



Careers Newsletter

January 2021

So, here we are again, Lockdown 3.0! As during the first and second lockdowns there is a lot on offer that we can access from the comfort of our own homes. See below for the myriad **Virtual Work Experience** opportunities, the numerous companies offering **Apprenticeships**, the support offered by **Universities** and much, much more. If you have any questions or anything you'd like to be included then email amy.sutcliffe@utcreading.org.uk.

Virtual Work Experience

Vodafone's Innovators Virtual Work Experience Programme. Vodafone UK are a great British technology success story. They were the first company to make a mobile phone call in the UK and the first to introduce text messaging. Now they're launching a virtual work experience programme for the next generation of technology innovators. Students will join Vodafone for a week-long virtual work experience programme during February half term where they'll design their own 'Internet of Things' connected device! During the week students will attend (virtually) a series of live webinars, panel discussions, learning content, and team workshops. You learn about the variety of business areas involved in launching a new product including Technology, Digital, Marketing and Consumer. You'll also access workshops to develop essential employability skills and careers awareness to set you up for success. The programme is completely free for students and you'll receive a certificate for their CVs. Get your applications in early! <https://www.springpod.co.uk/vodafone-virtual-work-experience>

HSBC Virtual Work Experience - The Work Experience programme at HSBC UK offers a five-day shadowing experience to KS5 students. The programme helps young people gain an insight into a professional environment, as well as the banking industry. We have over 500 Work Experience opportunities nationwide, all of which will be available through June, July and August 2021. Our placements will be spread out across the UK and students can list their location preferences when applying, but please note that we cannot make any guarantees on placing a student in their preferred location as this is subject to availability. The closing date for applications is the 21st February 2021, however places are limited so we recommend students apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Apply here: <https://www.hsbc.com/careers/students-and-graduates/student-opportunities/uk-work-experience-programme>

RateMyApprenticeship has teamed up with **Forge** and **Development Beyond Learning** to launch a new virtual experience to help students develop their 'work-readiness' skills during COVID-19 lockdown. For more information and how to apply visit: <https://www.theforage.com/virtual-internships>

Virtual Work Experience Insight Day at Skanska

Join us for a virtual Work Experience Insight Day on 18th February 2021 from 10am to 3pm to learn about careers in Construction such as Civil Engineering, Quantity Surveying and Mechanical & Electrical engineering maintenance. Each discipline will be introduced by either an experienced member of our team or a current apprentice. We will bring to life what we do at Skanska and aim to teach you something new as well as include short work related practical challenges throughout the day. You will be able to find out about our 2021 apprenticeship opportunities as well. The day will end with a workshop on how to succeed in our assessment centres. Sign up here and we shall send you a link to the virtual event: <https://bit.ly/3hGOQOc>

NHS: Meet the people behind the masks

Dates: 29th January 2021.

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds keen to find out more about a career in the NHS.

Application Deadline: 8th January 2021

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1042>

Govia Thameslink Railway – Insight Day

Date: 17th February 2021. Sessions will run from 10:00 – 15:00

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in management and the diverse careers in the railway sector.

Application Deadline: 17th January 2021

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/946>

Start Your Road to Success: AMEY

Dates: 15th - 17th February 2021.

Eligibility: Creative 14 – 19 year olds interested in an industry that keeps the country moving. Application Deadline: 22nd January 2021

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/931>

Tesco: Year 10 Technology Department VWEX

Dates: 15th – 19th March 2021

Eligibility: Year 10 students who are keen to gain insight into Design, UI/UX and product management. Application Deadline: 15th January 2021

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/995>

S4S Next Generation have a whole load more interesting VWEX placements on their website. To find out more visit

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

Apprenticeships

Rate My Apprenticeship Blogs:

- **The Most Common Apprenticeship Interview Questions** - A quick look at the most popular questions asked at interview stage - and how to answer them. <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/apprenticeship-interview-questions>
- **The STAR Interview Technique** - This is the most popular method used in interviews, especially for competency based questions. In this blog we educate students on the best way to structure their answers so they can shine like a S.T.A.R. <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/star-interview-technique>
- **School Leaver / Apprenticeship CV template** - We've put together a step-by-step guide on how to create the best CV. <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/school-leaver-cv-template>
- **Apprenticeship Cover Letter** - What students need to know about writing an impressive cover letter. <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/apprenticeship-cover-letter>
- **COVID-19: The Impact on Apprenticeships** - It's not all doom and gloom in the apprenticeship world! <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/covid-19-the-impact-on-apprenticeships>
- **Looking After Your Mental Health During Covid-19** - We know that students are going through an exceptionally difficult time, so we put together our thoughts on how students can look after their well-being. <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/mental-health-covid-19>

KPMG - We're excited to share that our 2021 **Audit** and **Software Engineering apprenticeship programmes** are now open for applications! As an apprentice at KPMG, you'll gain valuable work experience, develop core skills and be supported in your study towards fully funded professional qualifications and accreditations – all whilst earning a salary. On our **Audit apprenticeship programme**, you'll gain a breadth of experience as well as become equipped with valuable technical skills, broad commercial understanding and in-depth knowledge of different industry sectors. You'll learn to use tools such as artificial intelligence and predictive analytics and study towards a Level 7 ACA or CA qualification.

<https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice/audit-apprenticeship>

On our **KPMG360° Digital Software Engineering Degree apprenticeship programme**, you'll study towards a BSc (Hons) in Digital and Technology Solutions in one of two locations, London or Manchester. Over the programme, you'll develop a host of core skills and learn specialisms such as user experience design (UX), testing and coding. <https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice/kpmg360-digital-software-engineering-degree-apprenticeship-programme>

Rate My Apprenticeship Virtual Event 3 & 4th February, for years 10, 11, 12, 13 – Rate My Apprenticeship are holding a Virtual Apprenticeship Fair on 3rd and 4th February for Years 10, 11, 12, 13. There are limited spaces, so register now and be sent further information: <https://events.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk>

PwC Accounting Flying Start degree programme offers you the chance to be a student whilst working towards your career at the same time. Enjoy everything university life has to offer and then experience what it means to be a Chartered Accountant on multiple placements at PwC throughout your degree. The programme lasts four years and is an excellent way to fast track your career in the accounting profession. <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers/our-programmes/flying-start-degrees/accounting.html>

Rate My Apprenticeship Apprenticeship Listings:

- **AWE** – deadline 11th January
<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/694/awe/jobs?>
- **VISA** – Deadline 1st February
<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/329/visa/jobs?>
- **Vodafone** – deadline 8th February
<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/739/vodafone/jobs?>
- **Amey** – deadline 12th February
<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/279/amey/jobs?>
- **National Grid** – deadline 13th February
<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/19/national-grid/jobs?>
- **Marks and Spencers** – deadline 17th February
<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/69/marks-spencer/jobs?>

More vacancies listed on www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk!

University Information

University of Salford Lecture: 'The Social Consequences of Coronavirus'

The pandemic has altered our everyday lives in fundamental ways and affected all parts of society in some way. While not only posing a serious risk to people's health, social distancing measures and lockdowns initiated in response have had severe impacts upon social interaction, family life, education, employment, crime, and the economy – in this session our academics explore these issues and what can be done to address them. Click here to watch: <https://eu-lti.bbcollab.com/collab/ui/session/playback>

University of Salford Webinar: Sport, Health, Exercise and Nutrition in Today's World. Have you ever wondered how athletes are helped to recover from their injuries and to return to competition, and how they are supported to reach their optimum training and performance? Are you interested in how nutrition and exercise can promote good health and be used to treat chronic medical conditions? This talk will enable you to discover how the skills gained from our Sports courses can be transferred into an ever-expanding and vibrant job market. Click here to watch: <https://eu-lti.bbcollab.com/collab/ui/session/playback>

27th January - UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair - featuring a vast array of exhibitors and 10 vital webinars. Students, teachers and parents can find out more and sign up here. <https://ukuniversitysearch.vfairs.com/>

10th February - Meet the Russell Group Virtual Event. This will feature all 24 universities and essential webinars for students considering applications to these institutions. Students, teachers and parents can find out more and sign up here. <https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/>

Swansea University Undergraduate Open Day – 7th January 2021

Swansea University are giving you an opportunity to visit their beautiful campus, albeit virtually, during their Undergraduate Open Day on 7th Jan. For more information and to register visit: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/open-days>. For subject specific information on the offerings from Swansea University visit: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/teachers-and-advisers/subject-specific-webinars-and-sessions>

University of Salford Launchpad - This year has seen a change in the way we work and at the University of Salford we have been working on a new way of keeping you up to date with what is going on, both on and off campus. We therefore bring you our 'new look' online Launchpad, a hub of information designed to inform and support you as much as we can. Your new hub includes: Applicant support sessions, Subject specific events, Undergraduate events and Open Days, New courses and school updates, Student and University news, Our Made in Salford student blog, Teacher and Advisor resources, Post-16 and Outreach opportunities. To visit the Launchpad Hub click here - <https://www.salford.ac.uk/online-launchpad?>

Discover Brookes Virtual Evening Lectures - We are running a series of free online subject taster lectures in **January 2021**, all taking place from **17.00-18.00**, to help your students make decisions about their next steps.

This series of eight **30 minute lectures** will cover a broad range of possible degrees, each exploring an interesting theme within that area. During each session, your students will be able to participate in a **live Q&A with academics and current Brookes students** studying a related degree. Overall, this will be a great opportunity for your students to gain an insight into these subject areas, and what it would be like to study them at Brookes.

Please visit our website for more information and for students to register - <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/virtual-evening-lectures> . All lectures will also be recorded and available after.

These events are one part of our brand-new **18-month Discover Brookes access programme**, but they are also open to any sixth form or college student.

Students can head over to our [Discover Brookes webpage](#) for more information about the Discover Brookes programme and to apply.

https://www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/virtual-evening-lectures?aa=aa&dm_i=BBQ,76CRM,1U6JPO,T2FU0,1