



OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

24.03.23

GET READY FOR THE SUMMER TERM BY HAVING A LIFESTYLE SPRING CLEAN.

- **ORGANISE YOUR STUDY AND HOMEWORK SPACE -**

*Having less clutter in your surroundings helps remove clutter from your mind!
Tidy up workspaces to give the mind a reset.*

- **CLEAN UP YOUR EMAILS AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS -**

Empty your junk and spam folders, make sure your email address looks professional, go through your social media – are there any images that would deter future employers?

- **CHECK IN ON YOUR MENTAL HEALTH -**

Mental health plays a vital role in learning, affecting students ability to be present and learn. Take time out for yourself and learn some relaxation techniques.

- **LOOK AT YOUR DAILY ROUTINE -**

Make time for breakfast, get your school or college equipment ready the night before. Have a study or homework timetable to ensure you don't miss any deadlines. Routines are an essential part of our daily life – they provide structure and help us make the most of our time.

Spring Clean Your Life





**IT'S ONLY 16 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
4 & 5 FOR SOME USEFUL TIPS ON
HOW TO FIND A PLACEMENT.**

WORK EXPERIENCE

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE RETURNED YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE
MEDICAL CONSENT [FORM](#)

ONCE YOU HAVE SECURED A PLACEMENT YOU ALSO NEED TO
COMPLETE AND RETURN A PLACEMENT CONFIRMATION [FORM](#)

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

WORK EXPERIENCE FORMS

SAVE THE DATES...

YR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK
3rd – 4th JULY 2023

YR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK
10th – 14th JULY 2023

WORK EXPERIENCE

How to find a placement

WORK EXPERIENCE
YEAR 10

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 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.

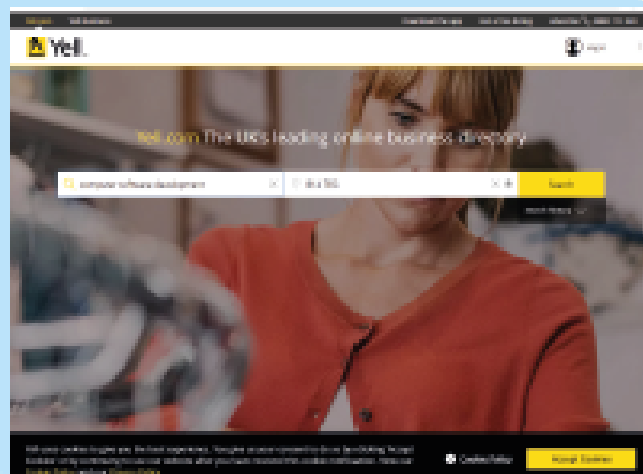
You can also start to gather ideas by going onto www.UK-Frog.org and completing the Work Environment profile quiz.

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

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Go onto www.yellow.co.uk

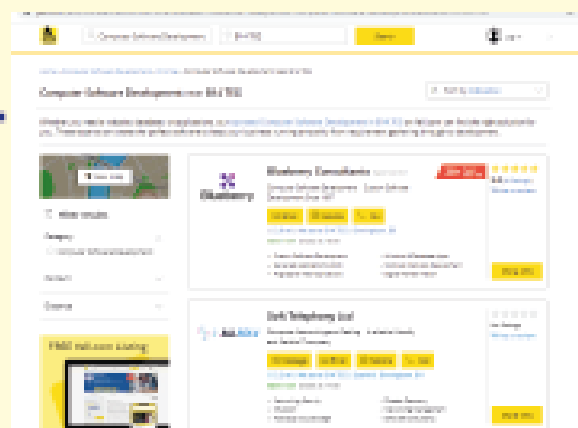
Insert the area you are interested in e.g. computer software and YOUR postcode – then hit search.



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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 (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.



5

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.



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)
 - Why you'd be suitable for the role



WORK EXPERIENCE

How to find a placement

WORK EXPERIENCE
YEAR 12

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 Friends of the Family, neighbours or Friends' parents etc.)

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- 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.



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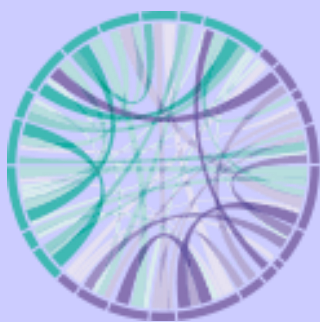
YEAR 12 STUDENTS

**APPLICATIONS FOR 2023/24
PROGRAMME NOW OPEN**



WARWICK SCHOLARS

**FIND OUT MORE AND
APPLY HERE**



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Medical
Schools
Council

APPLICATION
DEADLINE
27th MARCH



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

MASTERCLASS



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

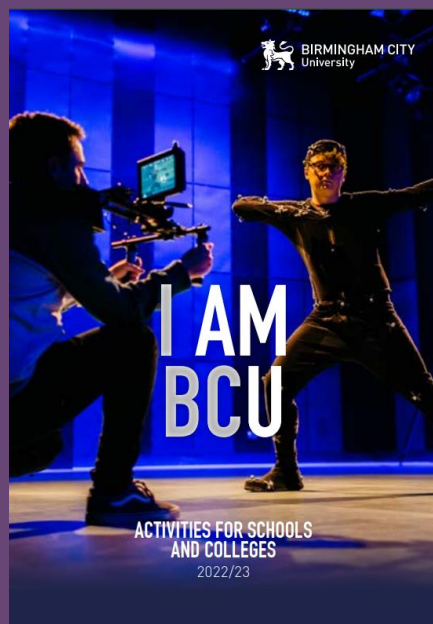
(BOOKING NOW OPEN – SEE MRS NEWTON FOR MORE DETAILS)

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.





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University

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ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOLS
AND COLLEGES

2022/23



Discovery Days

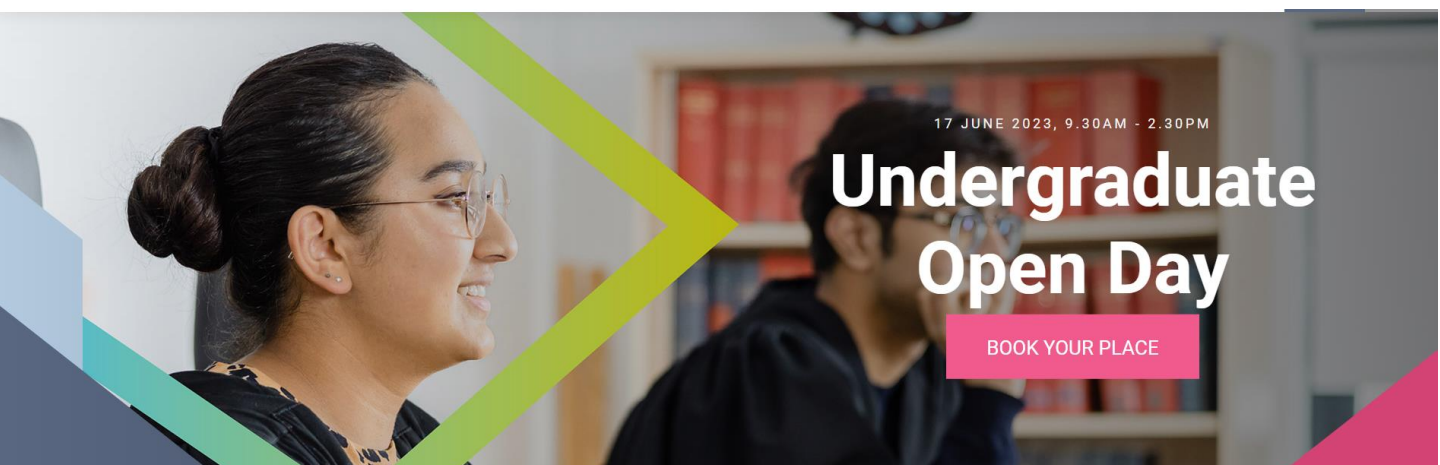
We will be offering a range of subject specific on campus Discovery Days during the academic year.

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We look forward to seeing you at our events.

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](#)



17 JUNE 2023, 9.30AM - 2.30PM

Undergraduate Open Day

BOOK YOUR PLACE



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



WELCOME TO

YEAR 9



PATHWAYS

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**



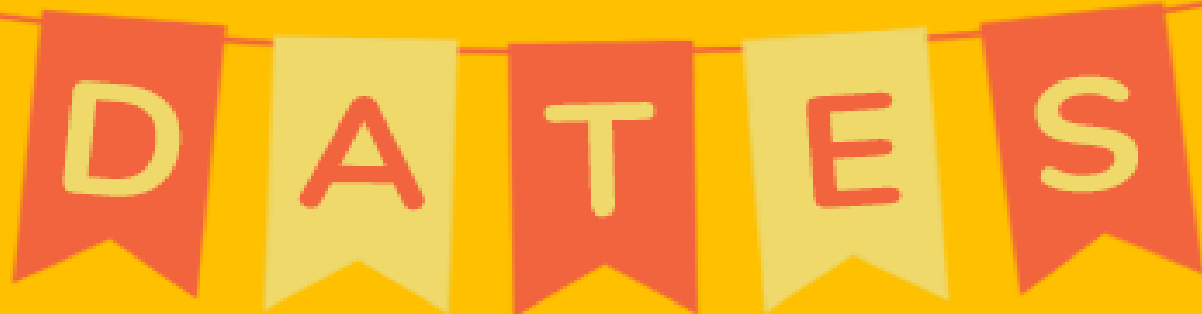
**YEAR 9 GCSE
PATHWAYS**

**KEY STAGE 4
AND BEYOND**

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!





FOR YOUR DIARY

A LEVEL RESULTS DAY
THURSDAY 17th
AUGUST 2023

GCSE RESULTS DAY
THURSDAY 24th
AUGUST 2023



BISHOP CHALLONER UPCOMING EVENTS



Birmingham Museums

WORK EXPERIENCE

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 [online application form](#) 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**



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

LEARN MORE



Work Experience

Get world-class work experience with top companies

LEARN MORE



Inspirational Talks Library

Listen to great talks from high-achieving professionals

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

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**.

The OpenLearn logo consists of the word "OpenLearn" in white, sans-serif font, centered within a dark blue rectangular background.A 3D-style button with a light blue face and rounded corners. The text "REGISTER NOW" is written in red, bold, sans-serif font, angled slightly upwards to the right.

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.



VIRTUAL WORK
EXPERIENCE

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

It's time to take control of your future

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

[Get Started](#)

[Learn More](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

STUDENT SIGN UP

BIRMINGHAM CAREERS SERVICE

Contact us

WORK EXPERIENCE



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

Marketplace

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

- Room 1 - College & 6th Form
- Room 2 - Training Provider Room
- Room 3 - Opportunities for me
- Room 4 - Careers Library
- Room 5 – SEND Information
- Room 6 – Personal Development
- Room 7 – Activities



WORK EXPERIENCE

**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

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

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

Browse apprenticeships before you apply



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

Select an 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.

Find an apprenticeship

APPRENTICESHIPS



Find an apprenticeship

Find an apprenticeship in England.

You can apply for apprenticeships in [Scotland](#), [Northern Ireland](#) and [Wales](#).

[SEARCH](#)

National Careers Service

APPRENTICESHIPS

Helping you take
the next step

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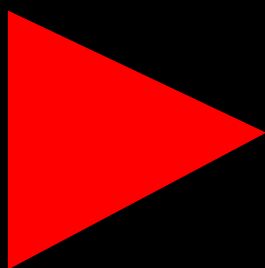
We provide careers information, advice and guidance. We can help you to make decisions on learning, training and work at all stages in your career.



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Police Officer Recruitment

APPRENTICESHIPS



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

NHS apprenticeships

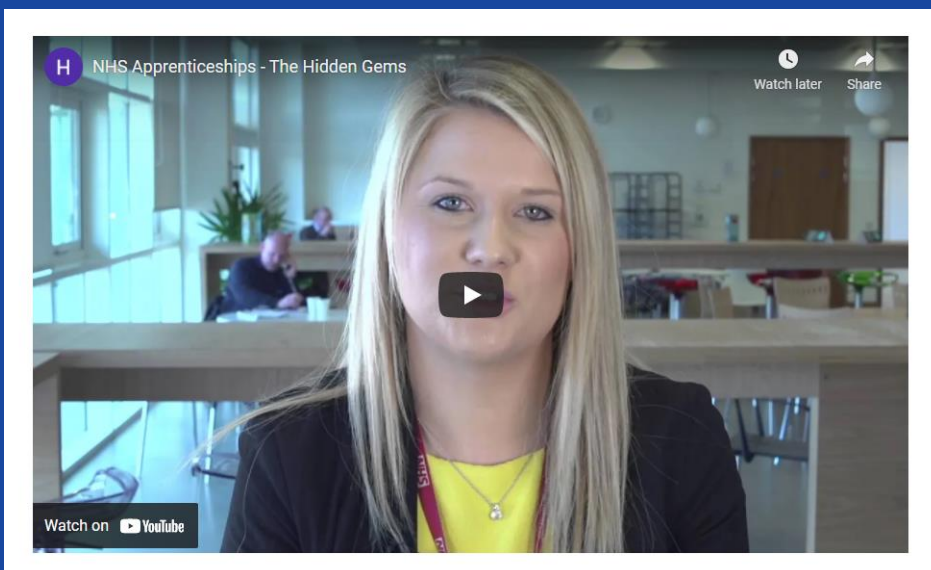
Earn, learn and make a difference with an NHS apprenticeship. Our apprenticeships offer routes into many of the more than 350 NHS careers through a mix of on-the-job training and classroom learning.

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

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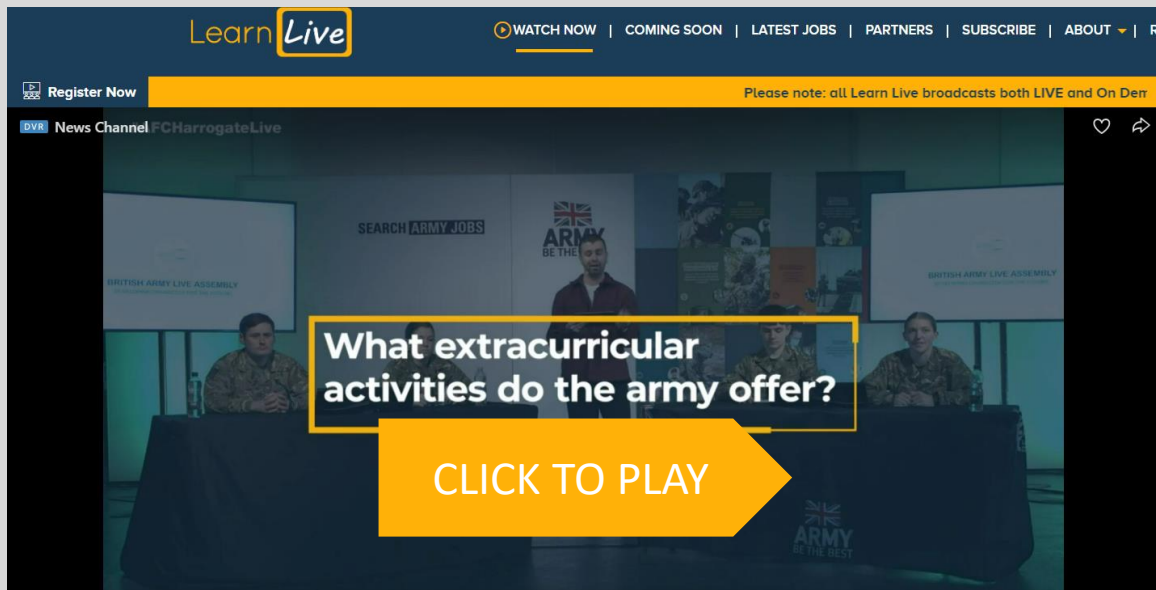
Meet our apprentices



Learn Live

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Learn Live seeks to inspire the next generation through engaging and interactive live broadcasts direct into the classroom. Learn Live have worked successfully with companies like The BBC, Balfour Beatty, Gatwick Airport, National Apprenticeship Service, Lancashire LEP, Network Rail, IBM, Health Education England and The NHS since 2015 to deliver careers advice, recruitment opportunities and health awareness broadcasts into schools and colleges across the UK.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
& TO JOIN



careermap
www.careermap.co.uk

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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!

FIND OUT MORE [HERE](#)

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★ Start Here

What are you most interested in?

SINGING	SONGWRITING
MUSIC PRODUCTION	THE MUSIC BUSINESS
PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT	OTHER



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Apply to our school and college leaver jobs



School and College Leaver Events

Search and book onto an event to meet us



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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!





**WHAT
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University? We can help.

Find courses, read honest reviews, get expert advice.

SEARCH



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

**COLLEGE & SIXTH
FORM OPEN DAYS**

**BIRMINGHAM
CAREERS SERVICE**
guiding young people

YOUR CHOICE
YOUR FUTURE

LOCAL COLLEGE AND SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS 2023

**CLICK ON THE LINK
BELOW TO ACCESS
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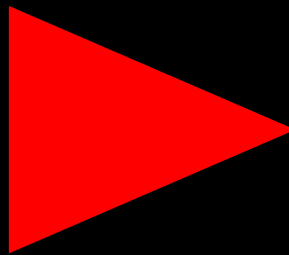
ALL our students have access to **unifrog**

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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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,
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

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



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.

