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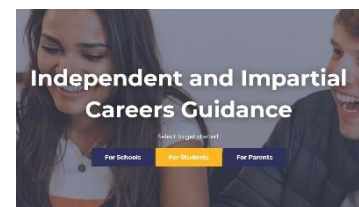
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FutureSmart Careers Website launch

Young people don't feel ready for the future of work



A new report by WorldSkills and the OECD aims to understand the attitudes of young people to future technologies; how technological change will impact their career opportunities and whether they feel their school provides enough support to prepare them for the future. 44% of respondents were pessimistic about job opportunities, but 63% could see that working flexibly would be an exciting prospect. Students were more critical about the usefulness of their education to prepare them for work in the future and 71% said they would welcome more support in getting a job while at school. Read the full report [here](#).

Russell Group drop 'preferred subjects' list



The Russell Group have now dropped their list of preferred 'facilitating' subjects after responding to criticism that top universities were not placing sufficient weight on arts and technical subjects. The change comes with the launch of their new website called [Informed Choices](#), which suggests A-level options for pupils based on what they want to study at university as well as providing more general guidance for those who haven't yet made up their mind. "Despite being hugely important for getting into university, subject choice is often overlooked," said Russell Group chief executive Dr Tim Bradshaw. "We want all pupils and their parents to have clear information at their fingertips, which the new Informed Choices website provides."

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

Latest update on Clearing



UCAS provide daily updates on the status of clearing. At the time of writing a record 58,240 people have been accepted through Clearing so far this year compared to 52,990 in 2018. Of those, 46,250 people were placed after applying through the main scheme while a significant 11,990 applied directly into Clearing (compared to 11,080 in 2018). Overall entry rate: across the UK, 33.6 per cent of all 18-year-olds have been accepted through UCAS, a new record for this point in the cycle. Last year's equivalent figure is 32.7 per cent.

www.ucas.com/corporate/news-and-key-documents/news/ucas-daily-clearing-2019-update

UCAT Deadline 18th September



Dentistry and Medicine applicants – don't miss the UCAT deadline. Registration and online booking closes on the **18th September at 5pm** for the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT previously UKCAT). Candidates can choose from one of 160 test centres and need to complete the test by October 2nd. The UCAT seeks to identify the characteristics that make a good clinician and improve the quality of those who enter the clinical professions, with the ultimate aim of improving patient care. The UCAS application deadline for Medicine and Dentistry applications (along with Oxbridge and Veterinary applications) is October 15th.

www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/dates-and-fees/

Royal Opera House to host free careers day for Off-Stage Careers



On Monday 11th October the Royal Opera house is hosting a free careers day for anyone aged 16-30 to explore offstage careers in the theatre. [Theatre Craft 2019](#) will be running workshops and talks by some of the industry's top professionals. The event promises to provide plenty of information about routes into careers such as **stage management, sound production, set design, directing, costume design, marketing and pr** among others and there could be some useful chances to network and make some valuable contacts too. Take a CV with you!

Latest news on T- Levels



T Levels are **new** courses coming in September 2020, which will follow GCSEs and will be equivalent to 3 **A Levels**. These 2-year courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work. T Levels will offer students a mixture of classroom learning and ‘on-the-job’ experience during an industry placement of at least 315 hours (approximately 45 days). They will provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door into skilled employment, further study or a higher apprenticeship. For more information go to www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels

UCAS Tariff announced for T-Levels



The Department of Education has now published a policy update outlining the UCAS tariff for T Levels. The update also includes further information on T Level grading and certification. In summary, students who pass all elements of their T Level will receive an overall grade of Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction* and will receive a nationally recognised certificate (‘T Level Certificate’) which will show their overall grade and a breakdown of what they have achieved across the T Level programme. www.gov.uk/government/publications/t-level-action-plan

Can your top five movies reveal an ideal degree match?



St Mary’s University at Twickenham think so and have launched a quiz inviting young people to pick five movies, TV shows or favourite YouTube Channels to find out how these match to different university courses. It’s a bit of fun, but could prove to be a useful kick start to exploring options for some. www.stmarys.ac.uk/coursefeed/get-involved.aspx.

The Event Academy offers a one year degree alternative



The events industry is worth more than 42 billion a year in the UK and is growing and is becoming an increasingly popular career choice. The Event Academy, based in London, offers event management courses including a fast track one-year Level 7 ‘degree alternative’ accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing and including a 3-month placement. The Event Academy also run a range of short courses and have produced a useful guide to working in the world of Event Management. **Download the guide here:** www.eventacademy.com/why-us/

Financial Sector Careers Information from industry insiders

INSIDE Careers
Specialists in niche job boards

For students looking for up to date information on career routes into the financial sector [Inside Careers](http://www.insidecareers.com) provides advice and guidance plus the opportunity to explore live job boards. Students are also given access to insider insights into graduate recruitment, jobs, internships and placements. Exploring these opportunities ahead of leaving school may help students to understand and build the portfolio of skills and experiences that these employers are looking for.

London Interdisciplinary School ‘more rounded and able to solve problems’



The London Interdisciplinary School first cohort of students in 2020 will be able to combine disciplines and knowledge from the Arts, Sciences and Humanities to solve complex real-world problems such as childhood obesity, knife crime and the ethics of genome editing. Students will have structured work placements (Innocent Drinks, Met Police and Virgin have signed up among others) plus 36 weeks of contact time of teaching and ongoing assessment as opposed to the 21 weeks of a traditional university. The School aims to produce “a new style of graduate who is more rounded and able to solve problems” Interested students can explore this new approach to Higher Education on a discovery day www.londoninterdisciplinarityschool.org/discovery/

New from January 2020: Police apprenticeships, degrees and diplomas



Police recruitment is changing and by January 2020 there will be three entry routes to Police Constable:

Degree apprenticeship - joining as a police constable and undertaking a three-year apprenticeship in professional policing practice. Completing the programme will show that the probation requirements have been passed and a degree-level qualification will be awarded.

Degree-holder entry – a two-year pathway for those with an undergraduate degree in any subject. As a police constable, work is combined with classroom learning, leading to the graduate diploma in professional policing practice on completion of probation.

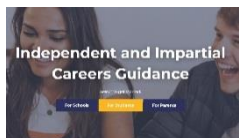
Policing degree - a three-year undergraduate professional policing degree at university. Applications to join a police force are made as a graduate and careers will start with a shorter on-the-job training programme. For more information see www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/law-enforcement-and-security/joining-the-police

Institute of Student Employers (ISE) opens membership to Schools



The Institute of Student Employers ISE is offering membership for schools and colleges for the first time. ISE supports student recruitment and the transition of young people from education into the workplace. ISE is primarily an employer's institution bringing together many of the UK's key school leaver, apprentice and graduate recruiters. Joining the ISE could provide schools with a gateway to finding out what is going on in the early careers labour market and to network with employers. Find out more at <https://ise.org.uk/page/school-members>

FutureSmart Website & Resources Hub



The FutureSmart Careers website will be **live from 9th September**. Partner schools, parents and students will have access to the new resources hub and a range of downloadable documents including entry requirements to popular degree courses; subject guides with links to future degrees and careers and international study guides. www.futuresmartcareers.co.uk/resources

FutureSmart Careers Professionals and our Code of Ethics



FutureSmart Careers staff all have extensive expertise in careers information, advice, guidance, coaching, development and education and adhere to the Career Development Institute's Code of Ethics. The code sets out 10 key principles of professional behaviour: accessibility; accountability, autonomy; professional competence and continuous professional development; confidentiality; duty of care to clients; equality; impartiality, transparency and trustworthiness. The code of ethics is an essential pillar of professional practice and supports our work with students, schools, employers and wider society. Read more about the Code of Ethics here: https://www.thecdi.net/write/Documents/Code_of_Ethics_update_2018-web.pdf

Careers helpline



Our partner schools, parents and students can contact us with careers related queries at any time through our helpline. We can provide advice and guidance as well as answers to any number of questions on topics including studying abroad, international foundation degrees, apprenticeships, degree courses, routes to careers, subject combinations etc.

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