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Universities still weighing up options for 2020



While Manchester and Cambridge have announced their plans for online lectures next year, other universities are still weighing up the plans. [St Andrews and Aberdeen](#), are considering a delay to the start of the academic year while [Bolton University](#) is expecting a full return to campus in September but with fever checks and other social distancing measures in place. Pressure is mounting for universities to announce their plans to facilitate student decision making as soon as possible and most indicate that a hybrid approach with lectures online and some face to face teaching will be used. Read more [here](#).

Applicants must be told if university course will be online



Information should be provided for students before they make a firm choice in June - and "certainly before" the clearing process in August says the Office for Students. "What we don't want to see are promises that it's all going to be back to usual - an on-campus experience - when it turns out that's not the case," said the chief executive of the Office for Student (OFS). If universities have to update plans after students have made a decision, the OFS says universities should release students from any acceptances and allow them to change their minds. Read the full story from the BBC [here](#).

Clearing Plus will offer personalised list of courses



For the first time, students looking for a place at university this summer will have access to a **personalised list of available courses in Clearing Plus**. From 6th July, unplaced applicants will see their individual list of matched courses and can send an expression of interest to a university. Universities can contact interested students, who will be able to add a new course to their UCAS application. Students with confirmed places who change their mind can release themselves into Clearing to see their matches. Clearing will also still be available in the traditional way with course vacancies listed on the UCAS website. More information available [here](#).

Observe a GP for Aspiring Medics



Produced by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) **Observe GP** is an alternative to work experience for aspiring medics and could be particularly useful to those that have lost out on work experience placements this year. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team. Activities are provided and students add their own reflections. Observe GP is supported by the Medical Schools Council as a suitable element of relevant experience to help prepare an application to medical school. Access the programme [here](#).

Royal Navy and British Army A Level Scholarships



The Royal Navy and the British Army provide a small number of scholarships to Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level pupils each year to include a place at BRNC Dartmouth or RMA Sandhurst plus a provisional undergraduate bursary. The Royal Navy A Level Scholarship can be a 2-year award provided to students in Years 12 and 13 (apply in Year 11) while The Army Officer Scholarship Scheme (AOSS) is provided to Year 13 students only (apply in Year 12). All scholarships are awarded on merit only and do not look at background or the method of schooling. The AOSS is worth up to £3,000 in Year 13 followed by a further student bursary of £6,000 for a 3-year degree. For more information see [The Royal Navy A Level Scholarship](#) and [The Army Officer Scholarship Scheme](#).

Brand new Veterinary Science degree for 2021 offered jointly by Aberystwyth and RVC



Aberystwyth University is starting a new 5-year Veterinary Science degree in autumn 2021 in conjunction with the Royal Veterinary College, which will see students studying full-time in Aberystwyth for Years 1 and 2, before transferring to the RVC's Hawkshead campus in Hertfordshire. Further information about Aberystwyth Veterinary School is available [here](#) and enquiries are welcomed by Head of the School of Veterinary Science, Professor Darrell Abernethy at daa47@aber.ac.uk

Virtual Work Experience open to all with leading employers



InsideSherpa have partnered with some of the world's leading commercial and legal organisations to provide free virtual work experience programmes. These are self-paced, typically take 5-6 hours to complete and involve completing hypothetical work-related tasks. Students gain the opportunity to develop the skills professionals use daily and also connect to the organisations too. Aimed at undergraduates but open to all. Companies hosting virtual programmes include: Deloitte, KPMG, Linklaters, Accenture and JP Morgan among many others. For more information see [here](#).

Taster Tuesdays



UniTasterDays are delivering webinars every Tuesday to support post-16 students considering university. Presentations are given by different universities each week and cover a range of subjects. Students also have the opportunity to take part in a Q&A. Topics in the series include Why HE?, Student Finance, Choosing a Course, UCAS, Study Skills, Interviews and subject specific sessions. To find out more and book a place click [here](#).

Online Two Week Architecture Course from New York's Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute



The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York is running an online two-week programme in July to provide students with information about a career in architecture and a portfolio for top tier degree course applications. Students will experience studio work to develop ideas, create abstract models and develop an architectural building proposal. The course includes lectures and presentations plus one-on-one discussions with an instructor and in larger group reviews with invited architectural critics. The first week of the course will focus on building models and making drawings by hand. The second week will focus on 3D modeling, 2D drawing and image editing. For more information and to book a place see [here](#). Fees apply.

Film activities to do at home



Entry to undergraduate film courses or apprenticeships in the Film and Television industry can be very competitive. Successful applicants usually need to demonstrate a passion for film and a portfolio of their own film-related activities and experiences. In response to Covid-19, Into Film have developed a range of activities that can be done from home. For the full list click [here](#). See also the [Get into Film YouTube Channel](#).

Study in the USA Webinar 6th June



The Fulbright Commission is the go-to organisation in the UK for information on USA Colleges and applications. They are hosting a webinar on **6th of June at 17:00 to 18:00** about studying in the USA. The session will cover: Application process, Admissions tests, Choosing the right institution, Funding opportunities plus Q&A. Register for the webinar [here](#). Places are limited. If you can't attend, the webinar will be recorded and posted on the US-UK Fulbright Commission's [YouTube channel](#). Please continue to check the [Fulbright website](#) to be informed of future events.

Engineering At Home



Get some brilliant insights into any aspect of Engineering by asking a qualified professional. Tomorrow's Engineers has developed a portal for at home students to find out about the innovations and realities in the Engineering sector from those working in the industry. The platform provides live chat or the opportunity to log questions and get real answers. See [here](#)

Meet the Lawyer



Explore the profiles of 30 solicitors at different law firms to find out about their transitions from student to qualified Lawyer. Insights are shared into how individual career paths have developed and what a working day looks like, plus advice for the next generation. Go to [Law Careers: Meet the Lawyer](#)

Explore subjects, skills and careers with Loughborough University

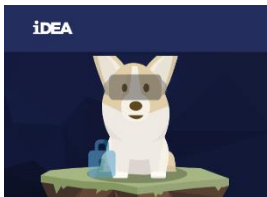


HE at Home from Loughborough University is providing a range of online sessions on different subjects, key skillsets and career areas. Sessions include Architecture, Art History, Drama, Physics, Communication skills, Teamwork skills plus careers in Social Media, HR, Editing and Publishing among others. Useful to students weighing up HE subject options and those developing career ideas. Find the resources [here](#).



Loughborough are also hosting a series of online tasters aimed at current year 11 students on social science, humanities and STEM subjects. The STEM session replaces the Engineering Residential 2-day event which has been cancelled. An additional STEM session is aimed at girls in years 9, 10 and 11 on STEM. To book sessions, all of which are taking place in June, click [here](#)

Idea Badges for Digital Skills



The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (IDEA) provides short mini courses to develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free. Mini courses are offered in coding, social media, blockchain, research and virtual reality among others. Great for demonstrating a portfolio of relevant digital skills on a CV or providing evidence of an interest in the digital world in a personal statement. Sign up at www.idea.org.uk

Aberystwyth University running Online Taster sessions and other events



Aberystwyth University are running a series of online taster lectures and guidance sessions as well as online HE Fairs, Open Days and Offer Holder Days throughout May and June. The taster sessions could also stimulate ideas and provide content for EPQ projects or personal statements too. Find the list of events here: <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/events/list/>

Spotlight On: Physician Associate pathways



Physician Associates work under the direct supervision of a doctor and carry out many similar tasks, including patient examination, diagnosis and treatment, but they cannot prescribe. This is a relatively new role, but already widely recognised in the NHS and Physician Associates work in GP surgeries and hospitals throughout the UK. There are currently two [undergraduate Physician Associate degrees](#) in the UK (UCAN and Reading) and numerous 2-year [postgraduate course options](#) which typically will require a life-science related first degree as an entry requirement. Read more about the role [here](#).

Explore job roles and employers with virtual tours

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Virtual Tours

On the I Can Be A website, students are invited to take a virtual tour around a selection of businesses, included BT, Ipswich Town Football Club and Suffolk County council to get an idea of what it's like to work in these organisations. The tours include interviews with employees about their job role and the broader work of the company. In lockdown, these offer a chance to explore employers via tours on desktop, laptop, tablet or phone. Find the tours [here](#)

Australia and New Zealand University Open Days scheduled for November



Date for the Diary: Study Options' Australia and New Zealand University Open Days are now planned for **November 13 and 14 at Australia House in London**. The universities attending currently include: [University of Adelaide](#); [ANU](#); [Bond University](#); [Deakin University](#); [ECU](#); [Griffith University](#); [JCU](#); [Macquarie University](#); [University of Melbourne](#); [RMIT](#); [University of Sydney](#); [UNSW Sydney](#); [University of Western Australia](#); [Victoria University of Wellington](#) and the [University of Waikato](#). More university names are expected to be confirmed in the next few months. Registration will be opening later in the year. Find out more at Study Options: <https://www.studyoptionsopendays.com/>

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