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Careers Newsletter

October 2021

One month in and it feels like it's flown by! UCAS, University applications and personal statements are high on the agenda, but this is also a time to research apprenticeships, find out what is out there and what you are interested in. If you have any questions or anything you'd like to be included then email amy.sutcliffe@utcreading.org.uk.

General

4th-10th World Space Week. World Space Week 2021 celebrates "Women in Space"! Join thousands of participants in over 90 countries celebrating accomplishments and contributions of women to the space sector and sciences. In 2020, more than 6,500 events were organized in over 60 countries under the theme "Satellites Improve Life". To find out more about what it going on this year, including lots of information on careers in the Space sector click [here](#).

6th October, 7-8pm – InvestIn Parent Events – The Skills Surgery. Join us for an evening of expert advice on how your child can increase their chances of medical school success. Led by Dr. Julian Pearce (Dermatology Registrar and Academic Clinical Fellow) discover the application process, the key skills needed and how you can help your child achieve their career goals. Register [here](#).

12th October: Founders4Schools - How you can change the world (with the help of Physics)

Sponsored by the *Institute of Physics* and part of our *Role Model Week*.

Physics teaches how to understand and solve complex problems, yet some young people are put off by misconceived ideas of what physics is. Others are denied the opportunity to study physics due to the prejudice and stereotypes that they experience because of who they are. Hear from inspiring speakers about how physics is the foundation of their career, hosted by the founder of Ada Lovelace Day, Suw Charman-Anderson. [Book here](#)

20th October, 7-8pm – InvestIn Parent Events – Succeeding in STEM. Kickstarting your child's career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. There are many paths to careers in STEM so how do you guide your child towards the right one? This webinar, led by industry-professionals, will discuss the essential skills vital for STEM careers. For more information and to register click [here](#).

2nd November – Equal Engineers Engineering and Technology Careers Fair. Come along and find out about apprenticeships, placements, internships, graduate and returnship opportunities from engineering and technology employers. For more information and to register [click here](#).

16th November: Founders4Schools Spotlight on Entrepreneurship & Sustainability Think like an entrepreneur - bring students along to explore how sustainability and business can go together in careers that help to protect the planet. Live Q&A opportunities. [Book here](#)

24th November, 7-8pm – InvestIn Parent Events – Supercharge your Child’s Leadership Skills. Today’s young people will be the leaders of tomorrow. Therefore, it is vital we support them to be strong leaders from an early age. This free-of-charge webinar will deep dive into all things leadership from encouraging your child to develop a sense of responsibility to honing their organisational and planning skills. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Latest Edition of Catalyst Magazine: The exciting science journal for young people aged 14-19 and their educators. Covering scientific research and industrial developments, real life STEM stories, career journeys, STEM expeditions and adventure. <https://catalyst-magazine.org/issue-39/>

University Information

23rd September – 14th October, Mondays - Thursdays, 18:00 - 19:00 Swansea University Current News Webinars. Our free webinars, aimed at Year 12 & 13 students, are a unique opportunity for students to discover a range of subjects in the form of scintillating current news lectures, delivered by our world-leading academics. It's a chance for you to interact with experts in their fields and ask questions that can deepen your interest and help you narrow down your search for university courses. For more information on available webinars and to sign up click [here](#).

6th October: University of Swansea Virtual Open Event - We are holding our next **Virtual Open Evening on Wednesday 6th October.** You will have the opportunity to: find out about courses, chat to staff and current students studying their chosen subjects, take a virtual tour of our fantastic campus and department facilities. Students can [book our Open Evening here](#). Students can also register for our **Physical Open Events on Saturday 23rd October and Saturday 20th November** <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/open-days/>.

9th October: Oxford Brookes University Open Day. Our Open Day offers 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. You will be able to join us for the following: subject taster sessions, live Q&A sessions with our academics and support staff, talks from admissions, finance, wellbeing and accommodation Please [book your place here](#).

9th October: Salford University Open Day. Our next Open Day looking towards September 2022 entry will take place on Saturday 9th October 2021. You can find further information and register your interest [here](#) now.

23rd October: Brunel University Open Day. Hear about courses and subjects, tour our London campus, explore all aspects of university life, talk to our staff and students, and find out what Brunel has to offer. For more information [click here](#).

26th October, 11am: Royal Holloway Personal Statement Support. Talking about the highs, the lows and everything in between hear directly from Royal Holloway, University of London's Schools Team about writing a personal statement and applying to university. We will give you tips and advice on making the process as smooth as possible. This is your chance to ask staff all your personal statement and university questions. [Click here](#) to register.

6th November, 4th December – University of Portsmouth Open Days. Come to an Open Day on [Saturday 6 November](#) or [Saturday 4 December](#) and we'll help you explore our island city, student life and the University, and get a taste for undergrad life in Portsmouth. Our autumn Open Day events will be held on campus, however if circumstances do change and we have to hold these events virtually, we'll email you directly.

9th November, 6pm – Royal Holloway Parents and Supporters Webinar. A webinar that provides advice and tips to your parents and supporters on helping support you through the UCAS application cycle, student finance, accommodation and student life. Parents can [register here](#).

UCAS & Personal Statement Support from University of Hertfordshire. The University of Hertfordshire look forward to supporting you in the coming months whether virtually or in person. We have an exciting range of talks, tasters and on campus events taking place to inspire and support your students on their Higher Education Journey. You can find out more about what we've got coming up [here](#). We appreciate the next few months will be busy with UCAS applications and we have some great resources to support you with your personal statements if you need a little inspiration. You can access our downloadable personal statements guide [here](#).

Tips for writing your personal statement: University of Salford. Your personal statement is a chance for you to tell us why you want to study your chosen course or subject, and is submitted to [UCAS](#) along with the rest of your application. We know writing your personal statement can be a daunting task - so we've given our top tips to help you get started. [Click here for more information](#).

Work Experience

InvestIn Weekend Experiences in a number of different fields: This term we are offering students aged 12-18 immersive weekend experiences in 13 different STEM and Medicine-related careers. Learn from top doctors, engineers, psychologists, investment bankers and more. Students can attend in-person at UCL or online. Other options include the Universities of Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester and Edinburgh. For more information click [here](#).

26th October – 5th November Siemens Virtual Work Experience: Due to popular demand we are running the Siemens' Virtual Work Experience programme again 26th Oct - 5th Nov - for Years 10-13 ages 14-18 UK students - facilitated through [#springpodvwex](#) - with 'live' webinars with [#teamsiemens](#) colleagues. Please share with family and friends.

Comments from previous cohorts "This programme has been an absolute pleasure to participate in. I have learnt a great deal about the company that is Siemens and everything that it has to offer. You've done an absolutely fantastic job in showing possible career pathways I could take through Siemens and I'm highly interested in working for you some time in the future! " To register and for more information click [here](#).

25th July-29th July 2022: EY Business Academy. If you're already considering an alternative to university, this programme will help you build the skills you need. Our paid Business Academy balances on-the-job experience with business skills sessions and work shadowing. Working in supportive teams in either **Assurance, Tax or Turnaround and Restructuring Strategy**, you'll gain insight to our business, take part in learning sessions and have lots of opportunities to network with our people to kick-start your EY career. You must be in Year 12, completing three A levels (or equivalent) and have a minimum of grade 4/C GCSE (or equivalent) in English Language and Maths. You must also live within a one hour commuting distance of the office location you're applying to, and have strong motivations for exploring alternatives to university. [For more information and to apply click here.](#)

Free Virtual Work Experience with Springpod. Discover the world of work, gain unique industry insights and complete workplace-style activities with leading employers in the UK. And the best part - it's free. <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>

Work Experience with Kier: Your chance to sample the world of Kier. Every project we work on draws on the skills and expertise of our people. Their job is to make a positive impact on the world. Because what we achieve together in a day will have benefits that last for generations.

<https://www.kier.co.uk/careers/work-experience/work-experience-contacts-map/>

Apprenticeship Information

13th & 14th October: [WorldSkills UK's Spotlight Talks: Inspiring Careers Excellence](#) is back by popular demand, delivering free virtual advice and guidance to support young people to confidently take the next step on their career ladder. [Register your students today.](#)

The Spotlight Talks will focus on the exciting digital skills and careers that can be built from technical education and apprenticeships. This follows research from WorldSkills UK which shows that demand from employers for digital skills will continue to grow.

The free online careers event, hosted in partnership with BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT will feature inspiring talks from leading employers including Rolls-Royce, PwC, Mace, AECOM, Everton in the Community and many more. For more info & to register click [here](#).

20th & 21st October: Rate My Apprenticeship Virtual Event. You're invited to [RateMyApprenticeship's Virtual Event](#) on 20th & 21st October.

Featuring 15 of the best apprenticeship employers in the UK, this is your opportunity to:

- Meet Aldi, Deloitte, Vodafone + more
- ? Ask any questions you have about apprenticeships
- 💡 Get exclusive application advice
- 🏆 PLUS win prizes!

Spaces are limited, so [register](#) NOW to avoid missing out

18th November: Virtual National Apprenticeship Show - South 18th November 2021 Registration is now open for the virtual National Apprenticeship Show – South. This educational event highlights Apprenticeship opportunities and offers information from your region's top employers and training providers! You can register for this event for FREE and participate from the comfort of your classroom or home.

You will need to register individually to get the most out of the event.

For more info & to register click [here](#).

Apprenticeships at CGI. CGI is one of the largest IT and business process services providers in the world, delivering high-quality business consulting, systems integration and managed services. With 40 years of experience and continued business growth we offer financial strength and business rigour to support some of the UK's biggest and best brands across the commercial and public sectors.

Our teams have experience in delivering award winning programmes in space, defence and national security, central government and the public sector, as well as the commercial sector including financial services, oil and gas, energy and utilities and communications.

To find out more about apprenticeships at CGI click [here](#).

Apprenticeships at Mace. Mace is an international consultancy and construction company, founded and built on exceptional people, a commitment to service excellence and an entrepreneurial spirit. From managing the construction of iconic buildings that transform the landscape to regenerating a town that brings people together, as a Mace Apprentice you'll get hands on experience working on amazing projects alongside industry leading professionals. To find out more click [here](#).

Apprenticeships with Vodafone: Apprenticeships aren't what they used to be. These days, they're a platform for your generation to go on and own the future, and frankly, we love to see it. As a global tech leader, we connect millions of people and make all kinds of innovations possible – from making the UK's first ever 5G holographic call, to #KeepingTheUKConnected and the Connected Living project with the disability charity Mencap. Our plans for the future are even more promising, and this is your chance to get hands-on and make it happen. With an Apprenticeship at Vodafone, you can start one step ahead. For more information and to register your interest for 2022 Apprenticeships click [here](#).

Apprenticeships with AstraZeneca: At AstraZeneca, we put patients first and strive to meet their unmet needs worldwide. The scientific apprenticeship programme allows apprentices to learn and develop in a team with a renewed focus on building the AstraZeneca medicines pipeline, with 7 new oncology medicines being added to our pipeline. Our Oncology team is driven by speed, you will be backed by leadership and empowered at every level to prioritise and make bold moves. Allowing you to make the best of our structured education and work-based environment while you study towards a degree via distance learning with the University of Kent. For more information click [here](#).

Apprenticeships at Amazon: Are you ready to build your future? Amazon is looking for curious and enthusiastic people to join our Apprenticeship programs across Europe and the UK. Whatever your background, qualifications or career aspirations, we have a place for you here. Your passion and talent will help Amazon continue to deliver and innovate for our customers; and we want to deliver and innovate for you too! We have big plans to help you grow into your best self and develop your career with us. For more information click [here](#).

Apprenticeships at EY. Working across 150 countries within four business areas; Assurance, Consulting, Strategy and Transactions and Tax, our teams work at the cutting edge, drawing upon fresh thinking and advanced technology to help make better business decisions. You'll have the scope, scale, and challenges to unleash your potential. Innovation is our mindset and technology is our power; enabling us to move business to new uncharted depths and deliver better and faster solutions for clients. No matter which area you join, you'll harness pioneering technology that will empower smarter working, bolder thinking, and collaboration with no boundaries. Start your career and discover our world, your way. For more information click [here](#).