

WIDENING PARTICIPATION NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK TO THE LATEST WP NEWS

BY LYNNE TROWER

This Christmas edition of our WP newsletter contains a variety of articles & has a focus on schemes being offered by universities across the country. It is important for students to investigate opportunities at any university they are considering applying to as it is not possible to list them all here. We hope by giving some examples you will be able to get an idea of the support available. It may seem early for year 12 students to start thinking about university applications, but as they start their progression topic in tutorial next term, it is appropriate to mention some of the things they need to consider. **There are also opportunities listed that are relevant to year 13 students too.**

The Uni Guide website is an excellent tool for exploring what courses are on offer at different universities & the range of grades required. There are some other great websites with resources that students can use to help them decide on the future pathway.

If you would like to apply for some free virtual work experience to find out more about a specific career, then you can look on **Springpod** and apply to any appropriate opportunities. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas and hope that you have a restful break.

Events at Partner Universities

*** Please register for these opportunities regardless of your intended university destination choice ***



University of Brighton

At the University of Brighton, we understand it can be challenging to know how best to support your young person navigate their journey to university. We are on hand with advice to help you and your young person with the process of applying to university, please sign up to receive information on events and application support from the University of Brighton.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)



UNIVERSITY
OF SUSSEX

Access to Sussex - Programme Now Open!

The programme offers students in Year 12 and above the support, guidance, and experiences they may need to help navigate their post-16 education options, through a series of free events and activities. The programme is completely free and offers all students (in Year 12 or 13) access to events and resources to help them make informed choices about their futures, and the steps needed to get to where they want to go.

Students who meet our more targeted criteria will be able to sign up to additional events as part of our **Access Plus** programme, which includes Academic Masterclasses, Academic Research Projects and Residential events.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Access To Sussex Events Programme

For a list of the types of events we will run throughout the year on the University of Sussex Access Programme, click on more information below. Events are added all the time, so this is just to give you a taster of what's on offer. Once you've signed up to the programme, you'll be able to see all that we have on offer for you on your student booking portal.

Please note - some events listed here are only available to Access Plus students.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES



ASPIRING PROFESSIONALS PROGRAMME APP

****Deadline 12 noon 10th December 2021****

The Aspiring Professionals Programme (APP) is carefully designed to open up professions for those with the ability to join them in the future, but without the means or networks to get there.

They aim to give young people a real insight into top professions and to provide them with the skills needed to achieve their aspirations. Support is offered through four pillars:

- Mentoring by a professional via email
- Tailored skills sessions and career workshops
- University application support and guidance
- Internships with top employers

Students complete one application to the APP but the strand they are on and therefore how they receive the four pillars of support depends on where they live.

The programme supports young people interested in:

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| • Accountancy | • Engineering & Physics |
| • Architecture | • Law |
| • Banking & Finance | • Media & Communications |
| • Biology & Chemistry | • Medicine |
| • Business | • Politics |
| • Digital | |

[Application form - click here to apply](#)

[Eligibility criteria - more information here](#)

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES



Pathway to Bath Programme

Pathway to Bath is a free blended learning programme that gives students the chance to develop key skills for university study and beyond while working online alongside experienced staff and current students and the opportunity to attend a free 3-day summer residential visit to experience life as a student at Bath.

The programme is designed to fit around your busy A level (or equivalent) schedule and will require **no more than one hour per week** to complete. You can work through the sessions wherever and whenever suits you, and have the opportunity to gain an alternative offer to study at Bath if you successfully complete the programme.

*****APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 2022*****

[Watch this presentation to find out more](#)

Access to Bath Programme

An online programme that can lead to an **alternative offer** for eligible **year 13** students

Access to Bath is an online course that will prepare you for study and life at Bath. The transition to university can be a challenging time for any student, and we want to help support this process. Through this programme you'll find out what being a student at Bath is like and you will develop your skills, confidence and knowledge to help you make a smooth transition to the University.

[More information - who's eligible and how to take part](#)

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DISCOVER BATH

Discover Bath is a free event for Year 12 students from Widening Participation backgrounds to experience university study and find out about life at university.

Discover Bath is a summer programme which aims to give prospective students a taste of first-year life and study at the University of Bath, together with the opportunity to gain an alternative offer (see details below).

Discover Bath is **free-of-charge**, including on-campus accommodation, free meals for the duration of your stay, a programme of academic sessions (lectures, seminars, workshops) and fun social activities. Your travel to the university can be reimbursed (reasonable travel within the UK only).

Discover Bath is available to all **Year 12 (or equivalent)** students who are academically able to study at Bath in their chosen subject and meet [our widening participation criteria](#).

Subjects on offer

Monday 1 Aug - Thurs 4 Aug

- Science
- Engineering

Monday 8 Aug - Thurs 11 Aug

- Social Sciences
- Management & Business

[More information - who's eligible and how to take part](#)

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YEAR 12 SUBJECT SPECIFIC TASTER DAYS - FREE FEBRUARY TO JUNE 2022

Our free subject-specific taster days allow sixth form and college students to experience a subject at undergraduate level.

Surrey Scholars is our sustained programme of outreach with programmes available for students in Years 12, 13 and equivalent. Students can join Surrey Scholars at any time and they will be invited to join the programme of activity appropriate to their level of study.

The University of Surrey is delighted to be hosting Subject Specific Taster Days for students in Year 12 or equivalent once again.

These on campus events take place during school holidays and invite you to explore a subject in more detail and discover what it might be like to study at university in addition to the potential careers that it could lead on to. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from some of our prominent University of Surrey academics who will introduce their subject and research through an interactive timetable. Our inspirational Student Ambassadors will also be available to talk about their experience and what it's like to study at University.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

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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 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.

The courses offer an insight into study at university and the opportunity of attending a course that may be of interest to students who are not sure about at this stage. The experience will also enable students to check out the non-teaching facilities provided by the university. There will be a chance to meet with other students on the taster course and undergraduate students studying at the university. These are great experiences to help with decision-making and with completing personal statements.

[More Information](#)

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Schroders

Virtual Open Evening for Year 13 Students

2nd February 2022

Schroders is hosting a virtual open evening on 2nd February 2022 for young people and their parents to find out more about the apprenticeship opportunities available at the firm. This event is designed for students who have been previously eligible for free school meals and/or students whose parents have not attended university.

Schroders is a global investment manager, we help institutions, intermediaries and individuals across the planet meet their goals, fulfil their ambitions, and prepare for the future. But as the world changes, so do our clients' needs. That's why we have a long history of adapting to suit the times and keeping our focus on what matters most to our clients.

[Click here for a place](#)

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES



PATHWAYS TO PROPERTY
Discover where a career in property could take you

Henley
Business School
UNIVERSITY OF READING

Where business comes to life

GET INVOLVED

- Four-day, fully-funded **Summer School** for Year 12 students held at Henley Business School, University of Reading
- Opportunity to take part in a one-week **work experience placement** in a real estate and planning firm
- **E-mentoring** programme
- **Open Online Course** – free and open to all. Runs all year round and requires six hours of study
- Summer School attendees who enrol on a property-related degree course at any University are eligible to apply for a **bursary of £30,000** over three years of study
- Summer School attendees who enrol onto a real estate and planning degree at Henley Business School, University of Reading will be awarded a **£1,000 Welcome Bursary**

For more details visit:
henley.ac.uk/alumni/support-henley/pathways-to-property

  @PathsToProperty

RREF
Reading Real Estate
Foundation



More Information

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Who We Are

Amazing Apprenticeships is a leading organisation in the education sector, founded to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and promote the benefits.

As experts on apprenticeships and vocational education, we influence the way that apprenticeships are perceived and drive forward innovative and creative work in England and internationally, to ensure that more individuals and businesses can access the benefits of apprenticeships.

SAVE THE DATE

National Apprenticeship Week

7th - 13th February 2022

- **Resources - explore over 200 free, inspirational and informative resources teachers, careers advisors, employers, providers, parents and students.**
- **Vacancy Snapshot - take a look behind the scenes of some of the world's biggest and best companies and find out what to expect from their apprenticeship recruitment processes.**

It's never too early to start getting ready for National Apprenticeship Week and we've got everything you need! View our range of resources designed to help careers advisers, teachers and other stakeholders to get ahead with your planning.

We encourage you to use these free resources to help you celebrate the most exciting week in apprenticeships with your students, colleagues, parents and carers!

More information & to book

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES



Planned Webinars for Students

We are delighted to offer a programme of subject-specific webinars with the aim of supporting and advising students who are planning to apply to a course within that subject area.

The sessions will introduce students to the application process for each subject, offer an insight into the course content at the University of Nottingham and give students the opportunity to ask questions.

Sessions include:

- **Applying to Engineering Webinar (with Q&A) - Thursday 9 December 18:00-19:00. This webinar is aimed at Year 12 students.**
- **Choosing your STEM Course Webinar - Thursday 20 January 18:00-18:45. This webinar is aimed at Year 11 and 12 students.**

[More information & to book](#)

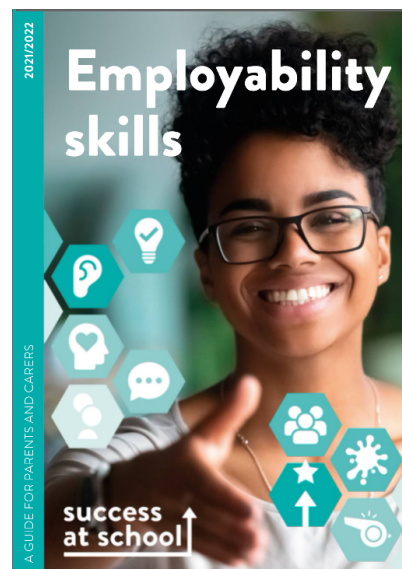
General Careers Information

New 2021/22 STEM and Parents' Guides

What's it all about?

Parents' guide:

This year's Parents' Guide is our second edition, and has a skills specific theme. This guide has been designed to help parents and carers support their children in making informed decisions about their future, and develop the correct skills to help them succeed.



[Download digital copy.](#)



STEM guide:

This year's STEM Guide explores the full range of secondary and A-level STEM subjects, to help young people to understand more about careers in the STEM field. This comprehensive guide has been designed to showcase just how creative, exciting and rewarding a career in STEM can be.



[Download digital copy.](#)



- **Want to talk about your next step after BHASVIC?**
- **Want to discuss university?**
- **Want to know more about widening participation?**
- **Want to learn about apprenticeships?**

Book a careers appointment

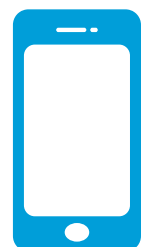
- **An objective and non-judgement 30-40 minute session**
- **Choice of times to fit around your timetable**
- **Tips on how to research options and where to find useful resources**
- **Choose type of appointment from:**



In person



Online via TEAMS



By Phone