



Careers Newsletter

December 2020



3 weeks to Christmas – how did that happen! This half term has been a struggle for many, so we are all ready for a break. When you have some time to think and reflect there are still plenty of opportunities for keeping your skills and your career plans up to date. Have a read and we'll see you again in the New Year! As ever, if there's anything you'd like to see included in this Newsletter or any feedback then please email amy.Sutcliffe@utcreading.org.uk.

General Careers & Skills Guidance



We've mentioned content from **Apprentice Nation** before and their site is well worth a look, you can also win prizes by taking part in their tasks and challenge. One of their latest videos focusses on resilience. Resilience can help you get through anything in life. Hear from **Amani** and **Krept & Konan** to find out how their approach to career and personal challenges helped shape their future: <https://bit.ly/3g0hZ60>



Skill Up by The Mix.

The Mix is a free and confidential service to support young people. They publish articles and video content online and are also available by phone, email and offer peer to peer and counselling services. They can ensure you have all the best information to make the right choices for you. One of their

offerings is Skill Up - the place to develop the know-how to help you move forward in your life. Whether you want to improve your employability or learn new ways to deal with the challenges you're facing in your life, The Mix is here to help. Take a look at the available courses below and choose which ones you would like to sign up for. Is there a course you're looking for which isn't listed? [Contact them](#) to give us your ideas on new courses they should develop or visit the website for more information:

<https://www.themix.org.uk/get-involved/skill-up>

LinkedIn LinkedIn Advice

LinkedIn is not just for networking and those in business. There are also lots of opportunities to learn new skills and find out about what is going on in the job market at the moment. Link up to opportunity.linkedin.com where students (and staff) can see in-demand jobs right now, access free learning courses for some of the skills required to get them & also use the career explorer tool. LinkedIn's community and resources are here to help you discover new career paths, learn relevant skills, find jobs that are in-demand and stand out to recruiters.

<https://opportunity.linkedin.com/en-us>.



STEMettes

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Stemettes EXPLORE, 2 day event, 21st & 22nd December 2020: Join us for 2 days in December of FREE sessions exploring STEM careers, advice and opportunities.

The theme will be SPACE AND SCIENCE. We'll be bringing together young women, nonbinary young people and folks from across the Space and Science fields, for networking, inspiration and learning. For more information and to register visit <https://stemettes.org/explore/>

Virtual Work Experience



Rate My Placement have teamed up with Forage (virtual experience platform) and Development Beyond Learning (training and development provider) to launch a FREE Work Ready Virtual Experience. And it's open to ALL school and college students! This 4-5 hour self-paced experience will equip students with the work-readiness skills they'll need to 'get

ahead' in their career. By completing this virtual experience they will:

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

For more information and to enrol visit

<https://www.ratemylacement.co.uk/blog/work-ready-virtual-experience-free/>



Spotify are offering an exciting opportunity to experience life in a leading music/technology company. They have a great opportunity for students to get an insight into several different teams across the Ad Sales Business during a five day programme via their Virtual 'office'. The placements will

involve time in several different parts of the business including working on a live brief, 101 to advertising on Spotify and how audiences are changing on the platform amongst many others. The days will be planned between 10:00 and 15:00 from 15th February to 19th February 2020. Suitable for 16+ and deadline is 25th December. For more info & to register visit: <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/941>

Portland

Portland Communications is a fully integrated

communications consultancy trusted by some of the highest profile organizations, governments and individuals in the world with global offices in Berlin, Paris, Brussels, Washington

DC, Singapore, Doha and Nairobi, as well as in London. We advise some of the world's best known brands including Netflix, YouTube, Google, Astrazeneca, Heathrow Airport and Snapchat. The Portland Virtual Work Experience Week is designed to give young people insight into what PR and Communications is through talks from our employees, examples of our work, masterclass sessions, Q&As and tasks to be completed throughout the week. It will run from 15-19 February 2021, is for 16+ and the deadline for application is 15th January.

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/950>





The Office of Communications – Ofcom - are offering a virtual introduction to the work of Ofcom with an opportunity to hear from our Apprentices and Graduates on their experiences and a number of introductory sessions on subjects such as being

an economist at Ofcom, making sense of media and engineering at Ofcom, amongst others. For more information and to apply visit <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/949>



Virtual Work Experience for Year 10 Students within Tesco's Food Love Story Marketing/Creative Campaign Department.

Are you curious how Tesco create a Food Love Story campaign? Have you been looking for work experience that's fun, creative and where you can get stuck in? Have to wanted to come

to Tesco head office for work experience but thought you couldn't attend as you don't live near enough to our Welwyn Garden City offices? The great news is that for the first time ever Tesco is offering you the opportunity to join our virtual – Food Love Story Challenge work experience. This will run between 15-19 February 2021 from 10am-4pm and is for Year 10 students only. The Application Deadline is 15th January 2021. For more info and to apply visit

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/opportunities/view/id/673>



Marketing Virtual Work Experience

The Chartered Institute of Marketing is offering a 5 day Virtual Work Experience placement between 15th and 19th February 2021 containing around 10 hours of live workshops. It is open to year 10 to year 13 and the application deadline is 5th February 2021. The Chartered

Institute of Marketing (CIM) are the world's leading professional marketing body with over 30,000 members worldwide. Join them on the 15th February for a 1 week Virtual Work Experience programme to discover all that you need to know about a career in marketing. You'll cover a complete range of marketing skills that will open doors for your future career search. For more info and to apply visit:

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/marketing-virtual-work-experience/>



Nestlé Virtual Work Experience.

Nestlé are one of the world's biggest food and drink manufacturers. In February 2021 Nestlé's Academy are running their first employability skills programme and you're invited to apply for it. During this one week programme you'll meet members of their team, learn about core areas of their business and complete activities and assignments. Once you complete the programme you

will receive a certificate. The programme runs 15th-19th February. There will be around 10 hours of activity that you can fit around your schedule. To apply visit

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/nestle-employability-skills-programme/>



Apprenticeships

WhiteHat Role of the Week: Data Analyst Apprentice @ Mercedes-Benz

Do you have an interest in cars? A passion for the digital future? Check out this career-shaping opportunity to contribute to the future of how Mercedes-Benz sell to their customers, all while being a part of the [WhiteHat](https://platform.whitehat.org.uk/apprenticeships/digital-software-engineering-and-data/digital-apprentice-at-mercedes-benz) community. - <https://platform.whitehat.org.uk/apprenticeships/digital-software-engineering-and-data/digital-apprentice-at-mercedes-benz>

THALES Thales is a business where brilliant people from all over the world come together to share ideas and inspire each other. At Thales UK, we research, develop, and supply technology and services that impact the lives of millions of people each day to make life better and keep us safer. We innovate across five major industries; Aerospace, Defence, Ground Transportation, Security and Space. The opportunities at Thales are as limitless as the boundaries of engineering, science and technology. **Our 2021 Apprentice roles are open now for applications across our engineering and business functions.** Our apprenticeship schemes in the UK last between two and four years; applicants can join at a variety of different ages depending on their educational level. We offer advanced, higher and degree level apprenticeships, sponsoring individuals through their degree whilst gaining valuable work experience. Our roles are live on our website right now and close on Tuesday 5th January 2021. More details on the application and selection process can be found on our website <https://www.thalesgroup.com/en/ukearlycareers>



Rolls-Royce Plc launched the next round of their apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships on 30th November. The deadline for applications will vary for different roles, but they will all be closed by next February. For more information and details on applying visit

<https://careers.rolls-royce.com/united-kingdom/students-and-graduates/apprenticeships-and-school-leavers>



Government Economic Service

Degree Economist Apprenticeship Programme with the Government Economic Service will open for application on 14th December 2020. **With 70+ vacancies available**, this is a brilliant opportunity to work in a central government department or agency on some of the most important social, environmental and economic issues our country faces. More information will be shared

in the coming weeks on how to apply. In the meantime, you can find out more about the programme [here](https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/jobs/1351/hm-treasury/degree-apprentice-economist). You can also visit the GES Vacancy Snapshot profile for a deeper look into the scheme and to begin preparing for the application process. <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/jobs/1351/hm-treasury/degree-apprentice-economist>



Fujitsu Junior Talent application process will be closing the end of December. If you are interested in applying then get your application in soon!

<https://www.fujitsu.com/uk/about/local/jobs/early-careers/>



University Information



**The University of
Nottingham**

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University of Nottingham have developed two new innovative undergraduate Biomedical courses in Cancer Sciences. These new and exciting courses were developed after extensive market research

and consultation with prospective students and the representatives from the pharmaceutical industry. They are the first courses of their kind in the UK – courses which provide a solid training in Biomedical science and, from the first day, focus on the characteristics of cancer, its treatment, and its impact on patients.

- The BSc in Cancer Sciences is a three-year degree for which the University of Nottingham requires students to achieve ABB at A level – including at least two science subjects, one of which must be biology **or** chemistry.
- The MSci in Cancer Sciences has an AAA entry requirement – including at least two science subjects, one of which must be biology **or** chemistry. This is a four-year course with a substantial work-based placement in the final year.

If you would like to find out more about the University of Nottingham, its campuses and its courses this can be found at:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/virtual/index.aspx>. You can hear talks about the Cancer Sciences course, and a wide range of other courses offered by the University of Nottingham at: <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/virtual/catch-up>. More information can be found at:

Centre for Cancer Sciences website: <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ccs/>

Online prospectus:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/courses/cancerstudies/cancer-sciences.aspx>



**STUDY
HIGHER**

Year 12 Mentoring – Study Higher:

Thinking about your post-18 options can be daunting. With so many options and lots of unknowns this one-to-one online mentoring

programme is designed to support you develop a better understanding and knowledge of higher education (HE) opportunities. "Explore HE" is the perfect way for you to interact with current university students – many of which were in year 12 only a few years ago! You'll be able to benefit from their knowledge, ask them for advice, gain some tips on writing your personal statement and much more through our online text-based mentoring programme. This programme will help you make confident and informed decisions as you navigate through your future study options.

<https://www.studyhigher.ac.uk/outreach-provision/explorehe/>

**OXFORD
BROOKES
UNIVERSITY**

Oxford Brookes University have put together lots of information to help you make an informed decision about going to University. University can seem daunting - whether you're getting ready to apply or you've never thought about it as an

option. If you want to know what a Bachelor's degree is, you're worried about budgeting, or you want to make sense of the application process, these pages will give you all the information you need. <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/studying-at-brookes/how-to-apply/understanding-university/>



UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

University of Westminster are running a series of advice sessions for prospective students and have the following opportunities available:

- 15min 1 to 1 Advice Session with a member of staff (video/voice chat via Microsoft Teams) on 9th Dec, 1-3pm / 10th Dec 4-6pm or 14th Dec 8-10am – book here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/130397742157>
- 15min Advice Session with a Student Ambassador (video/voice chat via Microsoft Teams) every Mon & Fri from 7th Dec 10-12, 1-3pm or 4-6pm – book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130411366909>
- Lecture Taster Sessions, see below for the schedule of events:

09/12/20	14:00-15:00	Politics	https://bit.ly/2ly8Gzv
20/01/20	14:00-15:00	Studying English Language and Linguistics	https://bit.ly/2ly8Gxv
03/02/20	14:00-15:00	International Relations: Surveillance and Security in the UK	https://bit.ly/2ly8Gxv
17/02/20	14:00-15:00	English: Studying Nineteenth-Century Literature	https://bit.ly/2ly8Gxv
03/03/20	14:00-15:00	Law	https://bit.ly/2ly8Gxv
17/03/20	14:00-15:00	History	https://bit.ly/2ly8Gxv
02/06/20	14:00-15:00	Sociology & Criminology: A Reflection on how the pandemic has underlined the ongoing inequality in society	https://bit.ly/2ly8Gxv
16/06/20	14:00-15:00	International Relations	https://bit.ly/2ly8Gxv
30/06/20	14:00-15:00	Qualifying as a Legal Executive Lawyer via the non-traditional route	https://bit.ly/2ly8Gxv



Looking for something different? TEDI-London aims to attract a diverse cohort of future engineers from a variety of educational backgrounds with an equal male to female ratio. Our approach to delivering engineering education, with a focus on design and practical, hands-on learning will

appeal to a new type of engineering student and to those wanting to learn engineering in a different way.

We will inspire these learners by offering activities that entice, engage and challenge students with the potential, creativity and passion for innovation and problem solving. For more information visit <https://tedi-london.ac.uk/>



Thank you for reading! Have a wonderful Christmas and a great start to 2021 – let's face it – it stands a good chance of being better than 2020!