



Careers Newsletter

6th July 2020

We're approaching the end of term at a rate of knots, and everyone's minds are turning to what will be happening in September. With the new government guidance schools and colleges can start planning what this will look like, but for those embarking on a career this summer the landscape is still very different from usual. Embrace the 'new normal' by engaging with employers through webinars, virtual work experience and online challenges and enhance your future career chances.

3rd July, UoR Meteorology Department Weather Game!

University of Reading's Meteorology Department launched its Weather Game for public play on the Friday 3rd July for the very first time. The game gives students an invaluable opportunity to predict global weather patterns and engage with a newsworthy department which is at the forefront of the battle against climate change. This will provide excellent numerical and geographic grounding to any students interested at studying Meteorology, Maths and Physics at University level. The game will run for 6 weeks, with each week focused upon a respective continents weather pattern. Players will receive guidance in terms of how to set up their account, input their predictions and support should they require it. From a prospective students perspective this is an excellent activity to complete before encountering the UCAS cycle, will look impressive in a personal statement and will hopefully be provide a nice introduction to the University of Reading itself. Our Meteorology staff and students look forward to testing their wits against teachers and sixth formers alike.

Sign up by following this link: <https://rdg.ac/weathergame>

6th – 14th July, Study Spotlights from University of Reading

Monday 6th July, 1pm – Why study Accounting

Join Rhianydd Dow an Associate Professor in Accounting at University of Reading for a live webinar on studying Accounting at university. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions throughout. [Book here](#)

Wednesday 8th July, 10.30 – English Literature

Our academic from the English Department, Dr Neil Cocks will be giving you a flavour of what it is like to study English Literature at the University of Reading. We will explore differences between philosophy and literature through a discussion about perspective using Regeneration by Pat Barker. [Book here](#)

Wednesday 15th July, 10.30 – English Language and Linguistics

Professor Jane Setter, will give students a flavour of what it is like to study English Language and Linguistics at the University of Reading. [Book here](#)

7th July, 11.30am Founders4Schools Role Model Event

Join our [interactive online event](#) where inspirational leaders from the world of business share their unique career journey. By sharing insights, career guidance, lessons and tips to motivate and inspire we 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.

Speakers Profile:

[Mohammed Akram](#) - **Director at imechanic Ltd** - Having gained valuable experience across a whole spectrum of business organizations, starting his own from scratch, working in SMEs and global market leaders, coupled with his qualifications (MBA).

[Richard Wallwork](#) - **Working on community projects with Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary.**

[Elizabeth Bolton](#) - **Benefits and Reward Advisor at Auto Trader** - A passionate and curious Reward and Benefits specialist working towards CIPD Level 5 Diploma in HR Management. Also the Founder and Owner of EasyPrep.

For more information visit: <https://www.founders4schools.org.uk/events/5682-999001152-f4s-digital/>. The live link to watch the webinar is here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A4VkbdEMSX

7th July, 2pm VTalk with Matt Brittin President of EMEA Business & Operations, Google

Another great VTalk from SpeakersforSchools, given by Matt Brittin, President of EMEA Business and Operations at Google. Matt will be joining SFS to discuss his life lessons and advice, preparing for the world of work and the ever changing tech industry – what could this look like in 2030 and how can students prepare themselves for a career in tech?

WATCH LIVE TALK HERE: <https://bit.ly/3itKhH9>

8th July, 10am VTalk with Adam Forbes, Head of Marketing, BP Launchpad

Join this VTalk from SpeakersforSchools with Adam Forbes, Head of Marketing at BP Launchpad to learn more about business start-ups and delivering cleaner energy to the world – a must attend for those interested in entrepreneurship, business or the environment.

WATCH LIVE TALK HERE: <https://bit.ly/3dUp3yt>

8th July, 2-3pm What is Clearing Webinar, University of Portsmouth

The University of Portsmouth is holding webinars on the 8 July & 4 August to give students an overview of Clearing. They'll explore how the process works and answer your questions, or you can simply come along and listen in. More info here: <https://bit.ly/31LVNaD>

9th July, 2pm, Industry Insights: The Alumni Edition!

The schools and colleges in the Activate Learning Education Trust pride themselves on the great destinations of our students when they leave us. We keep in touch with students and love it when they come back to represent us on behalf of their employers!

On 9th July 2020, 2pm we shall be talking to:
Risha Divyesh, Network Consulting Engineer at Cisco
Becky Morris, working in NTC Special Projects for AWE
Carl Hargreaves, Degree Apprentice at Fujitsu
Toby Aurelius, Software Engineer at OVO Energy

All of these Alumni went into Apprenticeships after school or college, so join us to find out how students get on in the world of work once they leave full time education!

For more information and to register for the link to the livestream online event visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/industry-insights-the-alumni-edition-tickets-111961381506>

10th July, 2pm, VTalk with Dr Katie Mack, Theoretical Astrophysicist

This is a VTalk not to miss! Dr Katie Mack is a theoretical astrophysicist who studies a range of questions in cosmology, the study of the universe from beginning to end. Throughout her career she has studied dark matter, the early universe, galaxy formation, black holes, cosmic strings, and the ultimate fate of the cosmos.

Join SFS and Katie to discover more about her career, why she loves astrophysics and what lead her to write a book, "The End of Everything (Astrophysically Speaking)".

WATCH LIVE TALK HERE: <https://bit.ly/3eRO2Uw>

Closing 10th July - Visions of a world after Covid-19

This competition, run by UCL openDemocracy is open to **school and university students** (aged 14 and up) to share their vision of the future, with prizes of **£200, £100 or £50** in book tokens plus the chance for personal **mentoring** from the panel of some of the world's foremost thinkers and some fantastic **work experience** with either UCL or openDemocracy.

The competition opened on 15th June and will close on 10th July. Winners will be announced on 2nd August.

Entrants can submit either a written **article**, short **video** or **image** that describes their vision for the world after the coronavirus crisis has passed.

FIND OUT MORE
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/world-after-covid/>

15th July, Virtual Work Experience with RWE

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, many young people have been unable to gain work experience in the professional industry. In response to this, we've teamed up with leading employers to introduce a new opportunity: **Virtual Work Experience!** You can now gain professional work experience from the comfort of your own home. On **Wednesday 15th July, RWE**, a trusted partner for electricity generation will be running a Virtual Work Experience Day. During the day, you'll gain insight into the **professional world** and have the chance to participate in interactive sessions, such as interactive problem-solving workshops.

To apply for the Virtual Work Experience Day with RWE, you need to answer a few short questions in the form listed at the bottom of this page: <https://mailchi.mp/pathwayctm/virtual-work-experience-with-ubs-579206>. If your application is successful, we'll get in touch with you to discuss next steps and confirm your place. During the current pandemic, we're working hard to ensure you have the support you need. If you have any questions, please email: student@pathwayctm.com.

ESU Festival of Speaking: Uncomfortable Conversations

****NEW THEME** UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS**

Speaking up doesn't always have to be combative or aggressive, yet it's often the most important conversations that are the most uncomfortable. This fortnight we are challenging students to submit a speech or debate exploring the theme of 'uncomfortable conversations'. We look forward to seeing submissions from your school!

For festival resources, videos, hints, ideas and to find out more, see our performance pages: [esu.org/festivalofspeaking](https://www.esu.org/festivalofspeaking). <https://www.esu.org/esu-festival-of-speaking/>

Rate My Apprenticeship – Vacancies

There are still Apprenticeship opportunities coming up, check out Rate My Apprenticeship who currently have vacancies for Apprentices in The Army, at Ernst and Young, Nestle, KPMG, Mazars LLP. Take a look here: [RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk](https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk)

Stemettes Virtual Mentoring Programme

Are you confused about your future? Do you want some personalised support? Are you keen to grow your STEM network? Join the Stemettes Virtual Mentoring Programme! Stemettes is an award-winning social enterprise working across the UK & Ireland and beyond to inspire and support young women into Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths careers (known collectively as STEM) (<https://stemettes.org/about-us/>). During the Mentoring Programme you'll meet-up, via video call, once a fortnight with your Sherpa (Stemettes' Mentor) to gain personalised support and an insight into STEM careers. It's all free. You can apply now.

Mentorship is in partnership with DB Citizenship and consists of 16 hours of mentoring, starting in July. Sherpas and Sherpees apply now: <https://t.co/YgYYsk39Xu?amp=1>
<https://stemettes.org/sts/>

Online Resources for Careers

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

www.ucas.com

www.whatuni.com – course finder which enables you to search for courses.

<http://Unistats.direct.gov.uk>

www.studential.com – general advice on applications and a really good section on personal statements including real examples on dozens of subjects.