

# BHASVIC

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## WIDENING PARTICIPATION NEWLETTERS

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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 and 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 for 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 students to start thinking about university applications, but as they start their progression topic in tutorial next term, it seems appropriate to mention some of the things they need to consider.

The [Uni Guide](#) website is an excellent tool for exploring what courses are on offer at different universities and the range of grades required.



## Events at Partner Universities



### OUTREACH PROGRAMME - EVENTS

### University of Brighton

The online events are a chance for students to get tips and advice on specific topics, and ask any questions they have about studying at Brighton. In-person events are not being held at the moment, but the online events are perfect to give students a chance to speak to the friendly students and staff. Join the event at any stage students are not expected contribute to the discussion.

#### Upcoming events include:

- Interview Presentation and Q&A – Year 13 from 20th January 2021 onwards.
- Other online activities will be advertised from Friday 11th December 2020 including parent information sessions.

**For more information and to book click [here](#)**

## 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 or those students considering returning to education as a mature student) 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. For more information click [here](#).

#### Access Plus Programme

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. Details and criteria can be found [here](#).

**[Click here to apply.](#)**

# CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

## S \_ CIAL M \_ OBILITY F \_ UNDATION®

### ASPIRING PROFESSIONALS PROGRAMME APP

**\*\*Deadline 12 noon 16th December 2020\*\***

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.

We aim to give young people a real insight into top professions and to provide them with the skills needed to achieve their aspirations. We offer support through our 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 our 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](#)**



## Pathway to Bath Programme

Pathway to Bath is a free, online learning programme which gives students the chance to develop key skills for university study and beyond by completing their own project while working alongside experienced staff and current students.

New for 2020-21, Pathway to Bath is being delivered in partnership with **Santander**, to support students developing employability skills alongside academic learning.

The programme is designed to fit around a busy A level (or equivalent) schedule and will require no more than one hour per week to complete. You can work through the programme wherever and whenever suits you.

**Applications close on Friday 29 January 2021**

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

## Access to Bath

An online programme that can lead to an **alternative offer** for eligible 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.

**In addition to helping you prepare for life at Bath, if you complete the online module and pass all the tasks by 31st July, you will then be eligible for an alternative offer. This will be a one-grade drop in the standard A level offer for the course.**

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



## Discover Bath

### **Closing date Sunday 31 January**

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 for reasonable travel within the UK.

In 2021 we hope to deliver this in-person on our university campus but if COVID-19 prohibits this then we will offer an online version of the same programme (delivered on the same dates) which students can complete in the comfort of their own home.

## Subjects on offer

### **Monday 9 Aug - Thurs 12 Aug**

- Science
- Engineering

### **Monday 16 Aug - Thurs 19 Aug**

- Social Sciences
- Management & Business

**[Find out more here](#)**



### 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.

- **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.**
- **FREE Apprenticeship Sessions for Students - book free access to the new blended ASK programme available to students in Years 10 - 13 in every school and college in England.**

**SAVE THE DATE - National Apprenticeship Week**  
**Monday 8 - Sunday 14 February 2021**

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!

**[Find out more here](#)**



## Centre of the Cell - Youth Membership Scheme

Although Centre of the Cell is currently closed, there are plans to reopen on Monday 4th January 2021. There is still advice for university applications and tips for coping during the lockdown over on the [Instagram](#) page.

In normal circumstances, the Youth Membership Scheme offers free opportunities for young people to explore science careers and develop their transferable skills. Any young person age 14 - 19 can join our Youth Membership Scheme. In order to join, students must complete a contact and monitoring form and return it by email to [outhmembers@centreofthecell.org](mailto:outhmembers@centreofthecell.org).



[Find out more here](#)

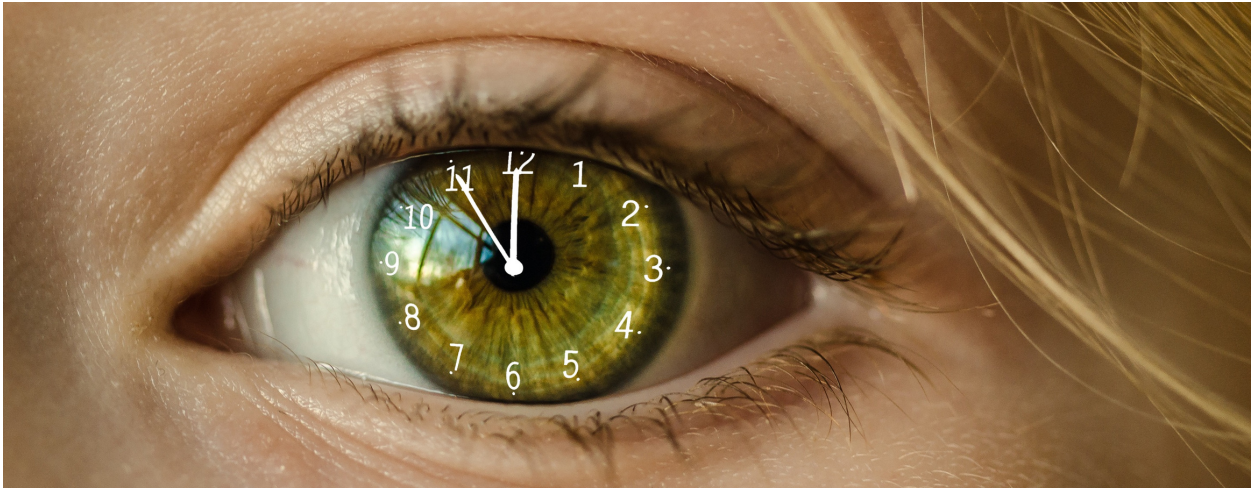


## Get Career Confident

Get Careers Confident offers information, advice and tips on careers pathways, universities, work experience and job applications. They guide and assist teachers, students aged 14 to 19 and their parents and carers.

Students who are eligible for this will be emailed before Christmas - this means that you will be entitled to careers advice from BHASVIC **and** Get Careers Confident whilst at BHASVIC and once you leave.

[Click here for a link to their website for further details](#)



## Coming Soon

### BHASVIC Virtual Futures Fair

**SAVE THE DATE 18th - 29th January 2021**

Exhibitors include universities from around the country, employers, apprenticeship providers, NHS and lots more.

### 2021 Summer Schools

There will be details to follow of upcoming 2021 summer schools. Below is a sample of universities from previous years who have provided summer school placements:

- University UCL Summer School
- University of Sussex Summer School
- University of Brighton Summer School
- University of Bath Summer School
- University of Surrey Summer School
- Royal Holloway Summer School
- Bournemouth University Summer Breaks
- University of Nottingham Summer School for Modern Languages
- Sutton Trust UK Summer School

### Goldsmiths Taster Days

Goldsmiths Taster Days (previously known as Goldclasses) 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 our exciting line-up of sessions will be available in the new year, but in the meantime, you can visit the website and register your interest [here](#).





## Deadlines

Here's a list of all the upcoming deadlines for current WP events:

- **Sutton Trust US Programme - deadline to submit applications 17th January 2021**
- **UK Supreme Court Student Writing Competition is 8th Feb 2021**
- **Royal Holloway Year 12 Summer University**

## Reminders

- **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.
- **London Universities** - Free Taster Course Programme with various London Universities (non residential) - new course added.
- **University of York** - University Experience Days. The Excellence Hub for Yorkshire and Humber is now offering a series of University Experience Days, aimed at supporting students through key transition periods in their education. The University Experience Days will take place at one of the three partner universities - Universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York.
- **University of Southampton** - Widening Access to Medicine Residential. Dates for 2021 to be released soon. Check website for more details.



**The WP team at BHASVIC would like to wish you a healthy and relaxing Christmas holiday.**

