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Careers, Information, Advice & Guidance Bulletin

Spring Term – April 2024



Twyford
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TWYFORD TALES

Twyford Alumni Interview



OPEN TO
ALL YEAR GROUPS



Medical School
Ysgol Feddygaeth

Noah Farr

Student at Swansea Medical School

As students, we sometimes view the future with uncertainty. Noah Farr, a former student at Twyford has earned himself a place at Swansea Medical School, a university with a competitive healthcare programme and we were lucky enough to have him open to sharing his post-Twyford experience with us.

CIAG: When did you leave Twyford?

Noah: I left Twyford after finishing my A Levels at the end of Year 13 in 2021. My favourite memory has got to be football - I really miss running and taking part in inter-house competitions. I'm also grateful to a lot of my teachers, as I feel I learnt so much from them about you really can achieve your goals if you work hard.



Noah: I studied Maths, Biology and German at A Level. Biology was always my favourite subject as I really enjoyed learning about human anatomy and the cardiovascular system in particular. Maths was my strongest subject. During revision time, it was helpful to sometimes take a break from revising other subjects to do some past Maths papers, as this would give my self-esteem a boost. Studying a language at A Level was challenging but luckily I had two fantastic teachers who provided me with lots of support. Initially, I remember feeling quite overwhelmed by all the content, however engaging in speaking practice and Vocab Express everyday really helped! I would advise anyone who is struggling with learning a language to not give up, as all your hard work really does pay off in the end.



CIAG: What A Levels did you study?

CIAG: What did you do after A Levels?

Noah: I applied for Sports Science at Loughborough University, where I am currently in my third year, writing the final year project on 'The Effect of Strength Training on Muscle Morphology in Endurance Athletes'. I've always had a strong passion for sport, hence I thought Loughborough was the place for me as they have fantastic sporting facilities, several gyms on site and a lovely campus. Sports Science has been really interesting - we've covered modules such as biomechanics, physiology and nutrition, where I really felt my maths and biology knowledge came in handy. I've also engaged in a few extra-curricular adventures advertised by the university, including the Wild Packs/ Camp America Programme, where I served as a Camp Counsellor for 2 months in North Carolina, USA, which was one of the most challenging, incredible and joyful experiences of my life. I also took part in the Uganda Volunteer Project through Play Action International, where during my second year of studies I fundraised just over £1000 to go towards the construction materials for a primary school playground in Jinja, Uganda. I then flew out to Uganda with a group of other university students, where we worked together to build, paint and decorate the playground over 2 weeks. Schools over there are a hub and symbol for the whole community and so getting to contribute to the project and experience a new culture was amazing!



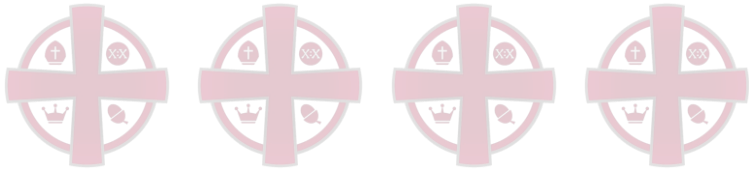


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CIAG : What are you working on now?

Noah: In my undergraduate degree, I gained a real interest in medicine and I began looking into the idea of becoming a doctor. I was a little unsure at first as I felt perhaps I'd already committed to becoming a Sports Scientist, but then *I realised that it's impossible to know straight away what you want to do in life and it takes time to figure out who you are and who you want to be - and that's okay. I began reaching out to friends and family about work experience opportunities in a hospital setting.* I was lucky enough to spend a week at Plymouth Hospital, observing doctors in the cardiac ward and ICU (intensive care unit). I was even invited into the operating room and got to watch a coronary artery bypass surgery - after this I knew that postgraduate medicine was something I wanted to go for. Last summer I took the GAMSAT exam required to apply for Graduate Entry Medicine. From my results, I was lucky enough to get an interview with Swansea University's Medical School for which I had to prepare for 2x 20 minute panel interviews and then give a 30 minute presentation on 'obesity and weight loss medications'. I felt most confident about the presentation as I knew this was the part of the interview I could control, so I put a lot of work into my slides and practiced giving the presentation over and over again. After the interview I felt nervous and relieved at the same time, but I knew I went in there as myself and had given it my all. A week or so later I heard back from Swansea and they offered me a place at their medical school beginning in September!

Noah: Transitioning from secondary school to university can feel overwhelming, but it's an exciting opportunity for growth and exploration. While it's important to step out of your comfort zone, try new experiences and connect with others, remember to prioritise self-care and downtime. You don't need to attend every event or activity to make the most of your university experience. In your first year, it's common to question your choice of course, but don't be discouraged. As you progress, you'll discover which modules resonate with you, explore potential career paths and uncover opportunities for involvement. It's okay to take time to discover your passions and identity and if you find that your current course isn't right for you, know that many students change paths along the way.

My main intrigue for medicine was a dedication to helping others and my interest in biology and the intricacies of the human body. Also, being able to work in a competitive, fast-paced environment is essential to consider before applying to become a doctor. I think it's really important to rationally consider the idea before jumping head first into Graduate Entry Medicine (GEM) and so **having that work experience really helped me to make a decision**, as you won't know if it's something you'd like to do unless you've experienced it first hand. In terms of the actual process, you can apply for GEM through UCAS and it's an accelerated 4 year medical degree for post-graduates only, as opposed to a normal 5 year undergraduate degree. There's an option to take either the UCAT or GAMSAT exam; each university is different in terms of which exam they would like you to take. So I would say choose the exam that is most relevant to the universities you want to apply to. I know that both the exams are quite tough - I only took the GAMSAT, which was roughly 5 hours and involved an essay, comprehension and biology/chemistry sections. To the right is a photo of me taken just after I finished the exam - I might not look it but I had a massive headache and was exhausted. It's really helpful if you get in contact with someone who can advise you during the application process, as this provides you with some references and really helps calm the nerves. Mr Arthur very kindly helped me with my application process and did a fantastic job!





Fast-approaching upcoming deadlines

Industry and year group eligibility is on the of each page!



BUSINESS

Confectionary



OPEN TO
ALL YEAR GROUPS



Mondelēz (Cadbury's)
Industry Spotlight - Confectionary
16th April 2024

Open to all year groups

Did you know that Cadburys chocolate has been around for 200 years? Learn more about the confectionary industry, its different career possibilities and possibly, some chocolate-based secrets in our upcoming Industry Spotlight.

We'll be joined by Senior Food Scientist Martyn from Mondelēz, the parent company to Cadburys, & his colleague Sophie as they help us unpack what a career in the food industry can look like plus the variety of soft and hard skills you'll need.

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CAREERS FAIR

Various Industries



OPEN TO
Year 10 & 11



Ealing Learning Partnership
Careers Fair
19th June 2024

Open to Year 10 & 11 students

Ealing Learning Partnership would like to invite families and young people in Year 10 & 11 to our annual Summer event. In response to feedback from the agencies we work with this year the focus is to support young people within Ealing to be more aware of pathways into level 2 and below qualifications. This event will bring together providers who can offer more courses and opportunities for young people and inform them for next steps.

There will be advice and guidance available from a range of external providers to support students who may not be able to access level 3 qualifications.

Application Deadline: 14th June 2024

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Coastal Search & Rescue



OPEN TO
ALL YEAR GROUPS



HM Coastguard

UK Coastguard
Webinar
Monday 15th April 2024

Open to all students

Speakers for schools are please to host Richard Wasson, Community Safety Lead with the UK Coastguard.

Learn about who the UK Coastguard are, what they look after and the various roles and routes within the industry, with safety stories threaded throughout. Learn about the exciting day to day life of a team that help keep the UK safe 🇬🇧

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FINANCE

Work Experience



OPEN TO
SIXTH FORMERS



AON

Financial & Professional Services
Starts 3rd July 2024

Open Sixth form students

Aon are excited to be offering Year 12 and 13 students (16-19 years old) who are studying in state-funded schools or colleges the opportunity to spend three days participating in Aon's Work Insight Programme.

Unlike many work experience programmes you won't be doing busy work: no photocopying, filing or tea-making, we promise! You will be participating in a structured week of interactive learning and engagement, to understand more about the world business, Aon and possible career paths for your future. You will get the opportunity to meet our Aon colleagues including current apprentice and graduates as well as experienced managers and leaders from across our business, hearing more about their work and career, all while engaging in a range of interactive learning opportunities.

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GREEN ENERGY

Business in Sustainability



OPEN TO
YR 10 to 13

SIEMENS energy

Siemens Energy
Green Skills & Sustainability
13th – 14th June 2024

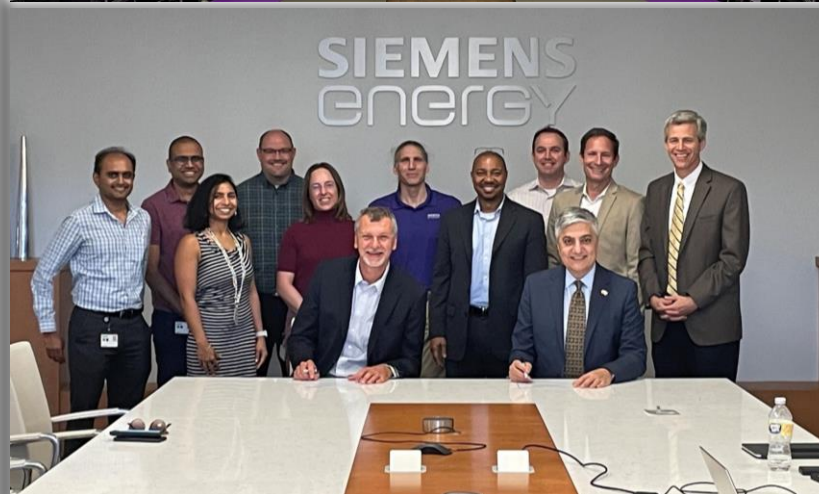
Open to Year 10 – 13 students

Siemens Energy invites you to an exciting 2 Day Interactive Virtual Work Experience in the Energy Industry.

You will hear from professionals at different stages of their careers, who will share their experience working with circular energy, recycling, carbon footprint, and carbon emissions and their career journey to date.

Be part of changing the worlds energy systems and global sustainability infrastructure.

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HEALTHCARE

Business, Operation & Strategy



OPEN TO
ALL YEAR GROUPS



BUPA

Careers Speaker Series
Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Open to All Year Groups

BUPA are delighted to invite you to their Careers Speaker Series.

5 distinguished leaders at the company will be taking the stage at their Central London offices to talk about their journeys.

Their job titles include:

- **Chief Brand and Communications Officer**
- **Chief Transformation Officer** (former McKinsey, Goldman Sachs, Harvard MBA)
- **Strategy Lead** (former consultant)
- **Medical Director** (a Doctor)
- **Global Healthcare Transformation Director** (former MD of UK Clinics & a doctor)

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HEALTHCARE

Career Programme | Work Experience



OPEN TO
Year 12

IMPERIAL

Imperial College
London

Development Programme Healthcare

Open to Year 12 students

WATCCH is a widening participation initiative aimed at motivated Year 12 students from state schools in London who are interested in a career in healthcare.

We provide work experience and a programme of workshops on a range of healthcare careers and admissions help, including tips on personal statements and interviews.

All students also receive mentoring from a healthcare student and be given a healthcare related work experience placement.

Application Deadline: 29th April 2024

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LAW & LEGAL SERVICES

Skills & Insight Workshop



OPEN TO
YR 10 to 13

Goldsmiths

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Goldsmiths University of London

Skills & Insight workshop

12th June 2024

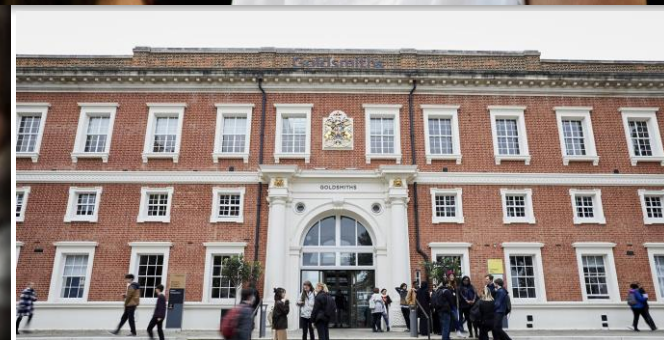
Open to Year 10 – 13 students

In this Law session, Dr Miranda Bevan, a leading academic from Goldsmiths, University of London who previously practised as a criminal barrister, will run an interactive skills and insight workshop for students on Building a Defence.

Ever wondered how a defence lawyer persuades a jury to find a defendant not guilty? This session will look at how lawyers go about the task of building a defence. What questions do lawyers ask (and not ask)? Who decides what approach to take? What is a defence lawyer looking for when they read a case?

Using an imaginary criminal case the session will take students through the process of building a defence. You will learn how defence lawyers approach a case and develop your own legal reasoning skills. Can you work together to persuade the jury to secure an acquittal for our imaginary defendant?

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MEDICINE

Application & Achievement Programmes



OPEN TO
YR 10 to 13

MEDIC
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Getting into Medicine Webinar
14th April 2024

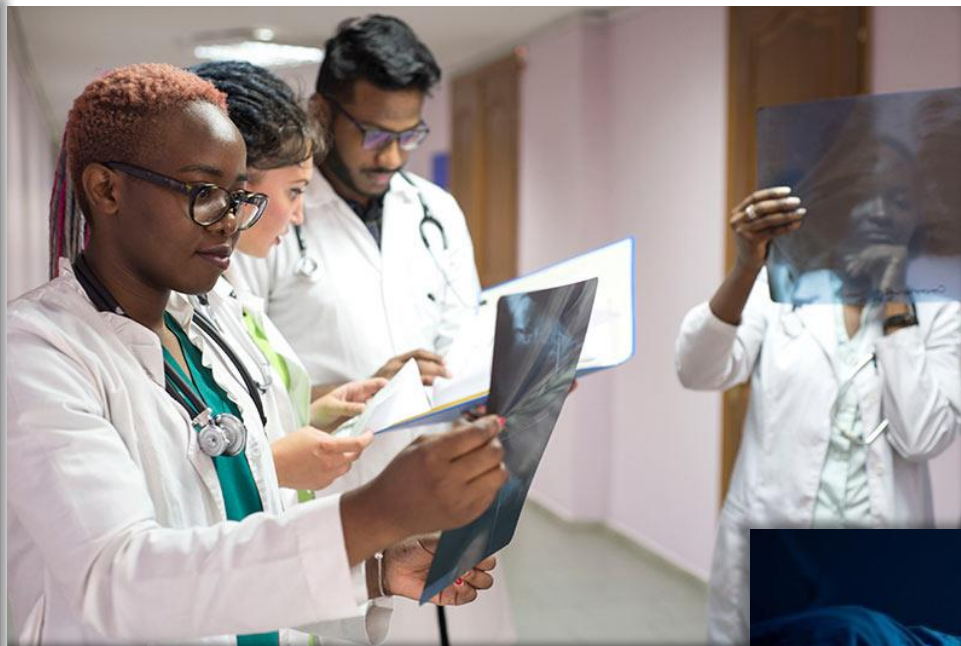
Open to Years 10 – 13 students

At this conference, Dr Kennedy will dive into the specific qualities and experiences that admissions committees love to see in a personal statement, and most importantly, how to make sure your students obtain these experiences in time for their application.

We will also explore:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Entrance Exams: UCAT
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Medical Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a medical CV
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine

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MUSICAL THEATRE

Experience/Taster Day



OPEN TO
SIXTH FORMERS



Trinity Laban
Musical Theatre Experience Day
Thursday 4th July 2024

Open to Sixth Form students

You will join other like-minded young performers from schools across London in an inspiring, intensive and hands-on day, taking part in singing and movement workshops, and rehearsing a song together backed by a live orchestra of Trinity Laban musicians, led by top West End music director Verity Quade.

This will all lead towards you taking part in a concert, where you will also get to experience some of Trinity Laban's finest current musical theatre students sing a wide range of music, including songs from the likes of Wicked, Bugsy Malone and many others. You will also take part in a Q&A session with students and staff, to help find out more about life as a conservatoire student and career paths into musical theatre.

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SUMMER SCHOOL

Talks & Workshops



OPEN TO
Year 10

Godolphin & Latymer



Godolphin & Latymer School
Summer School
19th – 23rd August 2024

Open to Year 10 students.

We will put together an engaging and relevant series of talks and workshops that will enrich and extend understanding across a range of disciplines.

We will also offer support to students and parents who are considering applying for a bursary at Godolphin and Latymer school.

Eligibility Requirements:

- From a disadvantaged background (those who qualify for free school meals and/or pupil premium funding)
- Very able with exceptional potential (likely to be on track to achieve 7s - 9s in their GCSEs)

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SUMMER SCHOOL

Various Subjects



OPEN TO
Year 12

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Oxford Brookes University
Summer Schools
Starts 2nd July 2024

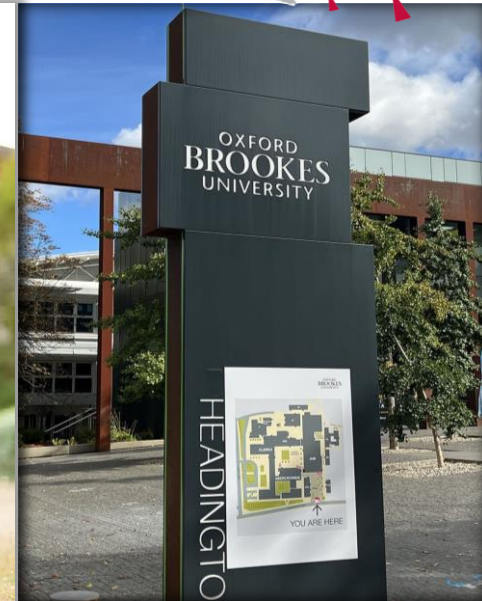
Open to Year 12 students

This free residential programme is aimed at Year 12/First year college students who are from groups currently underrepresented in Higher Education, and who are considering university as their next step. The Summer Schools will provide students with the opportunity to find out more about a specific subject area, experience university-level learning and discover what it's like to be a university student.

Our Summer Schools are offered at no cost to students, with all travel, meals and accommodation provided free of charge.

Application Deadline: 15th April 2024

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Dates	Subjects
Tuesday 2 July - Friday 5 July Technology, Design and Environment (TDE)	Built Environment and Architecture Art and Design
Tuesday 9 July - Friday 12 July Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS)	Can Humanities and Social Sciences save the planet? (Limited spaces available)
Tuesday 16 July - Friday 19 July Oxford Brookes Business School (OBBS)	Old Meets New - Creating a festival for you at a historic venue



WRITING COMPETITION

Experience/Taster Day



OPEN TO
SIXTH FORMERS

Goldsmiths

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Goldsmiths University of London

Writing Competition

Deadline: Friday 19th April 2024

Open to Sixth Form students

Become the next Young Writer (a short story writing competition for creative writers) or Young Anthropologist (for writing about identity and culture). You can [register to enter now!](#)

Both competitions have a £1,000 first prize and two runner-up prizes of £50. All shortlisted entries will also receive a small prize.

You'll be invited to online workshops throughout the year delivered by our [English and Creative Writing](#) and/or [Anthropology](#) departments to help you hone your writing skills and learn from our academic staff.

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Apprenticeships

Early Career opportunities from various industries!



ACCOUNTANCY

Tax & Auditing



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Dixon Wilson
Chartered Accountancy

Open to Sixth Form students

BT is at the forefront of digital transformation, connecting people and businesses across the globe. With a rich legacy and a commitment to innovation, BT provides a dynamic environment for growth and learning.

With apprenticeships ranging from Level 2 to Level 6, covering diverse areas such as:

- Customer Service
- Project Management
- Software Engineering
- Applied Research
- Field Engineering
- Cyber Security

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DIXON WILSON TAX APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME 2024

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The ATT and CTA qualifications form a four-year Level 4 & 7 apprenticeship programme.

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WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

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- Grade C or above in GCSE or equivalent English Language and Mathematics

In addition, we look for:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Willingness to learn
- Self Motivation
- Adaptability
- Commitment to achieving success in examinations and delivering a first-class professional service to our private clients
- Be available to start in mid August 2024 - date TBC.
- Evidence of eligibility to work in the UK for the duration of the 4-year training contract



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After your first 6 months with the Firm you will have the opportunity to work from home 1 day a week.

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[Dixon Wilson Tax Apprenticeship Scheme 2024](#)





CHILDCARE

Nurseries



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Childbase Partnership Apprenticeships

Open to Sixth Form students

Established in 2021 Childbase's Training Academy of Excellence was created to provide a centre where all students and learners are supported in house by Childbase Partnership experts.

A team, many of whom have worked within Childbase Partnership nurseries, and have extensive knowledge of supporting learners within Early Years, provide face to face training, conduct in person observations and support all of our learners in achieving their qualification.

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YOUTH WORK

Mentoring & Guidance



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SIXTH FORMERS



Premier Pathways

Premier Pathways
Youth Worker Apprenticeships

Open to Sixth Form students

Premier Pathways is a Youth Worker Degree Apprenticeship validated by the National Youth Agency and the University of Roehampton. With a cohort of **100 apprentices** in schools nationally, taking on a range of roles including; Behaviour and Attendance Officers, Extended Services Coordinator and Pastoral Lead, as well as Youth Workers.

Key benefits:

- Funded by the apprenticeship levy
 - Decrease recruitment fees
 - Retain support staff
- Release capacity on existing staff
- Open up capacity for projects

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YOUTH WORKERS
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MENTAL HEALTH

Guidance & Development



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SoundmindsUK

Pre-Apprenticeships/Traineeships

This comprehensive online course covers a range of fields including Early Years and Child Care, Fitness and Leisure, Health and Social Care, and Employability.

The aim of this program is to equip students with essential skills and knowledge, paving the way for future success whether they choose to pursue full-time work, further education, or another apprenticeship opportunity.

What students can expect to gain from this program:

- High-quality work experience in their chosen field
- Opportunity to study for qualifications relevant to their career path
- Development of personal and employability skills crucial for the workplace
- Additional support in English and Math, if needed
- Personalised guidance and support towards achieving their goals



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On-going opportunities

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AVIATION

Pilot Training



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SIXTH FORMERS



Fantasy Wings
Higher ATPL Programme

Open to Sixth Form students

Fantasy Wings will be launching the Fantasy Wings Flying Higher ATPL Programme - an initiative that extends our mission of addressing diversity in the aviation industry by training Airline Pilots and Flight Instructors. This will be completed between our partner flying schools in the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

*There will also be an opportunity to gain direct entry into roles with **Airlines** and **Flight Instructor** positions at our partner flight schools should they be available at the end of training.*

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BUSINESS, ART & TECH

Experience/Taster Day



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CITY AND ISLINGTON
COLLEGE

City and Islington College
Experience/Taster Day
Every Wednesday

Open to Year 10 & 11 students.

We are thrilled to extend an exclusive invitation to Year 10 and 11 students for an immersive Experience Day at City and Islington College - Centre of Business, Arts, and Technology (CBAT). The Experience Day, offers a unique opportunity for students to dive into the vibrant programs and atmosphere at CBAT, providing invaluable insights into potential pathways for their future education and careers.

To apply, register your interest by emailing The city and Islington College on the link below!

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ENERGY

Virtual Work Experience



OPEN TO
YR 10 to 13



Octopus Energy Hosted by BuddyEd Virtual Work Experience

Open to Year 10-13 students

Octopus Energy & BuddyEd have launched an innovative virtual work experience tailored for students aged 14-18. This challenge requires no extra time or support from teachers, aligns perfectly with the Gatsby Career Benchmarks and is absolutely free to join, thanks to our OEEF sponsors!

Key Highlights for Students:

- 🌱 **Career-boosting skills:** Elevate employability and uni applications by demonstrating problem solving, critical thinking and innovation.
- 🔍 **Exploratory learning:** Dive into potential career paths in a practical setting.
- 📄 **Recognition:** Each participant will earn a certificate and personalised professional feedback.
- 🏆 **Rewards:** Stand a chance to win a share of a £300 prize pool and an exclusive invite to Octopus Energy's London office.

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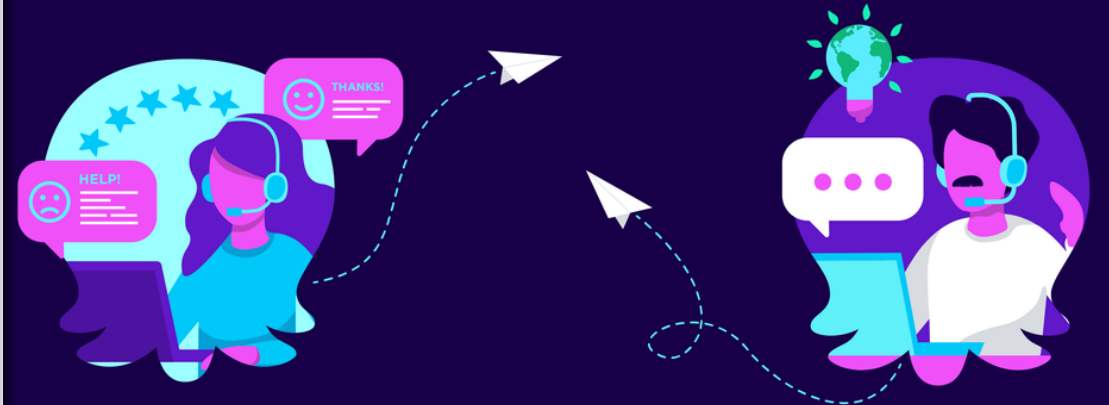
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Open to all students

The Enginuity Future Skills Hub holds a wide range of resources on different technologies and how they're driving skills demand, all presented in an accessible, bite-sized format.

The Hub includes regular articles on topics of interest in skills and technology, interviews with sector leaders, and new episodes of the Future Skills Hub Podcast. For each technology covered, we explore the benefits and skills required to harness them, and include case studies to give small employers the chance to see how businesses like theirs have successfully navigated their own skills challenges.

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