



OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

JUNE 2026 ISSUE



**WHERE ARE YOU GOING AFTER
SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?**

**THIS MONTH'S BULLETIN IS PACKED WITH
INFORMATION TO HELP YOU DECIDE
ON YOUR NEXT STEP...**

STAY IN TOUCH!



2026

Summer Exam GCSE and GCE provisional timetables

**GCE EXAMINATION
TIMETABLE**

**GCSE EXAMINATION
TIMETABLE**



**RESULTS
DAY!**

**A LEVEL RESULTS DAY
THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 2026**

**GCSE RESULTS DAY
THURSDAY 20th AUGUST 2026**



**Bishop Challoner
Sixth Form College**

APPLICATION FORMS

IMPORTANT

Please complete and submit all forms by Monday 6th January 2025

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Sixth Form Course Choices
Open Evening

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Bishop Challoner Sixth Form College

APPLY NOW

LATE APPLICATIONS WELCOME!

A fully comprehensive Sixth Form welcoming students of all faiths and none

A wide range of knowledge rich A Level and Vocational courses

Proven track record of academic excellence

Excellent progression routes

An extensive careers programme

Quality teaching

A nurturing environment

Outstanding extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities



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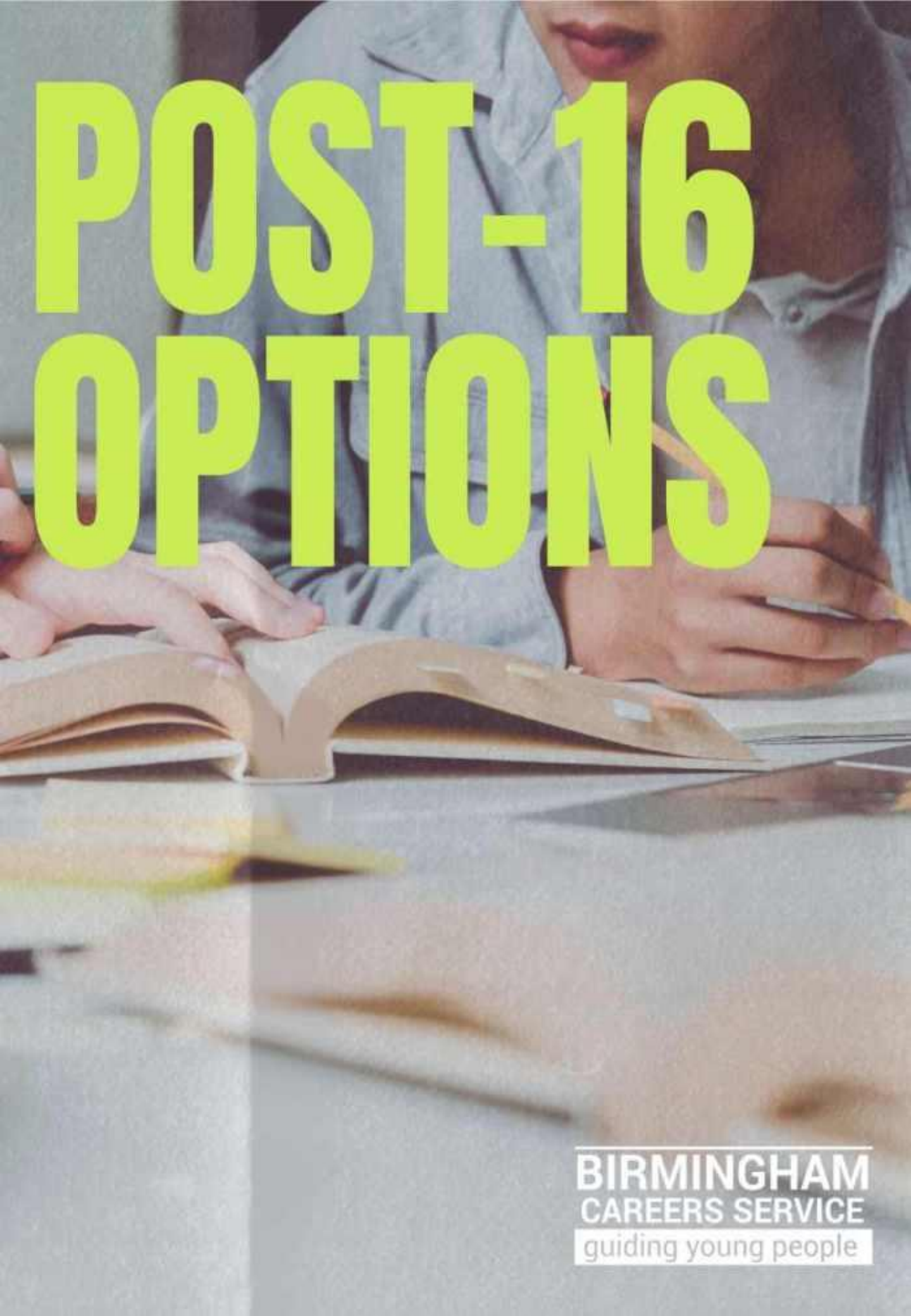
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“You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”

APPLYING TO FURTHER EDUCATION

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**EVERYTHING YOU NEED
TO KNOW ABOUT**

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APPLYING FOR APPRENTICESHIPS





PARENTS/ CAREERS

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FORM OPEN DAYS**

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YOUR CHOICE
YOUR FUTURE

**LOCAL COLLEGE AND
SIXTH FORM OPEN
DAYS**

2025/26

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

**FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION
AND DATES HERE**

UCAS



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UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

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 day

Find 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.



How to decide what to do after leaving school

When you started school, decisions were made for you. You were told where to sit, what to wear and when to take a break. But now you are entering the adult world and, as exciting as that is, it also brings a new challenge that's a key skill, crucial to the workplace – (drum roll) making decisions. **So, what are some of the options?**

- 1. GO TO SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE**
- 2. DO AN APPRENTICESHIP**
- 3. GET A JOB**

**LOG IN OR REGISTER FOR MORE
FREE TOOLS AND TIPS HERE**



**WHAT
UNI?**

University? We can help.

Find courses, read honest reviews, get expert advice.

SEARCH



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



Complete University Guide

Find a university open day or virtual event

University name



[VIEW ALL](#) →



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

[GET STARTED](#) →

UNIselect

What do you want to study?

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



UK university search

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 university's open days, visit the [institution page](#), and select the university you're interested in.

Find out how to make the most of [virtual open days](#) [here](#)

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

| Oct 24 | | | | | | |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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Oct 31 2024 Open Days

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.



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



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



careermap

www.careermap.co.uk

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](#)

NGTU

NOT GOING TO UNI

NGTU is the #1 website for school and college leavers. Search thousands of jobs, opportunities and apprenticeships in UK and find your perfect fit!

READY TO START YOUR FUTURE CAREER?
CREATE A PROFILE [HERE](#)



Check out our blogs!

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CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES



We provide you with the opportunities to develop your career within Fortem and the training to make this happen. We offer a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package, but most importantly a great place to work with a true family ethos.

[Search for opportunities here](#)

Customer Liaison Officer

West Midlands
Birmingham
FOR03962
Permanent
25 June 2025

[See job details](#)

Customer Liaison Officer

West Midlands
Birmingham
FOR04084
Permanent
23 June 2025

[See job details](#)

Electrical Qualifying Supervisor

West Midlands
Stratford Upon Avon
FOR04059
Permanent
4 June 2025

[See job details](#)

Electrician

West Midlands
Birmingham
FOR04030
Permanent
25 June 2025

[See job details](#)

Gas Engineer

West Midlands
Birmingham
FOR03754
Permanent
24 June 2025

[See job details](#)

Labourer

West Midlands
Birmingham
FOR04038
Permanent
2 June 2025

[See job details](#)



Amazing Apprenticeships

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!



THE OPTIONS

Start by finding out if an Apprenticeship, T Level or HTQ could be the right option for you.

[FIND OUT NOW →](#)



APPRENTICE STORIES

Discover the possibilities with our collection of short apprentice story films.

[WATCH NOW →](#)



APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES

Go behind the scenes and explore some amazing apprenticeship employers.

[EXPLORE NOW →](#)



EXPLORE HIGHER TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS

A series of sector and region
focused webinars for anyone
interested in technical education

*Hear from providers, sector experts,
employers and students about why HTQs are
a great choice*

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Throughout June and July




Department
for Education

amapps.uk/htq-webinar-series



Browse apprenticeships before you apply

APPRENTICESHIPS



HM Government

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](#)

PATHWAY

APPRENTICESHIPS

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**





APPRENTICESHIPS

Springpod  × 

[← 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

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

[▶ Play trailer](#)

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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
APPRENTICESHIPS HERE



Pembroke College



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](#)

[Visit Days to Pembroke – Year 12](#)

[Year 13 Interview webinars](#)

[Year 12 Personal Statement Webinars](#)

[Year 12/S5 Online Subject Taster Sessions](#)



Our Programmes > UK Summer Schools

UK Summer Schools

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
FOR 2026/2027
PROGRAMMES

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

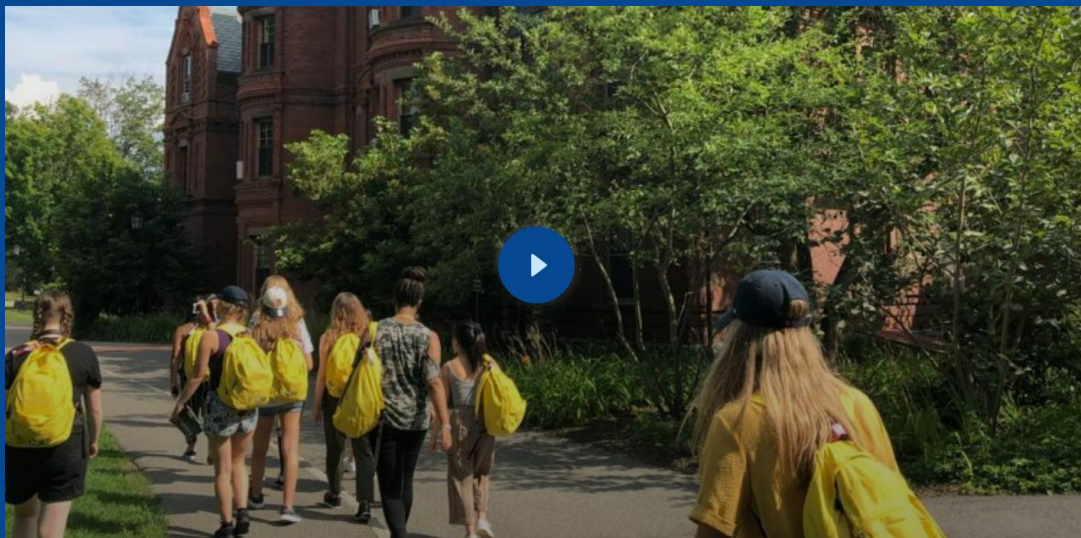
Applications for the UK Summer Schools 2025 are now open!

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



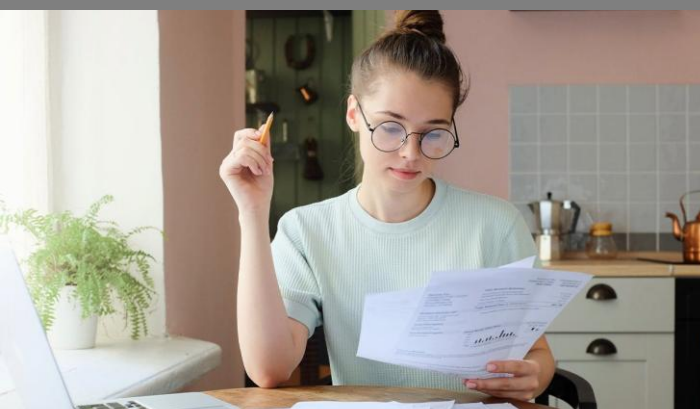


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University

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.





UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Post-16 programmes and activities

New!

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

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Realising Opportunities

With Realising Opportunities, leading universities are working together to widen participation, improve access and promote social mobility.



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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.



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.

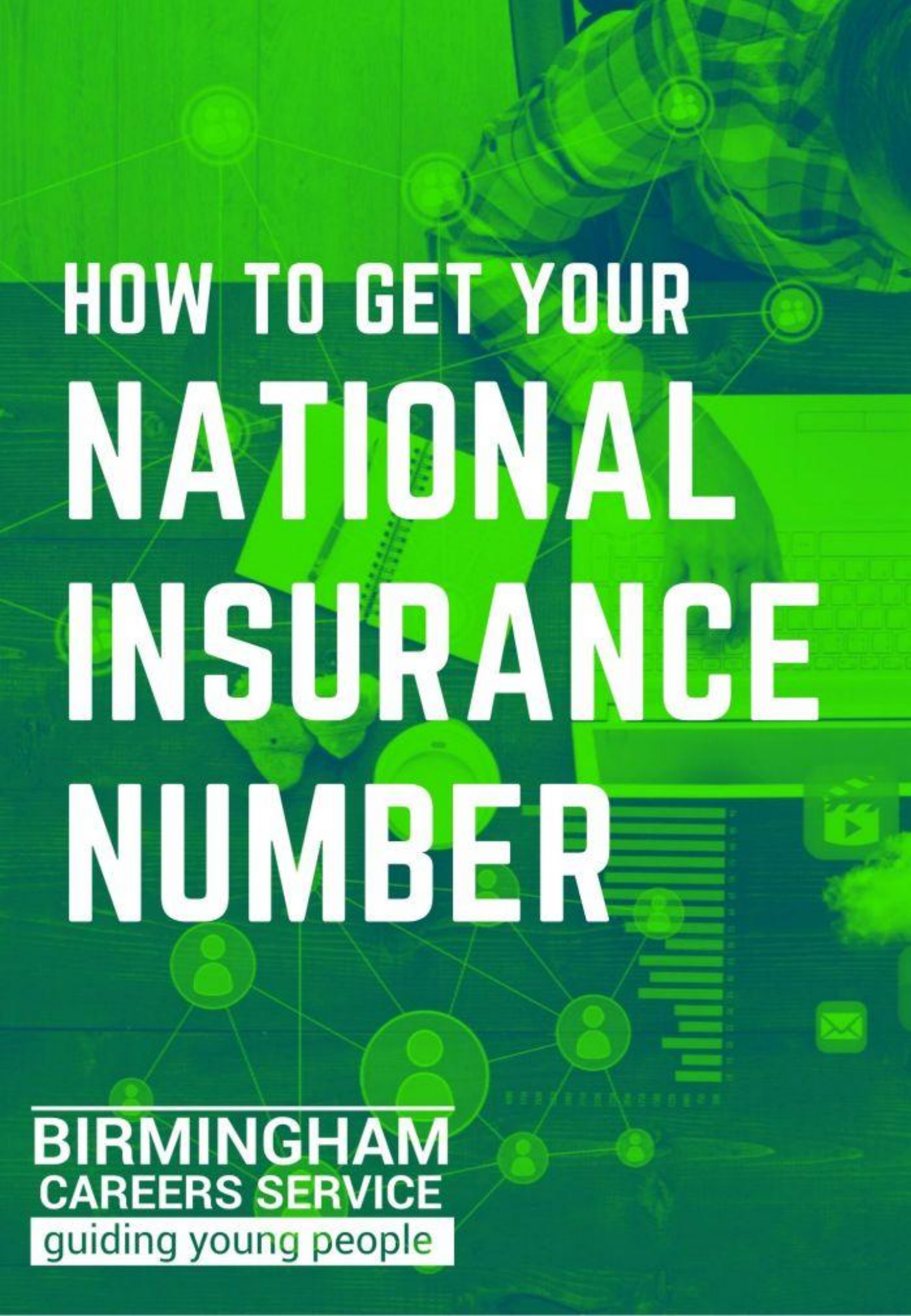
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[FREE EVENTS](#)



OPTIONS YEAR CAREER PLANNING

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HOW TO GET YOUR NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER

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The image features a spiral-bound calendar on the left side, with a yellow pencil positioned vertically across the center. The calendar shows dates such as 7, 13, 14, 20, 26, 27, and 28. The text 'SAT' is visible on the far left. Overlaid on the calendar and pencil is the title 'CAREER PLANNING CALENDAR' in large, bold, pink capital letters.

CAREER PLANNING CALENDAR

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?

