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Careers Newsletter

June 2021

Goodbye and Good Luck to our Year 11 and Year 13 students! There has been a special Leavers' Pack distributed for these year groups, but further opportunities are highlighted in this month's Careers Newsletter, so take a look! If you have any questions or anything you'd like to be included then email amy.sutcliffe@utcreading.org.uk.

General

Insight into Interview Questions and Practise: an interesting blog by the LinkedIn learning community on reinventing the interview. Some good ideas on how to rethink standard interview questions, but also from an applicant point of view, what you might expect in an interview.

<https://www.linkedin.com/business/talent/blog/talent-acquisition/most-common-interview-questions-what-to-ask-instead>

The Parent Perspective Podcast: Amazing Apprenticeships and NGTU have teamed up to arm parents with knowledge, keep them informed and make sure they are best placed to help their child with their next steps. Join us for an 8 part podcast starting in June. **Subscribe [here!](#)**

Youth Voice Census: If you're aged 16 - 24, share your experience of life, study and work by filling in the online [Youth Voice Census!](#) Last year, thousands of young people completed the survey. We showed the results to UK policy makers and people who can make a difference. There are over 7 million young people in the UK, so let's make a BIG impact!

Watch again - Boost workshop: The 'Boost Your Motivation' live workshops brought together over 800 people to kick off Mental Health Awareness Week. Don't worry if you missed them, you can catch up and watch the workshops again at a time to suit you by [clicking here](#).

Apprentice Wellbeing Live Event

Drive My Career is hosting "[Supercharge Me](#)" on 9th June. The webinar will explore young people's mental health and provide tips and resources to those working in automotive. The event is aimed at apprentices, but all are welcome.

8th June – Futures4Students Virtual Careers Jam: Founders4Schools is hosting a very unique and exciting careers event, the Futures4Students Virtual Careers Jam! Designed for 16–24 year olds to give them insight in to the world of work across multiple sectors, discover the career pathways and opportunities which are available to them, and join employability skills workshops. The agenda will be full of exciting panel discussions, fireside chats, and interactive virtual booths with prospective employers, colleges and universities. Registration is now open www.f4scareersjam.com. Contact careersjam@f4s.org.uk if you have any questions.

28th June–2nd July – The Virtual London Careers Festival will be hosted by the City of London Corporation between the 28th June – 2nd July 2021 for primary, secondary and post 16 pupils. The event is designed to connect students with the world of work and skill building opportunities, so not only are they introduced to the diverse array of opportunities offered across Greater London and beyond, but to fuel their imaginations and help inform and shape their futures. The festival will look to offer webinars, workshops and easily accessible resources to support pupils to explore a wide range of **skills and career related opportunities** as well as help schools to meet their Gatsby benchmarks. Over 120 organisations and 5000 students attended the event in the last two years and the plan for virtual 2021 event is bigger! Full programme and links to book [here](#).

University Information

17th May–20th June – Festival of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at University of Salford: Our very first Festival of Entrepreneurship & Innovation is here to help anyone interested in learning about what it takes to become an entrepreneur. A virtual festival spanning five weeks, this event is perfect for those thinking of starting their own business. You can learn from guest speakers, boost your long-term job prospects and expand your commercial awareness. The Festival of Entrepreneurship & Innovation is launching **17th May 2021**. [Book your free place](#) now.

8th June, 9.30am - Swansea University Particle Physics Masterclass:

The day will start with a lecture on **Particle Physics at the Large Hadron Collider**, by Professor Maurizio Piai of the Particle Physics Theory Group at Swansea. This will be followed by a short introduction to the ATLANTIS data used at CERN to analyse collision events from the ATLAS detector. Students will then have the opportunity to use these generated events in a practical session and identify for themselves events with elementary particles such as quarks, leptons, the W and Z bosons, and possibly the Higgs boson! We then have a short discussion summarising what has been learnt in the practical session and answering the questions: how did the LHC discover the Higgs boson and why is it so important? Register [here](#).

19th June – Oxford Brookes University Undergraduate Virtual Open Day - the perfect opportunity for them to find out more about Oxford Brookes without having to set foot on campus. Our Virtual Open Day offers your students the chance to find out more about what it's like to be a student here, as well as giving insight into our courses and the support we offer. Your students will be able to join us virtually for the following:

- Subject taster sessions, live or on demand
- Live Q&A sessions with our academics and support staff

28th June-2nd July - Begin Your Future Festival + Open Day at University of Portsmouth: At uni, your students will do more than join something – they'll add something. To the world, society and to themselves. But the road to university is often filled with questions, so let us give them the answers at our week-long online festival. Explore all parts of the UCAS process, chat to students and lecturers and discover life as a student in Portsmouth. At their own pace. A place at Begin Your Future is also a place at our **Virtual Open Day on Wednesday 30 June**. [Check out the event here.](#)

8th/9th July – University of Cambridge Open Days – Years 10, 11 & 12

We're delighted to announce that the **University of Cambridge Open Days** will be held on **8th and 9th July** this year. College sessions will be held will include:

- Student Life Panel
- Director of Studies Panel
- Black Student Panel
- International Student Panel

Students can register their interest in the event and be kept up to date with event information by pre-registering [here](#). Sessions will also be live-streamed to Facebook and YouTube for Parents and Supporters, and will be available to watch as recordings later on.

12th-16th July – University of Swansea Virtual Summer School Programme. We are excited to be launching our new [Virtual Summer School](#) programme running between **12th - 16th July**. Our programme gives your students the chance to experience a subject area thparticipateey are interested in studying at HE level. Students will have the opportunity to in subject lectures and workshops as well as Student Life sessions e.g. SU, Accommodation, Student Life, Money etc. Attendance can also help to support personal statement content.

Virtual Work Experience

2nd June - Sky Virtual Work Experience:

Come behind the scenes at Sky and see what it's like to work at Europe's biggest entertainment brand. This is an opportunity to see the different departments they have from Tech, to TV Production to Customer Service! Learn from leading industry professionals and take part in some projects / workshops designed by Sky.

An opportunity to be fast tracked to an in person event at the Sky offices when the time is right and safe to do so.

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Sky-VWEX>



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- Sky offers top quality shows. Innovative tech. Must-have packages. With 24 million customers across six countries! Be part of it all!
- Career opportunities nationwide in; Business, Technology, Digital Marketing, Finance, Technical Engineering & Customer Services
- Open to all students 16 - 24

To secure your place this summer and have something great to add to your CV apply via the link provided!

Apprenticeship Information

1st June, 7pm – Apprenticeship Nation Main Stage Webinar Focus on your Career Path, Explore Options to Succeed. Discover the right career path for you by exploring how your skills match with different industries. For more information and to register click [here](#).

PWC Flying Start Business Management Degree Apprenticeship: For students who want to go to university but are also keen to begin their career, this programme offers the best of both worlds. As an apprentice on the Flying Start Business Management programme, they'll get to work with world-class clients and be part of our highly skilled teams in our [Operate Northern Ireland](#) business whilst also studying for a degree - their career will be off to a Flying Start before they even graduate from university. Applications for our September 2021 start date are now open, and roles will be filled on a rolling basis so we'd encourage students to apply now to avoid missing out. For more information and to apply click [here](#).

BDO Insight Week: BDO are hosting an insight week for year 10- 12 from **5th–9th July 2021** this is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the world of accountancy. Students will learn about BDO and a career in accounting. The programme is aimed at those who attend a state school and have been eligible for free school meals; or would be the first in their family to attend university. BDO is offering virtual workshops to help prepare students for BDO's application process. For more information and to apply click [here](#).

Sprinklr Business Administration Apprenticeship: The Experience Development Representative Team (XDR) at Sprinklr is centred on adding a research-focused and creative element to the top of the sales funnel and supporting Sales Development Representatives (SDRs) in their overall pipeline development. The XDR team are looking for an apprentice to join the team, this exciting opportunity will provide you with a unique opportunity to get your foot in the door of enterprise sales. The role is accompanied by a salary of £21,157 per annum. Training provided: 18 Months Level 3 Business Administration Apprenticeship; As a Multiverse apprentice you'll have access to awesome social events, extra training from great companies such as Google, and your own personal coach who will support and guide you through your qualification.. For more information click [here](#).

RateMyApprenticeship Apprentice Videos: We know that for students, deciding what they want to do after sixth form/college is tough. Especially when they may be the first out of their friends or their family to do an apprenticeship - how are they able to know what they're really like? Well, we are here to help! We asked some amazing apprentices to shed some light on how they got their apprenticeship, how to choose an employer, what they get up to in their roles and the benefits of doing an apprenticeship. And students can now watch the videos on our YouTube channel [by clicking here!](#)