



Careers Newsletter

March 2021

It seems like we may have made it through the period of school closures, but things will not be going back to normal straight away. The majority of employer engagement and careers events will be online at least until after Easter and there is A LOT on offer! If you have any questions or anything you'd like to be included then email amy.sutcliffe@utcreading.org.uk.

General

Deadline 1st March: STEM Ambassadors Online Mentoring Programme

Aged 16 – 18, Interested in STEM? Mentor to help you explore your future study and career options. Sign up for 1: 1 mentoring over a 10 week period between Feb – May. Discussing your options, pathways, dealing with challenges, finding trustworthy information. Sign Up:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GJB8G6N?respondent_id=%5brespondent_id_value%5d&user_data=%5buser_data_value%5d

National Careers Week is 1-6th March 2021! STEM Learning have put together a collection of resources, programmes and guidance to help you celebrate National Careers Week including a **Virtual Careers Fair from 1st-5th March**. The STEM Ambassador Programme is running an online virtual careers fair in partnership with AECOM and the Transpennine STEM Ambassador Hub. Watch videos, explore challenges and try out activities from 25 national employers, plus students can chat live to STEM Ambassadors to ask questions and gain insight into careers in STEM industries. Q&A sessions run in a secure environment from 10-11am and 2-3pm each day. [Find out more](#)

9th March, from 6pm - Henley College Virtual Information and Subject Sessions

Students can register here > <https://www.henleycol.ac.uk/events/virtual-information-and-subject-sessions/> For students looking to go to Henley: [Your Future at Henley](#) is an area of our website which has everything prospective students need to know about joining The Henley College, including videos and a virtual tour.

17th March - UK University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair

Year 11, 12 and 13 students. Over 100+ Exhibitors. More Information and to register: https://us4.campaign-archive.com/?e=test_email&u=0131882646c9c37f1693f4cca&id=af6a9c72ee

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With one in nine jobs in the Thames Valley region in digital technology - more than double the national average – the need to grow and nurture talent for this sector is greater than ever.

Activate Learning has always recognised the need to ensure our digital skills offering wasn't just what people wanted to study, but also represented what industry was saying it needed. Which is why we were delighted in April 2019, to be part of the successful consortium led by Milton Keynes College to deliver the new South Central Institute of Technology (IoT). After nearly two years of development, we are excited to announce that we will be rolling out our first Software Developer apprenticeship from May, delivered out of the Reading College hub of the new IoT. Mark Byerley, Director of Career Pathways for the Technology at Activate Learning, said the new IoT would provide an exciting new opportunity for anyone wanting to work in the tech sector who wanted a new challenge that was different to what school or college had to offer. He added:

“The coronavirus pandemic has shown the importance of the tech sector, which has been so vital in keeping everyone connected and allowed businesses to keep going, and in some cases thriving, during what has been an unprecedented time. As this new IoT hub is being delivered as part of a consortium with Milton Keynes College and with impressive partners including Microsoft, KPMG, McAfee, and Cranfield University, we are designing the curriculum to give people the skills and training that the sector is telling us it needs.”

Over the next year the offering to learners will grow, with plans in place for full- and part-time higher level programmes, degrees and online courses. But the main focus over the next six months will be growing the apprenticeship offering and engaging with employers across the region to make sure that businesses aren't missing their opportunity to develop talent.

Holly Perrett, Partnership Engagement Manager at the IoT, said the new rollout of technology-based apprenticeships delivered from the IoT hub at Reading College, represented an exciting opportunity for employers to upskill and retrain their staff.

“These will be leading edge apprenticeships delivered in partnership with some of the most innovative tech brands in the world and we are fortunate enough to have two hubs based here within the Thames Valley,” she added. “The IoT is designed to offer something that traditional FE and HE routes haven't before and with a focus on increasing diversity across the tech sector, the South Central IoT really is trying to drive change in every sense of the word.”

For more information about the Institute of Technology click [here!](#)

Virtual Work Experience

26th-30th July PwC's Virtual Insight Week. If you are in Year 12 and are looking to explore career options in the world of business, accounting or technology at PwC, this Virtual Insight Week offers a fantastic opportunity to do just this. During this action packed week you'll choose from a range of sessions focusing on Accounting, Business, Technology and personal career development. You'll also have the chance to connect with our people who joined through apprenticeship programmes and hear their stories. [Learn more and apply](#)

7th April (Application Deadline 8th March) Anglian Water 'App in a Day' Insight Day. Eligibility: Year 10 students interested in a career in creative design, IT and innovation. More info [here](#).

7th April (Application Deadline 3rd March) Sustainability Challenge Insight Day – Fusion. Eligibility: 14 -19 year olds in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Coventry and Warwickshire, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire will be prioritised.

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12-16 April (Application Deadline 12th March) Architecture + Design Work Placement – Carmody Groarke. Eligibility: 16 -19 year olds who are keen to gain insight into architecture and design. More info [here](#).

6-9th April, 9.30am-5pm (Application Deadline 15th March) Green Careers in the Built Environment – Morgan Sindall. Eligibility: 16 – 19 year olds interested in a career in environmentally friendly engineering.

Apprenticeships

Deadline 2nd March: Sutton Trust Apprenticeship Summer School - 19-21 July
This free 3 day programme for year 12 students, delivered in partnership with leading employers, including Coca-Cola EP, NatWest Group and Accenture, helps to explore degree apprenticeships. Applications are open until 2nd March, find out more about eligibility criteria and more, [here](#).

Deadline 3rd March: The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) is at the heart of the UK's defence and Security capabilities, ensuring that our vital and unique innovative science and technology contribute to current and future challenges. Our apprenticeship opportunities range from advanced through to degree level qualifications. All of the programmes offer a mix of classroom based and on the job learning. As an apprentice you will get stuck into real life projects, making a difference to the UK's defence and security. You will join a supportive team, working alongside some of the world's experts in their fields gaining a breadth of experience throughout your training. [View all roles](#)

3rd March, 3pm BDO Apprenticeship Insight Event.

BDO is one of the UK's largest Accountancy and Business Advisory firms providing Audit, Advisory, Tax and Business Services & Outsourcing services to clients across the UK and the globe. BDO work with clients across a diverse range of sectors throughout the UK and the world. From hospitality and financial services to real estate and charities, trainees will work across a variety of sectors and develop an understanding of the areas they might want to pursue in their career. They may find themselves helping with an audit for the NHS, providing advisory services to a premier league football club, counting sheep as part of a farm audit, or giving tax advice to a pharmaceutical client. If that sounds interesting, come along to BDO's virtual Insight Event on Wednesday 3rd March at 3pm to find out about their exciting Apprenticeship schemes and see which ones could inspire you. [Register Now](#)

5th March, 11.30-12.30: Insight into Army Careers Event. Nurse. Bio-Medical Scientist. Chef. Cyber Engineer. Musician. HR Specialist. Tank Crewman. With over 76 entry level specialisms, the range of careers in the British Army might surprise you. In each one of these roles there are opportunities to gain qualifications – with 98% of new soldiers starting an apprenticeship. [Event Registration.](#)

8th March, 2-3.30pm: 'No room for cliches' - Free RAF careers webinar

To mark International Women's Day 2021, the Royal Air Force (RAF) in partnership with Amazing Apprenticeships, will be running a [webinar](#), ideal for female students in Years 10-13, to explore the incredible apprenticeship opportunities available. The webinar will include an engaging mix of **presentations**, **interactive workshops** and valuable **Q&A opportunities** with a panel of RAF Ambassadors. [BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!](#)

Fortnightly "Tech Trends" Series – 45 minute webinars led by Cisco

For Year 12 and 13 students. Please click this link to register/sign up: [here](#)

11th March, 4.30-5.30pm VMWare Technology Degree Apprenticeship Event

If you are interested in Technology and have a passion for Business then this is for you! Includes:

- Director keynote talk
- How to apply / pass VMware's selection process (2 step process)
- Workshops on discussing the importance of self-awareness and having a growth mindset

Open to all Y12 & Y13 students. Get your questions answered by the recruitment team. Parents are encouraged to join! **FREE event** (limited places (100), first come first serve). Register here: <https://www.research.net/r/VMware-11th-March>

Deadline 14th March - Tata Steel: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships, nationwide. [View Jobs](#)

Deadline 14th March – BMW Group: Intermediate, Advanced and Degree Apprenticeships. £12,000+, Nationwide. [View Jobs](#)

Deadline 12th March – Siemens Healthineers: Advanced, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships. Competitive. Nationwide. [View Jobs](#)

Deadline 19th March – Apprenticeships at AstraZeneca: AstraZeneca's apprenticeship scheme offers students an opportunity to learn within a multi-national company gaining useful skills whilst collaborating alongside industry specialists and professionals. [View all roles](#)

24th & 25th March, 9am-12pm: Spotlight Careers Talks. Exploring skills and careers into different sectors and apprenticeships. Includes the Science Council, British ESPORTS association, Neonatal Nurse in the NHS. [Register here.](#)

Deadline: Ongoing – Apprenticeship at Boeing: Aircraft Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship. Location: Salisbury. For more info and to apply click [here.](#)

Deadline: Ongoing – Apprenticeships at Unilever. Unilever is a global fast-moving consumer goods company and is one of the world's leading suppliers of Beauty & Personal Care, Home Care, and Foods & Refreshment products, reaching 2.5 billion consumers a day. Unilever has more than 400 brands found in homes all over the world, including Persil, Dove, PG Tips & Magnum. Our apprenticeship opportunities are available across Business & Technology, Research & Development and Engineering. [View all roles](#)

Deadline: Ongoing – Apprenticeships at Aldi: With over 200 Apprenticeship opportunities available across the UK, we're not like other retailers. So, it's no surprise that our Apprenticeship Programmes are a bit different, too. But you do need lots of drive, ambition and real commitment to succeed. While it can be hard work, it's also incredibly rewarding. Find out more [here.](#)

Deadline: Ongoing – Apprenticeships at IBM: You'll work on real projects, with real clients and real bottom-line deliverables. IBMers have the support of over 380,000 colleagues worldwide and work for leaders who reward diverse thinking and bold ideas. [View all roles](#)

Deadline: Ongoing – Apprenticeships at Virgin Media: At Virgin Media we have loads of great apprenticeship opportunities that cover all sorts of roles across our business, so whether you want to work on a more technical, engineering or business side of our business there's a scheme for you. Each of our schemes lets you 'learn while you earn' by gaining first-hand experience through exposure to our leading business practices and being paid a decent wage while you're at it! You can apply using [our application portal.](#)

Martin Baker Apprenticeships: Working at Martin-Baker is a unique experience – after all, we're the world leader in the manufacture of aircrew escape and safety systems. Click [here](#) for details on our Apprenticeship schemes and kickstart your career.

[Nestle Academy Apprenticeships](#)
[KPMG Apprenticeship Programme – Applications Open](#)
[BOEING Aircraft Maintenance Apprenticeship OPEN](#)

University Information

Deadline 2nd March - UCL Summer School - Free, summer school courses, giving a taste of degree programmes & university life. Aimed at Year 12 students. Courses include: Architecture, Economics, Astrophysics, Biosciences, Chemical Engineering and lots more! Applications open now. More info to sign up [here](#).

3rd, 10th & 24th March - Year 12 Webinar Wednesdays; Post 18 Options

Aimed at Year 12 students. Webinars on Choosing your next steps, Applying to University and Applying to Creative Courses. [Sign Up](#)

Study Higher Creative Futures Courses: Excitingly we will be launching our Creative Industries webinar series in March. These will be at 4pm & over 6 sessions. Industry leaders will talking about:

Intro/Post 16 and 18 Options

Taster of a film lecture (Martin)

Graphics workshop on marketing and branding

Workshop on careers in performance and theatre

Journalism workshop

Media make-up demo and talk on careers

For more information click [here](#)

24th March: Student Finance Session with Brunel University: [Student finance](#)

[applications](#) are expected to open in March; we are here to help students understand and plan their finances. Our friendly and experienced team shall be delivering a [student finance webinar](#) on Wednesday, 24 March, which includes top tips for budgeting from one of our current students.

25th March, 9.30am-12pm: Disability Awareness Day. Brunel University invite students to their Annual Disability Awareness Day. The day is aimed for young people in Years 7-13 who have a disability or additional learning needs, who are interested in going to university and would like to find out more about what support is available. Parents, carers and teachers are very welcome to attend the virtual event. The programme for the day includes the opportunity to hear from our students and their experiences, to enjoy listening to speakers who will talk about the support available at university and some advice on what to do next.

Due to current circumstances, this event will be delivered virtually. Please email Kiran Sandhu kiran.sandhu@brunel.ac.uk to book. .

TEDI London Scholarships - Taking applications for September 2021

No need to apply through UCAS – You can apply to them directly

For Year 13 Students wanting to study Engineering

More information here: [https://tedi-london.ac.uk/apply/apply-to-tedi-](https://tedi-london.ac.uk/apply/apply-to-tedi-london/?msdyntrid=H0BpNrp54ZXOLCwuiuNLzv0l-bzSScwFqn7S-DUpHCA)

[london/?msdyntrid=H0BpNrp54ZXOLCwuiuNLzv0l-bzSScwFqn7S-DUpHCA](https://tedi-london.ac.uk/apply/apply-to-tedi-london/?msdyntrid=H0BpNrp54ZXOLCwuiuNLzv0l-bzSScwFqn7S-DUpHCA)

Swansea University are offering a range of resources including **virtual and pre-recorded resources** - **Subject based and General HE**. For talks, workshops and taster days click [here](#). For subject specifics webinar and sessions click [here](#).