



# OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2024 ISSUE

NOTE SURE ON YOUR NEXT STEP  
AFTER SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?

**EXPLORE** THE OPPORTUNITIES ON OFFER IN  
THIS MONTH'S BULLETIN BEFORE YOU DECIDE ON  
YOUR NEXT **ADVENTURE...**

STAY IN TOUCH!





# Bishop Challoner Sixth Form College

# APPLY NOW

Please apply by  
Friday 13th December

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

A wide range of knowledge rich A  
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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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# Bishop Challoner Sixth Form College

## A LEVELS

Biology	•	Fine Art	•	Media studies
Business	•	French	•	PE
Chemistry	•	Further maths	•	Physics
Computer Science	•	Geography	•	Psychology
Core maths	•	History	•	Religious Studies
Economics	•	Law	•	Sociology
English literature	•	Mathematics	•	

## Level 3 Vocational offer

WHEC Level 3 Applied Certificate in Criminology	•	Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity
Level 3 (AAQ) BTEC National in Health and Social Care	•	Level 3 (AAQ) BTEC National in Information Technology
Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Business	•	

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.

# ASPIRE TO BE MORE

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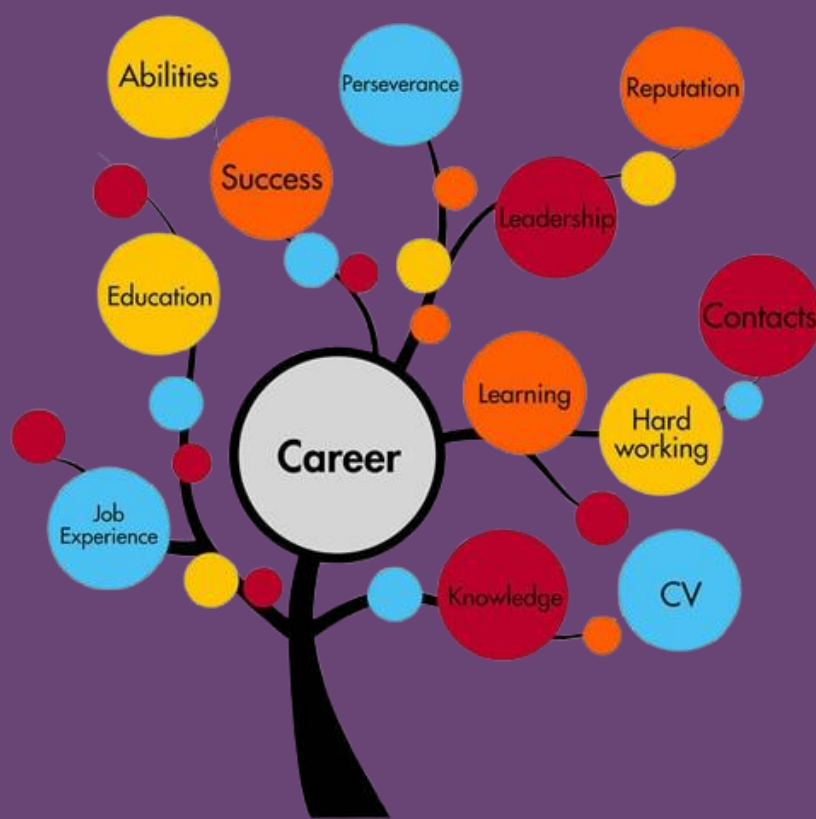
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**For the Love of Learning since 1597**

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

**New!**

**TIME TO THINK**

**Free Public  
Lectures**

Autumn 2024

**For the Love of Learning since 1597**  
 Gresham College provides free educational videos and lectures at university level.



# What's On

[No Title]

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 Science Discovery  
 Technology



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

Charles O'Brien FSA

Thu, 05 Dec 2024

Architecture UK History



## Women at the Piano: A History Through Images

Professor Marina Frolova-Walker

Tue, 10 Dec 2024

Music Gender Art  
 History



## Unwrapping Irving Berlin's "White Christmas"

Professor Dominic Broomfield-McHugh

Thu, 12 Dec 2024

Music Performance Theatre



## Who's Afraid of Robots?

Professor Victoria Baines

Tue, 07 Jan 2025

Computing History Culture  
 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

Law Governance UK  
 USA



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

Professor Myles Allen

Tue, 14 Jan 2025

Climate change Business  
 Ethics Sustainability



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 [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**

UNIFEST

2025

New!

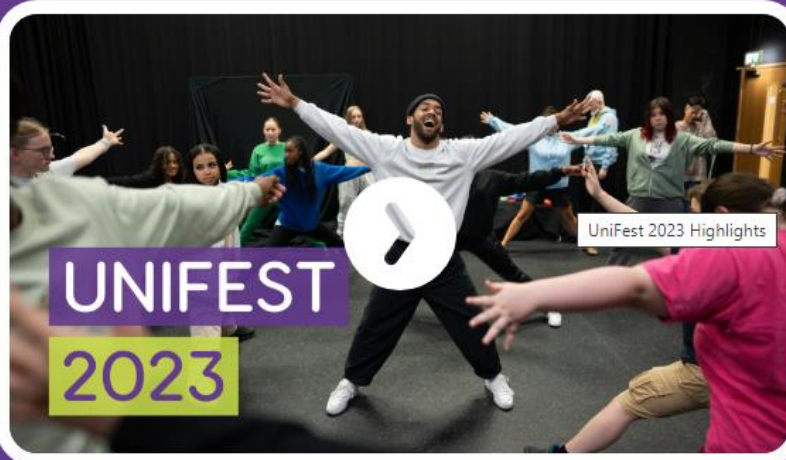


# CALLING ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS!! UNIFEST IS BACK!

## 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



UniFest 2023 Highlights

[▶ WATCH ON YOUTUBE](#)



# 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 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.](#)

## 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."*

**96%** 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

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university>



# UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Post-16 programmes and activities

**New!**



#### 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.

# COLLEGE & SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

**BIRMINGHAM  
CAREERS SERVICE**  
guiding young people

YOUR CHOICE  
YOUR FUTURE

# 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**



# 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
27	28	29	30	31		

Oct 31 2024 Open Days



# OPEN DAY GUIDE

Saturday 5 October 2024  
Saturday 23 November 2024  
9.00-15.00

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**WHAT  
UNI?**

**University? We can help.**

Find courses, read honest reviews, get expert advice.

**SEARCH**



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

# 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](http://opendays.com) and tell your friends about the service.





# 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**

# UCAS



🏠 / Applying / Before you apply / What and where to study

## 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.

# Careers Library



**Download**  
How to Write a winning CV



**Download**  
Entry level Jobs CV example



**Download**  
Career Planning Calendar For Year 11 Students fact-sheet



**Download**  
Career Planning Calendar - If you have an EHCP fact-sheet



**Open**  
Post-16 Options fact-sheet



**Open**  
Post-18 Options fact-sheet



**Download**  
Holiday Work fact-sheet



**Download**  
Parents/Carers fact-sheet



**Download**  
Building Your Skills fact-sheet



**Download**  
Interview hints and tips fact-sheet



**Download**  
Telephone interview hints and tips fact-sheet



**Download**  
Labour Market information fact-sheet



**Download**  
What is a Careers Guidance interview fact-sheet



**Download**  
How to open a bank account fact-sheet



**Download**  
How to get your National Insurance number fact-sheet



**Download**  
Everything you need to know about T Levels fact-sheet



**Open**  
Applying for Apprenticeships fact-sheet



**Download**  
What is Mental Health fact-sheet



**Download**  
Preparing for a College or Training Interview fact-sheet



**Download**  
Options year-career planning fact-sheet



**Download**  
Support for Young or Expectant Parents information



**Download**  
Applying to Further Education fact-sheet



**Open**  
Year 10 Career Planning if you have an EHCP

Download our free and easy to use careers fact-sheets.

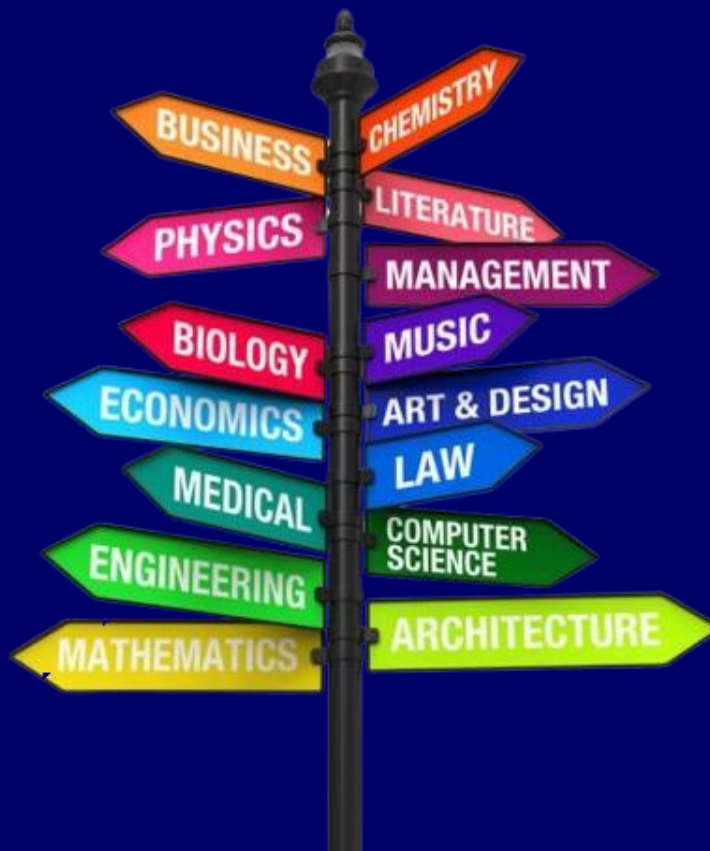


# The best career websites by school subject area.

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?





# 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](#)**



# PROSPECTS

## **What can I do with my degree?**

Whether you choose to find a job or begin postgraduate study, there are a number of routes you can take after university. Explore your career options and see where your degree could take you.

**FIND OUT  
MORE HERE**

# Careers in Music .com

★ Start Here

What are you most interested in?

SINGING	SONGWRITING
MUSIC PRODUCTION	THE MUSIC BUSINESS
PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT	OTHER



FIND OUT MORE HERE







Essential support for under 25s



Supporting you and your mental health.



Help for anyone under 19yrs old.

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME  
[childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk) | 0800 1111

Mental Health and Wellbeing Team onsite at Bishop Challoner.

# Careerpilot

## Free online courses offered by unis (MOOCs)



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.

### **Why not study a free short MOOC on a subject you might want to study in the future?**

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;

- They are usually free to study although sometimes they are only free for a certain length of time.
- There are hundreds of different short courses available and they offer an opportunity to focus on subjects you are studying now or are interested in studying at university. The courses also offer a chance for you to try something new and develop an area of interest.
- You do not need any qualifications to start the course, and they maybe as little as 2 hours a week - so you could always do several different courses.
- Although you may not get a formal qualification, the knowledge gained from doing one could help you prepare for higher education, or choose a course - and they are great to mention on your personal statement too.

[\*\*FIND OUT MORE HERE\*\*](#)

# 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](#)





**WORK EXPERIENCE**

# **WORK EXPERIENCE 2025**

## **YEAR 10**

**30<sup>th</sup> JUNE – 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025 (5 DAYS)**

## **YEAR 12**

**7<sup>th</sup> JULY - 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025 (5 DAYS)**

For any queries regarding Yr10 work experience please contact Mrs Newton at

[b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

For any queries regarding Yr12 work experience please contact Ms Jacques at

[a.jacques@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:a.jacques@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

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



# WORK EXPERIENCE

**IT'S 32 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 INFORMATION ON  
THE NEXT FEW PAGES FOR SOME  
USEFUL LINKS TO VARIOUS WEX  
OPPORTUNITIES.**

## WHAT'S NEW

### WORK EXPERIENCE SPOTLIGHT!



Do your students have a passion for creativity? Hear from experts in film, TV, games, and digital arts, in this multi-day virtual work experience placement with **Create Central**.

**Deadline:** 5th November

**Dates:** 19th - 21st November

**Ages:** 14-19

[Share with your students!](#)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### LATEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOLS IN THE WEST MIDLANDS



Hear from experts dedicated to conserving our natural world and wildlife. They'll share the inspiring projects they're involved in and highlight just how rewarding a **Green Career** can be.

**Deadline:** 23rd October

**Date:** 6th November

**Ages:** 14-19

[Find out more](#)



Provide your students with the chance to connect with creatives and professionals at **Severn Arts!** Ideal for those passionate about art, music, and creative careers.

**Deadline:** 7th November

**Date:** 21st November

**Ages:** 16-19

[Find out more](#)



Don't let your students miss this chance with the **Northern School of Art!** Connect with industry experts, get inspired, and kick-start their future in the film industry.

**Deadline:** 8th November

**Dates:** 22nd November

**Ages:** 14-19

[Find out more](#)



# SPEAKERS for schools

## Work Experience

Welcome to our work experience opportunities page – the perfect place to start your career journey! Explore the latest placements on offer from hundreds of employers across a wide range of industries.

Search for a specific employer or use the filters on the right to help you find online placements based on your age or the industry you're interested in. Then simply click on the 'Read more' button to go through to our portal to apply.

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**DISCOVER! Behind the Scenes of Live Shows**  
Employer: Fane  
Age: 16 - 19

**Ready, Set, Code! 3-day Tech Work Experience (Virtual Event - UK wide)**  
Employer: Kainos

**Pathways to Work | SEND**  
Employer: Speakers for Schools - East of England  
Age: 14 - 19  
Industry: Leisure/Sport  
Type: Virtual work experience  
Date: 24/04/2024  
Timings: 10:00 - 14:30  
Duration: 3 days

Date range  
Start date  
End date  
Type of opportunity



# 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](#)



thinkstudent.co

WORK EXPERIENCE

## **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.

**FIND OUT MORE HERE**

# WORK EXPERIENCE

## Discover your next work experience programme

**PROMOTED**



**JCB Careers - Engineering & Manufacturing**  
JCB

**VIRTUAL** **START NOW**

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

**Start**

**PROMOTED**




**Lift Off - with the Civil Aviation Authority**  
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

**VIRTUAL-TO-REALITY** **START NOW**

Virtual work experience in aviation & aerospace regulation. Live talks with industry experts, quizzes & activities to explore...

**Start**

**PROMOTED**



**Social Care Work Experience**  
STAFFORDSHIRE AND STOKE-ON-TRENT ICS

**VIRTUAL** **START NOW**

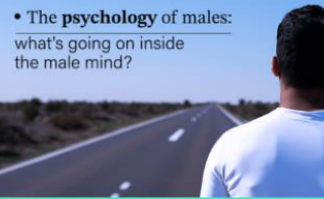
Eligibility criteria

Uncover the world of social care with Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICS. Discover the rewarding careers in this vital...

**Start**

**AD**


• The **psychology** of males: what's going on inside the male mind?



**PSYCHOLOGY**

**UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND**  
**BSc (Hons) Psychology with Dr Becci Owens**

**PROMOTED**




**Accountancy and Advisory Services**  
MOORE KINGSTON SMITH GROUP SERVICES

**VIRTUAL** **START NOW**

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

**Start**

**PROMOTED**



**Engineering Work Experience with ICE**  
INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

**VIRTUAL** **START NOW**

Eligibility criteria

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

**Start**

**PROMOTED**



**STEM Work Experience with the Institute of Acoustics**


**VIRTUAL** **START NOW**

Eligibility criteria

Discover acoustics careers. Engage in interactive activities & hear from pros. Unlock your potential in this programme.

**Start**

**PROMOTED**



**The World of a Housing Developer & Social Landlord**  
ASTER GROUP

**VIRTUAL** **START NOW**

Eligibility criteria

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

**Start**

**PROMOTED**



**Banking and Finance with Leeds Building Society**  
LEEDS BUILDING SOCIETY

**VIRTUAL** **START NOW**

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

**Start**

**PROMOTED**




**Technology Work Experience with Siemens**  
SIEMENS

**VIRTUAL** **START NOW**

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

**Start**

**PROMOTED**




**Building Your Future: Real Estate Work Experience**  
JLL

**VIRTUAL** **START NOW** [No Title]

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

**Start**

**PROMOTED**



**Drax Sprint: Carbon 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**

This programme is eligible to students aged 14+

# 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



## **OUR ADVANCED/HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS (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

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# 5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER CHOOSING AN APPRENTICESHIP

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Apprenticeships are a brilliant option for people of all ages to launch their careers in a huge range of exciting industries or upskill at various levels.

There are thousands of apprenticeship vacancies on offer, with more than 640 high-quality apprenticeships approved for use by employers – meaning someone could pursue a career as anything from a space engineering technician to a junior advertising creative.

Here are five reasons why there has never been a better time to do an apprenticeship.

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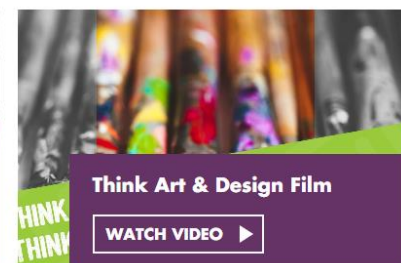
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## THINK APPRENTICESHIPS SUBJECT FILMS

Discover our series of short and engaging films covering 12 school subjects and the many apprenticeship roles they link with.

Each film introduces a range of apprentice roles linked to the subject and outlines some of the tasks you could expect to be doing in each apprenticeship.



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Find an apprenticeship in England.

You can apply for apprenticeships

in [Scotland](#), [Northern Ireland](#) and [Wales](#).

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## New Resources for the New Academic Year

In celebration of a new school year and the British Army winning the #1 Apprenticeship Employer in the UK & Northern Ireland for the 4th year running, we've created TWO new resources!

Read on to find out more about the **quiz** and **parent and carer guide**...

[DOWNLOAD RESOURCES](#)



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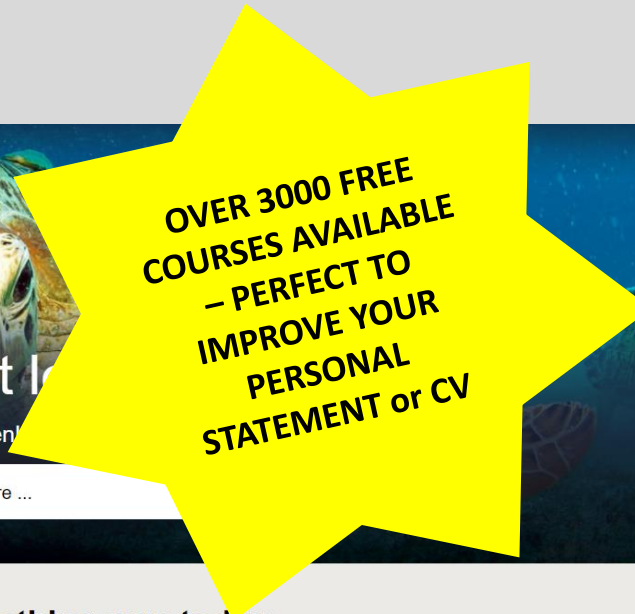
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#### Pick a subject and start learning

<a href="#">Money &amp; Business &gt;</a>	<a href="#">Education &amp; Development &gt;</a>	<a href="#">Health, Sports &amp; Psychology &gt;</a>
<a href="#">History &amp; The Arts &gt;</a>	<a href="#">Languages &gt;</a>	<a href="#">Nature &amp; Environment &gt;</a>
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## Ten tips for students starting university

Are you off to university this month? Make sure you go prepared with our ten top tips, with related FREE online learning resources to help you further.



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1. [Better manage your budget](#)
2. [Learn how to prepare some healthy meals](#)
3. [Manage your time more effectively](#)
4. [Get used to using online forums](#)
5. [Manage your digital stress](#)
6. [Make new friends, but don't forget your old ones](#)
7. [Understand the dynamics of teamwork](#)
8. [Get a part time job to see you through](#)
9. [Avoid the pitfalls of plagiarism](#)
10. [Enjoy yourself, but be aware of the impact of alcohol](#)

**TOP 10 TIPS [AND](#) MORE**



## 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 masterclasses have finished. **The next series will start in February 2025.** Before attending a masterclass, please ensure you've read and are happy to comply with our [code of conduct](#). Non-selective state schools will be given booking priority.

### Questions?

Get in touch with the team at [masterclass@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:masterclass@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

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**YEAR 12/13 STUDENTS**

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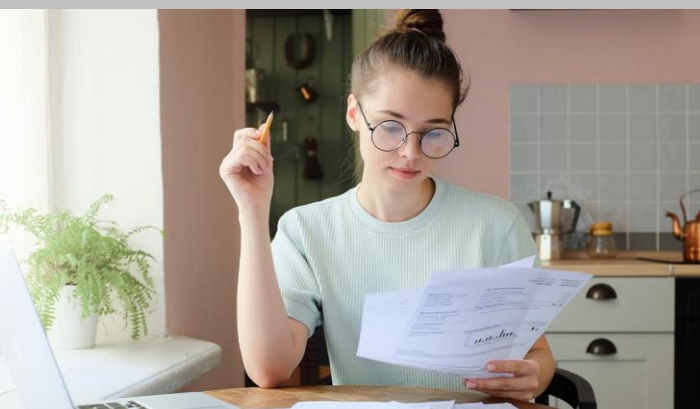


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## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES VIRTUAL HUB

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.







# ONLINE COURSES



[Coursera](#) is probably one of the best-known online learning sites. It is partnered with universities around the world, including Imperial College London and Stanford.

It also partners with companies including Google and IBM to offer expertise in specific areas - for example, machine learning.



[Harvard University](#) offer a small selection of free online courses. They're a little niche but interesting enough to have a look at.



[Open Learn](#) courses are FREE for anyone aged 13 and over. There are around 1000 courses to choose from and once you have completed the course you will receive a statement of participation.



[Gresham College](#) offer access to a huge variety of free online lectures.



## 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**

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FREE TOOLS AND TIPS HERE**

## 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](#)

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NCVO champions the voluntary sector and volunteering because they're essential for a better society. We do this by connecting, representing and supporting voluntary organisations.

Volunteering can make a real difference to your own life and the lives of those around you. There are loads of ways to get involved and plenty of organisations that can help you find your dream role.

So how do you go about finding the right volunteering role for you? Here are three steps to follow:

**1. Think about what interests or excites you.**

This could be something you enjoyed doing before, or something completely new.

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

With so many opportunities to choose from, it's a great idea to narrow down the choices by deciding what you're willing to give.

**3. Get researching!**

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

1. go to your local volunteer centre
2. search the internet
3. ask friends what they do
4. or check out one of the online opportunity finders below.

