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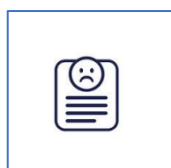


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Complaints from students in England and Wales about their university courses reached a record high last year



More than a third of the 2,763 complaints to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator were related to the impact of the pandemic. The amount of compensation given to students exceeded £1.3m. A report suggested that staffing issues, industrial action, and delays in submitting complaints from 2020 were behind the high figures. By far the largest category was complaints about how courses were delivered. To find out more click [here](#).

Russell Groups says degrees underfunded by £1,750 per student

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A submission by the Russell Group of universities to a consultation on higher education funding revealed that the average cost per student was £1,750 more than they receive in tuition fees and teaching grants. The government's plans include a freeze on undergraduate tuition fees at £9,250 until 2024-25, which would lead to the deficit per student widening to £4,000, according to the group of 24 universities. The fee for English undergraduates has been fixed at £9,250 since 2016. To find out more click [here](#).

First-class degrees more than double in a decade



The proportion of students in England awarded first-class degrees has more than doubled in a decade, the university watchdog says. About 36% of students were awarded the top grade in 2019-20 and 38% in 2020-21, according to analysis by the Office for Students. In 2010-11, it was just under 16%. To read more click [here](#).

Top Universities for gaming



The value of the UK video game industry was worth over seven billion in 2021 and there appears to be a growing number of young people interested in studying gaming at university. Spades Challenge have revealed the top gaming university courses in the UK by analysing over 600 related courses on UCAS. To see the results, click [here](#).

Careers in Conservation



[Conservation Careers](#) have produced guides for students aiming to follow a Conservation Career, they are well worth a look.

Careers In Physics



The Institute of Physics (IoP) is keen to encourage more young people to consider a career in Physics; they believe Physics opens doors to some of the most exciting, cutting-edge, rewarding jobs in the world. The IoP have developed their website to include a guide to your future with physics. To see their information click [here](#).

Key Changes to the UCAS tariff



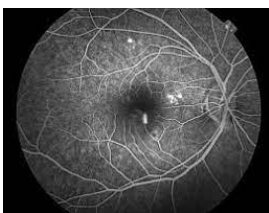
UCAS will be making the following changes to the Tariff from 23 May 2022. Tariff points will be assigned to all UK regulated Level 3 (SCQF Level 6) qualifications. Tariff points will no longer be assigned to UK unregulated and international qualifications, except for the Irish Leaving Certificate. To find out more click [here](#).

Civil Service aims for more apprenticeships



One in twenty civil servants will be an apprentice by 2025, under new plans that will diversify the pipeline of talent into government and spread Civil Service jobs across the country to level up opportunity. To find out how it is envisaged that this will happen click [here](#).

University of Gloucestershire has launched a unique degree apprenticeship in ophthalmic imaging



Launching in September 2022, the [BSc \(Hons\) Healthcare Science Practitioner Apprenticeship](#) has been specifically developed in partnership with the Gloucestershire Retinal Education Group (GREG) to provide ophthalmic technicians with an opportunity to gain a recognised qualification in their chosen career pathway for the first time. Learners will study a variety of healthcare science topics via a distance learning programme while gaining practical experience and knowledge within their place of work.

Tarmac Apprenticeships



Tarmac has a range of apprenticeships for school leavers throughout the country. To see what is available click [here](#).

BT Apprenticeships



BT are still recruiting for a wide range of different apprenticeships throughout the country. To see what they have available and where click [here](#).

UniTasterDays Parents' Guide to University brochure



The Parents' Guide to University has been produced by UniTasterDays.com in collaboration with HELOA - to help parents or guardians, to support young person with their higher education decisions. Editorial has been provided by over 40 colleagues at universities and schools and colleges throughout the UK. On topics including student finance, university applications, university events, student wellbeing and more. To download the brochure, click [here](#).

Law Work Experience with CMS



[CMS](#) are offering Year 12 students five days of work experience which will be packed with opportunities to learn, discover, and meet new people. It is your chance to lay the foundations for a future career in law. Following successful completion of the work experience, you will then enter a sustained programme of support with ongoing mentoring, workshops and events. Closing date is 10th June 2022 and locations are Aberdeen, Bristol, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, and Sheffield.

Career Days

CAREERDAYS.CO.UK

[CareerDays.co.uk](#) offers online work experience career days in various subjects for students aged 14-17 to enable them to gain first-hand knowledge of the profession before they apply. Please see the website to find out what events they have coming soon.

Cyberfirst Summer Courses



Inspired and led by the National Cyber Security Centre, a part of GCHQ, CyberFirst is a programme of opportunities for students in Year 10 to 12 to explore their passion for tech by introducing them to the fast-paced world of cyber security. Each course is designed to inspire and encourage students from all backgrounds to explore and consider careers in cyber security, offering young people with potential the support, skills, experience and exposure needed to be the future first line of defence in our CyberFirst world. To find out more click [here](#).

The Sea.Change Foundation Residential Summer Programme



The Sea.Change Foundation is an inspirational 5-day residential programme, running through the school holidays, for teenagers across the UK to learn about training and careers in the maritime sector. The programme includes exciting water-based activities from stand up paddle-boarding to yachting. To find out more click [here](#).

Big Bang Fair and Big Bang Digital are back 22 to 24 June 2022



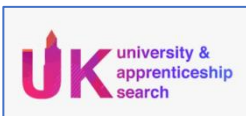
With Big Bang Digital you can Join online to inspire your students to change the world with STEM and discover amazing possibilities and careers of the future. Big Bang Digital 2022 will feature 6 fascinating STEM panels streamed live from [The Big Bang Fair](#) (2 each day). These live panels will be at 10.30am and 1.30pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Festival of Apprenticeships



The Festival of Apprenticeships is a careers roadshow exhibition that will go across the country promoting apprenticeships. The London event is taking place on **Thursday 30th June** at the KIA Oval. The Birmingham event is **Friday 8th July**. The event will run from 10am till 3pm and you can attend in the morning or in the afternoon. The event is aimed at pupils from Year 10 and above, with a strong focus on 16+ and 18+ career opportunities. To find out more click [here](#).

Bristol UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair, Wednesday 21st September, Ashton Gate Stadium.



The fair provides students with help from choosing the right University/HE course, to information regarding higher and degree apprenticeships. The event is ideal for Year 12 students who are starting to make decisions about their post-18 education and career choice, however, it is also a great opportunity to inspire and motivate Year 10 and 11s. To find out more click [here](#).

University of Cambridge webinars for teachers and advisers June 2022



To register for webinars from the University of Cambridge on supporting students to make applications to the university click [here](#).

Climate Ambassadors



Climate Ambassadors is a new initiative led by the University of Reading and STEM Learning to mobilise experts within the climate sector and support them with engaging with young people and educators. By supporting Climate Ambassadors to deliver successful interactions with young people the initiative ensures the young people of today are equipped to tackle the climate issues of tomorrow. To find out more and make a request for a Climate Ambassador for your school click [here](#).

Careers Education and Year 7 students



This article explores one teacher's thoughts on expanding the provision of career education for year 7 students. To read the article click [here](#).

University of Portsmouth HE Advisers Conference, Thursday 9th June



Join the university for a collaborative afternoon to see how they help students overcome challenges including aspiration, resilience and confidence, study skills and mental health. And develop knowledge and tools to help your students get the best from university and their future. To see the agenda 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.

FutureSmart Essentials our essential package for schools includes:

- 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.

If you have any further questions about FutureSmart Essentials and any other ways we can support your school, please don't hesitate to contact us on **0330 311 9509**.

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