

### In the newsletter this month



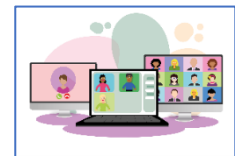
**More high achieving students secured selective university places**



**Thinking about a career in Law?**



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### UCAS end of 2021 cycle data published



UCAS data for the end of 2021 cycle shows that over 100,000 UK 18-year-olds were accepted onto courses at the most competitive universities and colleges last year, up 11% from 2020 and an increase of 28% from 2019. This rise comes despite the 3% increase in the UK's 18-year-old population. In addition, the number of UK 18-year-olds choosing to defer their course for a year rose by 15%. The data also shows that the number of applicants achieving A level grades equivalent to three A\*s nearly quadrupled from pre-pandemic levels to 19,595 (5,655 in 2019), and close to doubled compared to 2020 (12,735). To see other data from the 2021 cycle click [here](#).

### School leaver recruitment trends of 2021



School and college leavers made up 20% of student hires reported in this year's Institute of Student Employers Student Recruitment Survey. There continue to be indications that some companies are beginning to rebalance entry-level recruitment away from graduates by taking on more school leavers. Over the next five years, 23% of employers plan to rebalance their hiring in this way. To find out more about the trends click [here](#).

### Capita to run The Turing Scheme



Capita has been selected by the Department for Education (DfE) to run the new Turing Scheme, the UK's replacement for the Erasmus+ programme that supports students wishing to study and train overseas. The Turing Scheme will be worth £6.27m to Capita who will also be responsible for promoting the scheme to organisations and students, managing and delivering bids and assessing applications. Capita will replace The British Council who has been the lead partner since The Turing scheme was launched in February 2021. To find out more click [here](#).

### T-Levels and industry placements



Students will be offered special treatment if they cannot undertake T-Level industry placements due to Covid-19, a senior Department for Education official has said. For a small number of learners, this could mean gaining the qualification without any time in an industry placement. To find out more click [here](#).

### Subject Matters Thursday, 24 February 2022 (17:00 – 18:15)



The University of Cambridge are pleased to announce the return of Subject Matters in February 2022. Subject Matters is an information session aimed at Year 10 and Year 11 students who are considering university and want advice on which subjects to study. The online session is free and aims to help students understand the impacts their post-16 subject choices can have on their course and university options. Selective universities such as the University of Cambridge often consider individual subjects and the combination of subjects because these prepare students more effectively for those courses. To find out more and register click [here](#).

## What to think about for a personal statement for a Fine Art degree?



The University of Newcastle produced a video detailing what students can address in their personal statement if they are applying for a degree in Fine Art. Many students often struggle with this and it's useful to hear from an admissions tutor who has helpful advice. To watch see [here](#).

## Thinking of a career in Law?



Students who are considering a career in Law can listen to the podcasts on the University of Law website. A series of light-hearted and fun conversations to find out about future careers and handy hints and tips to stand out from the crowd. For more details, see [here](#).

## What is involved in a job? Day of Wrk has the answer



The [Day of Wrk](#) website features a series of job profiles from a range of different industries aimed at helping young people understand the realities of job roles. Contributors explain what they actually do, the best part of their roles, why they do it, what their chosen career path has involved, what a day in their life at work looks like and also provide some advice. Studies have shown that young people are less likely to apply for jobs due to a lack of understanding about what the role entails and this can impact those from disadvantaged backgrounds as they lack network connections to find out about these roles. To read the profiles and find out more about the industries covered click [here](#).

## AI and recruitment



How are students preparing for employment interviews? Are they aware of the use of AI in the selection process? A new toolkit has been produced by the University of Sussex and Institute for Employment Studies which makes interesting reading and focuses on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the job interview process. To find out more click [here](#).

## Brand new Goldman Sachs Global Markets Degree Apprenticeship aims to improve social mobility



Applications to this brand-new degree apprenticeship opened in December. Daniel Freckleton, a managing director in global markets at Goldman Sachs told The Guardian that the scheme was aimed at attracting students from as diverse a talent pool as possible, which included socio-economic background. **The closing date is 27th of February.** Students will complete an apprenticeship within Goldman Sachs Global Markets while studying for a degree in Applied Finance at Queen Mary University of London, allowing apprentices to apply academic skills to their day-to-day work. **The start date is September 2022.** For more information see [here](#).

## BBC Work Experience open for applications at the end of January



Work experience placements at the BBC in television studios, production offices and other areas of the business will be open again for applications at the end of January. The BBC provides over 1000 Work Experience opportunities every year, from Radio or TV to Business and Support. Students can use cutting edge equipment, make contacts and contribute ideas. For all the details see [here](#) – we suggest you bookmark the page and set a reminder!

## Allied Health Profession careers offer alternative to Nursing and Medicine



The rise in the number of students applying Nursing and Medicine degrees in the last few years has been well documented. For students still exploring the different careers within the NHS, it's worth visiting the NHS careers website and exploring the 14 allied health professions. To find out more about what's available click [here](#).

## Live Virtual NHS Allied Health Careers Work Experience Programme



Students interested in nursing, midwifery, paramedic science, occupational therapy and other healthcare careers, can follow patients from admission to discharge via a high-fidelity simulation suite. Provided by Allied Healthcare Mentor and run by health professionals based across the UK. No work experience day is the same (as in real life), but students will gain insight into a variety of healthcare settings. For details and to sign up, see [here](#).

## Work Experience for Medicine



i-medics are organising free monthly webinars for students who wish to study Medicine at University. The next Online talk is on the 27th February 2022 and 2 UK doctors will talk about how to get Work Experience for Medical School. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to hear from doctors and understand what is considered appropriate work experience for medical school. To register for the event click [here](#)

## BT Apprenticeships



BT has apprenticeships from Level 2 to Level 6 in almost everything you can think of! Apprenticeships are offered in Customer Service, Project Management, Software Engineering, Applied Research, Field Engineering and Cyber Security. To find out more click [here](#).

## BMW Mini Plant Swindon - Level 6 Engineering Technician - 4 Year Apprenticeship



In this apprenticeship programmes, apprentices undertake practical training and work towards a Level 3 BTEC Award in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering plus an NVQ Level 4 in Engineering and Manufacturing in year one, before completing an BEng in Engineering during years 2 – 4. Closing date 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022. To find out more and apply click [here](#).

## GKN Aerospace Apprenticeships



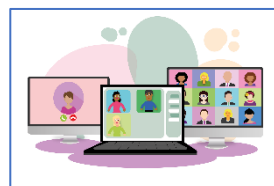
GKN Aerospace has Technical, Production and Aerospace Engineer Degree Apprenticeship available for more information click [here](#)

## University of Southampton virtual Modern Language and Linguistics Conference 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022



The University of Southampton will be hosting its first virtual Modern Languages and Linguistics 6th Form conference for years 12 and 13 on **Thursday, 20 January 2022 09:30 – 12:30** Focusing on the broad topic of 'Why Languages Matter', the event will seek to encourage sixth-form students to continue studying languages at university and inspire them with the huge range of employment opportunities that a languages degree can open up to them. To book click [here](#).

## Oxford and Cambridge Virtual Student Conferences, March 2022



The Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences are joint, regional events for Year 12 students in the UK who are studying for their A-Levels/IB (or equivalent) and beginning to consider their options for study beyond sixth form. The conference will provide students with the opportunity to gain a deeper insight into what living and studying at Oxford and Cambridge is like and how both universities assess applications with the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Online booking will open in late January 2022. To find out more click [here](#).

## University of Exeter Drama Essay Competition



The University of Exeter is running a Drama Essay writing competition for all A Level, IB, BTEC, GCSE students interested in Drama, but entrants don't have to be studying the subject to enter. Entering competitions like this can be an excellent way to improve research and independent learning skills and can be mentioned on personal statements. The best entry will receive £100 in vouchers. Deadline: **16th Feb 2022**. Entrants should answer "The vital need for connection has been highlighted by the global pandemic. How does live theatre feed this human need to connect with others? For more details see [here](#).

## Live School Leaver webinar with BP, Astra Zeneca, Schrodgers, Rolls Royce and more



All about School Leavers are continuing to host a series of live webinars from some the UK's leading companies. Webinars are offered throughout January and February and companies will be highlighting apprenticeship opportunities, career paths and other programmes available in the UK and in some cases across global locations. Don't miss out as places are limited. See all the details [here](#).

## IET Celebrating Black Engineers Throughout History



The Institute of Engineering and Technology has produced a downloadable poster highlighting black engineers throughout history and celebrating the contribution they have made to STEM. To find the poster and read more, see [here](#).

## National Grid Apprenticeships to tackle climate change



National Grid are aiming to tackle climate change by inspiring others to support the journey to net-zero. Apprenticeships are part of organisation's strategy, allowing students to earn, learn and to join a generation shaping the future of energy. Applications are open for Advanced, Higher and Degree Apprentices. To find out what they have available see [here](#).

## Study Options: 2022 Guide to studying in New Zealand and Australia



Study Options are the official representative of Australian and New Zealand universities in the UK. The 2022 Guide covers everything you need to know about universities, courses, rankings, funding and application processes. To download the guide click [here](#). For advice and guidance on applying to New Zealand or Australia contact Study Options on 0117 911 5610, or by emailing [mail@studyoptions.com](mailto:mail@studyoptions.com).

## Trends in Careers Education



A new report by The Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC), [Trends in Careers Education 2021](#), looks at changes in careers education over the course of the pandemic. The analysis reveals that more schools and colleges are now successfully linking lessons to jobs and careers. The data also shows that 84% of schools provided information about apprenticeships to their students, but CEC cautioned that "more work needs to be done to convert interest in apprenticeships to uptake." Other changes in careers education included more young people than ever taking part in one-to-one careers guidance sessions.

## STEM and SHAPE career resources from Futurum



Futurum Careers provide online resources and a bimonthly [magazine](#) aimed at introducing 14-19-year-olds worldwide to the world of work in STEM and SHAPE (social sciences, humanities and the arts for people and the economy). The resources are produced in collaboration with academics all over the world and their research is translated into free educational and careers resources. To access the resources, click [here](#) or sign up to the [monthly newsletter](#).

## National Careers Week 2022 7th - 12th March



National Careers Week will be 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022. There are lots of activities on the website to help prepare students for what's to come. To see what is available click [here](#).

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FutureSmart Careers have a range of well-loved packages for schools and pupils but can also tailor a plan to fit your school's needs exactly.

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- suite of downloadable resources
- our 9-5 careers advice helpline
- monthly newsletters with news, events, and opportunities

Many schools choose to upgrade Essentials to **FutureSmart-Pro** which includes in-school support for workshops, one-to-one guidance sessions and other activities tailored to the school's requirements.

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