



Opportunities from the bulletin also feature on our Instagram: @wasixthform

Notices

Better Health - Every Mind Matters Make Inside Feel Better Public Health England

have launched the Better Health - Every Mind Matters campaign to support the nation's mental wellbeing with the encouragement that "When things aren't so good out there, make inside feel better".

The key message is to encourage everyone, students, staff and parents/carers to create a free NHS approved '[Mind Plan](#)'

The [every mind matters](#) platform has been continuously updated to support people during the COVID-19 outbreak, and has a [COVID Hub-19](#) hub that includes tips and support on how to deal with change, cope with money worries and job uncertainty and how to look after your mental wellbeing while staying at home.

It also includes **practical tips** and **videos from experts** on dealing with stress and anxiety, boosting your mood, sleeping better and what you can do to help others and includes advice for parents and for [children and young people](#).

Debating Club

Although we are unable to run a Debating Society normally due to Covid-19 restrictions, sixth form has been working hard to keep the spirit of debate alive. Debate club on Zoom every Wednesday is committed to keeping up to date with current affairs, and challenges its members to consider their own opinions, and the differing views of other people.

Opportunities to socialise on Teams:

Wednesday Film Club 3.15-4.15 on teams

Wednesday Cookery Club 3.14-4.13 on teams

Thursday Debate club 3.15-4.15 on teams

Careers News National Apprenticeship Week 2021

Takes place from **8 to 14 February 2021**. The week-long celebration of apprenticeships will shine a light on the amazing work being done by employers and apprentices across the country and it will also recognise how employers of all sizes have stepped up to the challenge during this unprecedented time.

If you are interested in applying for an apprenticeship then make sure you take on an opportunity arising from this celebration week.

- **Young Professionals Apprenticeship Journey Webinar: 8th February 3pm – 5pm**
- **The Big Assembly Apprenticeship insight broadcast: 9th February 11.10am onwards** Sign up

if you are able to attend and want to know more about apprenticeships. - so sign up to <https://www.gov.uk/applyapprenticeship>

Any questions please email Ms Obrien melanie.obrien@walthamstow-academy.org

Russell Group Universities

Wednesday 10 February from 12:00 to 19:00 for Meet the Russell Group, a virtual event This online and interactive experience will allow you to **explore all 24 Russell Group universities and chat directly to their representatives and ambassadors**. You will be able to view information and videos about each university, link directly to Virtual Campus Tours to explore university facilities and accommodation, download prospectuses and **take part in 13 live webinars in the virtual auditorium**.

The event will allow Year 13 students to explore and compare universities they may have received offers from in order to decide upon their Firm and Insurance choices. Meet the Russell Group will also support Year 12s as they start to make initial decisions about where they would like to study in 2022, and the courses they may be interested in.

For the first time, they will be offering a live Parent and Teacher Support webinar from 18:05 – 18:30 in the evening, extended the event until 19:00 to give extra time to receive answers to any questions from university representatives, admissions teams and student ambassadors.

Click [here](#) to register

Apprenticeships

UCAS have created a schedule of live events from the **8th to the 12th February**. Please follow the link to find out more details of events, including panels of apprentices talking about their experiences. <https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships/discover-apprenticeships>

The resource below **created by Amazing Apprenticeships for parents (and students)** includes a 10-step plan for finding an apprenticeship in 2021, new Traineeship resources and information, a guide to Higher and Degree apprenticeships and Life as a new apprentice at the BBC. <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-pack-january/>

Below is a selection of the **current apprenticeship vacancies**. The first set **require you to apply now for a September start**. The second set have start dates which are too early for you but illustrate the range of areas you can apply to work in. The apprenticeship website changes regularly so you need to check it every week to make sure you don't miss an opportunity on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

For some employers, such as the NHS, you will need to check their own websites as not all apprenticeship providers post vacancies on the national website. Apprenticeships which are recruiting now for a September 2021 start

Cambridge University

have introduced a **foundation year for students who have experienced educational disadvantage**. This innovative route is designed for a new field of candidates to help them realise their academic potential through a full-time, residential programme fully embedded in the Collegiate University. It is a fully funded opportunity so comes at no cost to students. On the Foundation Year students can **expect an exciting and challenging academic curriculum in the arts, humanities and social sciences**. This offers the best possible preparation for the rigours of a Cambridge degree course by broadening and deepening their knowledge and understanding and introducing them to the ways students learn at Cambridge. For more details and eligibility criteria visit [here](#)

University

Teesside university are offering a **talk about midwifery** -if you are interested please register for the session on the **25th February**

https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=12018

or the **11th March**

https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=12019

NHS Healthcare Careers Virtual Work Experience in the UK

This is a flexible **virtual work experience programme** that you can tailor around you, by selecting from a choice of dates. It is live, giving you the chance to interact with healthcare professionals, but from the comfort and safety of your own home. Join thousands of other students who are exploring healthcare careers with the help of our LIVE simulated high fidelity work experience programme! For more information follow the link below.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Sutton Trust

We are pleased to announce that Applications for the Sutton Trust Summer Schools are now OPEN !

email Ms Obrien informing her if you have applied to any of the summer schools featured below.

Summer school students gain confidence and the skills to navigate the Higher Education system and make informed choices about your future. Over 6,000 young people benefitted from our Summer Schools last summer and we want you to be next.



- [UK summer schools](#)
- New [Apprenticeship summer school](#)
- Watch [Sutton Trust Online](#)
- US Program [US 2021](#)

The Haywood Foundation Challenge

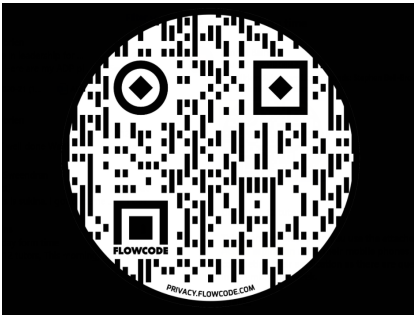
Important innovations often arise in the face of major challenges. Disruptions prompt innovators to find new solutions. Disruptions also trigger behavioural changes that might otherwise have taken years to arise. But the opportunities created can be fleeting. Do you see possibilities created out of the challenges of COVID-19, that society, citizens and policymakers should think about and seize?

The Heywood Foundation* has created this **two-part Challenge Prize to stimulate this discussion, and to create an additional channel of ideas back to UK policymakers.**

1. The first challenge prize is for spotting key opportunities or possibilities created by the Covid-19 crisis. Short answers are encouraged (no more than 300 words) 2. The second challenge is in the case of a problem, how might we fix it? In the case of an opportunity, how do we capitalise on it? This could be a solution to a challenge you have identified, or it could be an idea in response to the challenges identified by others (click here to browse). 1. For full details click on this link <https://heywoodfoundation.com/contest/>

Access aspiration

Many of you have still not signed up. Please use this QR code – it takes a few minutes to complete



YEAR 13 Reminder:

The Year in Industry (YINI) is a **gap year option** that gives students the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge and experience of working within one of the following industries: **Science (particularly Physics), Engineering, Technology/Electronics, Maths, Business, Finance, IT, HR, or Marketing.** The scheme provides paid work experience and skills that will benefit students during their further studies and into employment. Register now for a September 2021 placement; for more information go to

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry>

Enrichment BOTH YEARS

The organisation that runs **Year in Industry** also runs a scheme for all Sixth Form students called **Insight into University**. The course allows **students to experience STEM** (science, technology, engineering and maths) studies at university and the **career opportunities** that these subjects lead to. It will provide access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions

tutors, employers, and current students. It is a fantastic opportunity to include in a personal statement! **Applications for summer 2021** are now open

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/insight-into-university>

University/College BOTH YEARS:

- **UniTaster Videos:** an online hub of almost 100 university guidance videos.

Topics include everything from an introduction to **different subjects at university** to more general content such as student finance.

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>

- **Online Events Hub:** an online search platform listing **hundreds of online university events, from online subject tasters to virtual masterclasses.** The events are offered by universities from all over the UK – although we would recommend to not worry too much about which university is presenting and focus more on the subject you'd like to know more about, as it will be a **great way to find about more about specific subjects.**

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/search.aspx>



University for Year 12 and any Year 13 students who are researching courses

Online taster sessions allow you to find out more about what it

would be like to study a subject at university. Sometimes students refer to the sessions in their university applications as evidence of interest beyond the school curriculum.

Unfortunately, if the session you are interested in clashes with a scheduled Sixth Form lesson you cannot attend it, but some sessions may be recorded. For more detail on the sessions and to sign up click on the links provided.

Super Curricular Activities

Strong applicants to competitive universities tend to have explored their chosen subject through wider reading outside the classroom, as well as doing very well in their GCSEs and A-levels. Super curricular activities build on and enhance what students are currently studying.

Here are a few suggestions for some of the activities you can complete if you so wish.

Explore – The home of big questions [here](#)

Free online courses – Ivy League [here](#)

Learn a new skill - **MOOCS** [MOOCS](#)

Very short introductions – **Oxford online** [here](#)

Coursera- Build skills and complete online courses [Coursea](#)

Careers

HSBC Work Experience:

Opportunities across the whole of the UK, in **financial services, investment banking, marketing, digital, compliance and HR**. The Work Experience opportunities will be available through June to August 2021 and will be 1-week long.

Applications close on 21st February. Application Link: <https://bit.ly/3rjRjT2>

Marks & Spencer's Webinar:

M&S are recruiting Retail Management and Fashion apprentices across the UK, giving you the ultimate fast track to managing your own department and looking after multi million pound budgets, all while being coached and mentored by their retail management experts.

If you'd like to consider applying for a M&S apprenticeship program and are interested in **Business, Retail, Management or Fashion** then you can find your unique sign up application link below to this webinar.

Thursday 28th January, 5pm - 6pm Webinar Application Link:

<https://www.research.net/r/Marks-Spencer-Webinar>

PHYSICS

You will learn about current research carried out in areas such as solar physics, smart materials and soft matter, space weather, sustainable materials, fluid dynamics, and materials processing technology. At the end of the week students will present a research poster to peers and university staff and students in an online event. For more information and to apply, see <https://nustem.uk/physics-experience-week/>

SHAPE YOUR STORY
with **Healthcare Horizons**



Parents Engagement Webinar

- Learn about the routes into healthcare careers
- Topics: Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Midwifery, AHP, Apprenticeships
- Live Q&A session
- Webinar delivered via Zoom

Dates and Times

- 25th Jan 2020- 10:30-12:00
- 26th Jan 2020- 18:00-19:30
- 8th Feb- 18:00-19:30
- 9th Feb- 10:30-12:00

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Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 829 7999 3510
Passcode: HHParents



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