



Events & Opportunities

Open Doors offers a unique chance for you 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. **It is still going ahead but instead of being an onsite experience it will now be a virtual one!** Thanks to the wonders of technology, they are taking Open Doors Digital and offering a range of remote options for visitors to learn more about construction and explore sites across the country. To find out how to participate in virtual events please go to, <https://builduk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Open-Doors-Goes-Digital-Information-for-Visitors.docx.pdf>

Pathways to Property Summer School takes place from 20-23 July for **Year 12 students who want to learn more about a career in property**. Taking place over 4 days on campus at Henley Business School, University of Reading, this fully funded, residential Summer School gives you the opportunity to explore the world of property and the careers within it. To find out more and apply, http://rref.henley.ac.uk/rref-what-we-do/Pathway_to_Property/rref_pathways_to_property_summer_school_2020.aspx

Not Year 12 but have an interest in finding out more about careers in property?

Try the **FREE online course, Pathways to Property: Starting your Career in Real Estate**. Participants will hear from industry experts developing the International Quarter near the Olympic Park about the challenges of working on a huge project. Find out how property is developed, why we need property and which career opportunities are available in the property industry. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/pathways-to-property>

ATTENTION Year 13 students: 11-week gap year opportunity, closing date 15th April
We're excited to announce the launch of the **LIS* Sprint (London Interdisciplinary School)**. This is an exciting opportunity for students to join the LIS team for 11 weeks as paid beta-testers to help us get ready for our launch in 2021.

The LIS Sprint is aimed at students taking a gap year and may appeal to students who want to:

- Experience studying in London
- Learn with our team of leading academics joining LIS from institutions including Oxbridge, Harvard, and LSE
- Gain an insight into our interdisciplinary approach before the launch of our 2021 undergraduate programme

The sprint is going to be challenging. But it will also be rewarding, fast-paced, and fun. Kick-off is this September. There are just 20 places available. And this is a paid opportunity so students can earn while they learn. Applications are now open. To find out more and apply, <https://www.londoninterdisciplinarieschool.org/the-lis-sprint/>

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Keen to experience the fashion industry and roles within it, **aged 13-16 years?** Applications now open for the **FREE Fashion Retail Academy Saturday Club**, starting September 2020, please check eligibility criteria. Supported by the British Fashion Council, the club is aimed at providing young people with the opportunity to learn new disciplines and skills, whilst gaining important insights into the Industry and further study opportunities.

<https://www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk/landing/a-landing-page/saturday-club/>

Register your interest for **What Career Live and What University Live** scheduled to take place on 10th October at Olympia, <https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/>

Resources

<https://i-want-to-study-engineering.org/> A website to help *you* compete for engineering places at top universities (recommended by a current student).

<http://www.careersatsea.org/> No matter how fast the world changes, a career at sea will stand you in excellent stead. It starts with funded learning and specialist training, both at sea and onshore. Along the way you'll work with cutting-edge technologies, developing a raft of practical and technical skills. And find yourself equipped with the confidence to lead a team, take charge and enjoy living life to the full. With a career at sea, time off is measured in weeks & months, not days.

T Levels are new courses coming in September 2020*, which will follow GCSEs and will be equivalent to 3 A Levels. These 2-year courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work. T Levels will offer students a mixture of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience during an industry placement of at least 315 hours (approximately 45 days). They will provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door into skilled employment, further study or a higher apprenticeship. Available from Autumn 2020,

- digital production, design and development**
- design, surveying and planning
- education

To find out more: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels>

***according to FE Week, the organising bodies have asked for a 12-month delay.**

****NOTE:** Ursuline Sixth Form in Wimbledon is offering a T level in this.

Reminder that **students can log into the Financial Times and British Medical Journal online,**

bmj.com

Username: wcgshuser

Password: UsCc6kzHLt

Ft.com

Username: wCGS@suttonlea.org

Password: Library1

Resources

FREE Online Learning Courses, <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

For ages 13 and upwards, they are free if you choose courses included in unlimited or offering a free digital upgrade. Just a few of the free courses available....

Literature of the English Country House

Take a journey through the literature of English country houses from the time of Thomas More to Oscar Wilde. Course developed by the University of Sheffield. 3 hours weekly study over 6 weeks.

COVID-19: Tackling the Novel Coronavirus

What is COVID-19 and how might the outbreak affect you? Find out more about coronavirus and explore its worldwide implications. Course developed by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. 4 hours weekly study over 3 weeks.

Emergencies and Disasters: Trends and Issues

Understand the common characteristics of emergencies and disasters and explore the challenges they create. Course developed by Coventry University (part of a degree course). 3 hours weekly study over 2 weeks.

Unleash your Potential: Innovation and Enterprise

Get an introduction to innovation and enterprise and learn to generate and evaluate your own ideas. Course developed by the University of Bristol. 3 hours weekly study over 4 weeks. This course is aimed at anyone interested in innovation and enterprise in the modern world, **may be of particular interest to students looking to develop their transferable skills for the workplace/everyday life.**

Global Health Governance: Addressing Globalization and Health Inequalities

Explore global health governance and the challenges facing healthcare workers and policymakers.

Course developed by St George's, University of London. 3 hours study over 3 weeks.

Defending Dignity: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Explore the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and learn how it empowers you to know, claim and defend your rights. Course developed by Amnesty International. 2 hours weekly study over 3 weeks.

Antiquities Trafficking and Art Crime

Delve into the seedy underbelly of the art world, looking at smuggling, theft, fakes, and fraud, with this free online course. Course developed by the University of Glasgow. 4 hours of weekly study over 3 weeks.

Post-16 Options

To find out more about sixth form, college and apprenticeships, please go to, <https://www.ucas.com/further-education>

What are A levels like? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd9ykmn>

The **Informed Choices document produced by the Russell Group of Universities** has been updated and is now available as an online tool. If you are unsure what you would like to study beyond A level and are keen to see where certain A level combinations might lead you can have a look here, <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/start>

An update on how to use **Fast Tomato** and its features, to follow.

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/> (**NOTE**, some of these will be aimed at A level leavers)

Higher Education

Going to university in the Autumn? Apply now for student finance, <https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/>

Virtual Open Days & Events: Year 12 & Year 13 students

Please register your interest with individual universities on their open day pages as you will then be informed as to when open events are going ahead. Exeter, for example, is planning a series of live events which, if you sign up, you will be informed about.

Swansea University is hosting a virtual open day on 4th April, <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/virtual-open-day/>

Lancaster University is holding webinars on student life and accommodation on 6th and 7th April, <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/connect/>

SAE is hosting an **Online Applicant Event** on Saturday 4th April from 11:00 to 12:00, SAE is a Creative Media Institute who offer an array of courses including two-year accelerated degrees which are accredited by Middlesex University. These courses fall into 6 disciplines: Animation (Game Art and VFX), Audio Production, Digital Film Production, Music Business, Games Programming, and Web Development. <https://sae.edu/gbr/online-applicant-event>

Look for other **virtual events and open days** here, <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>

Higher Education

The **University of Warwick is holding live chats** every weekday from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Staff, students and parents can join us anytime to ask questions about studying and living at Warwick. There are two live chats:

1. **Offer Holders (2020 entry)** - these are designed for Year 13 applicants and offer holders who have questions about their applications. Staffed by our Admissions team, these one to one drop-ins will provide quicker replies than emails.
2. **Enquirers (2021 entry)** - In the absence of UCAS Exhibitions and HE Fairs, we invite your Year 12 students to talk to us online instead. Staffed by members of our recruitment team, we should be able to answer your questions.

<https://meetandengage.com/universityofwarwick>

UEA is hosting a series of **undergraduate webinars for Year 12 & 13 students** including, 8th April, Next Steps (for Year 13 students)

22nd April, Choosing a course

23rd April, Medical students Q & A

To look at the whole schedule and join talks you are interested in please visit,

<http://www.uea.ac.uk/study/webinars>

Watch this space: they will soon be launching further **subject specific taster lectures**; I will email when these become available.

Reminder: 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>

Reminder: 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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Want to find out more about Apprenticeships?

NEW! Sutton Trust Apprenticeship Summer School for Year 12 students offers you the chance to gain valuable insight of the **degree-level apprenticeship route into a variety of careers**. The programme will help you make an informed decision about your future career. You will gain an in depth understanding of degree apprenticeships, what they involve and whether a degree apprenticeship is the right choice for you. You will meet and hear from current apprentices, experience networking opportunities, attend interactive practical sessions hosted by employers and learn the different application processes employers use. **Register your interest now, please check eligibility,**

<https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/apprenticeship-summer-school/>

The **Amazing Apprenticeships interactive student guide** includes **10 hours of self-directed learning activities**, perfect for distance learning. Designed for students in **years 12 and 13**, it will equip them with essential information about apprenticeships and guide them through how to research and apply for opportunities. Please click the link to download a copy,

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/interactive-student-apprenticeship-guide/>

Please download the **March Amazing Apprenticeships Parent Pack** here,

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2020/03/Parent-Pack-March-2020.pdf>

Virtual Events at PwC: Find out more about their School and College leaver programmes and the careers opportunities available to you at PwC.

You'll have the opportunity to hear from staff who joined from school or college, find out more about the recruitment process and ask any questions you may have.

Virtual events are open to anyone who is interested in the School and College leaver programmes at PwC. Parents and teachers are also welcome to join the call if they wish to find out more about these fantastic opportunities.

We'll provide you with all the information you need to join the event after you've registered. Next one is on 28th April, to find out more and to check out other dates, careersschools.pwc.co.uk/Events/All/

The following **EY Apprenticeship Schemes** are now open for applications, **Assurance, Tax, Transactions** – these all come with professional qualifications **Digital and Technology** – a degree apprenticeship

To find out more about all of these and to apply, please go to,

<https://ukcareers.ey.com/students/programmes/apprenticeships>

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Solicitor Apprenticeship with Lewis Silkin, which aims to provide an alternative route into the legal profession for those who do not, for whatever reason, plan to go to University. The Solicitor Apprenticeship is a six-year programme, during which time the apprentices will gain an LLB (Hons) in Law and Practice and complete all the assessments required to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales.

Not only will apprentices avoid the student debt and giant loans, but they will also be paid a starting salary of £21,000 per year. By the end of the scheme they'll be qualified solicitors with the benefit of six-years' experience of paid legal work, and this practical experience will give them a strong footing to continue their legal careers.

Our apprentices will rotate through our two business divisions: Employment, Immigration and Reward, and Creators, Makers and Innovators. They will have one day a week of independent study and will spend four days a week in our office gaining practical experience to complement their learning.

<https://www.lewissilkin.com/en/join-us/solicitor-apprenticeships>

Further Degree Apprenticeships found today on,

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Apprentice Management Surveyor with Workman, closing date 30th April

If you are passionate about property and the delivery of excellent customer service, then you should consider a career in Property Management. Someone who is practical, methodical with high levels of attention to detail will suit a career in this field.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-518147>

Apprentice Quantity Surveyor, closing date 30th April

This is an amazing opportunity to start a rewarding career as a Surveyor. Working for VINCI Construction UK you'll be working on projects based around London and the Reading area. Quantity Surveyors manage the costs relating to construction projects, and they are involved throughout the lifecycle of construction. VINCI Construction UK's Trainee Quantity Surveyors will work within project teams to understand and safeguard the commercial position, whilst developing an understanding of contractual, commercial, insurance and legal processes relating to contracts.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-506895>

Degree Apprentice Software Engineer with Bordier & Cie (Uk) Plc, closing date 24th April

Bordier & Cie UK are offering an exciting opportunity for an outstanding Software Engineer to kick-start their career at a prestigious and award-winning Wealth Management firm. As a Software Engineer Apprentice at Bordier, not only will you be provided with practical learning, we will also support your development and enrol you on our fully funded Degree Apprentice programme to study towards a BSc (Hons) Degree in Digital and Technology Solutions at The University of West London – meaning by the end of the course you will receive a degree without any of the costs, whilst at the same time earning an attractive salary.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-517193>

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

-  Follow the link and click on the logo to reveal a snapshot of apprenticeship vacancies coming up soon, <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>
- **UCAS Career Finder**, <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/>
- **Find an Apprenticeship**, <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- **Get My First Job**, <https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>
- **Student Ladder**, <http://www.studentladder.co.uk/School-Leaver-Programmes/school-leaver-programmes.html>