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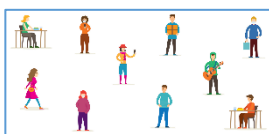
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### Only slight rise in deferral applications this year



While many of this year's applicants thought about deferring the start of their studies to next year only a few have followed through on this. Based on data last week, 31,380 applicants now have at least one deferred choice, compared to 30,760 at the same point in 2019. While this is a 2% increase, this is set against an overall rise in applicants this year of 1.2% by the January applications deadline. The most notable shift has come from students who have decided to 'un-defer' by cancelling any gap year plans to start their studies this autumn instead. This was a 19% increase compared to last year. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

### Most Universities will offer face to face teaching this autumn



97% of British universities are planning to offer at least some in-person teaching and face-to-face social opportunities this autumn, according to research by [Universities UK \(UUK\) poll of 92 universities](#). More than four in five (87%) are also planning to provide in-person sporting, fitness and wellbeing activities in the autumn. Alistair Jarvis, chief executive of UUK, said: "Although their first term will be different from previous years, most students can expect significant in-person teaching and a wide range of social activities and support services. "Universities are committed to providing an engaging academic and social experience for all while ensuring the safety and welfare of the whole university community."

### Large number of UK Universities fall in world rankings for a 4<sup>th</sup> year



A total of 62 out of 84 UK institutions saw their world ranking fall for the fourth consecutive year, according to the 2021 university guide compiled by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). Oxford University slipped from fourth to fifth place, while UCL fell to number 10 – two places down from its 2020 standing. Ben Sowler, director of research at QS, attributed the falls to poorer teaching and declining research. Top academics and students from Europe and around the world may no longer see Britain as the attractive to place to study it once was as a result of Brexit. Read the full article in the Independent [here](#).

### EU Students no longer eligible for home fee status from 2021



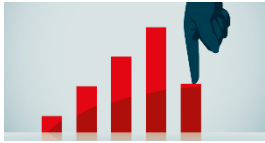
On 23 June 2020, Universities Minister, Michelle Donelan, announced that from August 2021 EU students will no longer be eligible for home fee status for courses starting in academic year 2021/22. The change will also apply to further education funding for those aged 19+ and funding for apprenticeships. EU students entering HE in 2020/21 will be unaffected and will pay home fees for the duration of their course. It is expected that UK students applying to study in the EU in the academic year 2021/2022 will be required to pay international student fees. There is no update on the Erasmus scheme at the time of writing. More details on the announcement [here](#).

### Post qualification university applications under review again



Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, is planning an overhaul of England's university admissions system with students applying after A-level results and the start of the academic year possibly being moved to January. This is the latest in a long line of attempts going back to 2006. Under the proposed changes, school leavers and other applicants would proceed with university applications after receiving exam results, having gained a clear understanding of the courses for which they qualify. The long gap following the end of exams would allow universities to run courses to prepare students for higher education, as well as opportunities for applicants to attend open days and consider their options. Read the news story in the Guardian [here](#).

## Apprenticeships starts down by nearly 50%



Apprenticeship starts have dropped by almost half since lockdown compared to the same period last year, according to new Department for Education figures. Provisional data published last week shows that from March 23 to May 31 there were 26,090 starts compared to the 50,050 reported between those months in 2019 – a fall of 47.9 per cent. Many of these were for the lower level 2 apprenticeships. The DfE stressed that final data will not become available until later in the year, so therefore at this point it is “unclear what the true number of starts in the affected period was or if the level of underreporting at this point in the year has been affected by the lockdown”. Read more in FE Week [here](#).

## BAE Systems and Unilever bucking the trend with apprentice recruitment



[BAE Systems](#) is continuing with plans to bring on board 800 apprentices over the next 12 months, in recognition of how crucial they are to the delivery of its projects now and in the future. [Unilever](#) also confirm that 80 apprentices will be joining their organisation in September. Both organisations have relied on virtual technology for onboarding their recruits. Unilever are still accepting applications too in Business Administration, Food Science, Packaging and Data Science. For more details click [here](#).

## Update on T-Levels



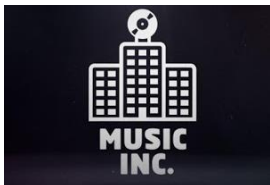
The first three T-levels to be taught this September will be in construction, digital production, design and development, and education and childcare, with a further seven including three in health and science taught from 2021. Eight T-levels in subjects including legal, accounting, management and administration and engineering, manufacturing, processing and control will be taught from 2022. The remaining seven T-levels, including courses in agriculture, environment and animal care, catering, creative and media, and hair and beauty, will be rolled out from 2023, bringing the total to 25. The providers delivering from 2022 can be found [here](#).

## Big Bang Digital 2020 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July



The Big Bang Fair is moving online as Big Bang Digital 2020 to celebrate the contribution of scientists, healthcare professionals, engineers, technicians and students in responding to Covid-19. Meet the people working to develop a vaccine, the teams involved in building the Nightingale hospitals, those keeping transport networks going and the companies innovating to respond to the UK ventilator challenge. With interactive polls, live Q&A sessions with guests and associated activities throughout the day. Mark the date and find out more [here](#).

## Take on the world of music production and band management



Own a start-up label, select artists, record songs and plan sales and marketing campaigns. This is the free app which allows players to take on the role of music producer. The app has been developed by UK Music, the intellectual Property Office and Aardman Animations. It has been designed to give young music fans a taste of the modern music industry and the challenges encountered by artists in the Digital Age. Available on Google Play or the App Store.

## Access podcasts from the UK's leading universities



Get access to big ideas and topical issues and by tuning in to some lectures and podcast sessions hosted by leading UK universities. This is one of the easiest ways we can think of to widen academic research into chosen subjects for personal statements and other applications. Some such as Oxford and Cambridge University also publish a back catalogue. Click on the links to get started [Edinburgh University Lectures and Podcasts](#); [University of London Podcasts](#); [University of Oxford Podcasts series](#)

## O2's HR Team will help with CVs, applications and how to stand out – July 10th



Meet O2's HR team and take the opportunity to ask them anything related to the recruitment process for jobs inside and beyond the mobile phone industry. Ask direct questions about CVs, covering letters, applications, assessment centres, how to stand out, create a LinkedIn profile and more. Date: July 10th 2020 Time: 2pm-3:30pm Location: Zoom. To book a place click [here](#).

## Film & TV masterclasses with top industry professionals



Screen industry professionals talk candidly about the secrets of their careers from their homes. TV commissioners reveal what makes a good pitch. Craftpeople share their top tips for success. These are videos of events commissioned during the coronavirus lockdown to encourage freelancers from the film, TV and animation industries in the time of crisis. Access the videos and be inspired [here](#).

## Conde Nast College of Fashion and Design Vogue Teen Weekend – 4th July

### Vogue Teen Weekend Online Event

The Vogue Teen Weekend is a two-day online event about the Fashion Media industry and provides the opportunity to connect with industry professionals and other 'weekenders' from around the world. Attendees will learn about the inner workings of the Fashion Communication Industry, learn how to create new content and share ideas about the future of the fashion industry. The weekend event consists of a series of live talks and collaborative exercises. It's an ideal opportunity to ask questions directly to those shaping the fashion industry and provides a platform for ideas and creativity to be shared with the team and fellow 'weekenders'. Book places [here](#).

## Architecture Virtual Work Experience



Halliday Fraser Munro (HFM) have developed a virtual space to make their work experience programme available to students who are interested in architecture and design and who would like to explore the architecture industry. The programme has been broken into 2 tasks which can be completed at home with no time restrictions. Students will develop their skills and understanding in spatial modelling and interpreting a client brief. Get started straight away [here](#).

## Virtual work experience opportunities with top companies for school students



Deloitte, KPMG, Linklaters, Accenture and JP Morgan are among a number of leading companies offering virtual work experience programmes this year. Open to undergraduates and school students, programmes mimic entry-level work at the partner organisations. Students are given a hypothetical set of employee tasks to complete on a given work day. Students gain real the skills that professionals use daily and as well as connections with the organisation. On completion, the company-branded virtual work experience can go onto a CV or university application. Some firms may invite students who have completed the programme to exclusive online and in-office events which could yield great networking opportunities for future careers. For more information see [here](#).

## Book places now for Free NCTJ Summer School launched by Piers Morgan



The NCTJ has just launched an online summer school, designed to provide an introduction to journalism for beginners. Over the next two months, the free summer school will release a video masterclass each week via the NCTJ's YouTube channel, on topics such as newsgathering, interviewing skills, media law, sports journalism and broadcasting. Contributors include NCTJ patron and Sky News correspondent Alex Crawford, and the BBC's Rianna Croxford. The programme was launched by NCTJ alumna Piers Morgan. Click [here](#) for the full details.

## Pre Med online courses this summer



For students considering Medicine and those interested in anatomy and biology, PreMed Projects are offering a range of online options this summer including a one week Future Doctors course; PreMed Live TV, with each episode looking at the pathology of a new patient and Anatomy Live covering different parts of the body plus post mortem and dissection techniques. Get full details plus prices [here](#).

## Explore jobs of the Future



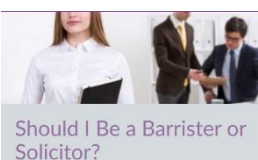
By 2035 it is estimated that 40% of today's professions will have disappeared. Taking their place will be new jobs based on rapidly developing technology. Find out where you will fit in this future world of work with the [super future job predictor](#) created by Fledglink

## UCAT now can be taken at home or in a test centre



Students can now sit the UCAT at a Test Centre or at home using Pearson VUE's online proctoring service (UCAT Online). This dual delivery model ensures all students will have the opportunity to take the UCAT in 2020, despite ongoing challenges resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic. Given the uncertainty regarding the ongoing impact of COVID 19, students are advised to test as early as possible. Candidates are advised to check the [UCAT Candidate Guide 2020](#), and for more information go to [UCAT 2020](#).

## The Lawyer Portal – quick quizzes



The Lawyer Portal host a series of one-minute quizzes for aspiring lawyers. These offer a light touch to gain thought-provoking insights into legal careers. Should you become a barrister or a solicitor? Or maybe a chartered legal executive? Is an apprenticeship the option for you? How much commercial awareness do you have? Go to [The Lawyer Portal: Quizzes](#)

## Barclays LifeSkills virtual interview practice with model answers



Barclays LifeSkills have put together five different interview practice sessions from first job to a career change, to help students rehearse answers to the typical questions you can expect to be asked. Useful as a warm up for university or apprenticeship interviews. Top interview tips are provided with model answers. If using a webcam on a desktop or laptop computer, this tool allows you to record and play back your own answers to see how you come across and where you could improve.

## Gap Year Commission with the British Army – Applications open on 1 August



The Gap Year Commission provides the opportunity to fully experience a year as an Army Officer before university. On completion, you can elect to remain in the Army as a Reservist or regular Army Officer or choose a completely different career path. Training takes place at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst followed by a year attached to a regular Field Army unit in the UK and on routine duties around the world, shadowing the daily life of a Platoon or Troop Officer and learning to lead troops. You will take part in sports, adventurous training and military training exercises but you will not deploy on operations. For more information and to apply see [here](#).

## FutureSmart Careers: supporting students during the lockdown and into the summer months ahead



We have been delighted to support all of our schools and their students with careers advice and guidance throughout the Covid-19 crisis. We are hugely grateful to all the wonderful school staff who worked so hard to make sure that student meetings happened on time and on the right platforms and to our amazing team who quickly got to grips with technology on Teams, Zoom and Google Meet. We have been able to deliver over 600 individual student sessions with workshops, talks and parents' evenings throughout.



Our team will be on hand throughout the summer months, so please do get in touch via our helpline with any of your enquiries big or small. We know that some students are worried about their plans for next year with universities, apprenticeship employers and gap year providers unable to fully guarantee what will be in place in the next academic year and we are here to listen and support students to make the right decisions.

On a positive note we are seeing some great courses and options available in clearing this year and we would advise students to make enquiries with universities directly as soon as possible. Results day may bring worries for a few students and some may want to resit examinations in the Autumn term. This may not be the only solution and we will be very happy to discuss all the relevant routes available and how to choose what's right for you.

## Your Careers Helpline open for you throughout July and August



Get in touch with your enquiries big or small. The helpline is open between 9.00 am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday at [helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk](mailto:helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk). We look forward to hearing from you!

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