

We hope that you're having a bit of a break over the Easter Holidays and are managing to keep yourselves entertained during week 4 of the lock down.

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. We are also very happy to answer any questions by email.

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Atos Apprenticeships

Those of you who visited the Apprenticeship Afternoon on 11th March may have spoken to Uma Lade and Ishita Oswal from Atos. Atos are keen to let you know that they are still open for applications, based on predicted grades. Their programme of hiring apprentices in Winnersh continues and they welcome all applications. The application closing date is **27th April 2020**.

Further details about all Atos schemes can be found here <https://atos.net/en-gb/united-kingdom/careers-uk/apprentices-uk>

Microsoft Free Learning Platform

Our Microsoft partners suggest that students and teachers take advantage of their free learning platform, Microsoft Learn: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/>. It is full of product and technical learning across all Microsoft products, or simply search a type of job role and learn as many modules as you want.

Advice from Jane Marshall from Optimising Futures

Writing your Personal Statement during the COVID-19 Lockdown – impossible? Of course not! Students should always start thinking about the dreaded Personal Statement in Year 12 – right now! In fact, with all this extra time, aside from watching boxsets, now is the perfect time to start collecting evidence to prove their interest in their chosen course. This article provides helpful advice and links to some excellent resources to get them started.

<https://www.optimisingfutures.co.uk/single-post/2020/04/06/Writing-your-Personal-Statement-during-the-COVID-19-Lockdown-%E2%80%93-impossible-Of-course-not>



WhiteHat Apprenticeship Information

WhiteHat have sent through some interesting and useful links for you surrounding Apprenticeships and applications.

- Hot job! Morgan Stanley are looking for a passionate apprentice for their Equity Research Division. The role will primarily focus on the apprentice implementing the client strategy across the research department, the role is accompanied by a salary of £21,000. Training provided:
 - 18 month Level 4 Data Analytics (DA4) apprenticeship
 - Being a WhiteHat apprentice means access to awesome social events, sports teams, insight/career days with other apprentices to grow your network, as well as personal guidance from our Coaches who will guide the apprentice through the qualification to help them achieve their full potential.
 - See here for more information: https://platform.whitehat.org.uk/apprenticeships/digital-software-engineering-and-data/equity-research-client-analytics-associate-at-morgan-stanley?utm_campaign=SchoolsCollegesApril&utm_content=Schools%2FCollegesMarch&utm_medium=email&utm_source=%5BCopy%5D
- WhiteHat's Talent Manager, Roury, has created a guide on how to record a perfect WhiteHat profile video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPuzO69IULQ>
- Online event for Teachers, Careers Leaders and Parents: WhiteHat have organised a Webinar on supporting young people into competitive apprenticeships on Thursday 23rd April from 11am-12pm. This is an opportunity for careers leaders, teachers, parents and mentors to understand how to best prepare young people applying for apprenticeships: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-young-people-into-competitive-apprenticeships-webinar-tickets-101673929460?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>
- 19-year-old Molly Johnstone is a social media content creator who is currently a digital marketing apprentice at Google. Watch how she secured an apprenticeship at Google. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpnBH4Do_D0

WISE My Skills My Life Session

REMINDER! Online My Skills My Life session for mums and daughters on Thursday 23rd April at 1.00pm. Would you like to find out about your personality type and what people like you are doing in the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)? Why not join WISE's LIVE session, complete the quiz alongside others from across the UK and meet and interact with role models currently working in STEM. If you want to see a session in action that's fine too. Register here: <https://lnkd.in/ey-fumQ>



Pathway CTM Pre-Employment Programme

REMINDER! Pathway CTM are opening our Pre-Employment Programme to all students aged 15-18 across the UK. By joining this Programme, you will get access to our weekly Newsletters giving you full information on all the digital events we are hosting, including our informative Workshops covering everything from How To Create a CV; Preparing for a Video Interview; Work Experience and LinkedIn Masterclass to name but a few!

Students please sign up here: <https://pathwayctm.com/webinar-and-virtual-event-sign-up/>

Teachers: Teachers can be added onto our mailing list to receive updates on our upcoming digital events - please email us at schools.team@pathwayctm.com

Work Experience

A reminder that 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.

Online Resources for Careers

As mentioned before there are lots of great resources online for finding out about careers. Here are some links that might be useful to you:

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.