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Students should be ambitious with 2021 university applications



The number of students who chose to defer university entry in 2020 increased by only 0.1 % on the previous year which means that universities have more capacity than expected for 2021 applications. Clare Marchant, Chief Executive of UCAS says, "With no substantial rise in deferrals and many universities planning to raise their capacity, I encourage students to aim high as opportunities abound for them." Read more on this [here](#).

Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers in England announced



The Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers were announced this week with the British Army topping the leader board followed by HMRC, Royal Navy, BT and MT Elizabeth Line. Over 400 applications were received for this new league table published by the Department of Education with [High Fliers Research](#). The new rankings will help potential apprentices, parents and careers advisers identify the best apprenticeship opportunities with the highest performing apprentice employers in England. Boris Johnson said: "Now more than ever we should celebrate businesses who are driving our efforts to build a stronger, fairer, and more competitive economy. These modern employers are at the heart of levelling up our workforce." See [here](#).

50% of the workforce will need reskilling by 2025



According to the World Economic Forum's [The Future of Jobs Report](#) published this month, 50% of employees will need re-skilling by 2025 due to the double disruption of automation and the pandemic. Critical thinking and problem-solving top the list of skills that employers believe will grow in prominence in the next five years. These have been consistent since the first report in 2016 but newly emerging are skills in self-management such as active learning, resilience, stress tolerance and flexibility. Read more from the World Economic Forum [here](#).

3 Top universities won't accept T-Levels and 10 others are undecided



The first T-Level courses began this autumn with 44 providers offering courses in Education & Childcare, Construction and Digital. A further 7 T Levels will be available in September 2021 with the remainder starting in 2022 or 2023. The Department of Education states that T-Levels will be awarded the same UCAS points as A levels with a Distinction* equal to 3 A*s at A level. From the Russell Group, only Warwick University has confirmed that it will accept T Levels for 2022 entry. Cambridge, Imperial and Queen Mary have said they will not. A further 10 universities remain undecided and are awaiting further specifications and details. Read more [here](#).

2021 Guides to Law Careers and Apprenticeships



The 2021 Guides to Law Careers and Law Apprenticeships are now available online. Produced by [LawCareers.net](#) students can discover what's involved in legal work, the differences between Solicitors, Barristers and Chartered Legal Executives and the courses and training needed to qualify. Students are encouraged to reflect whether a law career is right for them. The Law Apprenticeship Guide compares university and apprenticeship paths as well as different types of apprenticeship, where they lead, what the work involves and the skills required. Find the guides online [here](#).

Dyson Degree Apprenticeship Deadline – 8th November 2020



There's still time to apply to Dyson's degree apprenticeship. The 4-year programme offers promising Engineers the opportunity to study for a BEng Engineering degree while working on live projects with the Dyson Technology Global Engineering team. Students will spend 2 days a week studying mechanical engineering, electronics and electrical engineering electromechanical engineering, software engineering and will learn about engineering through hands-on experience and work with Dyson technology experts on the other 3 days of the week. To apply click [here](#).

Veterinary Virtual Work Experience



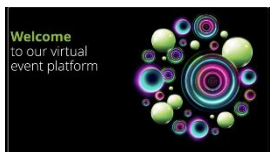
Developed by the University of Nottingham, this 6-hour online course hosted on the FutureLearn Platform provides potential vet students with an alternative to in-person work experience. The course covers how to begin a veterinary career, roles of the wider veterinary team in and out of practice, overview of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the British Veterinary Association and professional conduct, current and future issues for veterinary medicine and science and the benefits and challenges of the vocation. The course is on Futurelearn [here](#).

USA Universities at What Career Live? What University Live? 6 & 7 November



This event provides students with opportunities to speak to universities and companies in real-time and get advice. Students can also meet representatives from the Fulbright organisation for advice on applying to USA universities and visit the Creative Hub to find out how about careers in advertising, broadcasting, design, marketing and PR. To register click [here](#).

Deloitte Virtual Workshops, Networking & Discovery Events



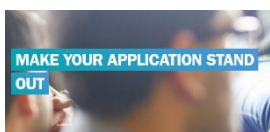
Deloitte are hosting a number of virtual events through their online hub. Students can explore the different areas of work in this global organisation and meet existing partners who will share their own career journeys and other insights. There are further opportunities to take part in inter-active skills workshops covering topics such as growth mindset, presentation skills and building confidence. Register [here](#).

St George's, University of London, Taster Webinars in October and November



St George's, London are running a series of webinars about undergraduate degrees in Paramedic Science, Physiotherapy, Radiography and Occupational Therapy. Sessions start at 16.00. Students will gain insights into what these degrees entail, meet current students and lecturers from the course, hear about their experiences. Find and register for events [here](#).

Learn more about the NHS to make Medical applications stand out



St George's, University of London, recommend that applicants to Medicine or other allied health career degree courses should demonstrate an understanding of the values of NHS found in the [NHS Constitution](#) and the priorities for healthcare detailed in the [NHS Long Term Plan](#). Students are advised to think about their views on current challenges facing the NHS, not just relating to COVID-19 but also the impact of Brexit, an ageing population and increased demand for mental health services. For more advice from St George's see [here](#).

Spotlight on: The University of London Institute in Paris



ULIP offers French Studies degree courses which can be studied with or without Business, History or International Relations. Applications are made through UCAS. Students are encouraged to become near-native speakers, gain intercultural skills as well as international experience. As an alternative, students can apply to study the BA International Politics which is taught entirely in English. Accommodation options include private studio flats, shared flats or halls of residence or shared flats. For more information go the ULIP website [here](#).

Entry now open for Essay Writing Competition with the New College of the Humanities



NCH are inviting competition essay entries from students who are currently in Y12. Essay titles are drawn from a broad range of humanities and social sciences topics and the judges are looking for entries from intellectually curious students who show passion and academic potential in the humanities and social sciences. Students have until February 1st midday to submit their entries. First place prize is £1,000. Register and choose from one of 10 essay titles [here](#).

Career insight programmes for students age 12-14



Investin are running a series of 'The Future' career insight half days for 12-14-year-olds January for which bookings are open now. The cost per student is £65. Sessions will take place online and include The Future Investment Banker, The Future Doctor, The Future Psychologist, The Future Lawyer among others. Investin also run 1-2-day career insight days for 15-18-year-olds throughout the year and 10 day in-person work experience placements in the summer holidays. For more details click [here](#).

Future Medics - Aspire Conference on 21 November



The Medic Portal are hosting a full day conference to provide tips and insights to help aspiring medics with Medical School applications. Sessions include perspectives from an Admissions Tutor, Building a Medical CV, Succeeding with the UCAT and BMAT, Interviews, and life as a Junior Doctor. Tickets are £10.00 per pupil. Book places [here](#).

Year in Industry Applications now Open



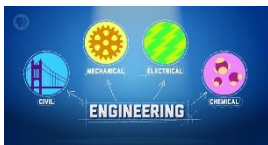
Registrations are open for EDT Placements: **The Year in Industry (YINI)** scheme to start in September 2021. YINI places students aged 17+ in top UK companies and organisations. Students gain first-hand knowledge and experience of working within one of the following industries: Science (particularly physics), Engineering (all areas), Technology/Electronics, Maths, Business, Finance, IT, HR or Marketing. Students are also assigned a YINI Mentor for the duration of their placement and can develop further skills through work-ready YINI Master Class Workshops. To register click [here](#).

Royal Television Society Masterclasses



RTS student programme and craft skills masterclasses feature respected industry professionals working within various genres and fields of television. From editors to comedy writers, these events offer a chance to discuss the secrets of success with those on the front line in journalism, documentary, drama, comedy, factual, edit, camera and sound. To access the masterclasses, click [here](#).

Inspire the next generation by showing Engineering as a 'caring' profession



Writing for The Engineer online, Professors Bashir M. Al-Hashimi from Kings College, London and Stewart Edmondson from the UK Electronics Skills Foundation, say that to inspire the next generation, Engineering needs to be seen to tackle issues such as the climate emergency, accessible healthcare and the environment. "We need to present Engineering as a 'caring' profession, one directly associated with solving problems and making people's lives better. We need to emphasise the role engineers have in developing the disruptive digital technologies that are fundamental to robotics, autonomous systems, and healthcare and the link to the UN's Goals." Read the full article [here](#).

In demand industries can source candidates using transferable skills



Totaljobs analysed 273,000 job ads and over one million skills to calculate skills compatibility from one industry to another. The results show **The Transfer Market** in action. Following Covid-19, 7 in 10 people are now more likely to consider working in a different industry. Totaljobs have produced factsheets showing the five most transferable industries and skills for each of 38 different job sectors. See the findings [here](#).

Start Your Own Business – Advice and Resources from the Princes Trust



For young people based in the South of England (from Devon and Cornwall to London) who have a business idea but are not sure where to begin, the Princes Trust are running a free online Enterprise programme offering workshops and one-to-one mentoring support with the opportunity to secure funding too. The Prince Trust website also provides Business Plan & Budget Templates, Finance and Marketing resources. For more information click [here](#).

Amazing Apprenticeships October Parents Pack



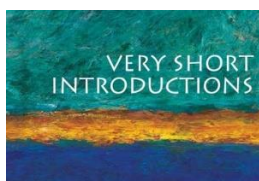
Amazing Apprenticeships produce a monthly pack for parents to download as a PDF. In this month's edition, they look at the differences between T Levels, traineeships and apprenticeships and there are other features on the BAME Awards 2020, apprenticeships in engineering, Top 100 Employers, Life as a mature apprentice with the NHS. Find the Parent Pack [here](#).

IBM Degree Apprenticeships and Gap Year Schemes



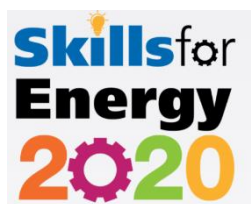
IBM are inviting to students to register interest for upcoming Degree Apprenticeships and The Futures Gap Year Placement Scheme. Apprentices on the Digital & Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship study at either the University of Exeter or Manchester Metropolitan University. Time at University is typically one day a week either on site or via online education. Applicants apprenticeship or gap year scheme do not need to have prior work experience but will need to demonstrate how they reflect IBM's eight core competencies Adaptability; Communication; Client Focus; Creative Problem Solving; Drive; Teamwork; Passion for IBM and Taking Ownership. Click [here](#) to register.

Very Short Introductions Series



The Very Short Introductions series published by Oxford University Press and [available on Amazon](#) offers a concise introduction to a wide range of subjects — from Islam to Sociology, Politics to Classics, and Literary Theory to History. Each book provides a discussion of central issues and the authors combine facts, analysis, new ideas and enthusiasm to make sometimes challenging topics more readable. The books can be a valuable companion to students considering new subjects to study at university or for preparing for a university interview. More details and titles can also be purchased [here](#).

Skills for Energy Online Event 25 November



Skills for Energy is taking place on 25th November to bring students together with industry to highlight potential career paths and the full range of prospects available within the energy sector. There will be interviews with graduates, apprentices and professionals, where interviewees will explain how the subjects they studied at school have linked with their careers. The event will also feature product demonstrations and virtual tours. All content will be recorded and accessible on demand at a later date too. Students can register for the event [here](#).

Careers Helpline



Jacquie Ridge, our Careers Helpline Manager welcomes 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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