



OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

29.02.24

YEAR 9 PATHWAYS EVENING

THURSDAY 7th MARCH
5.30pm – 7.30pm



PATHWAYS ASSEMBLY

THE NEXT STEP ...

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

YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT THIS PROCESS IN THE
PATHWAYS HANDBOOKS

HERE 



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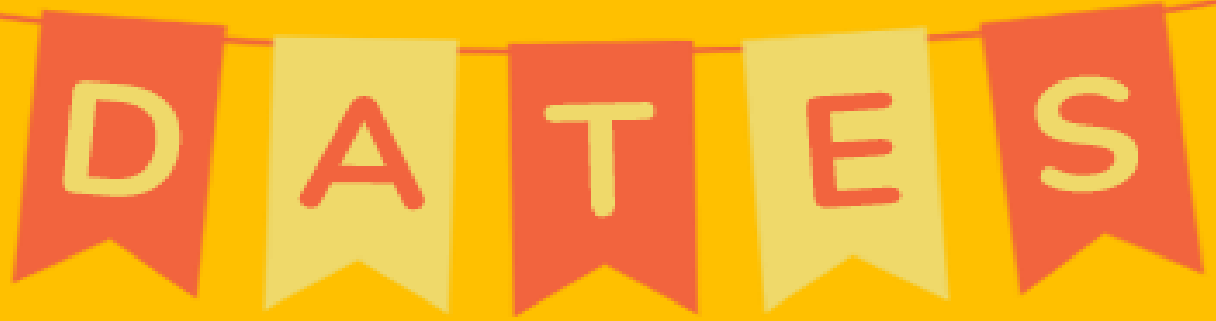
BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Platinum Jubilee Remembrance Event

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

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



FOR YOUR DIARY

**YR8, 9 & 10 CAREERS FAIR
THURSDAY 7th MARCH**

**YR9 PATHWAYS EVENING
THURSDAY 7th MARCH
5.30pm – 7.30pm**

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

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

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!



Careerpilot

REGISTER [HERE](#) TO FIND OUT MORE

Careerpilot

Thinking about
which GCSEs to
choose?



www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/your-choices-at-14



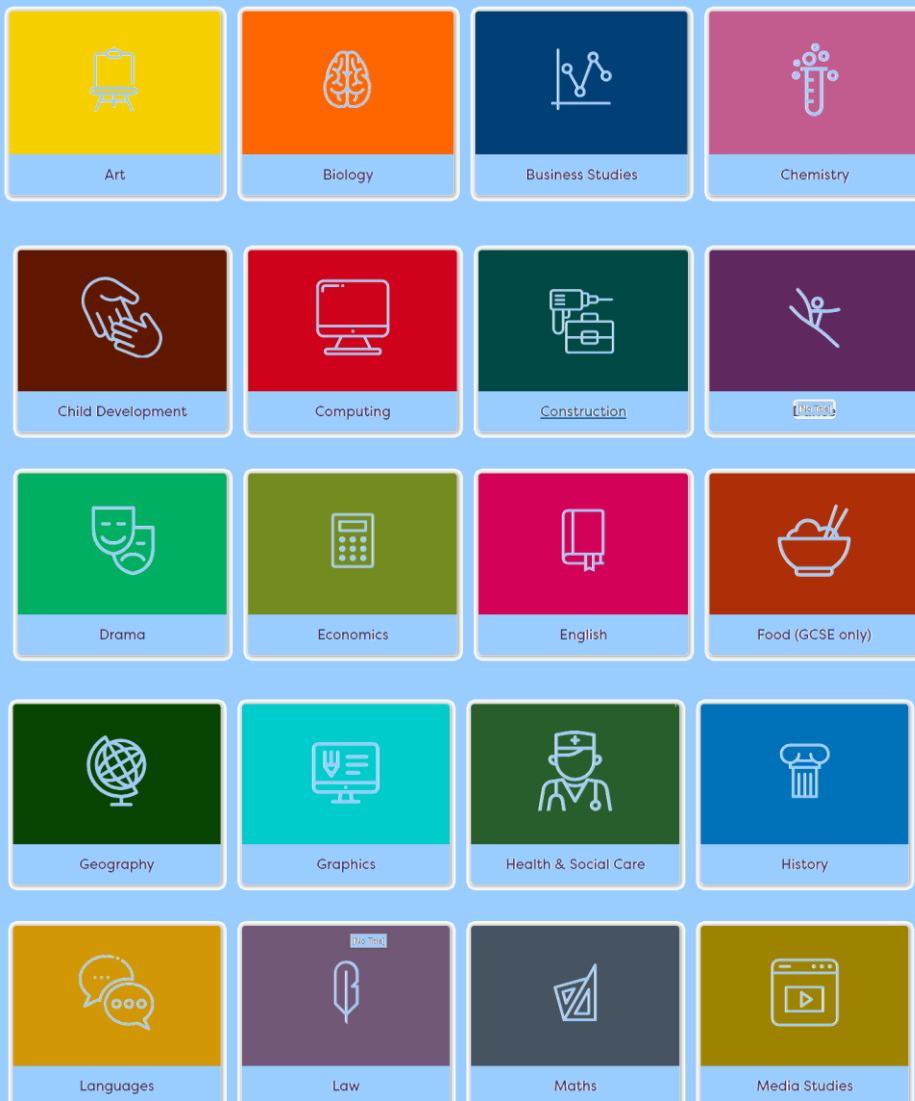
I guess they may
have mentioned
something about
that in the
options booklet.

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Careerpilot

Start with a subject

Choose a subject you love and see where it might lead





My World of Work

Option Choices tool

Discover jobs that might suit you based on your option choices. Enter up to six school subjects including Foundation Apprenticeships

FIND OUT MORE HERE

You'll be amazed where your option choices can take you

Whatever option choice you make, you will find that it can lead you to jobs you never imagined. We hope our videos inspire you and give you a taste of what you can achieve.



Art & Design

Create some amazing opportunities



English

Build the skill of excellent communication



Languages

Explore a world of career possibilities



Maths

Multiply your chances of getting your dream job



WORK EXPERIENCE DATES

YEAR 10

1st – 5th JULY 2024 (5 DAYS)

YEAR 12

8th – 11th JULY 2024 (5 DAYS)

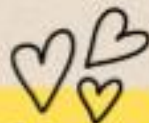
For any queries regarding Yr10 work experience please
contact Mrs Newton at
b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

For any queries regarding Yr12 work experience please
contact Ms Jacques at
a.jacques@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

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



70 DAY DOODLE CHALLENGE!



“DO YOU LOVE TO DOODLE? THEN JOIN
OUR 70 DAY DOODLE CHALLENGE TO
CELEBRATE OUR PLATINUM JUBILEE!

CREATE A DOODLE A DAY FROM
ONE WORD PROMPTS / STARTERS
FOR 70 DAYS.

OPEN TO YEARS 7, 8, 9 AND 10



SEE MISS NEAL IN T2
OR A1 TO COLLECT YOUR
DOODLE BOOKLET ON WEDNESDAY
28TH FEBRUARY!



Celebrating
70 YEARS OF BISHOP CHALLONER



SPEAKERS
for schools



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...**

**CLICK HERE >> TO
BOOK YOUR PLACE**

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



HM Government



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**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**



Nottingham Summer Schools

DEADLINE 7th MARCH 2024

A unique opportunity for high-achieving Year 12 students to experience what life is like at university.

APPLY NOW: nottingham.ac.uk/suttontrust

- Live like a student for 5 days on University Park Campus
- Explore subjects and take part in social activities
- Receive ongoing UCAS support throughout Year 13
- Receive an enhanced contextual offer and a bursary of £1000 a year if you enrol at the University of Nottingham with home UK fee status



To be eligible you must:

- Be a home UK student in Year 12 or S5 in Scotland
- Attend a state-maintained school
- Be studying relevant subjects for your chosen strand
- Plus meet some of the additional entry criteria. See our [website](#) for more details

Applications close at midday on Thursday 7th March 2024

Check out our Summer School information talk on our [website](#)



CALLING ALL BAKERS

HELP TO CELEBRATE OUR PLATINUM JUBILEE BY JOINING OUR

Bishop Challoner Jubilee Bake Off

This year, we're doing something special to celebrate 70 years of Bishop Challoner - a Bake Off! All cakes will be judged and tested, and all proceeds from the cakes sold will be donated to our school charity.

How to Enter: assemble a team of 2-3 bakers and design a celebration cake, which you will bake and have judged in school. Deadline for entries is the 1st of March 2024. To sign up, see Mrs Higginson in T5. **Open only to Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.**



HOW DO I GO ABOUT RECOGNISING MY OWN STRENGTHS?

- WRITE DOWN ALL YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.
- WRITE DOWN HOW YOU'D DESCRIBE YOURSELF, YOUR WORKING STYLE AND YOUR STRENGTHS.
- DESCRIBE "YOU RIGHT NOW"
- ADD TO YOUR SKILLSET – USE THE LINKS ON PAGES 3 – 11

USE THIS INFORMATION TO HELP CREATE YOUR
PROFILE.



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

MASTERCLASS INFO HERE

YEAR 12/13 STUDENTS

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



**NEW
WEBINARS
ADDED!**

GRESHAM COLLEGE



Are you looking for resources that complement and yet go beyond the school curriculum? Expert sources to help you stand out from the crowd at sixth form and university interview?

Gresham lectures are a great resource for both teachers and students because they provide stretch, challenge and support for the GCSE, A Level and International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum.

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

FIND OUT MORE HERE



UNIVERSITY 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.

FIND OUT MORE [HERE](#)



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.





APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!
DEADLINE 22ND MARCH 2024

UNIFEST 2024

YEAR 10 SUMMER SCHOOL

A HIGH
EDUCATION
EXPERIENCE



UNIFEST
2024

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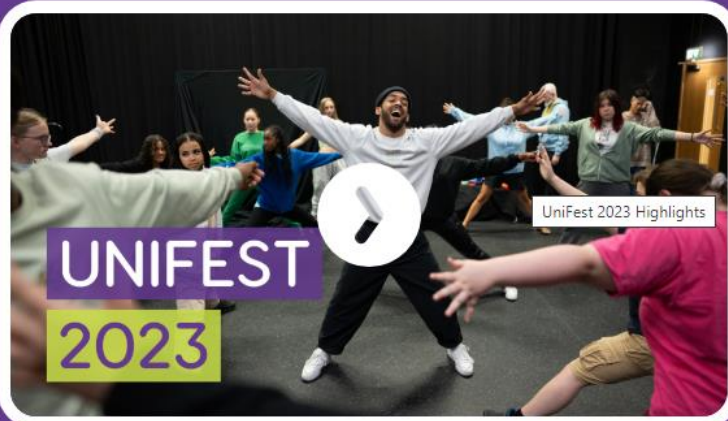
CALLING ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS UNIFEST IS BACK!

WHAT IS UNIFEST?

UniFest Summer School gives you the chance to explore university life, meet current students and staff and make new friends. With six summer school events to choose from at different universities across the West Midlands, you will have an action-packed, fun experience.

FIND OUT [MORE](#)

APPLY [HERE](#)



UniFest 2023 Highlights

[▶ WATCH ON YOUTUBE](#)



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

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

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 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

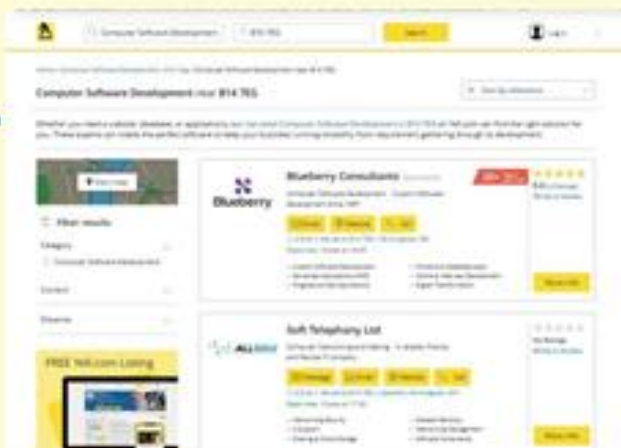
Insert the area you are interested in e.g. computer software and YOUR postcode – then hit search.



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 with them.
- Be prepared to give them your e-mail address or phone number for them to contact you on.

Email them

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

- Who you are
- What kind of role you're looking for

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



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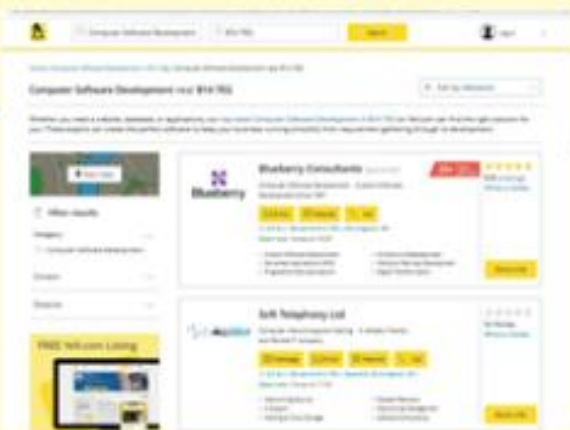
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- Your overall career goals (and why this position would help)
 - Your skills (or previous experience if you have any)
 - Why you'd be suitable for the role





thinkstudent.co.uk

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.

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Virtual Work Experience

**Industry insights and
Employability skills.**

EXCLUSIVE TO BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES!
3 DAY HYBRID WORK EXPERIENCE

In this unique Computing and IT students will:

- Take part in an immersive online virtual 2 day course in Google Classroom.
- Spend a day in our new Birmingham office and see what your future could look like - meeting the team and seeing what they do.
- Focus on employability across the three day placement by looking at personal statements, CVs and LinkedIn.
- Work collaboratively with each other on projects.



SIGN UP...

**Hybrid Placement
19th - 21st March 2024**

9.30am - 3.00pm

Age: 16 - 19

Apply by deadline: 27/02/2024

*Please note all students will need their own access to laptop/ desktop PC with a mic and camera. Students will also be expected to arrange their own travel to and from the Version 1 office in Birmingham B2.



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Boots

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ready to discover your future career?

NATIONAL
BOOTS
CAMP



Sign up for National Boots Camp work experience!

**Our interactive series of
8 virtual sessions allows
you to find careers across
the Boots business.**

**Wednesdays from 3.30pm – 5pm,
running between 10th January
and 13th March 2024**

You might think you know Boots from what you see on the high street, but that only tells a small part of the story.

National Boots Camp offers you a unique work experience opportunity to go behind the scenes to learn about careers in the world of healthcare, beauty and retail.

- Meet people from every part of the Boots business
- Build your skills and knowledge about career pathways and opportunities in different departments
- Apply what you've learnt in a rewarding challenge
- Join session 1 and 8 as mandatory, then pick and choose any or all of the other sessions

92% of those who took part last year said they would now consider starting a career with Boots!

**INTERESTED?
CLICK TO SIGN UP**





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*Please note that only one
Discovery Workshops are available
for teacher group booking.
Virtual Insight Days must be signed
up for by the individual student.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sign up or miss out

FULLY FUNDED Work Experience



NatureScot
NàdarAlba

Can you imagine a job-based
sector? ... Hands Day

VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY
2nd March, 9am - 1pm

Ages: 14-19
Application Deadline: 2nd Jan

[Apply now](#)



Why Creative Industries? Exploring
careers in the creative sector with
Severn Arts

VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY
2nd March, 9am - 1pm

Ages: 14-19
Application Deadline: 2nd Jan

[Apply now](#)



What is the GGF sector all
about? ... amazing

VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY
2nd March, 9am - 1pm

Ages: 14-19
Application Deadline: 2nd Jan

[Apply now](#)



More than just a Museum - Insight
into Museum Careers

VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY
7th March, 9am - 1pm

Ages: 14-19
Application Deadline: 8th Feb

[Apply now](#)



Architecture and planning for a
sustainable future with AHR and
HYAS

VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY
7th March, 9am - 1pm

Ages: 14-19
Application Deadline: 7th Feb

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Intros and Insights into Dressage

VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY
8th March, 9am - 1pm

Ages: 14-19
Application Deadline: 9th Feb

[Apply now](#)



WORK EXPERIENCE

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University Hospitals Birmingham
NHS Foundation Trust

University Hospitals Birmingham, Work Experience Team presents: -

'In conversation with' virtual work experience sessions

All sessions will start at 4.00pm and will finish at 4.30pm and will be via Teams.

| Date | Session | Link to application form |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 21 st February 2024 | Midwife | https://forms.office.com/e/NBBzi1FnCB |
| 6 th March 2024 | Microbiologist | https://forms.office.com/e/tBmtbakBwn |
| 13 th March 2024 | Lead Nurse – Nursing Associates | https://forms.office.com/e/nZLL7YrdXb |
| 20 th March 2024 | Health Informatics | https://forms.office.com/e/6nG5sDcfny |

These sessions are open to students in Years 10, 11 & 12.

Places on each session will be allocated on a first come basis, to apply you will need to complete an application form by clicking on the link next to the session you are wanting to attend.

Successful applicants will receive a Teams invite prior to the session.






ACCELERATE YOUR CAREER

Sign up to virtual work experience with Bentley Motors

Bentley Motors are here to supercharge your career and help steer you towards success. Choose from our high-impact, in-depth 5-day virtual work experience and short taster sessions showcasing careers in specific areas of the business. Please note that limited places are available and we are predicting they will fill up exceedingly quickly.




BENTLEY

ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS CAREERS

VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY
Thurs 7th March 9.00-11.00am
Ages 14-19
Apply by 22/02/24

[Apply now](#)



BENTLEY

DIGITAL AND MANUFACTURING CAREERS

VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY
Fri 3rd May 9.00 - 11.00am
Ages 14-19
Apply by 19/04/24

[Apply now](#)



BENTLEY

ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS CAREERS

VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY
Thurs 7th March 9.00-11.00am
Ages 14-19
Apply by 22/02/24

[Apply now](#)



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VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY
Fri 3rd May 9.00 - 11.00am
Ages 14-19
Apply by 19/04/24

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BENTLEY

PLAN, DESIGN, MAKE AND SELL BOOTCAMP

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

[Apply now](#)

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](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.

Follow us on social media



Visit our website

www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university

IMPETUS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Apply now at:

<http://impetus.education/competition>

Deadline: 1st March 2024

- Apply for a chance to win big with our **Scholarship Giveaway**:
 - 100% Scholarship (**£1290** value)
 - One of Twenty 50% Scholarships (**£645** each)
- Choose between our exclusive programmes which run in July or August 2024:
 - Future Engineering Leaders
 - Future Medical Leaders
- Timeline:
 - 8th March 2024: Winners Announced
 - 31st March 2024: Deadline to Redeem Vouchers

www.impetus.education
info@impetus.education





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

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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

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

Digital



- Data Analyst Apprentice >
- Business Analyst Apprentice >
- Solutions Architect Apprentice >
- Software Development Engineer Apprentice >
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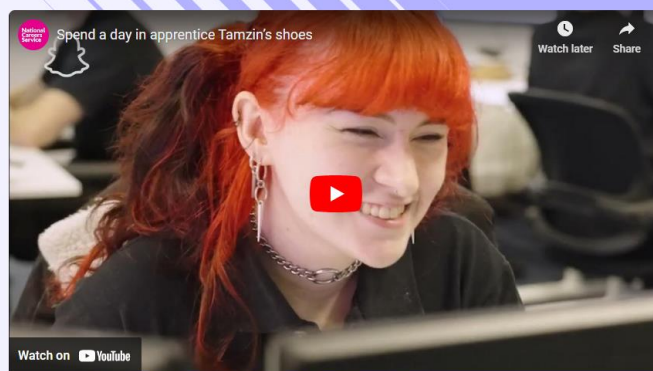
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January 30, 2024

By [aliciapascall](#)

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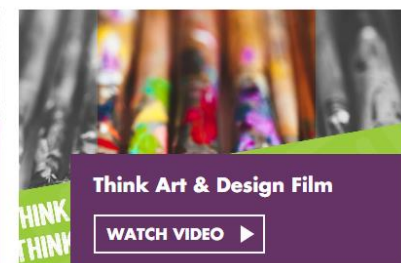
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MOOC stands for Massive Open Online Course and they are designed by universities across the world. They are short online courses and you don't need a degree to do them, just an interest in the topic.

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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;

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2. Think about what time or skills you can give.

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3. Get researching!

NCVO doesn't hold a list of roles, there are simply too many. But you can:

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2

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3

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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

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