



Careers Newsletter

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This month's offering is, as always, full of Virtual Work Experience, Uni Virtual Info Sessions and Apprenticeship Info. If you have any questions or anything you'd like to be included then email amy.sutcliffe@utcreading.org.uk.

General

10th-16th May: Mental Health Awareness Week: Mental Health Awareness Week is organised by the **Mental Health Foundation**, who work to prevent mental health problems. They drive change towards a mentally healthy society for all, and support communities, families and individuals to live mentally healthier lives, with a particular focus on those at greatest risk. This year's theme is **#Nature**.

- Be aware that Mental Health is as important as Physical Health. If you are concerned that you are developing a mental health problem you should [seek the advice and support of your GP](#) as a matter of priority. If you are in distress and need immediate help and are unable to see a GP, you should visit [your local A&E](#). If you would like advice about looking after your mental health during the Coronavirus outbreak [visit this page](#). Here are details on services and organisations that offer help and support directly to people with mental health problems: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/your-mental-health/getting-help>
- WWF provide a series of fun 'make-it' activities that have been designed to encourage wildlife into your local area and explore your love of nature. <https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/love-nature/get-making>
- Photography is one of the many ways you can get out and embrace the wilderness. Why not encourage pupils to submit a photograph to a wildlife photography competition? There are plenty to choose from. <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/other-ways-getinvolved/wildlifephotography>
- The Mental Health Foundation and WWF produced a guide on making the most of our natural spaces for our mental health and wellbeing. Take a look at the ideas to connect with nature during each season. <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/Thriving-With-Nature-compressed.pdf>
- A global programme engaging 19.5 million children across 67 countries. The Eco-Schools Programme is pupil-led, involving hands-on learning that gets the whole school and the wider community involved in driving change and improving environmental awareness within school. <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk>

Top Tips for Teacher Assessments from Rate My Apprenticeship: As you well know, exams have been cancelled for the second year in a row, meaning that students' GCSE, BTEC and A-Level grades are now being determined by their teachers. For some, this may have been a huge wave of relief, but we are also aware that some students may be feeling worried about their final grades, if previous work completed hasn't been up to the standard they were hoping for. We want to reassure students that all is not lost, and there are still ways they can get ahead and potentially boost their grades before the 18th of June deadline. We have put together a blog below with top tips students can put into practice in these last few months, to hopefully boost their grades! Read it [here](#).

ARM – Progressive Connections: Got an app idea to help end world hunger? Progressive Connections is an opportunity for you to support the UN's Global Goals for a more sustainable planet. We're challenging a community of top students in the technology space to share ideas, which could help achieve goals tackling the most pressing issues worldwide – varying from: Gender Equality; Zero Hunger; Life Below Water; Clean, Affordable Energy. We've designed this experience so that you can come up with imaginative ideas which will inspire the community, but in a way that's quick and easy to submit. The more people that connect with your idea, the more upvotes you're likely to get. You'll then be automatically entered in a prize draw to win one of our grand prizes: Macbook Air; Bose Headphones, Apple Watch, Mavic Air 2 Drone, Samsung Galaxy S21. [Find out more here.](#)

NCS Summer Programmes 2021: If you want to make this summer one you'll never forget, get yourself on NCS. Spots are open now! Sign up for big lols, new pals, and experiences that'll show you just what you're made of. For more information you can watch the following videos: South East Team Teaser Video: <https://bit.ly/3blEbjf>; National NCS Trust Youth Led Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeR4VNg6YqI>; Or click [here](#).

Dental Appointment – Podcast about entering into Dentistry: Ryan and Becky, third-year dental students at the University of Aberdeen, have recently started a podcast series named 'Dental Appointment' with the main aim being to widen the access of information on Dentistry. The podcast can be accessed through all major podcast platforms (Spotify, Apple Podcasts and Google Podcasts etc).

Doctors Live: Are you interested in a career in Healthcare or Science? or just curious to learn new things in a fun and engaging way, then this club is for you. Using 3D virtual anatomy we cover all the organ systems in the human body, how they work and what could go wrong in a fun and interactive way.

- Covering fascinating topics to spark your interest
- Fun and interactive
- Suitable for all abilities and curriculums
- Perfect for aspiring doctors, dentists, nurses, and allied health professionals.
- Strengthen your university application.
- [Enrol now.](#)

University Information

1st May, 2-3pm – University of Salford Next Generation in Arts, Media and Creative Technology sessions: Find out where a degree in the humanities could take you, and how technology is transforming these sectors and the skills you'll need to succeed.

[Register for your place now.](#)

17th May, 6-7pm – University of Salford 'The UCAS Process' Webinar: We are hosting a collaborative Webinar and Live Q&A 'The UCAS Process' online event alongside 4 other universities on **Thursday 27th May**. The event is from **6pm-7pm** and will include an introduction to the UCAS application process as well the opportunity to speak to both staff and current students from the institutions. To book onto the event visit:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2950045084607763725?source=salford>

26th May, 12-6pm – UK University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair: this highly popular Virtual Fair will be returning on [May 26th](#) with an extremely wide range of university, college and apprenticeship exhibitors. You can also explore universities on our brand new website [StudentStream](#), which brings together videos and webinars from universities around the UK to provide you with all the information you need. Register at: <https://ukunisearchsouth.vfairs.com/>

European Connect: European Connect is back for three weeks this summer, connecting students from the UK and across Europe through a degree level research project in an area of their choice. Learners will work together with the support of a University of Surrey Student Mentor, to research and deliver a group research presentation. They'll receive Academic feedback and invitations to attend exclusive webinar content. Visit our [website](#) to find out more or [apply here](#)

University of Surrey – Year 12 Virtual Taster Days: FREE Interactive, information filled subject-specific events running through May Half Term.

Year 12 Students will:

- Learn from prominent University of Surrey academics.
- Find out how to prepare to apply and study their chosen subject at university.
- Talk with current undergraduate students studying to find out what its really like to study at University.

To find out more and to apply visit www.surrey.ac.uk/tasterdays

Deadline 2nd May! 26-30 July (Online) / 9-20 August (On-Campus) - University of Surrey - Year 12 Online and On-Campus Summer Schools: Year 12 Students will:

Explore a subject they love at university-level

Take part in an intensive timetable of academic seminars, university information and social activities

Meet and work with current University of Surrey students and academics

Deadline for applications: Sunday 2 May 2021

To find out more and to apply visit www.surrey.ac.uk/summer

4th, 5th, 6th May - Swansea University's 'Current News' Lecture Series is coming up soon! This is an excellent opportunity for students to **get a taste of University lectures across a variety of subjects**, with insights into current research activity and expertise.

- [4th May - Engineering – World's 1st Covid Vaccine Smart Patch – Dr Sanjiv Sharma](#)
- [5th May – Bioscience - 'Mind-controlling beasts and where to find them: parasites and their hosts' with Dr Gethin Thomas.](#)
- [5th May - Computer Science – Mr Stewart Powell \(Technocamps Programme\)](#)
- [6th May - Law – Shutting People Down – Ms Cerys Davies](#)
- [12th May – Bioscience - 'A microbial world' with Dr Almudena Ortiz-Urquiza.](#)

University of Hertfordshire Guide to Applying to University: Check out our 5 Key steps to making your UCAS application below:

Step 1: Registration: Register your details with UCAS. This bit is simple just make sure you input it all correctly.

Step 2: Find a course: We have a great range of [courses](#) available at Foundation, Extended and Undergraduate level.

Step 3: Find a Uni: You've found the perfect course now you need to make sure you study it at the right uni. Did you know Herts was recently [awarded Gold](#) in the teaching excellence framework?

Step 4: Complete your application form: One application form is used to apply for 5 different choices. If you're having trouble deciding, have a chat with some of our students. [Chat with our students](#)

Step 5: Submit your application: Once you've submitted your application universities will have time to consider your application. Good luck!

Virtual Work Experience

2nd June, 10am-12.30pm - Green Skills 2021 - SSE Wind Turbines session: In this workshop, you will delve deeper into the topic of wind generation, understanding the mechanics and environmental factors of a wind turbine. You will then use this knowledge in a scenario-based learning exercise where you will be asked to use your knowledge of wind generation to convince a local town to vote in favour of a new wind farm. For more information and to register visit:

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1428>

Deadline 7th May - 7-11th June - Inspiring Future Generations Virtual Work

Experience: consists of the below 45 minute – 1 hour sessions which students can sign up for. To sign up [complete this form](#) :

- Meet the Engineers
- Routes into Engineering
- CV Session
- Escape the Platform
- Calculate Your Carbon Footprint
- Environmental Session
- Transition to Clean Energy
- Renewable Energy Technologies / Decarbonisation

5-9th July – Explore BDO Insight Programme: We believe student's career prospects should be defined by their talent and drive, not their background. That's why we've created this programme exclusively for students in Years 10-12 at a state school who have been eligible for free school meals or would be the first in their family to go to university. . Find out more [here](#).

12-16th July – BDO Summer Virtual Insight Programme: This programme is open to all Year 12 students with an interest in accountancy. Over a week, they'll get a taste of what our Apprenticeship programme is like, take part in a real project and start building contacts who will help them throughout their career. They'll be supported throughout the week to explore their options and gain valuable experience of professional life. Find out more [here](#).

Girls Who Code Virtual Summer Immersion Programme: We wanted to remind you that the application for our **free 2-week virtual Summer Immersion Program** is live and we're thrilled by how many students have already submitted their application so far! Now is the time to start planning for summer, and we want to make sure your students have all the info they need to **submit their application before our classrooms fill up. All girls - both trans and cis - and non-binary students ages 15-18** are eligible to apply (no coding experience needed)! [To join fill out this quick application now!](#)

Rate My Apprenticeships Work Ready Virtual Work Experience: Our Work Ready Virtual Experience is a self-paced virtual experience designed to equip school and college leavers with the skills they'll need going into the workplace. Over the course of three modules, you'll develop the exact skills employers are crying out for; including resilience and networking. It only takes a few hours to complete, doesn't require an application and looks great on your CV. For more information and to sign up visit: https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/work-ready-virtual-experience?utm_source=emailCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=int-30032021-schools-newsletter-easter&dm_i=30Z2,150PH,7XRNJL,4E3NM,1

2nd June – About Thames Water - Virtual Work Experience: This one-day virtual work experience (VWEX) gives student the opportunity to meet Thames Water colleagues, find out about their job roles and career paths, take part in group discussions and activities and find out more about the industry and skills. The session on 2nd June is a general "About Thames Water" session which will include talks on Health & Safety, a virtual tour of one of our sites and a talk from our water efficiency campaign team. Sessions on Women in Engineering on 23rd June and Digital Tech on 24th June shall follow. Students can access the opportunity here <http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1373>

Youth Employment Virtual Work Experience: this interactive programme consists of a series of short videos that cover a range of work related learning and career topics. Following each video is a set of activities to be completed by the learner which aims to build on their knowledge and understanding. More information [here](#).

Apprenticeship Information

Apprentice Nation Skills Hub: The Skills Hub is now live and bursting with brand new on-demand videos and live webinars, such as Job Hunting during a Pandemic, Uni, Apprenticeships or Work? Think like an employer when you're in a new role or Act on the Power of Self-Belief: Your Greatest Tool. To view the whole programme and sign up and watch register [here](#).

5th May, 5-6pm HSBC Online Webinar: HSBC offer roles across all of their major business areas, including retail, private, commercial and investment banking, as well as jobs in operational and support functions such as audit, compliance, risk management, legal, finance, human resources and technology. If banking and finance is something you think you might be interested in, this event is for you! Registration Link: <https://www.research.net/r/HSBC-UK>

Deadline 3rd May – Sky Dev Ops Apprenticeships: Do you want to work for Europe's biggest entertainment brand? With our amazing apprenticeships in Developer Operations starting this October, now's your chance. So if you enjoy working on problems and interested in both technology and software, then why not start your career journey with Sky. Click below to find out more?

[Developer Operations apprenticeship programme – Osterley \(West London\)](#)

[Developer Operations apprenticeship programme – Brentwood](#)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at earlycareers@sky.uk

Deadline 6th May – Apprenticeships at ViacomCBS Networks International: We believe that having hands on experience coupled with structured learning and support will give you the step up into a career you can excel in! We are offering a number of exciting apprenticeships, to help you learn, experience real work and be paid, all within a fast-paced, fun setting. [View roles.](#)

Ongoing – Apprenticeships at BT: We're looking for people who want to make a difference. People who want to pitch in. People who want to go places in their career. Join us as an apprentice and you'll get hands-on experience in one of the world's leading tech companies. Find out why you should think about an apprenticeship at BT. To find out more visit: <https://www.bt.com/careers/early-careers/apprentices/our-programmes>

KPMG Apprenticeship Opportunities: Our programmes span areas such as Audit, Software Engineering, KPMG Law and Data & Analytics. At KPMG, apprentices gain valuable work experience, develop core skills and will be supported in their study towards fully funded professional qualifications and accreditations – all whilst earning a salary. [Find out more here.](#)

Unilever Apprenticeship Opportunities: All our apprenticeship programmes offer students on the job experience and formal training to give them the knowledge and skills to fire-up their career and give them the opportunity to work towards nationally recognised qualifications. [View all roles here.](#)