

WIDENING PARTICIPATION NEWSLETTER

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UPDATE ON WIDENING PARTICIPATION EVENTS

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All of the events we offer are intended to help develop skills and although the majority of information in this newsletter is about academic events, we have also included some more general information. Attending academic events/summer schools can enhance your critical thinking and independent study skills and students will be introduced to new subject areas, which will all help to support progression to higher education. There will be the opportunity to ask current students about their university experiences, and talk to academics about their subjects and research. There are numerous benefits to taking part in these events, for example:

- find out about courses and how they are taught
- learn how to carry out university-level research
- experience a university lecture, delivered by an academic in a lecture theatre
- use facilities including, labs, teaching areas, sports facilities, library and specialist arts facilities

Many universities offer summer schools in a variety of subject areas. These applications are competitive and each university deadline and eligibility criteria may vary, so please check so you don't miss out - there's nothing to lose!



**The London Institute
of Banking & Finance**

Summer University

**Tuesday 31 August -
Thursday 2 September 2021**



fee attached to attendance



Summer University is a three day non-residential programme for students who are thinking about a career in financial services and are interested in studying related subjects at university. It will give you an insight into the world of banking and finance. It will also introduce the various career paths available to you within financial services, and can help you think about whether a career in these areas is right for you.

Over three days, you will take part in a variety of workshops, talks and lectures led by experts that already work in the industry. There will also be a number of social activities to introduce you to staff and students, and to give you a taste of student life in the heart of the City.

You are encouraged to apply for the Summer University if you:

- Are a Year 12 or Year 11 student as of September 2020
- Have five 9 to 4 grades at GCSE (or equivalent), including English and Maths
- Have a broad interest in finance, economics or business
- Are considering applying to university

Fee

£75 per student

£50 per student currently studying the CeFS or DipFS

Refreshments and lunch will be provided every day and the cost of materials and all excursions are covered within the course fee. Please note: There is no accommodation provided. Suggestions on places to stay are available via the link below.

Bursaries

There are a limited number of bursaries that cover the full cost of the programme. To qualify for this, you should meet two or more of the criteria below:

- Be living in a POLAR4 area of quintile 1 or 2
- Neither parent has attended higher education
- You are in, or have been in, the care of the Local Authority
- Receives free school meals

Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis.

[More Information](#)

Summer School Links

As previously mentioned in the Easter newsletter, listed below are summer schools that we have worked with previously. Their programmes may have changed for 2021, therefore please check the links for subject areas, eligibility and application deadlines. If the university that you are interested in does not appear on this list, please check their individual 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>

Event - On This Week



Join the Earth Day Panel Event Thursday 22 April

Earth Day is an online event for environmentally-conscious students to learn about the impact engineering has towards achieving a sustainable planet.

In a short online session at 5:30pm there will be industry professionals and students sharing their first-hand examples and aspirations of how a career in engineering can make a difference when it comes to tackling big global issues like sustainability.

Students can register through Eventbrite via the button below.



[Register here](#)

Events

The Power of STEM - CDT Series *Deadline 26th April*



Please see below for a chance to sign-up to a brand new online STEM Outreach session. The CDT series is aimed at Year 12 students studying at least one STEM subject at A level (Year 11 students considering studying STEM subjects at A level, and Year 13 students studying STEM subjects at A level are also welcome to apply for places).

This series is aimed at individual students and is a twilight after-school session.

Young researchers at four University of Leeds Doctoral Training Centres invite you to participate in a short series of online interactive workshops. Find out about their journeys, the area of STEM they are now working in, and some of their current research.

Wednesdays in May (4:30 pm-5:45 pm)

5 May: Fantastic fluids and where to find them

12 May: Saving Lives With AI

19 May: Decarbonising Heavy Duty Transport: The Use of Advanced Biofuels

26 May: Tissue engineering and regenerative medicine: How to build a human

Applications:

When you apply you will be asked to select which session(s) you would like to attend – you are expected to choose at least two sessions, but would love it if you could come to all four.

Places will be limited, and priority will be given to students who fulfil our [Access to Leeds criteria](#).

The closing date for applications is 23:59 on Monday 26 April 2021.

Book your place here



Events

The Lighthouse Project

Deadline 26th April

THE LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
JUSTAGUY
FOUNDATION

Excellent mentoring and training opportunity with Google for 16-19 year olds of African and Caribbean heritage.

What will you gain from the project?

- ONE-TO-ONE ONLINE MENTORING WITH A GOOGLER
- ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON YOUR EMPLOYABILITY
- LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT CAREERS AND ENTRY ROUTES INTO BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY
- IMPROVE YOUR CONFIDENCE AND ABILITY TO ENGAGE OTHERS
- ATTEND SKILL BUILDING AND CAREER ENHANCING WORKSHOPS
- ENHANCE YOUR CV AND PERSONAL STATEMENT
- JOIN A NETWORK OF MOTIVATED YOUNG PEOPLE

Apply Now!
justaguy.co.uk/thelighthouse
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 26.04.2021

SPONSORED BY **Google**

LAUNCH YOUR FUTURE CAREER IN BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY WITH THE LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT.

Just A Guy Foundation is pleased to present The Lighthouse Project, a free 8-week virtual mentoring scheme sponsored by Google. This is a unique opportunity for 16-19-year-olds of African/Caribbean heritage to be mentored by Google employees every Tuesday from 16.30 PM starting from Tuesday 11th May 2021.

What do students gain?

Students will learn about the different entry routes into a range of careers at Google, attend a range of problem-solving, questioning and confidence-building workshops, gain interview practice and the chance to present senior Google stakeholders. In addition, they will have the reflective time to discuss their learnings with their very own dedicated Google mentor (DBS checked).

At the end of the project, students will be given a certificate of completion and will be able to transfer their newfound skills into the next phase of their educational or career journey.

What is the eligibility criteria?

- African/Caribbean heritage
- Aged 16-19 years old at the start of the project in May 2021
- Has at least 5 Grade 6 GCSEs, enrolled on Level 3 courses in a non-fee paying school/college.

The application deadline is Monday 26th April 2021

More Information





Events Continued

Real World Lectures

Over the coming weeks, students are invited to participate in real world lectures that will support their current study. Take a look at the upcoming lectures list below which include a wide range of level 3 curriculum topics within Criminology, Business, Law and Politics, as well as in key issues covered in Citizenship and PSHE. Lectures include:

- **Are women fully protected by law? - 20 April**
- **What is the impact of unreported crime? - 27 April**
- **Does the world need more entrepreneurs? - 28 April**
- **Can anyone be deported? - 4 May**
- **Is prison an effective form of punishment? - 11 May**
- **Death Penalty: Is the right to life an effective form of punishment? - 18 May**
- **How is mental health protected by law? - 25 May**
- **What determines the sentence of a crime? - 8 June**
- **Will COVID-19 change the way lawyers work in the future? - 15 June**
- **Does the right business structure balance the risks? - 15 June**
- **Is the age of criminal responsibility too low? - 22 June**
- **Can you sue if there is no physical harm? - 29 June**



Book your place here



Scholarships and Bursaries

Studying at university can be a financial burden, which is why support is offered that could help you achieve your ambitions. Don't let the cost of studying put you off.

Am I eligible for a scholarship or bursary?

There is a wide range of scholarships and bursaries are awarded based on need or merit (or a combination of the two). As the number of available awards is limited, it is recommended that you plan where possible to ensure you can meet the costs associated with your course without the need for an award. You can find more information about other funding sources on the undergraduate or postgraduate fees and funding pages here.

Find out more information



Events Continued



At Greater Brighton Metropolitan College there are offer a range of lectures, talks and activities working with industry professionals and collaborating with community partners designed to raise aspirations and give insight into higher-level study and graduate careers.

These events are virtual and open to students at GB MET, other local college students and people in our wider community. Upcoming events include:

- **Design Culture: Virtual Twilight Lecture Series**
- **Inspirational Voices from the Global Majority**
- **Music and Media Industry Weekly Webinars**



[More information & to book a place](#)

General Careers Information



Access to Southampton (A2S)

Applications for the Access to Southampton (A2S) scheme for students wishing to begin a degree 2022 entry will open soon. 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).

More Information



Exeter Scholars Programme



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.

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. Find out more about the opportunities available to you and to check the programme eligibility criteria by clicking on 'More Information' below.

More Information



General Careers Information



StudentStream - Just Launched

Search, spot and stream videos to help you make the right university choices.

During the past year you may well have met universities from around the UK at our Virtual Fairs or participated in the Webinar Wednesdays. Now there the launch of a brand new website designed to support you as you continue to make important decisions about your next steps.

StudentStream brings together video content featuring vital advice and expert knowledge from universities across the UK in one place. This brand new website has just been launched, with new content is being added every single day.

Whether you need help and advice regarding UCAS personal statements, choosing courses, student finance, uni campus tours, open days or interview advice, StudentStream has it all.

More Information

