



### Events & Opportunities

The London Institute of Banking & Finance and the Financial Times (FT) are pleased to announce the launch of our **Young Financial Journalist competition** 2019-20! We are seeking well-argued articles from **students aged 14-19** for this joint competition. Winning entries will be published on The London Institute of Banking & Finance website and may also be published on FT.com and/or in an edition of FT Money (at the FT's discretion). The winner of each age group will also receive a £150 cash prize. Deadline 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020. <https://www.libf.ac.uk/study/financial-capability/student-zone/young-financial-journalist>

**Open Doors** offers a unique chance to go behind the scenes of live construction sites, offices, factories, and training centres across Great Britain. Discover how the communities you live in are shaped and constructed by an industry with a diverse range of career paths to offer. In March 2019, Open Doors saw 290 sites open across Great Britain, with nearly 6000 bookings made. **Next Open Doors is from 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020, register your interest now** at, [www.opendoors.construction](http://www.opendoors.construction)

**Work Experience at Atkins** now open, for **students aged 14-19**, complete the online form here before 1<sup>st</sup> January, <https://careers.snclavalin.com/work-experience#>

**Year 12 students**, register now to enter the **New College of the Humanities (NCH) Essay Competition**. NCH is inviting competition essay entries, our selection of essay titles engages across a broad range of humanities and social sciences topics and we look forward to receiving entries from talented and intellectually curious students who show passion and academic potential in the humanities and social sciences.

<https://www.nchlondon.ac.uk/essay/#page-section-5>

*Two of our sixth form students won prizes in this competition last year!*

Applications for 2020 **Engineering Work Experience Week, 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June** (please check your exam dates), at **Air Products** (KT12 4RZ), are now open. To apply, **students years 11/12/13** should send their CV and covering letter to [council@airproducts.com](mailto:council@airproducts.com). The closing date is 1st March 2020. For more information, [airproducts.com/careers](http://airproducts.com/careers)

**The FREE Sutton Trust US Programme** is designed to support **high achieving Year 12 students** from state schools across the UK to explore US study and access leading universities. It includes two residentials in the UK, before all students spend a week in the US staying on campus at a leading US university and visiting others. An optional second year of the programme supports students to apply to US universities alongside their UCAS options. To find out more and apply: <https://us.suttontrust.com/>



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**PWC Work Experience Opportunities for Year 12 students**, closing date 14<sup>th</sup> February

We're delighted to once again launch **our two unique paid summer work experience programmes for Year 12 students - Business Insight Week and Digital Insight Week**. This year we are offering over 400 work experience places in 2019 across the UK. Whether you're looking for a general introduction to potential career pathways into business, or are keen to get stuck into some cutting edge technology, these programmes are worth exploring. Find out more on our website,

<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/school-jobs/jobs/work-experience.html>

- PWC is also holding a series of Virtual Events (webinars) to help students and family members find out more about the Insight Weeks, you can sign up using the link above.

Are you currently looking at your options for after college or sixth form? **Consider IBM's Gap Year Scheme!** Our Gap Year Scheme is a **12-month placement which offers an £18,000 salary and a £1,000 bonus**. The Futures Placement scheme offers you an invaluable opportunity to work with a world-leading company for 12-months, broadening your horizons and giving you a head start in your career. You'll be deployed onto a challenging work placement, where you'll support and learn from experienced professionals across IBM. At the end of the placement, it's in your hands. If you would like to consider IBM as a long-term career then you could apply for our Apprenticeship scheme or you could go to university - the choice is yours!

Visit: [ibm.biz/IBMSchoolLeaver](http://ibm.biz/IBMSchoolLeaver) to apply now!

**Year 12 students, Applications now open for Nuffield Research Placements**

Eligibility criteria applies, please check carefully, <https://nuffieldfoundation.org/student-applicants>  
<http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/nuffield-research-placements>

## Resources

The new Amazing Apprenticeships December Parents Pack is here and includes 5 questions to ask when figuring out your options, current vacancies and much more! Please download the **Amazing Apprenticeships Parent Pack** here, <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2019/12/Parent-Pack-December-2019.pdf>

Considering taking the **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)** in the sixth form? Our speaker from the University of East Anglia left several EPQ resource booklets, available in LRC and PS2.

Attention Year 12 students: the following both on SMHW as a notification: -

'**Making the Most of UCAS Fairs, Open Days and your Summer**', delivered by Lydia Newton from the University of East Anglia focuses on what you can be doing now to enhance HE applications.

'**An In-Depth Guide to University**', delivered by Paul Drinkwater from the University of Southampton encourages students to look closely at course content (particularly beyond year one), find out who will be teaching you plus much more.



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**London South East Colleges** are looking ahead to their next series of **Open Evenings in 2020**. Please see fliers in the LRC or ask Mrs Lenaghan for a copy.

Various **college and sixth form prospectuses** available in the LRC including East Surrey, Nescot, Carshalton and Harris Sixth Form.

**Advanced Apprenticeships** can be searched for on the following sites:-

- **Find an Apprenticeship**, <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- **Get My First Job**, <https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>
-  Follow the link and click on the logo to reveal a snapshot of apprenticeship vacancies coming up soon, <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

## Higher Education

**University Taster Course Programme** offers over two hundred free university taster courses in multiple subject areas at numerous universities in and around London. Apply online at [london.ac.uk/tasters](http://london.ac.uk/tasters)



### **Culture, Media and Creative Industries BA at King's**

Become an expert in how the cultural and creative industries operate, the ways in which media shapes our lives and how we, in turn, influence the media and creative sectors. On our flexible Culture, Media & Creative Industries BA, you'll study a huge variety of topics - from film, music, games and immersive technologies to theatres, museums, heritage, contemporary art and more. The degree has a strong focus on creative careers and you'll gain practical and transferable skills to prepare you for working in the cultural, creative, media and digital sectors and you'll enjoy links with our numerous partners in the arts, cultural and media industries.

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/culture-media-creative-industries-ba>



**BA (Hons) in the Archaeology of the Historic World, new programme at Durham University.** This allows students with a passion for history to pursue their interests and career development through researching historic sites, material culture and museums. The programme is designed for students taking history A level and who might be interested in taking their interest further in preparing for careers in heritage, museums and archaeology.

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/courses/info/?id=25588&title=Archaeology+of+the+Historic+World&code=F406&type=BA&year=2020>



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### **LSE Management Masterclass: Developing the next generation of leaders**

This programme is a one-day event **aimed at Year 12**. Management is a broad and rewarding multidisciplinary degree programme, and this event will appeal to students with an interest in management, economics, finance, accounting, marketing or human resources. Please note Mathematics at A-Level is a requirement for any student wishing to apply. The day will feature two interactive sessions led by inspiring academics from the Management department, specialist admissions advice, an insight into careers after studying Management, a campus tour and a Q&A led by current LSE students. Students will also be provided with a free lunch and a goody bag packed with university essentials! For information on this programme and a link to the application form for your students, please visit: [www.lse.ac.uk/managementmasterclass](http://www.lse.ac.uk/managementmasterclass).

**Applications are open and will close on 1 February 2020**

**Loughborough University Inspiring Minds** is an excellent opportunity for students thinking about university to learn more about the options available to them. Students will have the opportunity to experience their chosen subject at undergraduate level through a range of taster lectures and workshops, receive university application guidance and take a tour of our outstanding campus with current students.

**Sport – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020**

**Business & Economics – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The events are free of charge, but please note that spaces are limited and therefore early booking is recommended. Please click below for more information and to book.

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/school-college-liaison/events/inspiringminds/>

### **Discover Days at the University of Manchester**

**January 21st - DISCOVER HISTORY AND RELATED SUBJECTS\***

This will give you a taste of what it's like to study these courses at the University and the type of careers you could go into with these degrees.

**The Discover Day will look at: \*American Studies, Archaeology, Art History and Visual Studies, Classics and Ancient History, History and Religion and Theology.**

As well as exploring the research and study options offered by our internationally recognised Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine. You will also discover why degrees in these subjects create graduates with the highly developed communication, critical analysis, research, team working and independent learning skills. To book your place: <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU040aWoCoKz2v>

**Also on January 23rd - DISCOVER ENGLISH, DRAMA AND AMERICAN STUDIES**

To book your place: <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU040aqpSmGAti>



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The **Oxbridge Mentoring Scheme** is free and only for students from state-funded schools. It aims to raise aspirations to apply to Oxbridge amongst your most able students from diverse backgrounds, achieved through online academic mentoring outside of school in which they replicate Oxbridge teaching styles. The OMS will run from March 2020 for Year 12 students to the point of Oxbridge interviews in Year 13. The deadline for OMS applications is **Friday 3rd January 2020**. <https://www.insightoutreach.org/apply-here>.

The **Amos Bursary** is a charity committed to assisting academically able British boys and young men (16–24) of African and Caribbean descent, from London Schools and Sixth Form Colleges to fulfil their academic potential, attend top universities, secure good professional jobs in which they can excel and give back to society. All undergraduates receive an annual bursary of £500, except those in receipt of scholarships over £500. **To check eligibility** and to find out more please visit, <https://www.amosbursary.org.uk/students/>. The APPLICATION DEADLINE for this year's recruitment is **24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**.

## Post 18 Choices



**Year 13 students, Inalytics** is recruiting for a university calibre school leaver who is looking to obtain vocational training within a fast growing Croydon-based technology company. It is a full time role as a Trainee Data Analyst within our Client Services team, with a starting basic gross salary of £15,000 per annum. Our ideal candidate is of university calibre with at least two A levels at Grade A (or projected Grade A), and with GCSE English & Maths at Grade 6-9. Please see SMHW for job description and how to apply.

**Deadline for applications is Friday 20th December 2019**

**Apprenticeships with Google** now open for applications, **Level 3 Digital Marketing, Level 3 Infrastructure Technology, and Level 4 Software Development**. Applications open in October of each year for the October intake in the following year. duration ranges from 15 - 24 months.

Reach out with questions on [uk-apprenticeships@google.com](mailto:uk-apprenticeships@google.com).

<https://buildyourfuture.withgoogle.com/programs/apprenticeship-programs/>

**Unilever Apprenticeship opportunities now open**, for programmes that will start in September 2020. Our offering of programmes will include **Business Administrator, Associate Project Manager, Professional Accountant** and **degree programmes including Digital Marketing, Food Science, Chemical Engineering and more!**

<https://careers.unilever.com/uk/en/apprenticeships>



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### Ashurst Solicitor Apprenticeship 2020

Would you like to become a lawyer with a leading international firm but not sure that full-time university is the right fit for you? Ashurst's solicitor apprenticeship offers an exciting route to becoming a qualified lawyer in England & Wales outside of the traditional training contract. This is the third year that the scheme has been running at the firm.

It is designed to help school leavers kick-start their career with a structured learning programme, and provides the opportunity to avoid student debt whilst earning a wage and gaining invaluable experience.

The level 7 solicitor apprenticeship lasts 6 years and incorporates an LLB (Hons.) degree and the new solicitor qualifying exams. Alongside studying part-time with The University of Law one day a week, you will gain hands-on experience of a wide range of legal work.

**Applications for the 2020 solicitor apprenticeship intake are now open** and you can apply (and learn more about the scheme) via the early careers section of Ashurst's website: <https://www.ashurst.com/en/careers/students-and-graduates/uk/apprenticeship/>

Applications will shut on 1 March 2020 for a September 2020 start. Candidates must be on track to obtain ABB at A Level (or equivalent) in any subjects - you don't need to have studied law before! Please email [Nicola.stafford@ashurst.com](mailto:Nicola.stafford@ashurst.com) directly with any questions about the scheme or recruitment process.

**Atkins** has a number of roles available across a range of disciplines, **from surveying to project management, electrical to mechanical engineering (levels 3 – 7)**. You'll work towards professional qualifications, gaining practical skills and earning while you learn. <https://careers.snclavalin.com/apprenticeships>

**The Government Economic Service Degree Apprenticeship Programme (GES-DAP)** is an opportunity for you to work in a central government department or agency on some of the most important social, environmental and economic issues our country faces – while studying for a degree in economics with the University of Kent. Applications open on 10<sup>th</sup> December and will close on 20<sup>th</sup> February, to find out more, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-government-economic-service-degree-level-apprenticeship>



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A professional career without a degree? A salary while you're still learning? A social life when you're working hard? What's really right for you? Having it all might just be possible. **The Deloitte BrightStart Higher Apprenticeship Scheme** is an opportunity for clever, curious people like you to leap into the world of professional services. This is an earn-while-you-learn higher apprenticeship, with the chance to gain a professional qualification and get stuck in, helping to solve some of our clients' most complex problems right from the minute you join. Create a brilliant career for yourself with a business that's making an impact worldwide. <https://www2.deloitte.com/uk/en/pages/careers/articles/brightstart-business-apprenticeship-scheme.html>

Find out more about and register your interest/apply for apprenticeship programmes at, **EY**, <https://ukcareers.ey.com/students/programmes/apprenticeships>  
**IBM**, <https://www-05.ibm.com/employment/uk-en/school-leaver.html>

**GSK** is a science-led global healthcare company with a special purpose: to help people do more, feel better, live longer. **Applications for their Apprenticeship Schemes now open.** They offer apprenticeships in a variety of UK locations so depending on your location, you can apply for one of their programmes at your chosen site. **Science is core to their success** and we're always looking for those with a background in STEM subjects. **However, they also have opportunities, for example in Finance and Cyber Security.**  
<http://uk.gsk.com/en-gb/careers/apprenticeships/>

**Rolls Royce** offer **apprenticeships and various degree apprenticeships** including commercial, digital and technology, engineering and management. You may be based in any part of the country, to find out more and to apply,  
<https://careers.rolls-royce.com/united-kingdom/students-and-graduates/apprenticeships-and-school-leavers>

**Many more School Leaver Schemes, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships** can be searched for on the following sites:-

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- **Student Ladder**, <http://www.studentladder.co.uk/School-Leaver-Programmes/school-leaver-programmes.html>