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UCAS Deadline Extended



The new in-demand jobs



Work for M&S as an Apprentice

UCAS application deadline extended to 29TH January



Following recent announcements, UCAS has made the decision to **extend the equal consideration deadline** for all applicants. The new deadline is now Friday 29 January at 18:00 (UK time). UCAS have said they are aware that most students have started their UCAS application and they expect to see the number of applications submitted by 29 January exceeding the numbers seen in previous years.

New Turing Scheme to replace Erasmus



The Erasmus student exchange scheme has been excluded from EU/UK Brexit deal and will be replaced by the Turing Scheme. The new scheme will **provide funding to outgoing UK students to study in Europe and at other universities around the world**. If government targets are met, more than double the number of current UK Erasmus students will benefit. However, there are fears that the number of incoming EU students will fall. Note: Erasmus placements in the 2020-2021 will continue as normal and universities in Northern Ireland will continue in the Erasmus scheme. Read more [here](#).

More students are choosing local universities during the pandemic



UCAS has surveyed more than 20,000 pupils about their plans to go to university and **nearly a quarter (23%) want to study closer to home**. It is thought that COVID-19 is accelerating this longer-term trend. "Young people in our focus groups have said they don't want to be far from their support networks," said Sarah Barr Miller, head of insight at the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Read more [here](#).

Brexit Advice for Students



The Office for Students (ONS) has produced information for students about how Brexit may affect their studies. There is **advice for UK nationals** studying in the European Union and EU, EEA and Swiss nationals studying in the UK and International students. For further information click [here](#).

The Graduate Market 2020



The End of Year Review on the Graduate Market in 2020 has been published. High Fliers Research returned in August and September to the employers that took part in the original research to assess **how the continuing Coronavirus crisis has affected graduate recruitment in 2020 and employers' recruitment plans for 2021**. See which sectors are going up and down. For more information click [here](#).

Job Hunting in 2021



What is relevant when job hunting in the current climate? The prospect of job hunting in 2021 might be daunting. The article [here](#) is aimed at graduates but is relevant for job hunters of any age. It **highlights 10 things you need to know** to maximise your job prospects.

Netflix Documentary Funding – Applications close January 31st



Netflix's Documentary Talent Fund is aiming to support new filmmakers from across the UK & to nurture the most innovative and creative minds of the future. To apply for funding, applicants need to submit a logline (one sentence); a short synopsis and creative statement about their documentary idea. The brief is "**Britain's Not Boring and Here's a Story.**" **No prior film-making experience is necessary and there is no age restriction**, however applicants must be UK Nationals. The deadline is January 31st. Further details on how to apply can be found at www.netflixdocfund.co.uk.

BAE Systems Apprenticeships



BAE Systems are aiming to **recruit apprentices for many roles** and at different levels including Degree Apprentice. Roles include Engineering, Supply Chain and Finance. To see the full range of opportunities available click [here](#). The closing date is **28th February 2021**.

Creative Degree Talks by the Northern College of Art



The school are offering a series of virtual sessions that can be viewed at any time and will provide **detailed insights into their degree courses**. Alternatively, links to their pre-recorded talks can be found on YouTube. [Visual Effects & Model Making](#); [Textiles & Surface Design](#); [Production Design for Stage & Screen](#); [Photography Illustration for Commercial Application](#) [Graphic Design](#); [Digital Design & Advertising](#); [Fine Art Film, TV & Theatre Production](#); [Acting for Stage & Screen Costume](#); [Interpretation with Design Fashion Body Contour](#); [Fashion Creative Direction](#).

Marks and Spencer Apprenticeships



If you are considering a career in retail, **M&S are currently recruiting for Level 4 Apprenticeships** in 2 areas Retail Management and Clothing & Home Buying and Merchandising (London). **Closing date 17th February 2021**. For further Information click [here](#).

Virtual Work Experience for Allied Health Careers (Nurse, Paramedic, Physiotherapist, Podiatrist, Therapists)



For students interested in careers in the Allied Health Professions, **a new virtual work experience programme has been launched**. This will be useful for university and apprenticeship applications. Students can choose to attend one or up to six one-day sessions and can **follow patients over a 6-month period, looking at diagnosis, treatment and follow ups provided by real healthcare professionals**. The **interactive sessions will allow for Q&A and wider discussions**. Cost per day is £10 or £50 for six. See [here](#) for more information.

Virtual Work Experience for a wide range of careers



For school students keen to get experience of the world of work, Springpod have **opportunities available in areas such as Law, Marketing and Finance**. Some closing dates are coming up as the experience opportunities are for February Half Term. For further information click [here](#).

How to cope with Online Interviews



BBC Bitesize Careers have produced five **top tips for acing an online interview**. This article is well worth a read especially for any students who may be facing this soon. There's also an interview with someone who recently had a successful online interview about their experience. Click [here](#) to read more.

Apprenticeships for Disabled People



Disability Rights UK have produced an excellent guide on **Apprenticeships for Disabled People**. It deals with common questions such as how to find an apprenticeship, whether the training will be accessible and what support is available in the workplace. There are **several stories written by disabled apprentices** about their own experiences and the challenges they have faced. To read it click [here](#).

Mindset Masterclasses



World Skills UK have developed **Mindset Masterclasses** which are a suite of ten bite sized learning modules and introduces the principles of the Psychological Characteristics of Developing Excellence (PCDE) to develop **transferable skills to help students and apprentices become more confident, resilient and agile**. For further information click [here](#).

How to be a Runner or Researcher in TV documentaries



This Screenskills video **explains the entry-level roles in documentary-making** and how to get into them. Rose Hibbert, senior talent manager, and Maisie Clater, talent coordinator, both of Studio Lambert reveal how they recruit for Channel 4's The Circle. The session is of particular interest to those trying to get into unscripted TV. To see the video, click [here](#).

Careers in the Space Sector



The SpaceCareers.uk **careers events** are aimed at educating students about routes into careers in the space sector and the skills required for space jobs. A list of 7 webinars are available [here](#). They are also accessible on [UKSEDS YouTube channel](#) (UK Students for the Exploration and Development of Space).

Medical School Interviews



The Medic Portal have a series of webinars for free online **covering different interview topics such as Hot Topics, Ethics, Empathy & Communication** and a Q & A session where you can watch a tutor answer common questions from other Medicine applications. To see the webinars, click [here](#).

Oxford University at Home



Like the idea of watching free, **live talks/Q&As with some of the world's leading academics**? Well good news the Oxford at Home series is starting again. The University of Oxford invite you to their weekly live knowledge sharing online 'tutorials'. Topics covered include Stargazing at Home and Finntopia - what might England learn from Finland? You can also catch up with the first series. To see what's available click [here](#).

Engaging parents in careers guidance: Innovations in practice



Parents, carers and guardians play an important part in career and education choices of young people. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Gatsby Foundation and the Careers and Enterprise Company have worked together with Careers Leaders to explore ideas and good practice in working with parents in these challenging times. To see the resources, click [here](#).

Gatsby launches research project into student encounters with Further and Higher Education



As part of Gatsby's ongoing work to support the careers guidance system in England, they have **launched a set of surveys exploring Gatsby careers Benchmark 7** (encounters with HE and FE) with schools, colleges and young people. The aim of the project is to learn more about how this Benchmark is being delivered on the ground, surface good practice and the barriers institutions are facing.

Personal Careers Guidance yields good return-on-investment in schools



In this report published by the Careers Enterprise Company, Chris Perry identifies that there is a positive return on investment for delivering personalised careers guidance to pupils in schools, with **benefits far outweighing costs**. While the report focuses on the financial benefits of personal guidance, it also acknowledges the **wider benefits to individuals and society**. Evidence shows that for each £1 the government invests in personal guidance they should be confident of recouping at least £3 or more. You can read the full report or the shorter executive summary [here](#).

Apprenticeships Virtual Insight Event – Book Now



The Rate My Apprenticeship Virtual Apprenticeships Event is taking place between 1pm and 5pm on **3rd & 4th February 2021**. Some of the employers confirmed so far include **BDO, Dyson, Goldman Sachs, Lloyds Banking Group, University of Law** and **Vodafone**. To register click [here](#)

Law Apprenticeships Conference 2021 This Week!



The Lawyer Portal's 2021 Law Apprenticeship Conference is taking place online on **16th January**. This virtual event will offer **interactive sessions** delivered by lawyers and legal educators **from top institutions**. Students will get an insight into the stages of the apprenticeship recruitment process, from application and interviews through to the first day on the job. To book a place see [here](#).

FutureSmart Careers Helpline for schools, parents and pupils



Jacque Ridge, our Helpline Manager and our team **welcome enquiries** from schools, parents and students. The helpline is staffed between 9.00 am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday at helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk.

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