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Health Education England (HEE) is in the early stages of creating an apprenticeship programme to enable candidates to become doctors without a traditional undergraduate medical degree. HEE said the programme, which will allow trainee doctors to earn while they train, was aimed at making the profession 'more accessible' to those who are kept from undertaking a medical degree due to financial and time constraints. The apprenticeship aims to retain the same high standards of training. To read more click [here](#).

Apprenticeships aid economic recovery



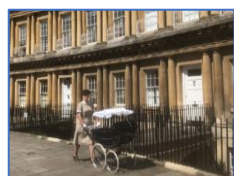
According to a new report, employers in England have a renewed appetite for apprenticeships and work-based learning this year. Almost three quarters (70%) of those surveyed say apprenticeships will be vital to their recovery from the disruption caused by COVID-19, with 72% planning to take on more apprentices over the next 12 months. This approach is supported by 66% of employers who embraced apprenticeships during the pandemic. To find out more about the report from the Open University click [here](#).

Post qualification applications gets cautious backing from UCAS



As part of a policy change aimed at making the system fairer, UCAS is expected to announce "cautious backing" to a post-qualifications admissions (PQA) system in which students apply to universities before they get their results - as now - but will receive offers only when their final grades are known.. To make the system work, the government will need to ensure that schools and colleges have the resources in place over the summer to support students with their decisions. The new system is expected to take 3 years to implement and UCAS rejected the more radical proposal to delay both applications and offers until after A-level results. Read the full story reported in The Guardian this week [here](#).

Careers in childcare: Norland's open morning on Saturday 8th May



The highly regarded Norland Institute is holding a virtual open morning on Saturday 8th May from 10am-12pm. There will be a comprehensive live tour of Norland and its campus. The morning will also include a live Q&A session with staff and current students. This is the opportunity to find out about the BA (Hons) in Early Years Development, the Norland Diploma and the Norland Agency which finds employment for Norland graduates. Employment is as good as guaranteed for 'Norlanders' as demand greatly outstrips supply.

Universities told not to swamp courses with students



Universities in England are being warned against admitting too many students and swamping courses with "inflated" numbers this year. The Office for Students (OfS) has told universities not to "sacrifice quality" by "over-recruiting" students. As well as the possibility of higher A-level results from teachers' grades, there has been an 8% increase in university applications this year, raising the prospect of a surge of well-qualified students looking for places. To read the full article click [here](#).

Virtual work experience in grocery distribution, week beginning 24th May 2021



The Institute of Grocery Distribution is uniting the food industry as it seeks to train 25,000 young people by 2023 and is offering virtual work experience. The next virtual work experience programme starts on 24 May it is open to students in Year 10 through to Year 13. For more information see [here](#).

Universities offer first climate change degrees.



Climate change degrees are being introduced at UK universities to cater for demand. Students began a BSc in Climate Change for the first time this academic year at **Liverpool John Moores University**. **The University of Greenwich** is offering BSc Climate Change this September and **Northampton University** will start its Climate Change degree in 2022. The universities set up courses after growing interest from students and employers. Many other degree courses across the UK cover climate change, but these are thought to be the first standalone courses.

More than half of children 'want gaming on the school curriculum'



In a survey of 13 to 18-year-olds, by gaming accessories firm HyperX, 55% of respondents agreed that gaming provides a path to a future career, for example as a professional gamer. Dr Dieter Declercq, a lecturer in film and media studies at the University of Kent, said "there is an educational value inherent in modern gaming. Children understand how vast and exciting the gaming industry is. Our children engage with drama and music at school, why not video gaming? To read more click [here](#).

Student Stream – advice on applying to university



UK University Search have developed [Student Stream](#) to bring together video content featuring advice, help and expert knowledge from universities and colleges across the UK. The videos cover a wide range of topics such as what is involved in a Chemistry or Law degree, university campuses and how to write UCAS Personal Statements. The website is aimed at Students, their parents and teachers

A-Levels should be replaced by new baccalaureate, Think tank says



A new report from the education and skills think tank, EDSK, claims the dominance of A-levels has had a detrimental impact on other options, while limiting the breadth of curriculum. They believe that all 15- to 18-year-olds should undertake a 'baccalaureate' which provides a "rigorous and flexible" framework. It would consist of three levels: foundation (equivalent to GCSEs), standard (equivalent to AS-levels) and higher (equivalent to A-Levels). Students will progress through the levels from 15 but won't have to complete each level at the same speed. They will begin with a broad range of subjects at foundation level before gradually specialising in their preferred subjects as they progress. To find out more click [here](#)

The importance of quality careers advice is highlighted



The importance of receiving quality careers advice has been highlighted in a recent UCAS report in which one in five students said they had not selected the right subjects to prepare for a degree that interested them. This was most apparent for courses, such as medicine and dentistry, maths, economics or languages Two in five undergraduates said they would have made different choices, had they received advice. The UCAS report Where next? - assessed data from more than 27,000 first- and second-year university students in the UK in 2019, 2020 and 2021, looking at the choices made at school and for higher education. To read the report click [here](#).

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Labour market information and data in your location



Having access to good quality labour market information is essential to help young people make decisions about the path they want to take. The Government has set up new Skills Panels for all areas of England, each of which is charged with gathering and publishing labour market information (LMI) for their area. The results do make interesting reading although not every area has produced a report yet. For a list of those available see [here](#)

BBC Fast Track Journalism Apprenticeship



The Fast-Track Journalism Apprenticeship is for people from all backgrounds and walks of life who are curious about the world and keen to tell the stories happening around them. The apprenticeship offers an alternative to university with the opportunity to get first-class journalism training with the BBC. The scheme provides two years of study and learning on the job leading to completion of the apprenticeship and the industry recognised NCTJ Diploma in Journalism. For more information click [here](#)

EY Business Academy



The EY Business Academy not only provides on-the-job experience with business skills sessions, but also some work shadowing with professionals in different areas of the organisation. Working in supportive teams in either Assurance, Tax or Strategy & Transactions students can work in one of many regional offices. This is the opportunity to gain insight to the business and network to kick-start a possible EY career. The Business Academy will run between Monday 26 July - Friday 30 July 2021. To find out more and apply click [here](#).

Smallpeice courses for 2021



The Smallpeice Trust has launched their summer programme, offering 15 engineering-themed courses for students in Years 8 to 12. These online courses give young people the chance to find out about different engineering careers, get hands on with interactive projects and learn live from industry experts and academics. COVID-19 means they will be virtual again this year, with kit being posted out to homes where needed. To see the timetable of events, click [here](#).

FutureSmart Careers – new resources for schools



We are excited to be introducing a new suite of resources for the schools we work with. Our Beyond the Syllabus library has been created for students who have a passion for a subject and wish to explore it further prior to applying for related university courses or apprenticeships. We have collated relevant and interesting podcasts, webinars, journals, books and online courses in one place to enable students to prepare for further study, interviews and writing a personal statement and stand out from their competitors. The resources are going into schools this week in readiness for Year 12 students to use over the summer. To find out more contact us at helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk.

BDO Year 10-12 virtual insight week can lead to apprenticeship place



We wrote about BDO's new recruitment experience for students last month and now we can share news about the Virtual Summer Insight Weeks which will run from 12th-16th July. Students can develop their professional skills, meet people from across the business and learn what working for an accountancy firm is like. BDO are also offering the opportunity to gain a place on their apprenticeship programme and begin their career at BDO. For more information see [here](#).

Debate Chamber – Academic Summer Events 2021



The Debate Chamber run courses and events to enable students to explore their academic interests. From Philosophy to Physics, courses aim to develop intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and the ability to pursue ideas. Courses are online and fully interactive. For a list of the events, courses and prices, see [here](#).

The Year in Industry scheme has vacancies to fill



Year 13 students planning to take a GAP year, but without definite plans, could consider The Year in Industry (YINI) programme. The scheme currently has vacancies with companies working in Technology, Science, Engineering, Business and Financial sectors across the UK – from leading FTSE 100 companies to small innovative start-ups. Around a quarter of all YINI students get sponsorship through university and many partner companies see YINI as an important part of their graduate recruitment programme. The scheme provides an outstanding opportunity to get ahead of the competitive graduate recruitment market. To see their vacancies click [here](#).

Barclays Apprenticeships



Applications are currently open for an apprenticeship with Barclays at either Foundation or Higher level. The closing date is April 29th, but other applications are open year-round on a rolling basis. Programmes are offered in lots of different areas including Business Functions, Operations and Technology. For more information and to check the entry requirements see [here](#).

BT Apprenticeships



BT have apprenticeship vacancies at different levels in many areas of the business. These schemes provide apprentices with the skills to work at the standard required by the role. Apprentices study whilst they work, through a combination of online study with training providers and off-the-job learning offered on one day a week, or a block of days at a time. To find out what the packages includes and to apply see [here](#).

Entrepreneurs and inventors essential toolkit



Cracking Ideas has been set up by the UK Intellectual Property Office (IPO) with the aim of helping future generations of inventors, artists and entrepreneurs get the credit their creativity deserves. The site provides a range of insights into IP, why protecting it matters and how to protect it. Budding entrepreneurs, would-be innovators and inventors and students with business ideas should take a look. To find out more click [here](#).

Job Opportunities for young autistic students



The National Autistic Society works with a wide range of employers to create accessible job opportunities and to support candidates to access work through employment related workshops, interview guidance and 1:1 job coach support. To find out more click [here](#).

Careers Helpline



Jacque 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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