



Careers Newsletter

8th June 2020

Another week still in lockdown, but the offerings from industry partners and organisations just keep increasing! Lots to keep yourself informed, your mind active and increase your employability.

8th June, 7pm – ‘What Keeps Astronomers up at Night?’

The Royal Observatory Edinburgh is running a series of weekly astronomy talks. The next talk, on Monday 8 June at 19:00, is entitled “What keeps astronomers up at night?” You can find more information, and a link to register, online: <https://www.roe.ac.uk/vc/public/astronomy-talks/index.html>

9th June – Mind Festival (Gen Healthy Minds)

The experts at Gen Healthy Minds have designed three interactive and fun workshops to help you explore wellbeing and mental health in a very different way. We will look at the secret of happiness with Dr Vikki Barnes our positive psychology guru. George Anderson our resident wellbeing and coaching expert will help you to think about how you take the positives out of lockdown into the “new normal” and Tim Aston of award winning Emoquo talks all things personality and how to build happy healthy relationships in a remote working world!

All the workshops will be high energy interactive and fun and packed full of great hints and tips for being a happier healthier more successful you! We hope you can come and join us!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mind-festival-tickets-105766185508>

10th June - #1ofTheMillion Day

Let’s put a face to the one million women working in core STEM across the UK! Snap a selfie with our [Proud to Be #1ofTheMillion sign](#), tell us why you’re passionate about STEM and [upload your image](#) to the WISE Twitter account. Challenge your friends, colleagues and role models to do the same by tagging them in your post using #1ofTheMillion. Not a women in STEM? You can still take part by taking a picture with our [Proud to Support #1ofTheMillion sign](#) and by telling us why you and/or your company supports gender balance in STEM.

11th June, 2pm – Industry Insights: 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. 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>

From 11th June – Uni of Portsmouth ‘Getting Started’

The University of Portsmouth has put together a series of webinars to answer questions about students’ journey to university, giving you a chance to hear from student ambassadors and get information on all things UCAS related. We’ve mentioned these before, but based on the feedback they’ve gained from the sessions in May, they are now doing more in June. More topics, more advice, more knowledge – everything students need to prepare for university.

- [How to research a university and course](#) – 11 June | 11am-12pm
- [Understanding the UCAS process](#) – 16 June | 11am-12pm
- [How to prepare for a virtual open day](#) – 18 June | 11am-12pm
- [How to write your UCAS personal statement](#) – 23 June | 11am-12pm
- [What can you do to prepare for your personal statement?](#) – 25 June | 11am-12pm
- [What is Clearing?](#) – 8 July | 2pm-3pm

From 12th June – Rate My Apprenticeship Deadlines

Those of you looking for Apprenticeships at the moment, or considering them for next year, might find it useful to sign up for ‘Rate My Apprenticeship’, which lists current apprenticeship vacancies at companies such as **Atos, Balfour Beatty, Barnett Waddingham, Skanska, Virgin Media, Amazon, Softcat, IBM** and **Grant Thornton**, amongst others. There are a number of interesting positions available at the moment, with deadlines starting from 12th June, so still time to get an application in!

Visit <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/> to register for notifications and emails.

15th June, 2pm – Where can Science Take You (Swansea Uni)

Swansea University Medical School invites you to our Programme Information Webinar, to give you an overview of courses well suited to Biology and Chemistry students. Join us to hear about our Medical Sciences degrees with a pathway on to Graduate Entry Medicine, our new Pharmacy degree launching in September 2021, and speak with our Admissions Tutors about entry tariffs and flexibility of grades.

For more information and to register visit:

https://swanseauniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7FclX0YhQ8igrHZceDoqhQ

16th June, 2pm - Founders4Schools Talk: Cyber Security

Malcolm Warr OBE and **Dr Emma Philpott MB** are the inspiring role models with a background in Cyber Security talking to **Founders4Schools** on 16th June. The speakers shall talk about what inspired them to choose their career path, subjects they studied and how these are relevant now, their successes as well as times where they didn’t achieve what they set out to. A Q&A session will follow where students are able to ask a variety of questions.

To find out more and to register visit: <https://www.founders4schools.org.uk/events/5186-999001152-f4s-digital/>

18th June, 2pm – Industry Insights: Sage

Sage transforms the way people think and work, enabling their organisations to thrive. Every day, all around the world, 13,000 employees, local networks and partners support and enable business builder success. Who are the people behind this success and what is their advice for students and young people wanting to join the industry? Join **Tom Satterthwaite, Project Delivery Lead - Business Operations**, **Angelika Lessman, Project Manager Business Operations** (who joined Sage via the Apprenticeship scheme) and **Sunil Kapur, Solutions Consultant at Sage** to find out! The talk 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.

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>

Science at Home: Royal Observatory Edinburgh

If you'd like to do some **science at home**, the Royal Observatory Edinburgh have an exciting home research project for young people aged 14-18, based on the Spitzer Space Telescope and the James Webb Space Telescope. This home project uses Spitzer data from the Magellanic Clouds and has students trying to identify old and young stars. The project will take around 10 hours to complete in total: students receive a certificate when they finish the activity, as well as feedback on their results. You can find more information here: <http://www.researchinschools.org/>, or download the booklet and activity directly:

- **Booklet**

[http://www.researchinschools.org/files/home/Booklet Research in Schools At Home project.pdf?v=1](http://www.researchinschools.org/files/home/Booklet%20Research%20in%20Schools%20At%20Home%20project.pdf?v=1)

- **Activity**

[http://www.researchinschools.org/files/home/Activity 2 Research in Schools At Home project.xlsx?v=1](http://www.researchinschools.org/files/home/Activity%20Research%20in%20Schools%20At%20Home%20project.xlsx?v=1)

Last, but by no means Least: Let's Eradicate Racism!

No summary of what is going on at the moment, or what is on offer at the moment, can omit a mention of **#BlackLivesMatter** and the marches and protests going on around the world against racism and police prejudice.

Racism, xenophobia and intolerance are problems prevalent in all societies. But every day, each and every one of us can stand up against racial prejudice and intolerant attitudes. Everyone should be making an effort to educate themselves to prevent and eradicate racism. You just have to log on to any social media at the moment to be bombarded by resources designed to help you do this. The UN have compiled a useful list of actions you can take.

Be a human rights champion #fightracism and #standup4humanrights:

<https://www.un.org/en/letsfightracism/>

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.