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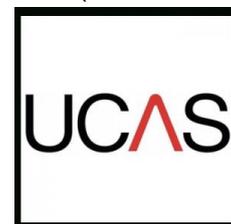
In this month's newsletter, there are links to virtual careers-related events, virtual work experience placements on offer and upcoming competitions.

Virtual Events

Are Britain's Structures for Government Still Fit for Purpose? (Years 10-13) - As Brexit and the Covid-19 crisis have both tested the institutions and systems of government to the UK to the limit, Mark Sedwill (the last Cabinet Secretary) will reflect on the strengths and weaknesses of the Whitehall model, and consider where Britain's state capacity might be improved. He will be joined by other senior figures to reflect on these issues, including Baroness Sally Morgan, Master of Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge, and Dr Catherine Haddon, Senior Fellow of Institute for Government. To sign up for this free event, offered by the University of Cambridge on Wednesday 28th April click [here](#)

UCAS/Discovery (Years 11 and 12) - This is an unmissable chance for you to explore your options and decide your future. Join UCAS live between 10:00 and 18:00 (UK time) on 20th – 21st April to:

- Explore over 100 UK universities
- Get inspiration and explore different career opportunities
- Understand if an apprenticeship is right for you
- Take part in live sessions and get your questions answered by the experts
- Get practical help on personal statements, accommodation, student loans, and more
- Hear from real students.



Virtual True Crime (Years 10-13) – The University of Law is offering an in-depth look into an interesting but grizzly subject. A look at real crimes and their legal and criminological effect on the world. Venture to different times with Jack the Ripper, Charles Ponzi, Gypsy Rose Blanchard and more. This will take place on Wednesday 21st April. Click [here](#) to book your place.

RAF Online insight Day (Years 7-13) - A career in the Royal Air Force is like no other. From the speedy role progression to the unrivalled skills and training you receive; all whilst travelling around the world and making friends for life, it really is 'No Ordinary Job'. The RAF offer over 50 careers for professionals, ranging from weapons systems operators to aircraft technicians; nursing officers to engineering officers; pilots to logistic officers; and flight operations officers to chefs. Click [here](#) to learn more about their upcoming insight day on 20th April.



Competitions

Jesus College, University of Cambridge: Essay Competition (Y12 & 13)

Jesus College's annual essay competition, the [Lord Toulson essay prize in Law](#), is now accepting entries. The 2021 topic is "The government should take control of unoccupied homes and allocate them to the homeless." Discuss.' Please note: the citation of English case law is neither required nor expected. This is a reflective, philosophical exercise, not a research project. The word limit is strictly 1,500 words in length. The deadline for entries is Friday 30 April 2021. For more information, please click [here](#).



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University of Cambridge, Photography competition (Years 10-12)

Each year, the Department of Sociology at the University of Cambridge hosts a photography competition aimed at students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Students are invited to enter one photograph and an accompanying paragraph that explains how the photo interprets the theme, which this year is "Future Sociologies".

The competition is judged by a panel of lecturers from the Department of Sociology, who will assess the photos and accompanying paragraph based on their creative interpretation of the theme, originality and sociological imagination. The winning student will receive £100 for themselves and £100 for their school, and the winning photo will be displayed both in the Department of Sociology and on our website. Click [here](#) for more information.



Virtual Work Experience

It is a perfect time for students to start to think about work experience. As students identified finding placements as the biggest problem, [Unifrog](#) have added **130 virtual WEX opportunities** to the Unifrog Special opportunities tool. Here is how to find them:



- 1) **On the Special Opportunities tool**, students first select which country they are from.
- 2) The tool then asks which country they are interested in searching opportunities from. To find all the virtual WEX opportunities, **select 'Online/ Worldwide'**.
- 3) Students then **select up to 10 subject areas** they're interested in which takes them through to the longlist.

4) From here, students pick their top placements to **create a shortlist of up to 10 opportunities**. The shortlist gives information about what to expect from the placement and how to apply for it.

NHS Healthcare Careers Virtual Work Experience (Years 10-12) – The next work experience day will take place on 2nd May. Students will follow two patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching. This will help students to make an informed career decision and learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Click [here](#) for more information.

Work Ready Virtual Experience (Years 10-12) - RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk has partnered with [Forage](#) and [Development Beyond Learning](#) (DBL) to design a Work Ready Virtual Experience for all school and college leavers. [Work Ready Virtual Experience](#) is a **free, self-paced** and **virtual** programme. Meaning you can easily fit it around your schedule. Work-readiness skills help students to effectively integrate into the world of work. The skills you will pick up from the experience are in high-demand by employers. Research shows they are also critical for success in the workplace, improving performance and results.

Careers resources

Careers profiles (Years 7-13) - If you are looking for information on a specific career or are searching for inspiration, you can browse the careers profiles at [Indigo](#).

StudentStream- (Years 10-13) - [StudentStream](#) brings together video content featuring vital advice, help and expert knowledge from universities and colleges across the UK. Whether you are at the beginning of your journey towards higher education, or currently at university and want to know more about life after studying your undergrad degree, we have the perfect content for you. Simply use the search function in the top right of the homepage to find the videos that are suitable for you, or select Pre Uni, At Uni, or Post Uni to find a number of different categories to help inform, motivate and inspire you.

All about apprenticeships – In the March issue of the newsletter, you can find information on International Women’s Day, preparing for virtual recruitment, new T Levels film, apprenticeships in the fashion industry and many more. Click [here](#) for more information.

For more information about [Careers & Options Advice at Bury Grammar Schools](#) please follow the link. Finally, I am available for appointments to talk through any questions you might have. Please email hgreene@burygrammar.com to make an appointment.

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