

# OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

#### **SEPTEMBER 2024 ISSUE**

#### THE BULLETIN IS PACKED WITH A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP KICK START YOUR NEW SCHOOL YEAR....

...WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS, OPEN DAY INFORMATION, MASTERCLASS AND TASTER DAYS, APPRENTICESHIPS AND MUCH MORE..





# WHERE NEXT?

### **OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN**

YOU'LL FIND LINKS TO COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS, APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINING COURSES, WEBINARS, JOB MARKET INFORMATION, CAREERS ADVICE AND MUCH MORE...



### WHERE CAN I GET MORE HELP & ADVICE?

SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE CAREERS TEAM, YOUR FORM TUTORS OR HOY.

### CAREERS TEAM

#### Who are we and what do we do?



Ms Darby Student Services – Post 16/Careers Leader Responsible for the delivery of Bishop Challoner's careers programme. e.darby@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk



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Wednesday 13th November 6pm - 8.30pm

# Wednesday, 13 November

# Bishop Challoner Sixth Form College Open Evening 2024

Parents/Carers and Year 11 students from all schools are warmly invited to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening.

### **GET TICKETS HERE**





Essential support for under 25s



Supporting you and your mental health.

# childline

Help for anyone under 19yrs old.

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME childline.org.uk | 0800 1111



Bishop Challoner Catholic College Mental Health and Wellbeing Team onsite at Bishop Challoner.



# 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 <u>b.newton@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk</u>

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

More information and WEX documents and form can be found on the <u>Careers Hub</u>



# IT'S 39 WEEKS UNTIL OUR WORK EXPERIENCE WEEKS COMMENCE!!

THE BULLETIN HAS LOTS OF GREAT INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO FIND A PLACEMENT.

CHECK OUT THE POSTERS ON THE NEXT 2 PAGES FOR SOME USEFUL TIPS ON HOW TO FIND A PLACEMENT.



# Work Experience Weekly

#### 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.



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.



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: 23rd October Date: 6th November Ages: 14-19

Find out more

Deadline: 7th November Date: 21st November Ages: 16-19

Find out more

Deadline: 8th November Dates: 22nd November Ages: 14-19

Find out more



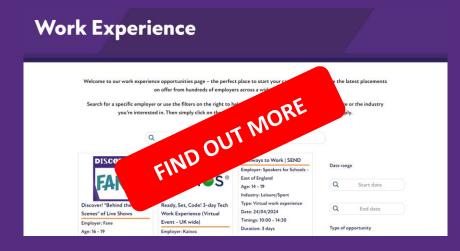
Partnering with **Discover! Creative Careers**, we're offering students insights into creative industries through an exciting range of online and in-person events with top employers. **Explore opportunities today!** 



# **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.



#### 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.

Learn More

Get Started

## 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

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#### 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.

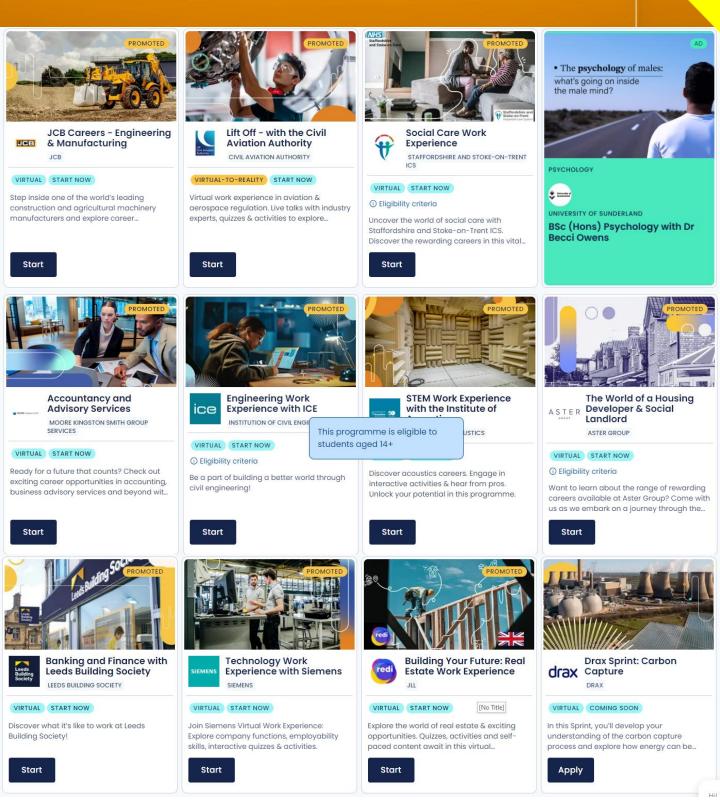
### FIND OUT MORE HERE

# WORK EXPERIENCE Discover your next work experience program.

Q Try searching for subjects, companies, or industries

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COLLEGE & SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

BIRMINGHAM CAREERS SERVICE guiding young people

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





Aston University Awarded Triple Gold





# OPEN DAY GUIDE

Saturday 5 October 2024 Saturday 23 November 2024 9.00-15.00

WHAT UNI?

# University? We can help.

Find courses, read honest reviews, get expert advice.





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.

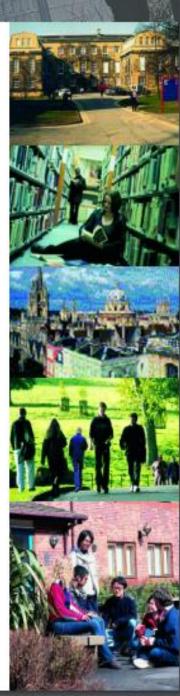
#### ONLINE BOOKING

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 and tell your friends about the service.





# **UniTasterDays**

How can UniTasterDays help with your university decisions?



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### SEARCH FOR UNIVERSITY EVENTS, BROWSE ON DEMAND WEBINARS, ACCESS RESOURCES AND MUCH MORE

# FIND OUT MORE HERE

Let open days open your mind to what a university or college has to offer...

### UCAS

## Get talking!

No one knows a university better than its students. so take the opportunity to talk to them during compus tours and accommodation visits.

### Plan your day

Decide in advance which talks you want to go to so you don't miss the topics you're interested in.

### Make notes

There's a lot to take in so it'll help when you come to comparing different universities and colleges afterwards.

# 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.

# 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.



# 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! On 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 <u>National</u> <u>Careers Service</u>. One thing is for sure, you don't need a degree to be successful!

#### FIND OUT MORE HERE



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 <u>HERE</u>





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.

# OpenLearn

- 1. <u>Better manage your budget</u>
- 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

# OpenLearn



#### Get inspired and learn something new today

#### You can use OpenLearn to



#### Pick a subject and start learning



### Sign-up now for free >

# BARCLAYS | LifeSkills



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

# 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.

# 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.



# 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.



# Careers Nusic

#### ★ Start Here What are you <u>most</u> interested in?√





## FIND OUT MORE HERE





#### **Employment Opportunities**

Check out the latest opportunities with leading Employer's across the UK, from school leaver roles to Apprenticeships. <u>Contact our Student Support team</u> 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**

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SKILLS FOR LIFE

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

## B B C CAREERS

### REERS OUR ADVANCED/H APPRENTICESHIL (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.

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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

APPRENTICES

# Browse apprenticeships before you apply

総 HM Government

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.

ADDRENTICESHIDS

## **5 REASONS** WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER CHOOSING AN APPRENTICESHIP



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 <u>640 high-quality apprenticeships approved</u> <u>for use</u> 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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#### 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.









## Find an apprenticeship



Find an apprenticeship Find an apprenticeship in England. You can apply for apprenticeships in <u>Scotland, Northern</u> 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



#### UNIVERSITY<sup>OF</sup> BIRMINGHAM



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 <u>code of conduct</u>. Non-selective state schools will be given booking priority.

#### **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 <sup>36</sup>



### 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.

#### FIND OUT MORE HERE



# GRESH WEBINARS ADDED! 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**



### **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.





## coursera

**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

<u>Harvard University</u> offer a small selection of free online courses. They're a little niche but interesting enough to have a look at.



<u>Open Learn</u> 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.





<u>Gresham College</u> offer access to a huge variety of free online lectures.



Student Recruitment and Outreach activities for post-16 students





Courses ✓ Student life ✓ Research ✓ For Businesses

🔄 Find a course

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



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.





# VOLUNTEERING>MATTERS



