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Welcome to our very first newsletter!



We couldn't be more thrilled that you are reading our first newsletter. Every month we will bring you news from the latest Government and Think Tank reports along with updates from Employers and Education Providers in the UK and beyond. And for your students we will be sharing opportunities, sector insights, apprenticeship and school leaver vacancies plus providing those sources for the most up to date information. Please do share any thoughts and ideas for additional content with us at helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk. We'd love to hear from you.

Inspiring Futures goes into liquidation



The world of work is changing rapidly – as we know only too well when our previous employer, Inspiring Futures went into liquidation earlier this year. FutureSmart Careers was founded with what we think was entrepreneurial speed and flair to enable us to continue to support our school partners and your students. At the same time we get to continue doing what we love.



With changing sands under foot, we adapted quickly employing all the skills that we love to tell your students about: flexibility, adaptability, resilience, collaboration, initiative and so on. As a result, we are tickled to find that we have become one of our own case studies to demonstrate how quickly the workplace is changing in the 21st Century and those skills that are needed to survive.

Post Qualification Admissions – a step closer?



The Policy Exchange has called for universities to be clearer about their admissions policies, stop the routine use of unconditional offers and move to a system of post-qualification admissions in a new report. The UK is one of the few countries in the world where pupils can apply to university and be offered a place before they have taken their final examinations.

Under a post-qualifications admissions system, pupils could apply to university whilst at school but no offers would be made, or places allocated, until final exam results are known. A-level exams may need to be sat earlier, or the academic year begin later to allow time to administer places after results have been released. Read the full report here: [The Policy Exchange – Sins of Admissions](#)

Demand for digital skills set to skyrocket



Research by the CBI shows that demand for digital skills is already outstripping supply and is now “set to skyrocket”. Over two thirds of businesses reported unfilled digital skills vacancies. Businesses are to be encouraged to act now to inspire and support next generation by extending relationships with education providers and using apprenticeships as a route into digital roles among a raft of other measures. The full report, Delivering Skills for the New Digital Economy' is available at www.cbi.org.uk/articles/delivering-skills-for-the-new-economy

Cambridge Teachers' and Advisers' Conference – July 18th



The conference will cover an introduction to the admissions process; admissions assessments; the interview process; and how to support students through the application process. The event includes sessions for teachers and advisers who are new to the Cambridge application process or have less than 3 years' experience in the sector. There will be additional content to support teachers and advisers with more experience, who want to ensure their knowledge is up to date. For more information and to book online go to www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/teachers. A teachers and Advisers guide is also available and can also be downloaded [here](#).

Inspire students to think about careers using Maths



The Institute of Mathematics aims to awaken a love of Maths and show how the subject can solve both every day and world problems on its website, www.mathscareers.org.uk. The site offers plenty to inspire with sections aimed at different age groups. Find out about how mathematics is used in the BBC's Bake Off, making a music video or how medical researchers use Mathematics modelling to predict how a disease might spread. Young people can find a wealth of information about the world of careers using maths with the numerous case study profiles www.mathscareers.org.uk/profile/

Cambridge University Subject Masterclasses – places still available in July



These events offer academically able students in Year 12 the chance to experience typical undergraduate teaching at the University of Cambridge and to get a flavour of student life. The Masterclasses cover a range of subjects and also provide insights into the admissions process. Students will be offered the chance to speak to current undergraduates and experience two taster lectures by leading academic staff from the university.

Masterclasses in Economics, English, Medicine, Modern and Medieval Languages and Music are taking place on **July 20th and still have some places available**. A booking fee of £20 will apply. For more information and to book a place go to www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses

School leaver vacancies in Asset Management



The Janus Henderson Trainee Programme is recruiting now for roles based in London starting in September. Applications are open to school leavers and there are for 8 vacancies for contracts of up to 12 months. This offers a fantastic opportunity to develop skills from a mixture of both 'on the job' and formal training and gain first-hand insight into Asset Management. These are paid work experience placements and could help with future career choices or provide experience for those embarking on their chosen career. For any of the Trainees who excel it could also lead to a permanent role within Janus Henderson. **Applicants will need to be quick – the application closing date is 23rd June**. For more information go to <https://investment2020.org.uk/vacancies>

Schroders recruiting for Technology Apprenticeship



Schroders have opened the applications to their Technology Apprenticeship Programme. This is an excellent way for a school leaver to start their career within the Technology department. Successful applicants will be based in the head office in central London and will have the opportunity to explore working life and start to build career in the City. Schroders are offering a competitive salary allowing for a move to London with the need for additional financial support. Technology at Schroders is not just about Technology; it's about problem solving and providing high quality solutions to the business. Application closing date is 30th June. For more information go to <https://investment2020.org.uk/vacancies>.

Volunteering this summer



Vinspired is the UK leading volunteering charity for 14-25 year old and holds a database of 1000's of volunteering openings across the UK. Volunteering can teach young people vital skills, like teamwork and problem-solving as well building confidence, commitment and resilience. Last year Vinspired helped 31,439 young people do 460,611 hours of voluntary work contributing an equivalent of £2.3 million to the economy and adding some great skills to young people's CVs. The summer holidays could be the perfect time to harness a great opportunity. Students can search for openings at www.vinspired.com/volunteer

Tester Semesters in New Zealand and Australia



If students like the idea of studying abroad but are not sure about committing to a full degree, they can test the waters during a gap year by studying for one term with a tester semester. Students who want to stay on can apply to a full degree course and transfer any academic credits. If students decide to come home to study in the UK, they will have plenty of useful experiences and insights for university and job applications and for life in general. Tester Semesters takes place during Semester 1 (February - June) in Australia and New Zealand. Study Options provides university and course information for universities across New Zealand and Australia and will process your application. For more information go to <https://www.studyoptions.com/tester-semester>

Short online course - useful for personal statements



Futurelearn is one of several online platforms offering a diverse selection of short courses from universities, cultural institutions, professional bodies and commercial organisations from around the world. A bite size course can be useful way to build subject knowledge and skills beyond the school curriculum – just what universities admissions teams could be looking for on student Personal Statements. Education partners include Kings College London, the National Film and Television School, the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), the BBC and Marks & Spencer to name a few.

There are a huge number of short courses for students to choose from and most run over the course of a few weeks. All are free, but learners are charged for access to a course after the course end date or for a certificate of completion. Students can explore the short courses on offer at www.futurelearn.com/courses

FutureSmart Careers helpline



We've just launched our careers helpline at helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk. This is available for school careers departments who have signed up for our school support package and students who have a careers guidance package with us. We are extending the service to students who were previously registered with Futurewise. Send us your questions and we will come back to you with our researched response.

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