



Careers Newsletter

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This edition of the Careers Newsletter is all about engagement with industry. As you know at UTC Reading we provide you with regular, meaningful encounters with employers throughout the academic year. The current situation means that these events have been cancelled, but that doesn't mean you need to miss out! There are lots of ways in which to engage with employers online and this newsletter outlines a few ways you can.

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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Industry Insights

Week commencing 4th May we shall be launching a series of 'Industry Insight' talks by UTC Reading's industry partners such as Thames Water, Atos, Sage and Bombardier. Each one of these talks shall focus on the career of the speaker and the industry they work in, including information about joining that sector. More information about these to follow by email and on social media.

Learn Lounge by Springpod

With schools closed and regular lessons stalled, it can feel quite challenging to decide your next steps. But your future shouldn't have to wait for things to return to normal. Learn Lounge is part of Springpod's commitment to you that they'll leave no stone unturned to help you take control of your future. With its Learn Lounge Springpod offers you live and interactive careers talks, completely free to attend. They are also available afterwards on-demand. Have a look at what they have to offer here: <https://learn.springpod.co.uk/#>

Founders4Schools Digital Webinars

Join Founders4Schools interactive online events allow inspirational leaders from the world of business to share their unique career journey. By sharing insights, career guidance, lessons and tips to motivate and inspire they hope to support young people to make informed decisions about their future. Similar to a TED Talk, speakers will share their career journey for 8 - 10 minutes, followed by a lively Q&A session where students can ask questions online. To view the calendar of events and to sign up visit: <https://www.founders4schools.org.uk/covid19/digital-webinars-calendar/>



Device Authority Tech Talk Series

Device Authority, one of our Pipeline Programme partners this year launched a new Tech Talk Series yesterday, with a panel of CEOs from the IoT and Virtual Reality ecosystem, including Fundamental VR, InVMA, Wyld Networks and Device Authority. Follow Device Authority on LinkedIn to find out about future talks.

https://www.brighttalk.com/webcast/17202/396117?utm_source=Device+Authority&utm_medium=brighttalk&utm_campaign=396117

Speakers for Schools Virtual Talks

Speakers for Schools are excited to present weekly VTalks schedule! This schedule will be updated weekly and talks will be targeted to different age groups and is accessible via the links below.

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/#schedule>

Intequal IT Apprenticeship Opportunities

Intequal are currently recruiting for two IT Apprenticeships, one is a Support Analyst and one a Network Engineer. For more information and to apply visit the following links:

https://intequal.justapply.co.uk/4201339-it_support_analyst_apprentice.html
https://intequal.justapply.co.uk/4201352-network_engineer_apprentice.html

EqualEngineers Covid-19 Challenge

For anyone in need of a challenge during Lockdown EqualEngineers, who aim to improve diversity and inclusion of under-represented groups in the engineering sector, have launched their Covid-19 Challenge!

‘What are the problems YOU, and your community are facing in daily life due to coronavirus? We are being exposed to issues around us in a way we are not used to, and at EqualEngineers we think it is time for action. We are looking for creative and out-of-this-world ideas, to help tackle the effects of Covid-19 around you. Be as imaginative as you can! Be it as a team, with your school, college or university mates, get your friends, grand-parents or kids together to pitch in with your innovative solutions to help defeat coronavirus. You can be as creative as you want in sharing it too, feel free to make explanatory videos, and make your solution open-source for the world to use.’

For more information and to join in with the challenge visit:

<https://equalengineers.com/covid-19-challenge/>



Reminders

- **WISE 'My Skills My Life' Session:** Tomorrow (23rd April 2020) WISE are running a 'My Skills My Life' session from 1-3pm. To join in visit: <https://lnkd.in/ey-fumQ>
- **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.studental.com – general advice on applications and a really good section on personal statements including real examples on dozens of subjects.