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Careers Newsletter

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Welcome to October's edition of the ALET Careers Newsletter. As ever, there's a lot of resources and information out there to assist you in planning your future career. Hopefully this collection of links and suggestions will be helpful!

UCAS and Personal Statements



The **University of Portsmouth** is offering help in form of **The Personal Statement Hub**. Writing an excellent personal statement can be tricky. There are common mistakes to avoid and things it needs to include. That's why we've created an online hub. Here your students will learn how to

write something that truly reflects them as individuals. There's lots to check out, whatever stage they're at. Our videos, tips and exercises help them identify their skills, plan their work and get techniques for writing. And when they're ready, they can send us their drafts to get personal feedback from our team.

[Explore the personal statement hub: https://www.port.ac.uk/collaborate/schools-and-colleges/post-16-events/personal-statement-hub-registration?](https://www.port.ac.uk/collaborate/schools-and-colleges/post-16-events/personal-statement-hub-registration?)



UniTasterDays, a directory of University events, are still running their weekly online University guidance webinar on Tuesdays on all sorts of different specialisms. Take a look and tune in for some great advice:

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>

Virtual Work Experience



29th October 2020 – Network Rail Insight Day

The **Network Rail** Insight Day is open to students who are interested in engineering and the rail industry. You'll learn about diversity in the rail industry, the impact and legacy of BAME engineers as well as hearing from current Network Rail team members about the importance of diversity and inclusion. Students will also be set a rail engineering activity. Sign up before places run out:

<https://join.springpod.co.uk/network-rail-insight-day/?>



GP Live – Medical Work Experience

Think you have what it takes to be a Doctor? Well, now you can actually become the GP. You will take actual patient histories, form diagnoses, order tests & scans and suggest treatment plans. Our ground-breaking GP Live gives students the opportunity to host their own GP surgery, under the guidance of our Mentors. We have a bank of real medical cases and students will have patients to take patient histories from, and then discuss the assessment with other students and the Doctor. Unlike other courses that use pre-recorded videos, this course is LIVE and interactive. Students will talk directly to patients and have the full support of the group and our mentors to work through each case. After each case there is a full breakdown of the medical side as well as looking at communication and the role of a Doctor. Real experience, real medical cases and real insight. Better than shadowing a GP – You are the GP!

For dates and to register for a day of work experience with GP live click here – but be quick – they are booking up fast!: <https://educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/gp-live/>



Free Work Ready Experience from Rate my Placement

RateMyPlacement have launched a Free Work Ready Experience. And it's open to ALL school and college students! This 4-5 hour self-paced experience will equip you with the work-readiness skills you'll need to 'get ahead' in your career. By completing this virtual experience you will:

- Earn a certificate of achievement to add to your CV and upload onto LinkedIn.
- Set yourself up for success by developing 'soft skills' that employers desire.
- Build specific competencies that can be transferred into any workplace.

To register visit: <https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/blog/work-ready-virtual-experience-free/>

As well as those listed in last month's newsletter:

Speakers For Schools – find out more about their VWEX scheme here:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/vwex/>

Barclays Life Skills Virtual Work Experience. Find out more and sign up here:

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-virtual-work-experience/school/virtual-work-experience/>

A comprehensive article on **Virtual Work Experience** from **Prospects**:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-internships/virtual-work-experience>

And for parents – how can you support your child with **Virtual Work Experience**?

This useful article from **The Parents Guide To** gives support and advice:

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/virtual-work-experience>

Apprenticeships



Apprentice Nation offer free on-demand videos and weekly webinars featuring the UK's hottest artists and industry experts. For example: How to think beyond grades when writing a CV featuring Raye; Personal branding featuring Tinie; How to be a hit at interviews. By taking part students can unlock amazing rewards such as 1:1 mentoring sessions with industry experts from Google, BT, The Premier League, Havas and many more. For more information and to join visit:

<https://apprenticenation.co.uk/join/>



AWE offer a variety of apprenticeships which cover all areas of their business, from electrical maintenance and business administrations to radiation protection and finance. Applications opened on 12th October 2020, so if you're interested, get applying now! For more information visit:

<https://www.awe.co.uk/careers/futurecareers/apprentice-scheme/>



At **IBM** work is more than a job – it's a calling. To build. To design. To code. To consult. To think along with clients and sell. To make markets. To invent. To collaborate. Does this sound like the right place for you? Information on the various apprenticeships IBM offer and how to apply can be found here:

<https://www.ibm.com/uk-en/employment/entrylevel/>



The **Army** apprenticeship scheme is planned to fit around your military training, and will be relevant to your role in the Army. You will develop your literacy and numeracy skills as well as more specialist trade skills. Your hard work will be rewarded with a Level 3 or a Level 4 apprenticeship. These qualifications will be valued by employers when you decide to move on.

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://apply.army.mod.uk/what-we-offer/regular-soldier/skills>



At the **UK Intelligence Agencies**, we protect the UK from a range of threats, including terrorism and espionage. It's fascinating work with real purpose, and it's work we couldn't do without our software engineers. But we understand that not everyone will have a software degree, because uni isn't for everyone. Luckily, **MI5**, **MI6** and **GCHQ** are. That's where our degree apprenticeship comes in. For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/jobs/3425/mi5-mi6-gchq/software-engineer-degree-apprenticeships?>



At PwC, our purpose is to build trust in society and solve important problems. It is this focus which informs the services we provide and the decisions we make. Attracting the right talent continues to be paramount and as a progressive employer we will continue to develop a diverse and agile workforce. Have a look at what PwC have to offer here:

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/5/pwc/jobs?>

Projects & Competitions



12-21 November: Virtual Crawley STEM Fest:

The Virtual Crawley STEMfest will be taking place between the 12th and 21st November! Throughout the week, you'll have the flexibility to timetable a variety of virtual STEM careers activities and practical workshops.

Activities include:

- An interactive careers fair featuring pre-recorded content from STEM employers.
- What's My Job? & Desert Island STEM Ambassadors careers games, designed to illustrate the variety of STEM careers and enable safe and light hearted engagement with STEM professionals.
- Practical workshop activities, enabling students to try practical activities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- All activities are supported with downloadable worksheets and designed to take 45mins to complete.

For more information and to register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-crawley-stemfest-tickets-125174475225>



The **Young Entrepreneurs Challenge** offers 16-25 year old European entrepreneurs the chance to win a £10,000 prize to get their technology-led business concept off the ground. Verizon has for a third year joined forces with [Unloc](#) to launch a competition for young entrepreneurs across Europe. The [Young Entrepreneurs](#)

[Challenge](#) invites budding European entrepreneurs aged 16-25 to submit their technology-led start-up business concept online. A panel of Verizon senior leaders will judge ideas based on their viability, sustainability and technological innovation. The winning entrepreneur will receive £10,000 of funding, plus a mentorship package and access to pro bono services to help get their business off the ground. In addition, all finalists will receive a cash injection of £1,000. The competition formally opened for applications on 1st October 2020, and closes on 22 January 2021.

For more information and to register visit: <https://youngentrepreneurschallenge.com/>