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WELCOME BACK TO THE LATEST WP NEWS

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Welcome to the Easter edition of our newsletter. This edition is full of opportunities, events, summer schools and resources. We hope that you find these useful. The Widening Participation scheme is here for students to support their progression in whatever subject area and via whatever route (university or apprenticeships). The Sussex Access programme is a useful resource and is a central hub for a range of resources so we would encourage you to sign up for this - there is no expectation that you will apply to the University of Sussex. Please remember this scheme is here to provide information whatever your chosen route and if you require further information please email wp@bhasvic.ac.uk. Also take a look at our [Future Fair](#) page for further careers information and opportunities.

Wishing you a great Easter break. Stay safe and please let us know if you need any further help.

UPDATES AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



University of Sussex Access Programme



The Sussex Access Programme has been developed to offer specific advice, guidance, insights and enrichment to support students in year 12 and above considering higher education. On the website page you will find:

- Information about the free Sussex Access Programme, what it involves and links for how to apply
- Links to some of the online resources, designed to help you navigate your way through your post-16 education options
- Opportunities to contact the student ambassadors
- More about the University of Sussex

The programme is completely free, and offers you all the tools you might need in one place, allowing you to shape your own journey. You'll have access to live online webinars and workshops on a range of topics and academic subjects, hearing directly from current students and academic staff. Click below to find out more about the programme, including details of how you can join.



Information, Advice and Guidance

A set of online resources have been created that bring together useful information, advice and guidance around Higher Education into one place. Grouped by topics, these free toolkits are available online for whenever you need them, and are designed around the topics we think are important for young people to know about when deciding what to do after school or college.

Topics cover more about choosing a course and university, navigating the process of applying, and what you can do once you graduate.



Application Hub

Visit the university's Undergraduate Applicant Hub to get a taste of what it will be like to study at Sussex. Please read the latest information for applicants in light of the current Covid-19 situation. Then take a look the Welcome to your Subject pages to get a flavour of life at Sussex on your chosen course.

More information





Royal Holloway Contextual Offers

Royal Holloway believe that everyone should have access to Higher Education which is why a contextual offer for students has been developed to meet certain Widening Access criteria.

The contextual offer is a reduction of up to **2 grades lower*** compared to the original entry requirements advertised on the website and undergraduate prospectus.

The contextual offer is made to students who meet certain eligibility criteria (see 'more information') who are from backgrounds or personal circumstances that means they are generally less likely to go to university.

***Subject specific grades and GCSEs are not part of the contextual offer**

*** Does not include the Integrated Foundation Year**

More Information



The Geospatial Scholarship Fund - BAME Opportunity

Scholarships for Black and mixed Black heritage students. Esri UK is establishing a new scholarship programme to encourage and support Black African, Caribbean, Black or mixed Black heritage students in the study of geography and geoscience.

Black and mixed Black heritage students are significantly under-represented within the fields of geography and geoscience. The scholarships will:

- Help to promote geography and geoscience as a positive life choice for students
- Provide financial and other support for students throughout their studies
- Increase the number of Black and mixed Black heritage students studying and working within the disciplines

More Information





Amazing Futures - SEND Opportunity

Peer support project for young people with additional needs aged 14-25 in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex. Amaze is an independent charity whose work with parent carers and young people is funded from a variety of sources: local authorities, central government, health services, trusts and foundations, businesses, public donations and from fundraising events such as the Brighton Marathon and our annual Big Cheer comedy night.

They provide a range of different information, advice and support services to parent and carers and also direct to children and young people with SEND, depending on where you live in Sussex.

Find out more



Summer Schools



Year 12 Virtual Taster Days Virtual and Residential Summer Schools

For more information about either programme or if you have any questions please get in touch at wpesurrey.ac.uk

Year 12 Virtual Taster Days

FREE Interactive, information filled subject-specific events running through Easter and May Half Term.

Students will:

- Learn from prominent University of Surrey academics.
- Find out how to prepare to apply and study their chosen subject at university.
- Talk with current undergraduate students studying to find out what its really like to study at university.

Deadline for applications to April events: Sunday 28 March 2021



Find out more & to apply.

Year 12 Online and On-Campus Summer Schools

FREE Virtual and Residential subject-specific Summer Schools for eligible students in July and August.

Virtual Summer School 26 - 30 July - 5 day online programme

Residential Summer Schools 9 - 20 August - 3-day, 2-night On-Campus

Students will:

- Explore a subject they love at university-level
- Take part in an intensive timetable of academic seminars, university information and social activities
- Meet and work with current University of Surrey students and academics

Deadline for applications: Sunday 19 April 2021



Find out more & to apply.

Pathway to Property Summer School 19th - 22nd July



The Summer School is a fully funded, 4 day residential programme at the University of Reading for Year 12 students. During the week, students will attend taster lectures, go on site visits, take part in a group project and debate, learn to network with key employers in the industry and experience life on a University campus.

All individuals will be provided free accommodation and food and their travel expenses will be covered.

At the end of the week, if they are keen to learn more about property they can complete a funded work experience placement over October half term, have access to our e-mentoring programme, and if they choose to apply to study a property related degree, can apply for a bursary up to £30,000 over three years.

Find out more & to apply.



LEADERSHIP
THROUGH SPORT & BUSINESS



Leadership Through Sport & Business is a social mobility charity that prepares and supports bright young people from disadvantaged backgrounds into meaningful roles with major firms. We make sure those at risk of under-employment find careers equal to their ambition and ability, and can contribute from their first day on the job.

Together with Premier League football club foundations and education delivery partners, we provide young people with personal and professional development to prepare them for the world of work, and we place them in apprenticeships with leading employers across the UK.

These apprenticeship opportunities are London based and may be too far for some students to travel but we thought this was worth sharing.

Find out more information



Summer School Links

These are summer schools that we have worked with previously and their programmes may have changed for 2021, please check the links for subject areas, eligibility and application deadlines. These summer schools are a fantastic addition to your personal statement and can help you to make a decision about the subject area and whether further study is for you. If the university that you are interested in does not appear on this list please check other websites to see if other opportunities are being offered. Please let wpebhasvic.ac.uk know if you are applying to any of these opportunities as we like to track the activities our students are engaging in. If an opportunity requires a reference, please **nominate a teacher or tutor** who knows you and let them know that you have nominated them (ideally before you submit the application).

University of Brighton <https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/applying-to-brighton/schools-colleges/events/index.aspx>

University of Bath <https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/discover-bath/>

University of Surrey <https://www.surrey.ac.uk/schools-colleges/sixth-form-colleges/residential-summer-schools>

Bournemouth Summer Breaks <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/collaborate/teachers-advisers/bu-summer-breaks>

University of Lancaster <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/widening-participation/access/summer-schools/>

University of Essex <https://www.essex.ac.uk/summer-schools/human-rights>

Soas <https://www.soas.ac.uk/summerschool/subjects/courses/>

University of Southampton A2S - need to apply soon for this in year 1
<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/access-to-southampton.page>

University of York <https://www.york.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/post-16/summer-school/>

University of East Anglia - details not available yet <https://www.uea.ac.uk/visit/summer-schools>

Events



Games Careers Week 26th March - 2nd April

A free online festival to inspire people from every background to discover careers in the UK's fastest growing creative industry - video games.

Get involved with over 50 online events including:

- Career talks
- Games studio open events
- University careers shows
- Careers fair, awards shows and conference
- Games development classes
- Talks, workshops and exhibitions at the National Videogame Museum
- Portfolio pitch events
- The Games Education Virtual Summit

Find out more information



insight into **UNIVERSITY**

When - 28th June until 20th August 2021

Duration - 30 hours of study

Cost - £50

Closing date - Applications close on 30th April

Insight into University (previously known as Headstart & Inspire) is a comprehensive online course allowing students to experience STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. The course is open to all students age 16+ and it is suitable for all academic abilities - all that is required is a genuine interest in STEM subjects.

This course provides a unique opportunity for students to access content, activities, lectures, and live sessions from various nationwide universities. It will also offer some fantastic workshops and careers guidance from GSK, BP, Balfour Beatty, GE, Tech Partnership....and others. His Royal Highness Prince of Wales Ambassadors will be participating in exclusive live Q&A sessions and students will have an opportunity to be selected for a 1:1 mentoring session with a STEM business leader or an HRH ambassador. Our student support team is here for you at studentrecruitment@etrust.org.uk

Find out more information



Events Continued



GBMet Outreach Activities

GBMet offers a range of activities working with industry professionals and collaborating with community partners designed to raise aspirations and give insight into higher-level study and graduate careers. Take a look at the list of workshops running below. If you wish to contact the college or subscribe to their mailing list contact wp@gbmc.ac.uk

- Music and Media Industry Weekly Webinars
- Fashion and Textiles – Virtual creative workshops
- Photography Spring School
- Design Culture: Twilight Lectures
- Art, Design and Making
- Make a Music Video
- Creative Workshops and Industry Talks

Find out more information



Virtual Open Evening 20th April

Standard Chartered, a leading international bank, is excited to host two open evenings for the launch of their Financial Markets Apprenticeship. The programme is a great introduction into an exciting and fast paced environment with the opportunity to build a career at a level that has never been offered before.

The apprenticeship starts with a bespoke foundation, designed to equip candidates with the skills and knowledge to fast-track to the Level 6 Apprenticeship, while gaining qualifications from the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments (CISI).

Mentors, peers and stakeholders offer support, as candidates truly immerse themselves into the global Standard Chartered Bank network. They're looking for potential which means they don't look at grades, however would like to see commitment to learning and development beyond GCSEs, which could be through traditional education, but doesn't have to be.



Register here

Events Continued



The Easter Careers Hunt: Find Your Future

Looking for some inspiration about your future this Easter? Answer some short questions now to help find your ideal 'career cluster'. For each student who takes part we shall make a donation to BookTrust, one of the world's largest reading charities!

What is a 'career cluster'? A study entitled The New Work Mindset analysed almost 3 million job descriptions and found that all roles could be grouped into one of 7 clusters (as listed below).

Once you've answered the questions, a cluster will be suggested for you and you will receive a host of video and written content to help coach you around that area.

- The Generators: social beings in professions requiring a high level of personal interaction
- The Technologists: the digitally-savvy, working in jobs that require a fluent understanding of technology
- The Artisans: getting hands-on with skilful tasks
- The Designers: creative creatures who need lean on science and design
- The Informers: providing information, education or business services to others
- The Carers: improving the physical and mental wellbeing of others
- The Coordinators: the super-organised, often the glue that binds a successful organisation together

[Register here](#)



GP Live Virtual work experience course for students aged 15+



Easter is also a great opportunity for aspiring medical students to get some medical work experience which is essential for their medicine applications. The GP Live course will be running over Easter and there are available spaces on the following dates:

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th April 2021 - GP Live

[Register here](#)



fee attached to attendance

Events Continued



Virtual Work Experience Opportunity

Monday 24th - Friday 28th May

IGD's virtual work experience programme provides insight into the diverse range of opportunities our industry has to offer and helps participants develop the skills they need through live interactive workshops and hands-on projects.

The food and grocery industry is growing, with jobs to suit everyone. Our fast-paced and diverse industry, has opportunities for all qualification levels, including in-demand STEM skills within Science, Technology, Engineering and Analytics.

Join our virtual work experience week to gain skills and experience to add to your CV, and expand your network, by interacting with industry professionals.

Throughout the week you'll have the opportunity to:

- Listen - Gain insights from leaders of big brand and retailers
- Engage - Ask questions and find out how to get ahead in your career
- Create - Take part in projects and pitch your ideas to senior leaders.

[Find out more & register here](#)



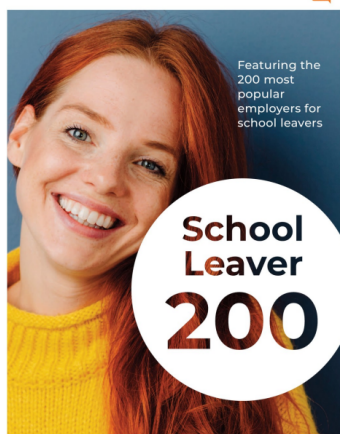
General Careers Information

For students – School Leaver 200

Designed for 15 to 18 year old school and college students, this guide ranks the top 200 school leaver employers in the UK and offers advice and information.

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Key features

- Explains all the options/routes post-18.
- Covers career paths and opportunities within many of the UK's largest industries/employers.
- Showcases employers and career stories of young professionals.
- Includes practical advice for school leavers.



Download digital copy

For parents – Paths to Careers

The content of this guide was developed following a survey conducted on Mumsnet, it offers advice to parents on supporting their child with their career choices, on making decisions about university, and on employer programmes.

Key features

- Introduces and explains all the options/routes post-18.
- Covers career paths within many of the UK's largest industries and professions.
 - Details the pros and cons of each 'route'.
- Showcases career stories of young professionals looking back on how they got there.
- Includes practical advice for parents on where to go for careers information, who to speak to and how they can best support their children in making decisions.



Download digital copy

Your Game Plan

YourGamePlan?

Shape your future careers and stand out from the crowd with **FREE** digital courses to help teach you transferable and employability skills for the workplace. They also teach you about the different sectors you can have careers in.

At YourGamePlan, you can explore courses, gain certificates and career opportunities – with industry-proven tools and insights directly from leading UK organisations. This means you'll be learning relevant industry skills that employers are specifically looking for – giving you a competitive advantage and a step-up from your peers, for free.

Simply sign-up and you can choose from six course categories:

- Career Planning,
- Application and Interview,
- Skills for the Workplace,
- Behaviour for the Workplace,
- Improving Your Mental Health and Lifestyle, and
- Introduction to Industries.

You'll have the freedom to learn new personal skills and employability skills by working independently from home.

Explore the YourGamePlan courses

Essay Prize Competition 2021

Find out more about all of our Arts and Humanities essay prize competitions for prospective students by clicking on the links below:



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- **Philosophy** - **Deadline: Midnight, Thursday 1 April 2021**
- **East Asian Studies** - **Deadline: Midnight, Sunday April 4th 2021**
- **History** - **Deadline: 5pm, Thursday 29 April 2021**