



Careers Newsletter

November 2020

Welcome to November's edition of the ALET Careers Newsletter. As we head towards Christmas, amid further uncertainty as to what is to come in terms of lockdowns and restrictions, there is still plenty that you can be doing to enhance your future career prospects.



18th Nov: Uni Week Live

The University of Portsmouth have put together everything you need to know, whatever stage you're at in your University application, into their Uni Week Live. And it's all virtual. Join the online sessions through the week to help you prepare and get a taste of undergrad life, wherever you are. There are also sessions for parents. Find the answers to your questions. Go at your own pace and pick the topics you like. This is your flexible guide to university.

<https://www.port.ac.uk/collaborate/schools-and-colleges/post-16-events/uni-week-live>



19th & 20th Nov: Uni of Kent Winter Roadshow

The University of Kent wants to help students be as informed as possible throughout their journey towards University and are delighted to introduce you to their series of Winter Roadshow Presentations. They'll cover a wide range of topics including "Why go to university?", "UCAS and personal statements. Discover the process!", and "Choosing a course and a university. Discover what's right for you".

The first four upcoming presentations are taking place this Thursday and Friday, but you'll find the whole range of presentations they're bringing you this winter on our webpage: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/campaigns/online-roadshow>.

[Why go to university: 19 November, 11:00](#)

[Choosing a course and university: 19 November, 16:00](#)

[UCAS and personal statements: 20 November, 12:00](#)

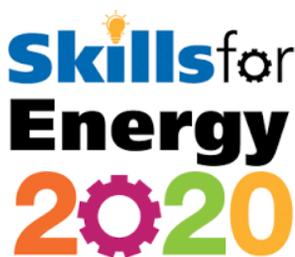
[Student Finance: 20 November, 16:00](#)

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

21st Nov: Oxford Brookes Open Day

Oxford Brookes University have their last Open Day on [Saturday 21st November](https://www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days/21-11-2020/undergraduate-virtual-open-day-november/) before the UCAS

deadline, which includes presentations on Accommodation, Admissions and Student Finance as well as subject taster sessions. For more information and to book on the sessions that interest you go to <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days/21-11-2020/undergraduate-virtual-open-day-november/>



25th Nov: Skills for Energy 2020

The Skills for Energy 2020 event on **25th November, 10am-4pm**, brings students and education providers together with industry to highlight potential career paths and the full range of prospects available within the **exciting energy sector**. There will be interviews with graduates, apprentices and professionals, where

interviewees will explain how the subjects they studied at school have linked with their careers, opportunities to ask questions of industry professionals, product demonstrations and possibly some virtual tours! All content will be recorded and accessible on demand at a later date!

For more information and to register visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skills-for-energy-event-2020-registration-122684908865>



1st Dec: National School & College Leaver Show

The **National School + College Leaver Show** is a 'one stop shop' for anyone who wants to find out what is available to them post secondary or further education.

Event Opening Times: Tuesday 1 December: 9.30am – 3pm & 4pm – 6pm. For more information and to register

visit <https://nscl.vfairs.com/>.



13th February 2021: Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar

The Brookes Science Bazaar theme this year is 'Discovery and Exploration'. Meet staff and students and learn new things - enjoying 'science' in the widest possible sense. This year the Brookes Science Bazaar will be a virtual event, so be sure to register your place. This FREE event will be packed with exciting activities offering something for everyone, from crocs to race cars, human health to architecture, nutrition to technology and much, much more! More info & registration here: <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/science-bazaar/>



Catalyst Magazine

Aimed at young people and educators, Catalyst, an online STEM magazine, are proud to bring you cutting edge STEM research that sparks learning, teaching and debate. Catalyst brings to life exciting real world projects, research and career journeys. Written by academics, scientists, engineers and educators for 14-19 year olds. Catalyst is published 3 times a year with free downloadable learning notes. The latest issue explores how light affects our brain and how cancer is treated using technological innovation. It reflects on the harsh realities of organ failure and take a look at the secret world of mitochondria. Additive manufacturing is laid bare one layer at a time and we investigate futuristic cybernetic prosthesis. Join them as they chat with young engineers as they introduce us to their vital roles at Just Eat and RWDI.

<https://catalyst-magazine.org/>



TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES

My Kinda Future – Virtual Work Experience

Digital Explorers self led work experience pack provides virtual work experience relating to the digital sector suitable for year 10 upwards. Digital Explorers has been put together by Tata Services and My Kinda Future. For more information and to join in read through this document:

https://mcusercontent.com/0483e0ec78adda5830c8eadfc/files/c37944da-a168-4616-b665-c0b5a71a263b/TCS_Digital_Explorers_Virtual_Work_Experience_Resource_Pack.pdf

BIMA

BIMA Digital Day 2020

The only initiative of its kind, BIMA Digital Day gives 11-16 year olds an insight into a world of digital careers. Students compete in a sponsored, nationwide digital challenge for a chance to win £500 cash for their school and some fantastic prizes for themselves. It's a day that brings digital to life. Please visit this link if you'd like to learn more: <https://bima.co.uk/bima-programmes/bima-digital-day/>

Information on Careers in IT/Digital

INTEQUAL

Intequal have devised a presentation with a voiceover giving advice on **IT & Digital apprenticeships**, to include information about the different types of apprenticeships in the sector, their structure, eligibility criteria, FAQs and next steps, etc. If this is of interest to you then you can watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUH2I0ALJ4&t=22s>

Arqiva

Arqiva Blog: Why an Apprenticeship?

Bethany Preston, who started her career at [Arqiva](#) as an apprentice before becoming an operational support systems engineer, explores the benefits apprenticeships offer to individuals and companies. She highlights the apprenticeships available at Arqiva and explains how much help she was given during the process. Read about Bethany's experiences here: <https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/why-an-apprenticeship-might-be-the-right-choice-for-you/95210/>



Amazing Apprenticeships: Parent Resources

Amazing Apprenticeships have created a full range of resources to help support **parents** through these unprecedented times. Parents can access current and past editions of our specialist **Parents' Pack**, filled with the latest advice and guidance, supported by the National Apprenticeship Service.

Click on the below resources to download:
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parents/>



Festival of Digital Disruption

FoDD is a celebration of digital creativity, innovation designed to inspire our next generation aged 16 - 24 that careers in digital/tech are awesome or to start their own businesses. Startups, scale-ups and the digitally curious are all welcome to attend too. For more information and to sign up for the events visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-festival-of-digital-disruption-30998745841>

If there is anything you would like to see in the December issue of the Activate Learning Education Trust Careers Newsletter then please contact amy.Sutcliffe@utcreading.org.uk.

Thank you for reading!