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Students and graduates in England will pay up to 12% interest on their loans this autumn, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS). For students starting degree courses from 2023, the rate will be fixed at a lower level. The interest rate on the loan for those currently at university in England is calculated by adding 3% to the retail price index (RPI) measure of inflation. After graduation the interest rate is linked to pay, so those earning £27,295 or less are charged RPI, although they do not make repayments until they earn above that amount annually. Graduates who do earn more each year are charged interest at RPI+3%. To read more click [here](#).

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022



The [QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022](#) have highlighted the quality of the British higher education system with UK universities being ranked among the best in the world across several subjects. The **University of Oxford** and the **University of Cambridge** have been ranked first and second respectively for Humanities and Arts. There are lots of success stories across specific subjects too with **London's Royal College of Music** ranking top for Performing Arts, the **Royal College of Art** (London) and **University of the Arts London** ranking first and second respectively in Art and Design.

Report finds degree grade matters more than university reputation



Students are advised to be "more relaxed" about the reputation of the universities they want to attend, after new research revealed they could be better off graduating with a good degree from a less prestigious university than with a lower-class degree from a selective institution. The [report by the Institute for Fiscal Studies](#) found that graduates in England with first-class or upper second class (2.1) honours degrees had higher average earnings by the age of 30 than those who finished with lower second-class (2.2) awards, regardless of institution.

New Natural History GCSE



New plans announced by Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi detail how the UK education sector is to become a world leader in climate change by 2030. Part of this includes the introduction of a new GCSE in Natural History to start in 2025. Students who study the new GCSE will explore the world by learning about organisms and environments, environmental and sustainability issues, and gain a deeper knowledge of the natural world around them. To find out more click [here](#).

Highest paying UK jobs that don't need a degree



Adzuna (a job search engine company) have recently highlighted the highest paying UK jobs that don't need a degree. This is well worth a look if only to find out about the number 1 job, Scrum Master. To find out more click [here](#).

Say that again slowly podcast



Say That Again Slowly is a student-led podcast that explore topics and research presented at the Cambridge Festival 2022. The podcasts look at recipes for saving the planet, body image for young people and the sonnets of Shakespeare, amongst others. To listen to what they have available click [here](#).

Work experience requirements for Medicine



For students interested in applying to medicine and wondering what is required from the universities in terms of work experience, The Medic Portal has a summary of the requirements from different universities. Click here for the [details](#).

Careers in the creative industries



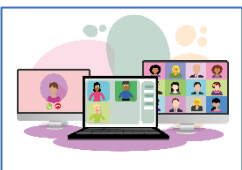
Pearsons College London has produced a free Careers Guide to help you find out more about careers in the creative industries. It's packed with all the essential information about pipelines, job roles, expected salaries, skill requirements and qualifications needed to enter this ever-evolving industry full of opportunities. You will need to fill in a form to download the guide and find out more about the exciting opportunities within the fields of VFX, game art, animation, motion graphics and producing. You will find the form [here](#).

Podiatry.... What's it all about?



The Royal College of Podiatry has a great careers section on their website covering many different aspects of the career. As usual there is a lot more to the work than what you might think. To find out more about the career and training click [here](#).

Aspire Webinar Series



upReach's Aspire Webinar Series is designed to support state school sixth formers across the UK to explore their career and higher education options. Upcoming webinars cover Choosing the Right University for You (14 Jun), Alternatives to University (21 Jun), How to Write a Great Personal Statement (5 Jul), How to Write a Great CV (12 Jul). All webinars will take place from 5:00 - 6:00pm. School and college students can register [here](#).

Summer Academy, Webster University, Geneva



Webster University Geneva www.webster.ch is offering students aged 16 – 18 years old the opportunity to take part in a 2 week Summer Academy program. Students will experience studying Business & Economics, International Relations, Computer Science, Media, Psychology, Photography, plus students can choose a number of different elective subjects e.g. French classes and Environmental Sustainability. In addition, students will get to visit the UN building in Geneva which is only 5 minutes away from the campus. The Summer Academy consists of classroom learning, indoor and outdoor activities, field trips and/or group projects. To find out more click [here](#).

Oxford Royal Academy



The Oxford Royal Academy provides two-week academic Summer Programs which can be taken in Oxford, Cambridge or Yale University in the USA. There are a wide range of programs available for 13 - 15 year olds, 16 – 18 year olds, and for students aged 19+. The Pre University programs for 16 – 18 year olds include subjects such as Business Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Engineering & Technology, Medicine and Experimental. To find out more click [here](#).

Smallpeice Trust Summer Courses



Build the foundations for a career in engineering or STEM-related further study with a virtual or residential course for students in Year 10, 11 and 12. To find out more about what is on offer click [here](#).

How to write a covering letter for an apprenticeship



Rate my Apprenticeship has good advice regarding what to write in a cover letter when sending a CV for an apprenticeship. Who do you address the letter to? How much detail do you provide? To find out more click [here](#).

Free virtual experiences to build work readiness skills



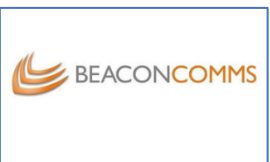
The Forage are offering a range of free virtual experiences which are designed to help students specifically with work-readiness skills that will help them navigate the challenging times we are in and empower them to thrive as they seek and secure work experience and apprenticeships. To find out more about what they have on offer click [here](#).

UCAS Discovery Online Events



UCAS have 3 online discovery events happening soon for students interested in STEM, Business, Law and Economics and Medicine and Allied Health. To find out more and get your tickets click [here](#).

Interested in CAD? Vacancy with Beacon Comms, Tavistock office



Beacon Comms is one of the leading telecoms infrastructure companies in the UK working for many of the Mobile Phone Operators. Beacon Comms are looking to recruit dynamic sixth form students capable of producing CAD drawings for telecoms sites. The work requires an analytical mind to be able to interpret site surveys and existing drawings, to make the correct changes for various site upgrade projects. Training will be given for all of the industry specific aspects of the job. Computer literacy and a desire to learn CAD is all that is required. To find out more contact Tim.Clifford@beaconcomms.co.uk.

Barclays Technology Apprenticeships



Barclays programmes can be a gateway into a variety of technology careers, from software development to analytics to UX design. For the **Higher Apprenticeship** in Technology, candidates need: 3 A-Levels (or equivalent) at BCC For **Foundation Apprenticeship** in Technology, candidates need: Five GCSEs at A*-C (9-5) including Maths and English (or equivalent). To find out more click [here](#).

Saffery Champness Accountancy School Leaver roles



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Saffery Champness currently has a range of different accountancy roles at various locations throughout the UK. To see what's available and to find out more click [here](#).

National Trust Apprenticeships



The National Trust currently has a number of apprenticeships roles to start this summer with a closing date of 8th May 2022. To see what they have available click [here](#).

New guide on applying for vet school



A new guide created by key veterinary organisations including the British Veterinary Association offers advice to careers advisers, teachers, parents and carers to enable them to support their young people in pursuing a veterinary career. The guide tackles myths about grades, alternative routes and multiple applications, as well as outlining the financial support available. To download the guide click [here](#).

Advancing Access Free CPD conferences for Teachers and Advisers



The conferences for teachers and advisers are taking place on **Thursday 9th June** at the **University of Bristol** and **Friday 10th June** at the **University of York**. Each event is from **9.45am to 3.30pm**. The events will provide information, advice and guidance for schools and colleges to support their students as they apply to university. You will also be able to hear first-hand from university staff with the opportunity to ask them questions and browse 24 university exhibition stalls. To register click [here](#).

TraumaLive



TraumaLive is a live feed hosted by doctors, wishing to give interested pupils aged **13+** an insight into being a doctor. The full day online course will give students a day of the life of a doctor working in Trauma care. The course will be held **Saturday the 4th of June from 10 am until 5 pm**. To find out more and apply, click [here](#).

Vet Summer School



If you're interested in becoming a Vet this summer school could give you the experience needed to apply for university. The application deadline is the **1st of June 2022**, and the program runs between the **24th of July to the 6th of August 2022**. To apply you will need to explain in 250 words why you want to join the program, get an academic reference from your school, and complete the application form. To find out more and apply, click [here](#).

Engineer Summer School



Apply to this summer engineering school at the University of Bristol by the **1st of June 2022** and spend a summer getting yourself ready for engineering at university. The summer school will last between **24th of July to the 6th of August 2022**. To apply, you will need to explain in 250 words why you want to join the program, get an academic reference from your school, and complete the application form. To find out more and apply, 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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