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Aspirational Applications rise by 14%



This year UCAS has reported an increase in applications received by the 15th October for degrees at the University of Oxford and The University of Cambridge and applications to Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science. Applicant numbers for October deadline courses have increased from every part of the UK, to reach a collective total of 54,220 – up 14% on 2020. There has been an increase in applications within each age group. For further information see [here](#).

Post-Qualification Admissions under consideration again



Once again, the current system of applying to university in the UK is under review. Outlining his intention to consider post-qualification university admissions, Gavin Williamson said the Government will consult on proposals to “remove the unfairness” that some groups currently face due to inaccurate predicted grades. UCAS data for 2019 shows 79% of 18-year-olds with at least 3 A levels had their grades over-predicted, whereas 8% were under-predicted. The Government will set out proposals for consultation in the coming months. This will not affect university applications for 2021. For further information see [here](#).

Surrey and Birmingham reduce entry requirements for 2021



The University of Surrey and the University of Birmingham announced this month that entry requirements will drop by one grade in one subject for most students applying for undergraduate courses next year. The University of Surrey have clarified that veterinary medicine, foundation year courses, four-year integrated masters programmes and audition-based performance courses will be exempt and the usual entry requirements stand. Lizzie Burrows, Director of Recruitment and Admissions at the University of Surrey, said: “We are taking this action now to relieve the pressure and anxiety facing this year’s applicants, as they experience ongoing disruption and uncertainty surrounding exams and assessment of their learning. Read the BBC article [here](#).”

The Importance of Careers Education



Teachers and business leaders are united in the belief that careers education is central to supporting young people during the pandemic to find jobs and other opportunities, according to a new report, [Careers Education in England’s Schools and Colleges](#) by The Careers & Enterprise Company. The report is based on national polling and survey evidence from business leaders and teachers and detailed data from schools and colleges at the front-line of careers education.

Graduate recruitment continues to fall



Graduate recruitment suffered the biggest drop this year since the 2008 financial crash as employers cut back on hiring workers to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic. The latest survey by the Institute of Student Employers (ISE) found that the number of graduate jobs declined by 12% and that the majority of employers anticipated a further decline next year. Employers in the retail and consumer goods sectors made the biggest cuts, slashing 45% of graduate jobs as the first coronavirus lockdown hit business income and clouded the outlook for employment. Find out more [here](#).

Global University Employability Ranking



Universities producing the most employable graduates have been ranked by companies around the world in the [Global University Employability Ranking 2020](#). The survey looked at 250 universities in 43 countries and was published by [Times Higher Education](#). Two universities from the UK feature in the top 10, The University of Cambridge (4) and The University of Oxford (5).

Machines to do half of all work tasks by 2025



A World Economic Forum report has forecast a "robot revolution" will create 97 million jobs worldwide but destroy almost as many. Routine or manual jobs in administration and data processing were most at threat of automation, WEF said. However, new jobs would emerge in care, big data and the green economy. The Forum's research spanned 300 of the world's biggest companies, who between them employ eight million people around the world. Read more [here](#).

Online Taster Days to explore different subjects



Due to the pandemic more universities have moved their taster days online which mean they are more accessible to students. The University of Sheffield has a wide range of degrees available to try in the next month, including Aerospace Engineering, Law, Journalism, Ophthalmology and Orthoptics, and Robotics. Click [here](#) for further information.

Students can win a mentoring session with a top global recruiter



EY are encouraging students to find out about their apprenticeship programmes and offering the chance to win some EY branded goods, a virtual networking session with current apprentices and a mentoring session with an EY recruiter. The [Follow in their Footsteps competition](#) closes **on Monday 14th December 2020**.

Gap Year Opportunities with IBM



IBM is offering 12 months paid work experience opportunities to students. With a salary of £18,000, these offer an exceptional opportunity to earn and learn from a leading global employer before embarking on study at university. Placements are offered in both Business and Technology areas. To find out more see [here](#).

British Vogue & BMW UK Scholarship Programme



British Vogue and BMW UK have partnered to launch a unique Scholarship Programme offering a 4-month paid placement working in their respective marketing departments. Successful candidates will split their time between both. There is no set commencement date, but you must be available for the full duration working full time. A Scholarship salary will be paid. The application deadline is **Friday 11 December 2020**. For more information click [here](#).

Year 12 Work Experience Week at PWC



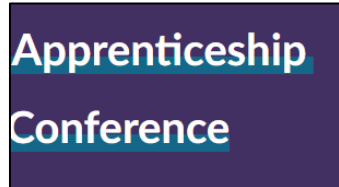
Year 12 pupils can explore the world of business, accounting or technology at [PwC](#), during next year's Virtual Insight Week. Students can get involved in sessions covering Accounting, Business, Digital and career development. Students should sign up to the [Talent Network](#) to be the first to hear when applications open in February next year. Demand for places will be high.

Taster Days in Animation, Special Effects and Games Design



Escape Studios offer a range of undergraduate degrees linked to the creative industries. Degrees are designed and delivered in partnership with experts from some of the most successful studios in the creative industries and students are offered the opportunity to gain highly vocational and industry focused training. Escape Studios are running a series of taster days in November and December for their undergraduate, postgraduate and short courses for students to find out more. For more information and to book a place click [here](#).

Law Apprenticeships Conference 2021



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](#).

Free Courses to Learn New Skills



The Government's Skills Toolkit provides an excellent list of free online courses. While courses have been recommended to boost employability, this is a great place for students to start learning a bit of coding, expand their knowledge of digital media or how to create a professional online presence. To see what courses are available click [here](#).

A Future in Chemistry



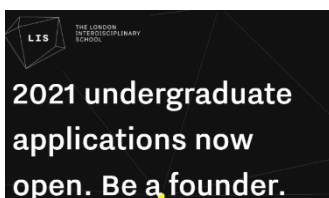
For students wanting to explore Chemistry careers, the Royal Society of Chemistry have produced a dedicated website, [A Future in Chemistry](#). Students can explore job profiles, apprenticeships, which university and which degree as well as information on gap years, in person and virtual work experience.

Find out about the Allied Health Professionals



The allied health professions offer students interested in a health career an alternative to medicine or nursing. At [Iseethedifference](#) students can explore fifteen different career paths including Radiography, Physiotherapy, Orthoptics, Podiatry and Prosthetics & Orthotics among others and there is a useful course search facility. Qualifying in one of the allied health professions takes three years. Salaries start at around £25,000 and could reach over £70,000 for the most highly experienced.

Applications now open to The London Interdisciplinary School in London



The brand new [London Interdisciplinary School](#) will welcome its first intake of undergraduates in Autumn 2021. Applicants can apply direct to LIS in addition to 5 choices through UCAS. There are no set entry requirements, but LIS will suit the academically talented and forward-thinking student. The LIS undergraduate degree will allow students to focus on complex world challenges and apply learning from science, arts and design, technology, the social sciences and the humanities. Students in the 2021 cohort will be integral to shaping the future of this new degree programme. The school will place student employability at the heart of the programme and students will have the chance to have a paid internship with prestigious employers and start-up companies. LIS aim to recruit 100 students for the first intake. Schools can do [a virtual visit](#) or view their [webinar](#). For more information contact Schools Outreach Manager, Janine White at janine@t-lis.org.

BAFTA Games Design Competition



For those thinking about a gaming career or who have a brilliant new games idea, then [BAFTA's Young Game Designer competition](#) is for you. Winners will be given a BAFTA YGD Award, along with once-in-a-lifetime experiences with top game makers + industry professionals. The closing date is **Monday 15 March 2021**.

Find out about Foundations Degrees



A foundation degree combines university level study with work-based learning. Focusing on a particular work sector, from Events Management to Paramedic Medicine, students normally study for two years then have the option to take an additional year to complete a full Honours degree. For those struggling to decide between an apprenticeship and university, a foundation degree could be the option to explore. For more information click [here](#).

National Apprenticeship Show – 2nd December 2020



This year's show is taking place online on the **2nd December between 9.30am-4.30pm**. Exhibitors include Bloomberg, The National Grid, AXA, Schroders and the NHS. For a full list of exhibitors and to register click [here](#). Visitors can return to the website for 30 days after the event and will be able to download information, view content during this time.

Morrisby Launch New Platform



[Morrisby](#) have launched their new platform with an extensive careers' library, a what if feature and lifetime access. The new product range includes also has a new feature for career leaders, the Morrisby Tracker a tool to record activities, evidence wider provision and track student development to meet Gatsby Benchmarks. For further information contact us at helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk.

New Career Development Institute Framework



Last week at the CDI Careers Leaders Conference, Professor Tristram Hooley from the University of Derby unveiled his work on Reimagining the CDI framework. The new Framework will be available next spring and will be centred on 6 themes: Grow Throughout Life, Explore Possibilities, Manage Career, Create Opportunities, Balance Life and Work and See the Big Picture. The new framework was well received at the Conference and sharing more on this in 2021.

Careers Helpline



Jacquie 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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