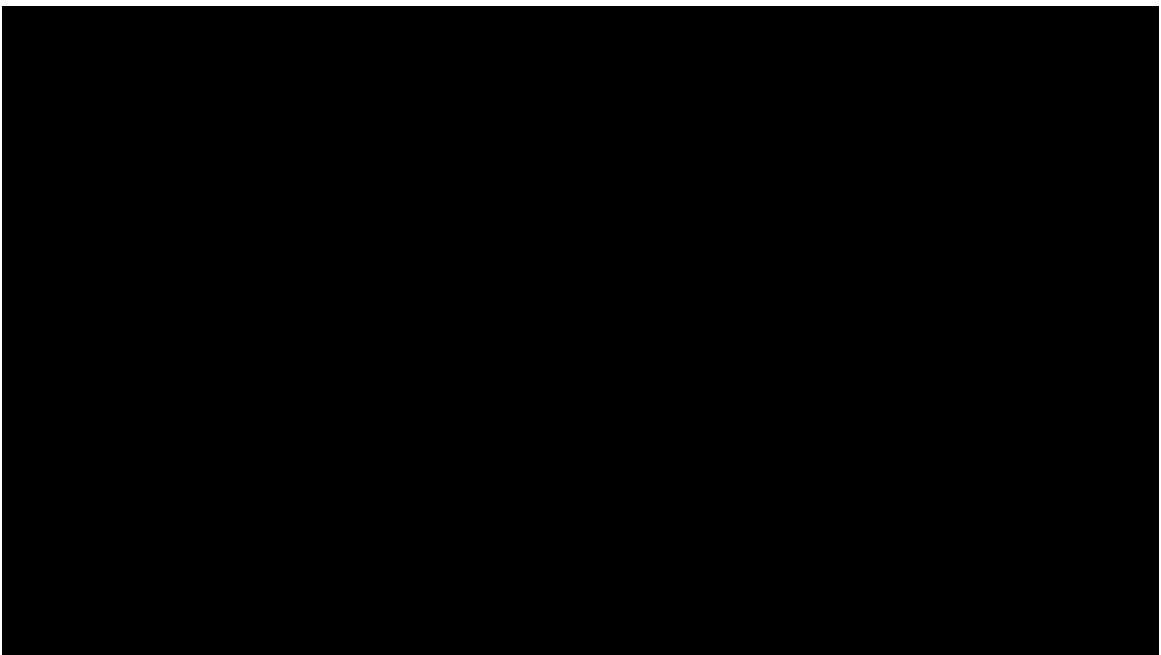


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## Observe GP

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



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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**



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## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

REGISTER  
NOW

### The Young Professionals App

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

#### One Simple Platform

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

#### Kick Start Your Career

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

#### Personal Profile

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



#### Targeted Notifications

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

#### Keeping up to Date

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

#### You are in control!

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



**OpenLearn**

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, [sign-up](#).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

# 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** Go >


**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** Go >




**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** 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...

**FIND OUT MORE HERE**

# Why practice mindfulness?

- Understand that stress is a natural response to a challenge
- Pay attention to your thoughts and emotions with kindness
- Transform your anxiety into actions you can take to meet the challenge



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[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MINDFULNESS](#)

# YOUNG MiNDS

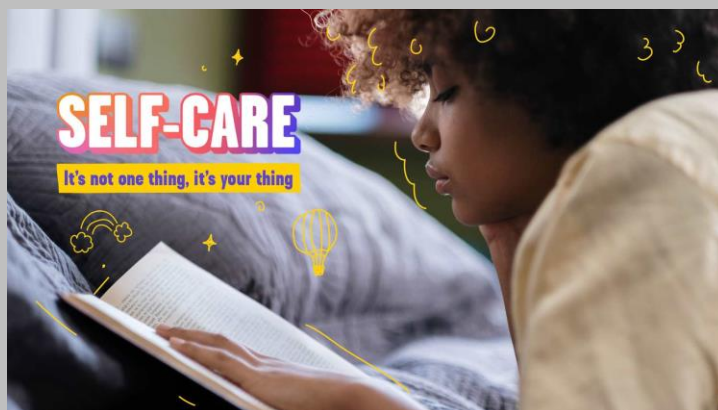
fighting for young people's mental health

It is normal to feel a bit worried about exams, especially if you're under pressure from school or family. Exam stress can cause you to feel [anxious](#) or [depressed](#), and this might affect your [sleeping](#) or [eating habits](#).

## Be kind to yourself

Think about all the things you have achieved so far. It can be helpful to write a list of all the things you like about yourself, and the things other people value about you too.

If people around you - like your parents or family - are putting pressure on you, it can help to tell them what you feel able to achieve, and let them know that your expectations are different to theirs. You could also talk to a teacher you trust about the pressure you are under at home.



**A GUIDE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
DEALING WITH EXAM STRESS**

# EXCITING ARTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS!

Join us!  
The Culture Collective



Are you...

- ~ interested in art, culture & community?
- ~ looking for a safe space to share ideas?
- ~ wanting to make positive change in your area?

We're welcoming new members!

WELCOME SESSION  
16th May, 5.30 - 7.30pm  
@ The GAP, B12 9AH

Want to get involved or find out more?

Read more below  
or visit [www.thegapartsproject.co.uk/theculturecollective](http://www.thegapartsproject.co.uk/theculturecollective)

# YOUTH THEATRE

the **GAP**

BE PART OF A NEW AND EXCITING PIECE OF DRAMA THAT IS SET IN BALSALL HEATH ABOUT A YOUNG BOY WHO GETS EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL

WEEKLY SESSIONS

TUESDAYS 5.30 - 7.30PM

STARTING 10TH MAY

AGES 14 - 18

SIGN UP BY FOLLOWING THE GOOGLE FORM LINK IN THE EMAIL  
(TAKES LESS THAN A MINUTE)

USING DRAMA AS A MEANS OF EXPLORING OUR WORLD AND CREATIVELY IMAGINING NEW POSSIBILITIES





# BRIGHT FUTURES ARE MADE AT BELL

Bell Group are the UK's largest commercial painting, decorating and building maintenance contractor, covering every square mile of Britain.

With over **1000 qualified**, we recognise the value apprentices bring to our business and we are **committed to employing 500 more over the next 5 years**. We are recruiting now for a range of trade apprenticeship positions.

There is no better time to apply for an apprenticeship with us than now!



- Earn while you learn
- Gain independence & confidence
- Develop your skills & experience
- Benefit from Mentor support
- Achieve a nationally recognised qualification
- Progress within Bell

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Find out more about us by visiting  
**[www.bellgroup.co.uk](http://www.bellgroup.co.uk)**

To apply for an apprenticeship and attend a local recruitment event, email your details to:

**[J.cordier@bellgroup.co.uk](mailto:J.cordier@bellgroup.co.uk)**

# NHS

## NHS apprenticeships

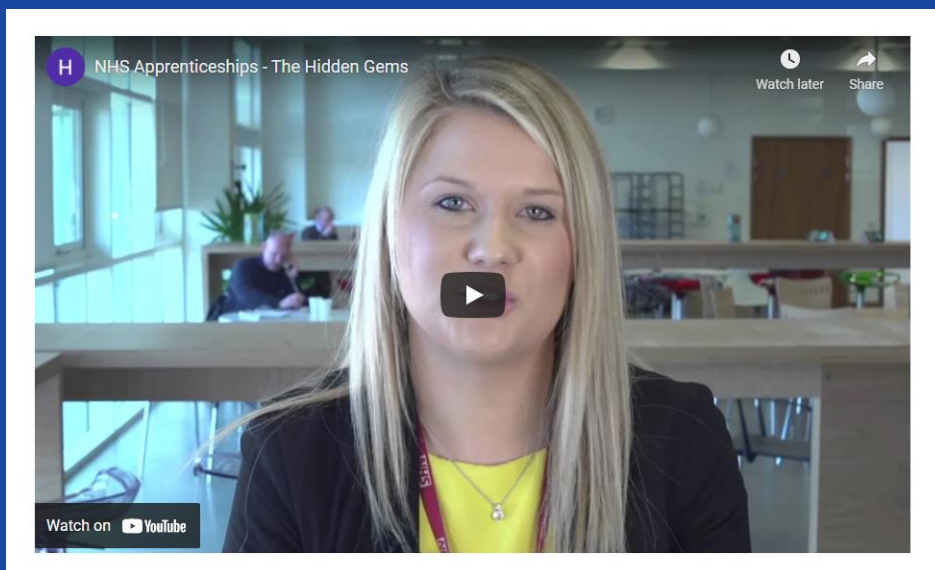
Earn, learn and make a difference with an NHS apprenticeship. Our apprenticeships offer routes into many of the more than 350 NHS careers through a mix of on-the-job training and classroom learning.

### 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





# Apprenticeships

## Our apprenticeship programmes

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

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

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

Your ambition is our future, and we can't wait to see you grow.

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### Apprenticeships out and about

Network engineering, Water production, and Waste treatment.

OPERATIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS



### Apprenticeships in the office

Human resources, Technology, Finance, and Project management.

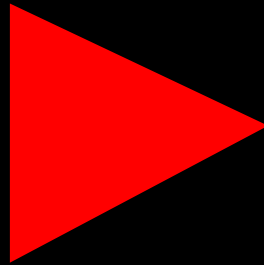
OFFICE-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS

[MORE INFO AND TO APPLY](#)



Police Officer Recruitment

**APPLICATIONS CLOSED**  
CAN STILL REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



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

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**



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.



# BIRMINGHAM CAREERS SERVICE

Contact us



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

## Marketplace

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

- Room 1 - College & 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

# Careers in Music .com

★ Start Here

What are you most interested in?

SINGING	SONGWRITING
MUSIC PRODUCTION	THE MUSIC BUSINESS
PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT	OTHER

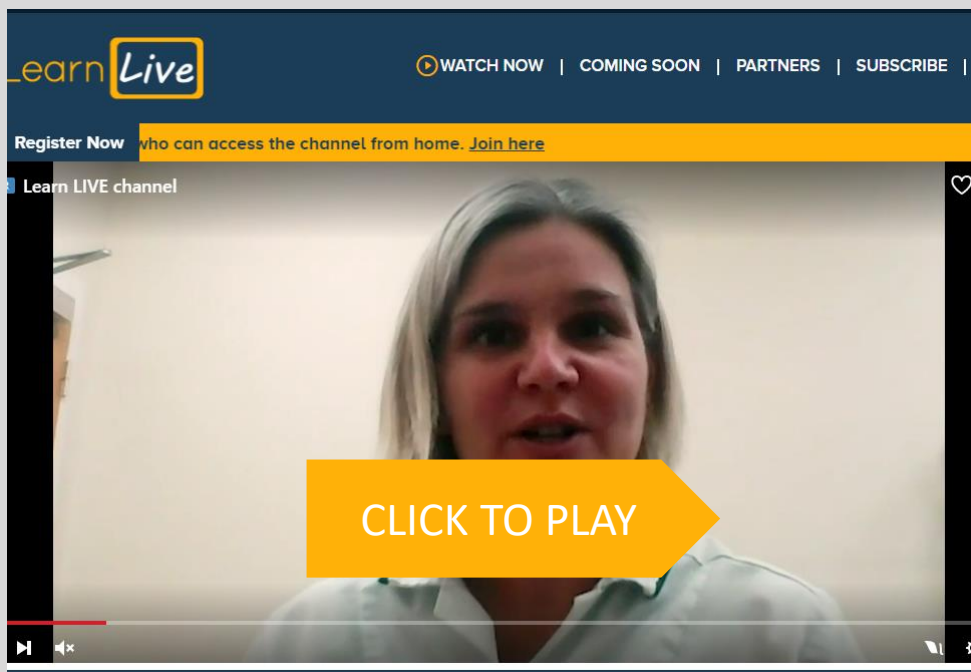


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# Learn

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