

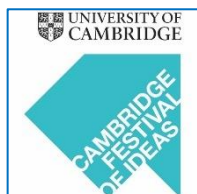
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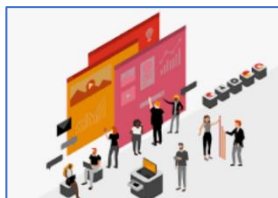
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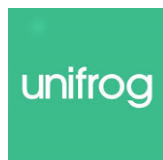


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## Unifrog Skills and Enterprise Report



Based on student survey responses, data from the platform and input from PwC, Skills Builder and teachers, Unifrog's latest report looks at the pandemic's impact on students' skills development and attitudes towards their future careers. The report explores students' concerns around employability; the perceived importance of job security; pandemic growth industries; a boost for independence skills; difficulties in developing skills for careers; the hit to teamwork and leadership and work experience struggles. Download your copy [here](#).

## University of Cambridge Festival of Ideas- 26 March to 4 April 2021



The University of Cambridge Festival will take place later this month, with more than 350 free online events and activities for everyone. Learn something new or explore your favourite subjects with online resources from across the university and festival partners. There will be platforms for the Sciences and the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. To find out what's available and when, see [here](#).

## British Science week 5 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between the 5-14 March 2021. Activity packs with the theme "Innovating for the Future" can be downloaded from [here](#) and for other ideas see [here](#) There is a huge range of virtual events that anyone can attend.

## University and Apprenticeship Virtual Fair



The UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair is taking place on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 12 at 6pm**. The event is designed for Year 11, 12 and 13 students, their parents and teachers. There will be interactive opportunities to explore higher education and career options aimed to provide students with inspiration and motivation. The event will help Year 13 to decide on firm and insurance choices or explore apprenticeships. For further information see [here](#).

## Apply NOW for Year 12 PWC Virtual Insight Week in July



Students in Year 12 can now sign up for the **PWC Virtual Insight Week from Monday 26 July - Friday 30 July 2021, the closing date is 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. The Insight Week has been operating for many years and gives students an excellent insight into lots of different business areas. Students will also take part in a variety of skills sessions on topics such as wellbeing, resilience and personal values. To find out more and register see [here](#).

## Universities using secret waiting lists



According to a senior figure in national university admissions, some of the most competitive universities are managing the uncertainty of places for September 2021 by using informal waiting lists. Individual applicants are being contacted outside of the formal admissions process to say they may be accepted regardless of their grades if places remain – making those students less likely to accept places at other institutions. Read the full story published in the Guardian at the end of February [here](#).

## How BDO virtualized student assessment



BDO has shared information about their new virtual student assessment experience. In the new assessment process, after a short application form, candidates progress onto a combined online blended assessment and video interview. Candidates future potential is measured by four indicators: Grit, Digital Intelligence, Applied Intellect and Creative Force. To read more about the assessments see [here](#).

## The London Institute of Banking and Finance BSc degree courses and Summer School



For students wanting a career in Finance, [The London Institute of Banking and Finance](#) in central London could be worth some consideration. This specialist university college has a long association with the banking industry and financial services sector and offers two undergraduate degrees BSc (Hons) Banking & Finance and BSc (Hons) Finance, Investment & Risk. Applications can be made via UCAS or direct to the college.

The Institute also runs a non-residential [Summer School](#) from **Tuesday 31 August - Thursday 2 September 2021** for students who are thinking about a career in financial services and are interested in studying related subjects at university.

## Highest Paying Jobs in the UK



Standout CV have analysed data from the Office for National Statistics to discover the jobs with the highest average salaries and the number of years to reach that position and salary. The research also identifies the typical career path and the training required for each job. In the findings, Pilots earn the most (£1,132,500) over 20 years, while Financial Managers and PR Directors are the most likely to reach a salary of £100,000 or more the quickest. Read the analysis [here](#).

## Medic Portal and Kiss it Better Volunteer Programme



The Medic Portal has teamed up with Kiss it Better to launch a virtual volunteer programme. KiB will facilitate virtual volunteering experiences supporting older people and alongside these, volunteers will get one year's access to companion modules and masterclasses, designed to make them a better applicant. The programme includes TMP MedSoc: application-boosting e-Learning throughout the year. There is a cost of £50. For further information see [here](#).

## Civil Service Apprenticeships



The Civil Service has a range of apprenticeships available throughout the country. To see what's currently available see [here](#). Students who are interested in a career in the Civil Service will need to create an account in the Civil Service Jobs portal to sign up for apprenticeships alerts.

## Apply now for University of Leeds' Food Science and Nutrition Summer School



This summer school will run online event from **30th June to 2nd July 2021**, but places are limited so interested students should **apply as soon as possible**. The event is open to Year 12 pupils currently studying at least one core science subject at A-Level or equivalent (biology, chemistry, physics or maths). For more information see [here](#).

## Apprenticeships for young people falling



Apprenticeship incentives were strengthened in last week's budget, but a recent report by The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) said since the apprenticeship levy was introduced in 2017, apprenticeship starts have fallen and the number of apprenticeships to under-19s fell from 122,800 to only 76,300. To read the report, see [here](#).

## West End Stage Summer School



West End Stage is organising a Summer School for aspiring performers in **August 2021**. Throughout the week, students will rehearse songs from the biggest musicals past and present and then will perform to an audience of friends, family and industry professionals. There are 3 summer schools running in August. The price starts at £645 for non-residential and £1140 for residential. For further information see [here](#).

## Skanska Apprenticeships



Skanska have a range of apprenticeships available in digital solutions, civil and site engineering, quantity surveying, business administration, mechanical and electrical engineering, construction management, highways maintenance and design engineering. Deadline for applications: 14th March 2021. For further information see [here](#).

## KPMG Apprenticeships



KPMG have opened applications for their 2021 Apprenticeship programme. There are opportunities at many of their offices throughout the UK including an Audit Apprenticeship in Bristol and Plymouth. Interested students will need a minimum of 5 GCSEs Grades A\*- C or 4 - 9 inc. Maths at minimum B or Level 5 and English Language and 112 UCAS points under the 2017 tariff point system (e.g., BBC at A Level or equivalent qualifications). For further details see [here](#).

## UCAS Undergraduate Applicant Analysis



The latest Undergraduate Applicant Analysis shows a substantial rise in the number of applicants to Nursing and a decrease in the number of EU students applying. Total applications for nursing courses have risen by almost a third (32%) to reach 60,130, with increases seen in each age group. For further information see [here](#).

## NHS Learning Support Fund



The NHS Learning Support Fund offers a non-means tested Training Grant of £5,000 each academic year for eligible students on a pre-registration undergraduate or postgraduate course. The eligible courses are dental therapy/dental hygiene (level 5 and 6 courses), dietetics, midwifery, nursing, occupational therapy, operating department practitioner (level 5 and 6 courses), orthoptics, orthotics and prosthetics, paramedics (bachelors and masters), physiotherapy, podiatry/chiropractic, radiography (diagnostic and therapeutic) and speech and language therapy. For further information see [here](#).

## Getmyfirstjob – Apprenticeships



Getmyfirstjob are currently advertising a range of interesting higher level and degree apprenticeships with companies such as Microsoft in Reading and RWE in Swindon. For further information visit their [website](#).

## International student exchange Turing Scheme now open for bids



The UK Gov't's new Turing Scheme will allow students to study and work abroad from September 2021 and will target those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The DfE has now launched a website with funding rates and eligibility criteria ahead of a six-week bidding process. Open to Universities, Schools, FE Colleges and including apprentices, placements will range from 2 weeks to 12 months. Students with SEND will be funded or "up to 100 per cent of actual costs for support directly related to their additional needs". For further information see [here](#).

## Find a Mentor with Steer Up



Steer Up is an online platform connecting mentors to mentees to provide advice and expertise from industry professionals. Steer Up organise the mentoring sessions, payments and logistics and provide preparation material and tools. Meetings can take place on the phone, online or face to face. Prices per hour range from £15 to £40. Steer up will also provide material to prepare for mentoring sessions as well as check-ins and reminders. To find out more about mentoring and Steer up see [here](#).

## QS World rankings by subject released



The QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021 were released on March 3<sup>rd</sup> covering 51 disciplines grouped into five broad subject areas. The Rankings by Subject are compiled annually to help prospective students identify the leading universities in a particular subject area. Research citations, along with the results of major global surveys of employers and academics are used to rank universities. More information about this year's [methodology](#) is available. Find the subject rankings [here](#).

## TuneUp for advice and resources for schools from creative arts professionals



Whether your students are interested in a career on the front of the stage or working behind the scenes, they can find helpful advice from industry professionals from a wide range of roles from composers, set designers, puppeteers, actors, stage managers, theatre producers, choreographers, theatre in education practitioners, script writers, illustrators, musicians and directors. Plus links to all the leading Drama Schools, Arts Colleges and Music Conservatoires. All resources are free, you just need to register your school to be sent login details. For further information see [here](#)

## Careers Helpline



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](mailto:helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk).

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