

BHASVIC

# WIDENING PARTICIPATION NEWS



## Welcome to the Spring Update

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### INTRODUCTION

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This newsletter is intended to summarise the main activities currently being offered by our local universities whilst providing information of other opportunities that may be appropriate. Most events are free of charge, but where there is a cost implication, it has been highlighted.

### WP OPPORTUNITIES

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It has been a busy start to the year; students have settled into their courses and are beginning to plan for their next stage. This could be university, apprenticeship or a gap year etc. We have information on all options in this issue.

### INDUSTRY SECTOR INFORMATION

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**BHASVIC Futures Fair** - we hope those of you who attended the Futures Fair found it useful and informative. At the fair there were over 100 exhibitors and in excess of 1,500 students who attended. The feedback from our students was amazing, they felt it was an important event in their progression journey and were grateful that it was on their doorstep. Our exhibitors told us how well prepared and knowledgeable our students were. Engaging with employers is an important skill for students and ours seem to be good at it.

### REMINDERS & GENERAL CAREERS INFORMATION

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## Support for A1 to A2 Transfer

Students will soon start the process of completing their A1 – A2 transfer options during tutorial. During this time, they will need to start looking at what their future plans may be. Below are a few useful tools for them to use in their planning.



**1) For students who interested in going to university, need help finding a course or need to expand their knowledge of what is available the following resources are helpful:**

- SACU A Level Match - click [here](#)
- or
- Uniguide – A Level Explorer - click [here](#)

**2) Students wanting to understand where a degree subject might lead them:**

- Prospects – what can I do with my degree? It's a useful tool, is not an exhaustive list but a great starting point. Click [here](#)

**3) Students wishing to understand more about apprenticeships:**

- Get in Go Far – Fire It Up. Click [here](#)

**4) Gap Years**

- Plan My Gap Year. Click [here](#)

**5) Listed below are a couple of careers resources that may also help students make decisions (but they can also help parents to advise students about their choices).**

- Target Careers Choices about University - click [here](#)
- Apprenticeships in Sussex - click [here](#)

## WP Opportunities

### Brighton and Hove Jobs Fairs - Dates for your diary

Amex Stadium, Village Way, Brighton BN1 9BL

This event attracts a mixture of different employers from various industries all recruiting for local jobs. Free to attend with no registration required.

Dates:

- Friday 12th June 2020 10am-1pm
- Wednesday 2nd September 2020 10am - 1pm
- Friday 27th November 2020 10am - 1pm

## Schemes Offering Students Additional Support or Reduced Offers for Year 12 Students

### Access UCL Scheme



Access UCL is UCL's alternative offer scheme for students from groups that are underrepresented at UCL.

**Eligible students who successfully complete the Access UCL scheme will receive a reduced offer of up to two grades below the standard UCL offer for the programme they have applied for.**

In order to be eligible for the scheme students must be attending/have attended a UK state school for A levels/IB Diploma and meet two out of the following criteria (please note that this eligibility criteria is for students applying in 2019/20 for 2020 entry):

- Attend or have attended a low-performing school for either GCSE or A level\*.
- Live in an area which has a high level of financial, social or economic deprivation\*\*.
- Live in a neighbourhood which has a low progression rate to higher education\*\*\*.

If students are eligible for Access UCL there is no need to do anything in addition to the standard UCAS application, the application will be automatically flagged when we receive it.

**Please note that the UCL Access scheme only accepts students predicted ABB or more.**

To check eligibility please visit [here](#).



## Access to Southampton (A2S)

Applications for the Access to Southampton (A2S) scheme **for students wishing to begin a degree 2021 entry are now open**. A2S is a widening participation programme that will support your university application and help develop the skills you need to reach your potential as an undergraduate. The programme includes a residential summer school, support with transition to university, a scholarship and potential eligibility for additional admissions consideration (grade reduction).

Please visit the website for more information by following this [LINK](#)

## Exeter Scholars

Exeter Scholars is a free programme giving you the opportunity to find out more about university, develop a passion for a chosen subject, and gain first-hand experience of student life at the University of Exeter. It will provide you with:

- An understanding of university life and an opportunity to hear directly from current university students about their experiences
- First-hand experience of a leading university and advice from world-class academics who are passionate about the subjects they teach
- An exciting insight into the type of research carried out by universities and the impact it can have on our everyday lives
- The chance to make new friends
- The opportunity to explore a subject of your choice through fully funded residential events and regular trips to one of our campuses
- Development of experience and knowledge to help you decide if university is right for you, and, if so, boost your university application
- Development of key skills to help with both your current studies and the transition to university-level study in the future
- A pathway to studying at the University of Exeter and access to the Exeter Scholars benefits packages



The programme offers opportunities for both South West-based and national students, and supports participants through to the end of Year 13. All pathways include exciting face-to-face events, as well as continued support and online activities to complete in your own time.

Click [here](#) to find out more about the opportunities available to you and to check the programme eligibility criteria click [here](#).

## University Based Opportunities

### LSE Student Shadowing



Student Shadowing provides a unique opportunity for Year 12 and 13 students from schools and colleges in the UK to gain an insight into studying at LSE. Students spend half a day at LSE shadowing an undergraduate student. As part of the day, they will:

- attend an undergraduate lecture
- have a tour of the campus
- quiz students on their university life

Students also have the opportunity to speak to someone from Student Marketing and Recruitment with any queries or concerns they have about admissions and other aspects of studying at LSE.

In 2017/18, over 500 students took part in LSE's Student Shadowing Scheme.

Student Shadowing runs from October to March each year and applications are now open.

**Please note that the student must have the grade predictions suitable for the course they are interested in.**

For more information click [here](#).

## University of Nottingham

The university has a variety of exciting events for students taking place over the next few months. OutLAW, with the University of Nottingham Pro Bono Society are hosting their annual **Law Insight Day on the 30 March**; students are invited to get in touch and come along for talks from solicitors and apprentices and to find out more about pathways to Law.

If interested, please email [lawprobono@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:lawprobono@nottingham.ac.uk)

The School of Chemistry is also running revision workshop days for students, including an AS workshop for Year 12 on 30 April 2020 (click [here](#)) and an A2 Year 13 workshop on 1 May 2020, click [here](#).





## Industry Sector Information

### Interested in Accountancy & Finance?

Access Accountancy is a movement for change across the accountancy profession. Working towards everyone having an equal chance of accessing the profession. Accountancy firms and professional bodies have committed to measurable outcomes, which aim to deliver real change and welcome talented and ambitious young people to the profession from all backgrounds, supporting social mobility. Please click [here](#) to access further information.

If you are interested in accountancy and finance there are a range of schemes available to support your progression and minimise the cost. An example of one of these is the PwC Flying Start programme; see more details at by clicking [here](#).

You can look at other large accountancy firms, for example, Ernst Young, Deloitte, Mazars etc. – all of whom offer programmes aimed at either giving an alternative route to a degree, or reducing the costs of the degree you study.



### In2science

In2scienceUK is an award-winning charity which empowers students from disadvantaged backgrounds to achieve their potential and progress to STEM and research careers through high quality work placements and careers guidance. This includes a 2 week summer placement commitment. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Reminders

### Goldsmiths Taster Days

Goldsmiths Taster Days are free-to-attend masterclasses led by Goldsmiths academics. They offer anyone thinking about attending university an opportunity to attend a lecture or workshop, find out more about courses at Goldsmiths, and talk to current students.

Information on available sessions will be available in the new year, but in the meantime, you can visit the website and apply [here](#).

## Free Taster Course Programme with Various London Universities - (non residential)

The Taster Course Programme provides year 12 sixth form students with a taste of what life at a university in London is like. Through your chosen taster course you will experience the different teaching methods used by university academics and gain an insight into the additional facilities available, whilst meeting students from across the UK.

All these taster courses are free to attend and students can choose a course from a variety of subjects taking place at the numerous participating universities. Courses range from voice and drama, to medicine and nursing, to computing and business.

The taster courses take place at various times throughout the year but mainly between February and July. The courses run from half-a-day to a week and are non-residential. All courses are free of charge, students are responsible for their own travel and food expenses, however students claiming a bursary at BHASVIC may be eligible to support with travel.

### Participating Universities:

- Birkbeck, University of London
- City University London
- The Courtauld Institute of Art
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- King's College London
- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- Queen Mary, University of London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- Royal Veterinary College
- St George's, University of London
- SOAS, University of London
- UCL
- University of London Institute in Paris



Visit [here](#) to search and book taster courses

## General Careers Information

### TARGETcareers

The world of work is changing and there are now more options than ever for students, such as going to university, starting an apprenticeship or combining both through higher apprenticeship/sponsored degrees.

TARGETcareers has created a new publication to help parents to support their children in their future career decisions. In the guide, you will find information on:

- The world of apprenticeships,
- Which routes are best financially,
- Where your child will flourish,
- Researching employer programmes,
- Helping your child transition to university.

In addition, there are guides on how to get into different sectors such as finance, business, engineering and IT.

The publication is completely free to access and you can find a copy by clicking [here](#).



## Examples of Bursaries Available to Widening Access to Higher Education

See the links below for examples of a range of scholarships and bursaries available to support talented students from every background. **Please check any university you are applying to in order to find out if they offer bursaries. Don't miss out on free money.**

[University of Liverpool](#)

[Aber](#)

[Grantfairy](#)

[Scholarship Hub](#)





## All About School Leavers

If you are considering doing an apprenticeship, school leaver programme or sponsored degree, you will also need to start thinking about which industry you'd like to work in. In the UK there are apprenticeships available in all kinds of industries, from accounting and digital media to construction, engineering and IT. You are spoilt for choice!

That is why it's important to start finding out about all of the different industries you can enter.

For more information click [here](#).

## Paths to Professional Careers – a Parent's Guide

Get advice aimed at parents on careers, university and school leaver programmes such as higher apprenticeships and sponsored degrees. The guide is for you whatever your child wants to do after their A levels, Scottish Highers or International Baccalaureate. Click [here](#) to download your copy (please note that the website is still to be updated with the 2020 version).