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Careers Newsletter

July 2021

We're almost at the end of what has been yet another unusual and challenging academic year for many if not all concerned. There's a lot happening over the summer holidays, so take a look and get involved! If you have any questions or anything you'd like to be included then email amy.sutcliffe@utcreading.org.uk.

General

Blog Opportunity – Contribute to Law According to a King Blog: the legal blog and podcast Law According To A King, where they discuss issues of legal importance, political value, and human rights, are looking for collaborators for the blog companion to the podcast for season two (launching in August 2021), and the idea is to get young people involved in writing academic articles, discursive pieces, or creating other content for a blog with a worldwide audience. By participating, your students will gain valuable experience, work alongside myself (a law graduate with experience working on international human rights projects, and with a graduate job secured at a top #5 world law firm), and have a good time writing about something they are passionate about! They don't have to be studying law – or even interested in a studying it, or pursuing a legal career – and this opportunity is open to all students, regardless of age, although students who are more academically-oriented may be more interested. Included below is a link to the form where interested individuals (or small groups) can submit their ideas for a chance to work on this project!
<https://lawaccordingtoaking.blogspot.com/p/collaborations.html>

26th-28th July – Girls in STEM Event: Girls in STEM will give Year 9 and Year 10 students from across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Swindon an exciting opportunity to take part in virtual workshops, networking sessions and academic sessions related to STEM subjects. It takes place over 3 full days on the 26th-28th July. Those attending will build up their confidence and recognise their personal skills, which will help them with any future education and career choices. The event provided an opportunity to share their love of all things STEM with like minded students. Places are limited so click on [the booking link](#) today and take part.

My Energy Future is here! My Energy Future is a programme for discovering current and future careers in the energy sector. More than a website, it is designed to inform and inspire young people about how they can shape the future of energy. To find out more about how you can get involved, visit: www.myenergyfuture.co.uk

University Information

3rd July, 10am – The Oxbridge Formula –Free Oxbridge Webinar for Parents How can you help your child work *smart* for their Oxbridge STEM and Economics application over the summer? We have **just 100** spaces available for our parents' webinar next Saturday, entitled: "Work smart to get into Oxbridge: a Parents' Guide". Click [here](#) for more info and to register.

3rd July. University of Kent Virtual Open Day: Click here for more information on our [Virtual Open Day](#). We're excited to show you what we can offer here at Kent. Choosing a university is a big decision, and our Virtual Open Days are a fantastic way to meet our staff and students in our live Q&A sessions. Join us on Saturday 3 July, 10:00 - 15:00 to take a look around and find out why Kent could be right for you.

12th-15th July – Swansea University Virtual Summer School: this is an excellent opportunity to gain real insights into what it is like at Swansea University. Take part in a wide range of subject tasters, get the latest insights and advice from our students, explore your future career options, enhance your UCAS personal statement, learn more about Swansea's amazing location: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/study/summer-school/>

2nd-6th & 9th-13th August: Arts University Bournemouth Year 12 Online Specialist Art School: Arts University Bournemouth's **FREE** online contemporary art course for Year 12 students is returning. Through our access and participation commitment, the programme aims to encourage those students who can benefit most from what we have to offer, whatever their background, to apply to further and higher arts education. For more information and to apply click [here](#).

University of Hertfordshire – Online Resources: Getting ready for the summer break! Bitesize videos - Getting ready for uni. Over the summer holiday, you might have questions about university. If you find yourself with 4 minutes to spare, why not watch one of our [bitesize videos](#). **Looking for inspirations for your personal statement?** We're building a bank of pre-recorded subject [taster lectures](#).

Oxford Brookes University: For those of you who are planning to join Oxford Brookes in September & have been unable to join for a campus tour, please have a look at our [Virtual Tour](#) so that you are able to start familiarising yourselves with the campus. There's also a useful set of FAQs about September & the return to campus, which can be found on the [coronavirus webpage](#).

14th July, 12-6pm: UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair. Students, teachers and parents can register for their free place [here](#). We have an incredible range of exhibitors including the Universities' of Oxford, Cambridge, Warwick, Imperial, Liverpool, Southampton, Lancaster, Edinburgh, Bristol, Surrey, Birmingham, King's, UEA, Manchester and loads more. [See the full list here](#).

Virtual Work Experience

2nd July, 9am-4pm: Law Virtual Work Experience:

Friday 2nd July, 9am - 4pm. An insight to law, different departments and areas of work (including non law routes). Networking opportunities and being added to a fast track list for in person events when safe to do so. Breakout rooms with solicitors in talking about different areas of law. Panel discussion and a real world project for you to work on! Client relationships and winning new business Workshops & interactive sessions. Open to students in Y10 / S3, Y11 / S4, Y12 / S5, Y13 / S6 & Y14 + University students. **Application Link:**

<https://www.research.net/r/Law-VWEX>

Covea Insurance Virtual Work Experience: The programme is aimed at young people, school or college students who would like to gain some hands on knowledge of the Insurance industry and have chance to create their own insurance product. There are 9 modules to complete which can be done over a couple of weeks or once a week for 9 weeks. The students will take part in a small induction with a fun quiz at the end, and will complete modules in Product, Data Science, Pricing, Marketing & Social Media, CX, UX, Financial Crime and Info Security with pre-recorded videos from the teams and resource packs to refer to throughout. The activities are engaging and need minimal resource (mainly Microsoft Word, PPT, Excel and Pen and Paper). Essentially, the idea is that students will have the opportunity to create their own insurance product and go through the motions of how we would do the process at Covéa but breaking it down in to bite size chunks of learning for them to experience the industry challenges, successes, opportunities for growth and all the good stuff in-between! For more information or to apply click [here](#).

5-9th & 12-16 July BDO Virtual Work Experience:

Explore BDO Insight Programme 5th – 9th July:

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.

Year 12 Summer Virtual Insight Programme 12th-16th July

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.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

2nd-13th August: SpringPod Virtual Work Experience: our Virtual Work Experience programmes, running from the 2nd to the 13th of August, are now open for applications. These August programmes will really give students the chance to take control of their future this summer, ensuring that they come back more prepared than ever. <https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience>

15th July: Summer Medical Work Experience: With the summer holidays fast approaching, your aspiring healthcare students can now arrange their medical summer work experience before all the spaces fill up. The next available date is: 15th July 2021

Registration link: www.educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/ward-round-live/

26th July – 6th August: Fujitsu Virtual Work Experience: We're partnering with Springpod to launch Work X – a virtual work experience programme – aimed at 14-18 year olds. Some of subjects covered will be smart cities, quantum computing, cyber security, automation, together with career opportunities and information in Fujitsu. We will be offering 100 places in the initial cohort and it will be completely free for participants to attend. Applications are now open to join our first cohort, and close on the 22nd July (when applicants will be informed if they have been successful). The work experience is a 20 hour programme that takes place virtually from 26th July to 6th August. The online application form for registration can be found at: [Fujitsu Work Experience | Springpod](#)
On completion of the programme, participants will receive Certificate of completion.

Apprenticeship Information

Apprenticeships at Martin Baker: We are offering the opportunity to combine working with a fascinating product and an exciting four years of on-the-job training. We look to develop our apprentices both personally and professionally, giving them opportunities to attend various industry events and personal development trips. We have an established apprenticeship scheme now with nearly twenty current apprentices progressing through, with the majority of them remaining within employment at Martin-Baker in a variety of exciting roles. If you are interested in an apprenticeship then the application form is on the Martin-Baker website now <http://martin-baker.com/careers/apprenticeships/>. All application forms should be forwarded to recruitment@martin-baker.co.uk.

Martin Baker have put together a video to give students more of an idea as to what an apprenticeship with Martin-Baker means [The Martin-Baker Apprenticeship Scheme Explained - YouTube](#)

ASK Apprenticeships Parent Perspective Podcast: The Parent Perspective Podcast "The Parent Perspective" is an exciting new 8-part podcast series for parents and carers, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance. [Subscribe](#) on your preferred platform today to be ready for the first episode coming soon!

Deadline 8th July: Army Intermediate, Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships. Starting salary £14,000+, recruiting nationwide. For more information on what vacancies the Army has available click [here](#).