



Careers Newsletter

1st June 2020

Welcome back after half term. We hope you all managed to have some time off and enjoy the good weather. Things are changing more back to normal for some now, but there's still a lot to be accessed online and lots of virtual offerings. We're happy to be getting going with our 'Industry Insights' talks again, this half term featuring Network Rail, Microsoft and Sage as well as more to be confirmed. Universities are kicking off with virtual open days in the next couple of weeks, so year 12s in particular should look below for any that might interest them.

ALET Industry Insights

We're delighted to be able to confirm the next three talks in the 'Industry Insights' series for ALET schools and colleges. All talks shall be broadcast via Microsoft Teams Live and we shall be using the Q&A function to take questions for the panel from the audience.

Thursday 4th June, 2pm: Network Rail

Network Rail are responsible for running, maintaining and developing Britain's railway. From major architectural developments to simple overnight repairs, their engineers are shaping the future, designing and building transport infrastructure that will transform the railway for future generations – and there are so many different opportunities! We shall have **Emma Dunne, Senior Asset Engineer**, **Daryoush Ashouri, Graduate Engineer** and **Jordanna Mills, Track Maintenance Apprentice** as well as a representative to offer information and advice on apprenticeships with Network Rail. For more information and to register for the link to the livestream online event visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/industry-insights-network-rail-tickets-107246804078>

Thursday 11th June, 2pm: Microsoft

Microsoft needs no introduction, and during this talk we shall hear from **Joel Bloomfield, Azure Lead – FSI and Manufacturing and Resources**, **Summayah Ahmed**, who is currently undertaking a placement year at Microsoft as an **Azure Specialist** and **Jess Millson, Surface Category Manager**, who was on the intern programme and then joined Microsoft as a graduate. We're excited to hear their different perspectives and to find out more about their pathways into the industry. For more information and to register for the link to the livestream online event visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/industry-insights-microsoft-tickets-107263987474>

Thursday 18th June, 2pm: Sage

Sage transforms the way people think and work, enabling their organisations to thrive. Every day, all around the world, 13,000 employees and local networks of accountants and partners support and enable business builder success. What do the people behind this success look like, what is their advice for students and young people wanting to join the industry? Join **Tom Satterthwaite, Project Delivery Lead - Business Operations at Sage** and panel to find out! For more information and to register for the link to the livestream online event visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/industry-insights-sage-tickets-107279527956>

Online University Open Days

7th June - **University of Gloucestershire** - their open day on 7 June will be run as a virtual open day.

You'll be able to watch a welcome talk and course talks, and take tours of the campuses and facilities. Course tutors will be online to answer any questions, as well as student ambassadors and colleagues in accommodation, finance and support teams.

https://www.glos.ac.uk/visit/open/pages/undergraduate-open-days.aspx?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=UG2020RE_OpenDays&gclid=CjwKCAjwqP2BRBTEiwAfpID-9tbgPPCofAD6QDVRtgPDnngssjtKqcUihAxd0ozSldP5cmYlEWjExoCqX8QAvD_BwE

13th June – **University of Westminster** - Coming to an online open day is the perfect opportunity to get an interactive feel for student life at the University of Westminster. On the day, you'll get the chance to:

- Speak to academic staff and attend subject sessions to learn more about the courses we offer.
- Hear first-hand from current students about what it's like to study at Westminster.
- Check out excellent facilities on a virtual campus tour.
- Visit the accommodation virtual booth to view student halls.

During this interactive online event staff will also be on hand throughout the event to answer any questions you may have about wellbeing, student finance, accommodation and where your degree can take you after graduation.

https://www.westminster.ac.uk/study/open-days/undergraduate-online-open-day-sat-06-13-2020-1100?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=20200505_ug2020_campaign3_o_d_go_cpc_a4_v2&gclid=CjwKCAjwqP2BRBTEiwAfpID-6x1ZelrQp2U1o26lpdaLwuUbOOB7JQKG9qM6Cc93V2CDmkYEi6f6hoC7yQQAxD_BwE

17th June / 16th July - **Kingston University** - Learn more about our courses, explore our facilities, meet staff and talk to students and staff about what it is really like to study an undergraduate degree at Kingston University. Our June Open Day will be a virtual event. For more information and to book your place visit: <https://www.kingston.ac.uk/open-days/undergraduate-open-days/>

19th & 20th June - **University of Reading** – They are working on a range of online resources and virtual events. Do [register your interest](#) for their Open Days and they will stay in touch with updates as well as other opportunities. To find out more visit: <https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/visiting-and-open-days/opendays.aspx>

20th June - **University of Salford** - Join us on Saturday 20th June for our [Online Open Day](#) experience. We know it's not the same as meeting us at a face-to-face event up on campus, but on the plus side you're not having to spend any time and money on travelling up north on this occasion! And if you want to wear your pjs while you "visit" us, then who are we to judge?! We'll be delivering sessions around applying through UCAS, Writing your Personal Statement, and will also be running a session for parents/carers to address any of their queries or concerns. We'll have representatives from admissions, our student support services and accommodation teams on hand to get you the answers you need, and most importantly, loads of our Student Ambassadors available to chat to throughout the event. [Click here to find out more and book your place!](#)

20th June – **Swansea University Virtual Open Days**: We have developed enhanced digital content which will inform prospective students about our courses and facilities. Please see our link <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/virtual-tour-stand-alone/>. We are also holding Virtual Open Days - the next one will be on **Saturday 20th June** <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/virtual-open-day/> - where there will be extensive opportunities to speak to members of staff and current students.

27th June - **Oxford Brookes University** - Join us for our Undergraduate Virtual Open Day - the perfect opportunity for you to find out more about Oxford Brookes - without having to set foot on campus! Our Virtual Open Day offers you the chance to find out more about what it's like to be a student here, as well as giving insight into our courses and the support we offer.

You will be able to join us virtually for the following:

Subject taster sessions

Live Q&A sessions with our academics and support staff

Online chat with current students

Webinars from our central services including admissions, finance, wellbeing and accommodation

Virtual tour

<https://www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days/27-06-2020/undergraduate-virtual-open-day/>

3rd July - **Brunel University** – Our Virtual Open Day on Friday 3rd July is a fantastic opportunity for you to chat to academics and current students about all aspects of the course of your interest.

For more information and to sign up visit: <https://goingto.brunel.ac.uk/form/Virtualopenday2020>

2nd or 4th July - **University of Portsmouth: Virtual Open Day**

We know when it comes to choosing a university, students will look at more than courses, rankings and facilities. They're also choosing a place to live, work and enjoy themselves. While their plans to visit in person may have changed, they can still explore the University of Portsmouth at our Virtual Open Days. They'll be able to chat to students, get information about where to live and see our campus and facilities. [Book July 2](#); [Book 4 July](#)

Reminder: 1st June - Closing date for Atos Apprenticeships

The closing date for Atos' apprenticeship programme applications is Monday **the 1st of June**. See here for vacancies: <https://atos.net/en-gb/united-kingdom/careers-uk/apprentices-uk/apply-apprentices-uk>. Atos have also produced two video testimonies by two of their apprentices – Georgia and Rebecca. These videos provide an overview of the experience of working with Atos.

[Georgia](#)

[Rebecca](#)

If you have any questions or require and further information then do email **Joanna Lupa**, Recruitment Specialist, on Joanna.lupa.external@atos.net

3rd June: Webinar on Developing Azure Skills

Join 'Developing Azure Skills to Secure Cloud Computing Careers' with speakers [Anthony Salcito](#), Vice President, Worldwide Education, Microsoft, [Derek Foster](#), University of Lincoln and [Clare Riley](#), Microsoft UK for a global perspective about the key skill that significantly increases a candidate's chance of getting HIRED in the cloud computing domain. Register here:

<https://prodigylearning.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=159ab8fc2ee7b149d4d7ca8dd&id=37323c063c&e=edf39b6f24>

STEM Learning Course: Introduction to Corona Virus

This free course, aimed at teenagers, will explore the science behind the current global COVID-19 pandemic. You will hear from scientists and experts at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, as they explain the research that's going on to understand the virus and guide the global response to coronavirus.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearncreate/course/view.php?id=5319>

ESU Festival of Speaking

One thing that the lock down is not providing students with is opportunities to practise presentation skills (other than online!) or public speaking skills. The ESU Festival of Speaking could provide the answer for anyone interested in honing these skills.

The ESU helps young people become confident communicators and, in these testing times when schooling is now remote, we need students to continue to develop their oracy skills more than ever before. The #esufestivalofspeaking is an easy, fun way for students to practise their speaking skills -- no prior experience required! All students (primary, secondary and sixth form) are invited to film themselves in a short video (1-5 minutes) delivering a speech, a poem, a monologue, etc and post it on a social media platform of their choice using the hashtag #ESUfestivalofspeaking. Even for those not interested in participating the ESU have a plethora of tips from a whole range of people on how to become confident communicators. For more information, to sign up and to participate visit: <https://www.esu.org/esu-festival-of-speaking/>

Careers and Enterprise Company – My Week of Work

The Careers and Enterprise Company have organised 'My Week of Work' for 8-12th June in collaboration with [Oak National Academy](#), [Learn Live](#) and Careers Leaders from ALET. The week will include a programme of sessions and employer interactions which will enable students to gain valuable insight into the world of work. Whilst we cannot replicate all aspects of work experience, the week-long sequence of sessions will enable young people to find out about sectors, specific roles within a range of industry partners and projects and tasks mirroring workplace challenges. A wide range of Cornerstone Employers and provider partners have generously donated their time and resources to make the week as activity driven and valuable as possible.

Sectors that will feature during the week are: Construction; Healthcare; Engineering and Manufacturing; Creative and Digital; Renewables. Through the Oak National Academy platform 4 sessions per day will be scheduled Monday to Friday and these will be supported by interactive employer Q&A sessions through the Learn Live platform Tuesday to Thursday 10-am-2pm. In addition Personal Guidance sessions will be scheduled through the Learn Live platform so that young people may ask questions to careers advisors. More information about the week and how you can join in will be shared in the course of this week.

In addition, please continue to watch our #WorkIt series of videos. The latest is about [Jamie, a 13 year old pupil](#) from the Huntcliff School in North Lincolnshire.

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.