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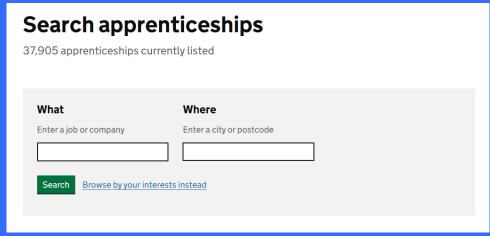


NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

10 - 16 FEBRUARY 2025

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2025: 10 – 16 FEBRUARY 2025

A week-long celebration that brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy









APPRENTICES

Browse apprenticeships before you apply

APPRENTICESHIPS



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

Select an interest	
Select interest	~
Enter your postcode	
SEARCH	

BECOME AN APPRENTICE CREATE AN ACCOUNT HERE

<u>'Find an apprenticeship</u>' 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.



STUDENT ZONE

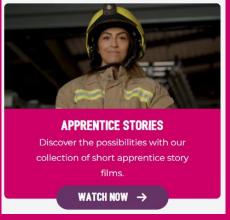
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Apprenticeships are real jobs with real employers, allowing you to work, earn a salary and gain valuable qualifications and experience.

With over 700 different apprenticeship standards covering everything from accountancy to zoo keeping, there is an apprenticeship out there for everyone.

Explore the resources below to discover everything you need to know about apprenticeships and why we believe they are amazing!









PARENT & CARER ZONE

EXPLORE THE OPTIONS TO SUPPORT AND ADVISE YOUR CHILD

As a parent or carer, you want to be able to guide and advise your child towards the best opportunity for them. So, where do you start?

There are many options available including apprenticeships, T Levels and HTOs.

Being open-minded about the range of opportunities, and equipping yourself with knowledge and information is the best way to build your confidence, and ultimately to support your child to make the best decision for them.

Through this **Parent Zone**, we aim to help you to explore those options.

Choices Magazine – January Parent &
Carers Guide
January 13, 2025
Welcome to the January edition of Choices
Magazine.

Choices magazine is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education!

We've revamped our popular Parents' and Carers' Pack with a fresh new look, exciting features and loads of useful content.

Subscribe here to get future editions of Choices magazine sent directly to your inbox.



HIGHER & DEGREE VACANCY LISTING

Explore thousands of higher & degree vacancies

Explore 2,400 Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies in the **January 2025** edition of the Higher & Degree listing. Discover vacancy details from over 80 employers, including:

- Vacancy locations
- Salary information
- Direct application links

Download the Higher & Degree listing in PDF format or find out more about the listing, who it is for and how to best use it in our FAQs below.

The Higher & Degree Listing is a bi-annual publication, with the next release planned for October 2025!



Find an apprenticeship

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COV.UK

Find an apprenticeship Find an apprenticeship in England. You can apply for apprenticeships in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

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OUR ADVANCED/HI APPRENTICESHIN (LEVEL 3-5)

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

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

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

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

WHAT YOU'LL GET

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

FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY 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



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← BACK TO POST-16 OPTIONS

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are real jobs that allow you to earn a wage while you learn. You'll work, gain skills and study at a college or online.



APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships Unlocked



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

▶ Play trailer

Start now

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS HERE



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







Events for Prospective Students

Throughout the year Pembroke College hosts a range of events for school groups and individual students. See what's coming up below.

Events for Prospective Students

Year 12 Cambridge Information Sessions

Year 12 Subject Masterclasses

Year 12 Arts and Humanities Summer Residential

Visit Days to Pembroke - KS4

<u>Visit Days to Pembroke – Year 12</u>

Year 13 Interview webinars

Year 12 Personal Statement Webinars

Year 12/S5 Online Subject Taster Sessions



UK Summer Schools



Are you interested in going to university? Not sure on what subject you want to study?

Our UK Summer Schools offer you the chance to experience what university life is like.

From academic taster sessions to social activities, you'll get the chance to meet like-minded young people from across the UK and explore a subject of your choice at a leading UK university.

How to apply

Applications for the UK Summer Schools 2025 are now open!

Find out more about individual programmes – including courses, university partners and dates using the links below.

Find out more about an individual programme



FIND OUT MORE HERE



For the Love of Learning since 1597

Gresham College provides free educational videos and lectures at university level.

What's On

All of this year's upcoming events are listed below. Register to attend in person or watch online



Black Holes and Bangs

Professor Chris Lintott

Wed, 04 Dec 2024

Astronomy Discovery

Technology



'Is it in Peysner?': A Short History of the 'Buildings of ...' Series

Charles O'Brien FSA

Thu, 05 Dec 2024

History Architecture



Women at the Piano: A History Through **Images**

Professor Marina Frolova-Walker

Tue, 10 Dec 2024

Music



Unwrapping Irving Berlin's "White Christmas"

Professor Dominic Broomfield-McHugh

Thu, 12 Dec 2024

Performance Theatre



Who's Afraid of Robots?

Professor Victoria Baines

Tue, 07 Jan 2025

Computing History

Technology



The Modern Goddess

Professor Ronald Hutton

Wed, 08 Jan 2025

Religion Gender Victorian History



Writing a British Constitution

Professor Clive Stafford Smith JD OBE

Thu, 09 Jan 2025

Governance Law USA



Science-Based Targets, Greenwashing and Brownscraping: Net Zero in the Private Sector

Professor Myles Allen

Tue, 14 Jan 2025

Climate change Business Sustainability

Access to Birmingham

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 2024/25 A2B scheme are open until 13 February 2025. 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 <u>Pathways to Birmingham offer</u>.

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)

YEAR 12 STUDY DAYS:

the subject that you are thinking of studying. what it is like to study your chosen subject at university. You w take place at St John's College, and enable you to experience have the chance to meet Oxford tutors and current students in Inspire Study Days are immersive, subject-specific events that











EB Chemistry **2024/25** Study Days: History & History of Art Medicine & Biomedica Classics*

John's College

Psychology

Maths & Computer Science

English*

Politics, Philosophy & Economics (PPE)

State Schools! Students from Non-Selective for Year 12

are open to Year 12 students at any school. *Classics and English Subject Exploration Days

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP

Applications will close 5 weeks before each Study Day



St John's College is excited to welcome applications for the

2024-25

CLASSICS & ANCHENT HISTORY GOMPETITON

ESSAY TITLES

Year 12 students are invited to conduct a piece of independent research which will be read and evaluated by an Oxford tutor.

Choose one from the following titles:

- Does ancient literature equate might with right?
- Why did monarchies succeed in Greek and/or Roman history?
 - Was Plato right that the best rulers are reluctant ones?
 - How important was the visual representation of women for expressing royal and/or imperial power in the ancient world?

TO ENTER SCAN



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INSPIRE
programme



AWARDS

ENTRIES BY

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2025

GIVEN FOR

Best essay in each category

Best overall essay

Best essay by a student new to Classical or Ancient subjects.



TIME TO THINK

Free Public Lectures

Autumn 2024



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 fourday 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.



















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 2025

Maths at Lancaster
Mechanical Engineering at UCL
Materials Science at Oxford
Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool
Ocean & Earth Science at Southampton
Astronomy and Physics at Surrey

More TBC

Find out more and apply on our website here.

96%

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



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

What our students say

"I loved it! The course was one of the best things I've ever done and it was so much more than I expected. I learnt loads and some of the stuff was quite challenging."

"All those involved in the organisation of the event went above and beyond, and encouraged us to remain engaged after the experience. I thought the course was a great experience to get an introduction to a subject that I am considering doing at uni. As well as this it gave me the opportunity to meet new people and improve my communication skills."



Visit our website https://www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-intouniversity



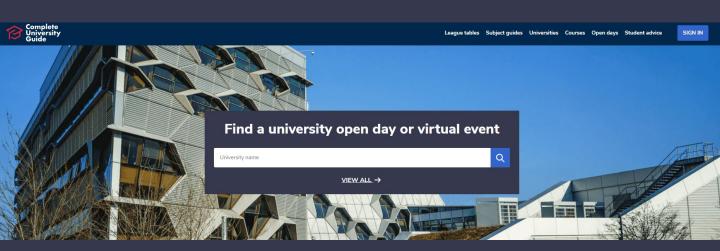
LOCAL COLLEGE AND SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

2024/25

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

FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION
AND DATES HERE







Find a course

Search by subject, course, or region to find the right course for you

GET STARTED →



Find a university

Search for universities to find out about facilities, courses, and more

GET STARTED →



Find an open day

Search for and book open days to help you make the right choice

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What do you want to study?

If you have a subject in mind, your shortlist will only include universities that offer this subject



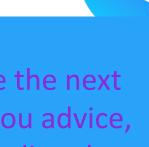




Featured Open Days

Open Days

Browse our university and college open day calendar to visit an institution you are interested in. Open days sometimes called taster days or information days, are a great opportunity to find out what studying at a particular uni or college will be like. You'll be able to experience student life as well as discuss study options. By clicking on a date and the institution you are interested in, you will be taken straight to a page where you can book your open day place. To search for a specific



UK University Search helps you take the next step in further education by giving you advice, calculating your UCAS score, and finding the courses that are right for you.

Open Days Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Open Days

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



University open days are a great way to explore the campus and decide whether studying there is a good fit for you.



Search for an open dayFind an open day for the uni or college you're interested in.



All about open days

An open day is the best way to get a real taste of uni life. Here's everything you need to know to plan and get the most out of your visit.



Virtual tours

Here's a list of virtual tours and videos from universities and colleges, so you can see what it's like on campus and what facilities are available.



Explore your options at a UCAS event

Not ready to narrow down which open day to go to? At a UCAS Discovery event, you can discover all your options under one roof. We can help you find out about traditional degrees, apprenticeships, careers, and more.

Find out more



Disabled students

Open days are an ideal way to experience the campus and facilities first-hand. Get the most out of it by doing some prep in advance — our advice will help you get started.



Postgraduate open days

Interested in a postgraduate course? An open day can be a great way to look at the facilities and find out about the course.



Preparing for a UCAS event

How should you prep for a UCAS event? Find out what to take, what questions to ask, and more.

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.

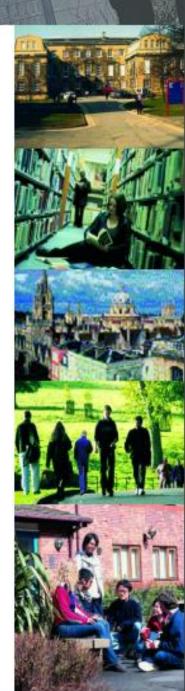
ONLINE BOOKING

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.





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Biology

Business

Chemistry

Computer Science

Core maths

Economics

English literature

Fine Art

French

Further maths

Geography

History

Law

Mathematics

Media studies

PE

Physics

Psychology

Religious Studies

Sociology

Level 3 Vocational offer

WHEC Level 3 Applied Certificate . Cambridge Technical Extended in Criminology

Level 3 (AAO) BTEC National in Health and Social Care

Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Business

Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity

Level 3 (AAQ) BTEC National in Information Technology

REMEMBER: You may not always get all the subject choices you want and all option subjects are offered on the condition that there are enough interested students to justify running the course, and subject to staffing and timetable constraints.

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National Careers Service

Helping you take the next step

FIND OUT MORE HERE

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.



The UK's leading early careers support service - specialising in diverse talent

We help students into apprenticeships through careers events, 1-to-1 mentoring, and quality resources.

REGISTER NOW

FREE EVENTS

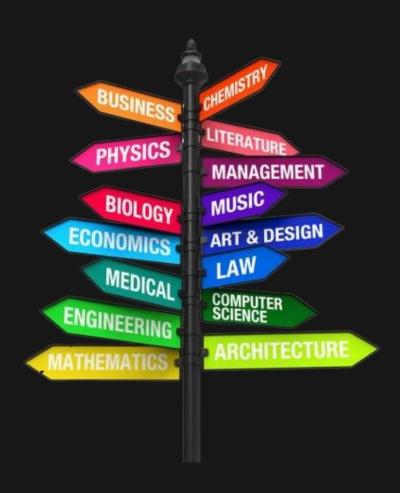


The best career websites by school subject area.

Not sure where your chosen GCSE's or A Levels will lead you after school and college?

Check out the various careers websites vis the link below to see the potential links between school and the world of work...

Where can my subject choice take me?





WORK EXPERIENCE 2025 YEAR 10

30th JUNE - 4th JULY 2025 (5 DAYS)

YEAR 127th JULY - 11th JULY 2025 (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 <u>Careers Hub</u>

WORK EXPERIENCE Discover your next work experience program.

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Step inside one of the world's leading construction and agricultural machinery manufacturers and explore career...

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BSc (Hons) Psychology with Dr **Becci Owens**



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Ready for a future that counts? Check out exciting career opportunities in accounting, business advisory services and beyond wit...



Engineering Work Experience with ICE ice

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENG

VIRTUAL START NOW

Eligibility criteria

Be a part of building a better world through civil engineering!

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STEM Work Experience with the Institute of

JSTICS

This programme is eligible to students aged 14+

Discover acoustics careers. Engage in

interactive activities & hear from pros. Unlock your potential in this programme.

Start



The World of a Housing Developer & Social ASTER Landlord

ASTER GROUP

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Want to learn about the range of rewarding careers available at Aster Group? Come with us as we embark on a journey through the...

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Banking and Finance with Leeds Building Society

LEEDS BUILDING SOCIETY

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Discover what it's like to work at Leeds Building Society!

Start



SIEMENS

Technology Work Experience with Siemens

VIRTUAL START NOW

Join Siemens Virtual Work Experience: Explore company functions, employability skills, interactive quizzes & activities.

Start





VIRTUAL START NOW [No Title]

Explore the world of real estate & exciting opportunities. Quizzes, activities and selfpaced content await in this virtual...

Start



Drax Sprint: Carbon drax Capture

DRAX

VIRTUAL COMING SOON

In this Sprint, you'll develop your understanding of the carbon capture process and explore how energy can be...

Apply



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

FIND OUT MORE HERE