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### News updates

#### DfE's recent report- Impact of AI on Jobs



The DfE's Unit for Future Skills has published an initial report exploring the possible impact of AI on jobs in the UK. The report suggests that the greatest impacts could be in roles requiring higher level qualifications, and in professions such as finance and insurance. These roles are weighted towards London and the Southeast of England, which are therefore likely to be hardest hit [Impact of AI on Jobs in the UK](#)

#### Oxford Applicant Advice for New Testing Service



This update on testing arrangements for 2024 entry has advice for applicants, as Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing (CAAT) announced its decision to withdraw from delivering its admissions testing services over the next two years. From now, [Tata Consultancy Services \(TCS\)](#) will manage the delivery of Oxford's own tests. Schools and colleges will need to apply for authorisation to become Oxford/TCS test centres (even if already CAAT centres) before being able to register applicants for Oxford's tests.

#### UCAS Update- Springpod Partnership



Try before you buy: Students exploring their options through UCAS will now be able to virtually experience university and the world of work, thanks to a new strategic partnership with careers platform Springpod [Students to get opportunity to try before they apply through UCAS collaboration with Springpod](#)

### Upcoming Events

## What University? & What Career? Live at the NEC, Birmingham- 1 & 2 March 2024



Along with the opportunity to meet a large number of employers and higher education providers, this event will also feature a Careers Advice Lounge, CV Clinic and a series of seminars to help students get well-informed advice about the future. To find out more and register click [here](#)

## Medic Mentor UCAT Conference- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



The next Medic Mentor UCAT Conference for students is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024! The Conference covers how to prepare the UCAT tests and timings of the tests for those planning to apply to study Medicine or Dentistry at university. Register your interest [here](#) For UCAT Resources and the Teacher and Student portals (Medic Mentor has partner schools), see [UCAT – Medic Mentor](#) and register your school for a partnership [here](#)

## BIMM Virtual Accommodation Q&A- 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024



BIMM Music Institute Admissions team and Student Ambassadors are holding a virtual Accommodation Q & A on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. They will be discussing everything from viewing tips, finding a house mate, contracts to what you need to buy ready to live independently. To book your place register [here](#)

## University and Apprenticeship Fair- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Reminder: Bristol UK University and Apprenticeship search fair, taking place at Ashton Gate Stadium on Wednesday 28th February. Including exhibitors from Russell Group, Red Brick, Modern Institutions and Apprenticeship providers. There will be advice from universities on application support. To book a group of students to attend please contact: [heather@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk](mailto:heather@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk) More details can be found [here](#)

## Festival of Apprenticeships- Online- 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February 2024



This is more than just a careers fair or conference. The virtual event is a showcase of excellence in the sector with top employers and learning providers highlighting their talent and promoting opportunities to future apprentices. They also have in-person events, including one at Kia Oval, London 10am-3pm on Tuesday 5th March 2024 Register with [Festival of Apprenticeships](#) for the online event during National Apprenticeships Week 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## Recommended Websites & Resources

### The Big Bang Science and Engineering Competition



Know the next space explorer or climate change hero? Got an idea that will transform people's lives? Inspire inquisitive minds to think big, challenge facts, ask questions and invent solutions with the UK's top annual science and engineering competition. Young people are amazing – help them shine and change the world! [Big Bang | Science and engineering competition - The Big Bang](#)

The Big Bang Competition is open! The Competition will close for entries on 27 March 2024 [Enter now](#)

## Imperial Global Summer School

Imperial College  
London

**Apply now for Imperial Global Summer School!** The Imperial Global Summer School is a two-week residential STEM programme by Imperial College London, providing 16- and 17-year-olds with a unique opportunity to experience life as a university student in London. Learn from Imperial academics, participate in a packed calendar of social activities, and meet other students from across the world! Held in July and August 2024, for details on application see [How to apply](#) | [Be inspired](#) | [Imperial College London](#)

## Henley Real Estate and Planning Summer School



The Summer School is a four-day, fully funded residential course held on campus at Henley Business School, University of Reading. During the four days, you will get a real insight into the property sector and learn about different career routes into the industry.

**Summer School | Henley Business School** The next summer school will be on **2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2024**, applications opened **1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024**, click [here](#) to apply.

## Springpod Virtual Work Experience



Virtual work experience available in: accounting, banking and finance with [Insight into Investec \(springpod.com\)](#) application deadline 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 and [Aerospace Work Experience](#) application deadline 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

## Diamond Light Source's Annual Work Experience Programme



Diamond Light Source's annual schools Work Experience programme offers placements to school/college students in Years 10-13 (ages 14-18). 2024's placements will take place from Mon 8th - Fri 12th July 2024. Applications are now open. A full list of projects can be found on the webpage Schools/College Work Experience - - Diamond Light Source Applicants should apply for specific projects, see website for available projects and apply here Applications close at 11:59pm on Sunday the 18th of February.

## Think Cambridge- Undergraduate Study



[Think Cambridge](#) is a three-week long series of webinars to inspire Year 11 and 12 students to apply to Cambridge. The webinars will cover what courses are available, application advice and other information to help students to decide if Cambridge is right for them. The programme starts at the end of January. To find out more and register click [here](#)

## Apprenticeship Opportunities

### National Apprenticeship Week



Schools, colleges, employers, career advisers and thousands of students come together online to celebrate Apprenticeships in support of the Government-run National Apprenticeship Week. Throughout the week, top employers and organisations come together to showcase their opportunities to thousands of attendees, who are actively seeking an apprenticeship. National Apprenticeship Week 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 [NAW Home](#)

## PwC Flying Start Degree Programme



**PwC's Flying Start applications close this month!** As you think about their future careers, you might not be sure what path is right for you. There's still time for you to submit an application for one of PwC's [Flying Start degree programmes](#) before the UCAS deadline on 31 January 2024. There are opportunities in Accounting and Technology.

## EY Apprenticeships



Are you a young person looking for an alternative to university? Are you looking to start a career in business, finance or technology? An EY business or degree apprenticeship could be the start of your successful career! EY is a professional services organisation, employing approx..365'000 people in more than 150 countries: [Career Adventures — EY Adventure Awaits](#)

## Marriott Hospitality Apprenticeships



Hospitality Apprenticeships with Marriott! For more details and applications see [Apprenticeship-United-Kingdom | Marriott Careers](#)

## For Careers Leaders/Heads of Careers Department

### DfE Strategic Action Plan for Careers Guidance



Department  
for Education

The DfE is developing a Strategic Action Plan, to set out how government's vision for a world-leading all-age careers system will be achieved. They are engaging with key stakeholders to support development of the plan. FE Week's 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 article indicates that the DfE may update guidance to Schools and FE Colleges to include a compulsory requirement to report progress against the Gatsby Benchmarks using the Compass tool: [Careers: Colleges will be 'expected' to report Gatsby progress \(feweek.co.uk\)](#)

### Apprentice visits



Ministers are writing to schools' about inviting apprentices in to speak to current pupils during National Apprenticeships Week 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Likely to be preferred to run on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, it's worth reaching out to your network of contacts now, in order to meet this target and provide quality insight into the apprentice experience for your students.

### Ofsted Careers Guidance News



Chris Toyne's article for the Ed and Tech Times weekly newsletter on LinkedIn leads with a story about the DfE approving the first UK online school [Ed & Tech Weekly](#), while also providing a story on a former Ofsted Chief's perspective that Ofsted has 'moved too far' from outcomes data.

## FutureSmart Essentials for schools

FutureSmart Careers offers a range of well-loved packages for schools but can also tailor a plan to fit schools' needs exactly.

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- 9-5 careers advice helpline
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To find out about FutureSmart Essentials and how else we can support schools, please don't hesitate to contact us on **0330 311 9509**

## ASK Programme for Devon and Oxfordshire



If you are school or college in Devon or Oxfordshire, please free to contact us for assemblies, application workshops, webinars and resources.

For Devon schools contact us at [askdevon@futuresmartcareers.co.uk](mailto:askdevon@futuresmartcareers.co.uk)

For Oxfordshire schools contact us at [askoxfordshire@futuresmartcareers.co.uk](mailto:askoxfordshire@futuresmartcareers.co.uk)

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### Other Enquiries



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