Careers Newsletter

1st April 2020

Last week I wrote to a number of industry partners to ask if there was anything that they could offer in terms of content or resources to students. This was partially as a thought of making up for missing the Pipeline Programme Day 4, but some of these resources and ideas might be of interest and use to all students so are included below.

As ever, if anyone would like a one on one teams chat with Amy or Steph, as a follow up from a Careers Advisor for example, or has any questions about apprenticeships, applications, work experience, CVs, etc. then please do not hesitate to get in touch. We can then arrange a call at a mutually suitable time (please be aware that Amy only works Tuesday-Thursday). We are also very happy to answer any questions by email.

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Salesforce

Some of you may have heard of Salesforce through the Pipeline Programme. It provides customer-relationship management services and also sells a complementary suite of enterprise applications focused on customer service, marketing automation, analytics, and application development. All of the Salesforce training modules on Trailhead (https://trailhead.salesforce.com) are available for free and can even be completed on mobile phones. There are many pre determined learning paths (called Trails in Trailhead speak) which you can follow, typically aimed at specific job roles, like Administrator or Developer. Interested? Then go and have a look!

Virtual Hub – University of Portsmouth

University of Portsmouth wants to offer their support and help in these uncertain times to ensure your students are still able to get the information they need to make the right choices about their future. While the coronavirus situation means they can't welcome you in person, they invite you to access our Virtual Hub (https://bit.ly/2JdRgDp) where you can take a virtual tour of their accommodation, read stories from their students, look around their facilities, and discover Portsmouth's amazing food, shopping, sport and culture – all from your desktop or mobile device! It's their hope that they can still help you through the UCAS process – even in these difficult times. The team are happy to answer any questions that you have about applying to university or studying at Portsmouth. Email them at rao@port.ac.uk.

Virtual Forge Webinar

The Virtual Forge is one of our Pipeline Programme Partners for 2019/20 and what a brilliant job they've been doing! On Friday 3rd April they're offering a Webinar on Solving Problems and Developing Ideas using Design Sprints. For those entrepreneurs amongst you and for those of you who were in the Virtual Forge Pipeline Programme cohort, this might be of interest to you, so join this webinar to explore how design sprints could work to test your business ideas. This will be taking place on Friday 3rd April at 11am and they're also adding a bonus date of Thursday 2nd April at 2pm so you've got two to choose from.
You can register for the webinars here: https://lnkd.in/evPTQug

White Hat Webinar

White Hat, an organisation helping young people into Apprenticeships, is hosting a 'Supporting Young People into Competitive Apprenticeships' webinar for parents, teachers and advisers on Thursday 23rd April, I have registered our interest in this and shall share the details as soon as they become available.

University of Reading – Virtual Courses

Teachers, parents and students may be looking for free, online resources to prepare for learning at home. In response, the University of Reading has made available more of our free, online courses over the coming months. Developed by expert staff in world-class departments, all courses are available on the online platform, FutureLearn, and include articles, videos, audio and quizzes. Social learning is at the heart of the courses and as well as being able to share new ideas, experiences and perspectives with other participants, course participants will be supported by university staff and students who contribute feedback and guidance throughout course discussions. Courses cover a diverse range of topics from Ancient Rome, to Robotics and Mental Health and the below are just some of the courses which may be useful to everyone but especially, A level students:

- **Unseen Poetry and the Creative Process:** Improve your skills in critical analysis and creative writing and discuss how texts can be interpreted by different readers.
- **Heart Health: A Beginner's Guide to Cardiovascular Disease:** Understand the structure and function of the cardiovascular system.
- **Small and Mighty: Introduction to Microbiology:** Recognise the differences between the five major groups of microbes and how they replicate, grow and exchange genes with each other.
- **A Beginner's and Intermediate Guide to Writing in English for University Study:** Learn the fundamentals of essay structure and get an introduction to research tools, writing critically, referencing, proofreading and avoiding plagiarism.
- **Live Smart: Your essential guide to living at University**
- **A parents and supporters' guide to University applications**

For a full list of courses please see: www.reading.ac.uk/oocs or visit FutureLearn to view other courses produced by our partners

Further Free Online Courses

There are also free courses for students to study via these websites too:

https://www.futurelearn.com/
https://www.mooc.org/

Work Experience

All work experience has been cancelled up until the end of May 2020. We are keeping plans for June and July in place in the hope that these can go ahead, but we shall update you on these at the end of May at the very latest. If you have any questions then do email stephanie.mitchell@utcreading.org.uk.

Resources for Careers

Careers Research
https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk – click on job profiles
www.icould.com – careers info by sector, plus personality quiz
www.careersbox.co.uk – careers info by sector

Apprenticeships
https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch
https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk
https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

Job Search
www.gov.uk/jobsearch
www.indeed.co.uk
www.fish4jobs.co.uk
www.jobsite.co.uk

Universities
www.push.co.uk/Uni-Chooser - course generator for those Year 12s who are interested in Uni, but unsure what to study.
www.ucas.com – the official website for information about universities and for applying to courses. Lots of information.
www.whatuni.com – course finder which enables you to search for courses.
http://Unistats.direct.gov.uk – government website comparing data from all undergraduate HE courses. Very useful for comparing courses at different universities.
www.studential.com – general advice on applications and a really good section on personal statements including real examples on dozens of subjects.

LMI Information
https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/ - not only does this have a lot of LMI information, it also features a Careerometer, to help you find out about careers you might not have considered.