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Students with unconditional offers have higher drop out rate



Analysis by the Office for Students (OfS), the universities regulator, found that the dropout rate was 10% higher for students who accepted unconditional offers than would be expected had they received conditional offers. In 2012 only 1% of offers were unconditional but this has now increased to one in three. The OfS said that if the pattern persisted, more than 200 students a year could drop out who otherwise would have been expected to continue. Source: The Guardian. Read the full article [here](#).

The importance of emotional intelligence in the age of artificial intelligence



In one of their latest publications, Capgemini has reported on the importance of Emotional Intelligence (EI) arguing that while Artificial Intelligence (AI) may transform work practices it will not be able to replace human cognitive capabilities, making EI not just “a nice to have” but also an essential future skillset. On average, demand for EI is expected to increase by as much as six times and the financial services sector will see the highest increase in demand for these skills. Read the report here: [EI in the age of AI](#).

The financial returns on studying a degree has dropped over time



A research team from HESA and the Department of Economics at Warwick University have analysed the extent to which the financial return of a degree (i.e. the percentage by which the hourly pay of graduates exceeds that of non-graduates) has changed across the two decades which saw the largest expansion in higher education participation. The study analysed those born in 1970 and those born 20 years later, and the findings suggest that while returns remain high, the financial return has dropped over time [Read the full report here: Degree returns](#).

The Student Side Hustle



A recent report “The Side Hustle Economy” by the University of Reading found that 34% of those aged 16 to 24 have a money-making sideline of some sort. But while they show enterprise, these undertakings are also a sign of growing financial pressures. A national survey by Save the Student found that the student maintenance loan falls £267 short of the average student’s monthly living costs. Two thirds of students have a part-time job and half of working students say their studies suffer as a result. Read the report here: [The Student Side Hustle](#).

Which University - The Complete Guide to Oxbridge Applications.



Aimed at teachers but useful for advisers, students and parents too, the guide covers the following among other topics: What are Oxford and Cambridge looking for? What happens in interviews and tests? How to choose between Oxford and Cambridge? The collegiate system and choosing a college; student views on each university; interviews and test – what to expect. Download the free E-book [here](#)

Student Budget Calculator Tool.



The cost of rent, bills, food and going out varies from one university to another. This tool will show students (and their parents) the likely cost of living at chosen universities. The tool will provide a monthly breakdown of how much is roughly needed to live on for each university. Find the tool [here](#).

Skills London 2019 taking place on 15th and 16th November at ExCeL



Organised by London First and delivered by Prospects Events, skillsLondon is open to 15-24 year olds and their families between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm each day. This two-day event will provide young people with the opportunity to find inspiration and to make real connections with employers and ask all the questions that are important to them. Organisations will be hoping to spark their own connections with future talent.

<https://prospectsevents.co.uk/our-events/skills-london/skills-london-2019/>

World Skills LIVE 21st to 23rd November at NEC Birmingham



Another leading UK skills, apprenticeships and careers event. Leading employers are offering have-a-go-experiences and will talk to young people about what's important to them. Independent careers advisors are also on-hand to give advice. Spotlight talks give visitors the opportunity to get close to business leaders and young professionals. Saturday is family day when parents can come along with their family and help their child take the first steps towards a career. <https://www.thenec.co.uk/whats-on/worldskills-uk-live/>

LIVE & interactive broadcast From WorldSkills 2019 on 22nd November



If students can't make it to either of the skills events Careermap will be broadcasting live and interactively from WorldSkills 2019. This is open to everyone from educators to pupils, parents and guardians and will provide an opportunity for young people to meet employers 'virtually' and get an insight into the world of work. The LIVE event will focus on Construction & Infrastructure; Health, Hospitality & Lifestyle; Digital, Business & Creative as well as Engineering & Technology. Tickets are free. Further information will be emailed to you with instructions for joining the broadcast the day before the event. [Book tickets here](#)

Amazing Apprenticeships – Parents Pack



Amazing apprenticeships have produced their latest parents pack ready to download. The pack includes 4 key events to look out for this term, essential information on entry and apprenticeship levels, plus insights into the Management Degree Apprenticeship at Millwall Football Club. For the pack and more apprenticeship information and advice for parents click [here](#).

Legal Apprenticeships at Deloitte – applications open (deadline 6th January)



This six-year Level 7 programme offers the opportunity to gain qualifications equivalent to a master's degree and a permanent position in the organisation as a Solicitor. Locations: Nationwide. Application deadline is January 6th. During the training period, apprentices will rotate between practice areas and cover Legal Entity Management; Employment; Rewards and Incentives, Corporate and Commercial, Tax Litigation and Immigration. Applications are online at [Legal Bright Start Apprenticeship at Deloitte](#) Students can find out more about legal apprenticeships at [LawCareers.Net Law Apprenticeships Guide](#)

How to Get to the Bar Conference - November 30th in Birmingham



Organised jointly by Aston University and St Philips Chambers, this event is an opportunity for aspiring lawyers to meet legal professionals and experience what the job is really like. The day is based at St Philips Chambers in Birmingham and is **open to Year 12 and 13 students** who are interested in studying Law at University and want to find out more about the profession. The day will include, amongst other things, insight into how create a strong application to study law, as well as give the students an opportunity to engage with practicing barristers with a Q&A session. [Book for places here](#)

Lancaster University Careers Events in London in November



The Lancaster University Management School are running a short series of career insight events with taster workshops in London this month. [Your Future in Marketing is on 14th November 6pm to 8pm](#) and [Opening the Door to a Career in Financial Markets is on 26th November, 6pm to 9pm](#). Students can find out about degrees and career paths. They will also have the opportunity to speak to current students and career experts. The events are free and will take place at **The Work Foundation, 21 Palmer Street, London, SW1H 0AD**.

Regional edition of What do graduates do available now



Published by Prospects the report provides a region-by-region guide to graduate destinations in the UK, six months after graduation and is based on data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency's (HESA) Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) 2016/17 survey, and the Employer Skills Survey 2017. The report reveals the top jobs, occupations and industries in each area - as well as the main occupational shortages. Each region has issues of occupational supply and demand, and its own guidance and employability support challenges. The picture is of an urbanised jobs market based around London and its environs and the larger regional centres of the country. Read the full report [here](#)

University of London Taster courses for Year 12 Students



The Taster Course Programme provides Sixth Form students with a taste of what life and study at a university in London is like. Courses range from Voice and Drama, to Medicine and Nursing, to Computing and Business. Students experience different teaching methods and gain an insight into additional facilities. Students can attend a course that they are interested in but are not sure about. All courses are free of charge but students are responsible for their own travel and food expenses. [Find out more about University of London Taster Courses](#).

Penguin Random House now taking applications for work experience



These one- or two-week work experience placements will be taking place in January to March with some available in the February half term and are open to U6 (18 year olds). This is a chance to go behind the scenes of a global publishing house and get an insight into what the work place is like and to pick up new skills. To apply, students need to fill in the online application with information about themselves, their availability and which department they would like to experience. The selection process is random, the only things that will influence being successful is availability in the department which students would like to join. For more information go to [Penguin Random House Work Experience](#)

Norland Nanny Degree



Norlands (Norlands College) has a world-wide reputation and provides bespoke early years higher education training. Norland College earned the right to award degrees earlier this year and now offers the BA (Hons) Early Years Development Learning Degree alongside its famous Norland Diploma. Students gain practical experience working with children alongside their studies and the Norland Agency guarantees employment on graduation. Career paths of Alumni include work as Nannies, Maternity Practitioners, Nursery Managers and Teachers. For more information on the Norland College, which has been based in Bath since 2003, [see here](#).

Access the Resources Hub



The FutureSmart Careers Resources Hub provides subject guides, degree course entry requirements summaries and study abroad guides. Find the hub at <https://www.futuresmartcareers.co.uk/resources/> Contact us at helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk for login details.

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