

# Sixth Form Bulletin

Monday 27th November to Friday  
1st December 2023 – week A11



**HECKMONDWIKE**  
GRAMMAR SIXTH FORM

It's  
week



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**This is to give staff the time to check your application and send it to UCAS on your behalf**



## Opportunities with STEM pathway

JKN Oiltools talk - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, S024 12.30. See Teams for more information and to register interest.

Boeing aircraft maintenance technician talk – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, S024, 12.30. See Teams for more information and to register interest.

# NHS Work experience – medical and dental students



This month, we're diving into the fascinating world of Surgery, providing your students with the opportunity to witness key-hole surgery, oral surgery, and the unique privilege of shadowing Mr. Challocome, a urology surgeon at Guy's and Thomas' NHS Trust.

This virtual experience opens doors for your students to gain valuable insights and opportunities that may be otherwise difficult to access. Working hand in hand with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, our Virtual Work Experience has been a game-changer for thousands of secondary school students in the past year. It's not just an alternative to in-person shadowing; it's a crucial step in preparing students for their upcoming physical placements.

We've crafted a 6-month medical and 4-month dental e-learning work experience programme that lets students set their own pace. From structured teaching to direct interaction with healthcare professionals, our programme ensures students don't just watch procedures but also understand the broader roles in the medical and dental fields.

What makes our programme unique is the chance for students to schedule 15-minute one-on-one appointments with a doctor or medical student at no extra cost. This personal touch lets them dive deeper into their virtual experiences, ask questions, and really enhance their understanding.

Covering everything from ethics to procedures and broader team roles, our virtual work experience gives a crucial overview of their desired career paths and the skills that medical and dental schools are looking for, enhancing their UCAS applications.

Signing up is easy – students just need to fill out the free online application form  
<https://airtable.com/appuQX2ouadvjQUSU/shrroljLczgdg9uLw>





## Free Student Signup

The Financial Times is one of the world's leading news organisations, recognised internationally for its authority, integrity and accuracy.

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Students can sign up for free:

- Search FT schools or scan the QR code
- Sign up using your school email



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Sign up [here](#) (the QR code won't work)



## Forthcoming BEF Pathway Events – With Mrs Harker

- Monday 27th November - Sales Geek - 12.30-1 in F005 - talk from Hayden Fox entrepreneur and sales trainer
- Thursday 30th November - BEFSOC meeting 12.30 in F005
- Monday 4th December - Ivy House Leadership Award - 12.25-12.45 in F005 - (places still available)  
Please check your email if already signed up
- Thursday 7th December - Marketing - 12.30-1 in F005 virtual call with Mr Brennan about his career in financial services and marketing
- Thursday 14th December - Marketing - 12.30-1 in F005 virtual call with Mr Rashid about his career in pharmaceuticals and marketing

As always, please drop me a message or come see me if you have any questions.

# University Guest Speakers & Presentations

**University of York: Wednesday 13th December 2023**

Presentations for Y11 & Y12 students

Personal Statement Seminar for Y12/13 Humanities Pathway students

**University of Durham: Wednesday 10th January 2023**

Presentations for Y11 & Y12 students

Personal Statement Seminar for Y12 Humanities Pathway students

Please check your emails and Classcharts notifications for details of how to sign up.

Mr McLaughlan, Humanities Pathway Leader



## NEW YORK TRIP!

Incredibly exciting opportunity! **21st - 25th May 2024**

I'm delighted to be able to offer the opportunity of a trip to the Big Apple! Taking in major landmarks such as The Empire State Building as well as educational activities such as a guided tour of Wall Street. Expression of Interest letters will go out to parents shortly but in the meantime, it would be helpful to get an idea of interest. If you would like to find out more, please like the post on the BEF pathway channel.



# Private Study

It is a **COMPULSORY** hour of independent study and must not be missed or **sanctions will be set**.

You must sign in promptly with Hez upstairs in the quiet room within the JCC.

If you study EPQ or study 4 A level subjects you do NOT have private studies.

It will show on your timetable as PSP with Mrs Bev Sheard, Hez is currently covering Private studies until she returns.

Any blanks on your timetable are non-contact periods for you to work independently, anywhere in the JCC or library. You do not need to sign in anywhere for non-contacts.

If you have a cancelled lesson at any time, you must come and register with Donna in the JCC.



# Year 12



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In partnership with The Fulbright Commission, the [Sutton Trust US Programme](#) is designed to support students from state schools across the UK to explore US University options.

It includes **two UK-based residentials** and **a week in the United States** staying on a university campus and visiting a variety of American universities. An optional second year of the programme **supports students to apply to US universities alongside their UCAS options**.

**All costs including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend.**

*"Being on the Sutton Trust US Programme, and ultimately studying in the US, are the two single most life-changing experience I have had so far. Once a timid teenager, they have given me a platform to grow into the ambitious, confident and curious woman that I am today."*

- Hollie Haigh, US Programme alum, current student at Middlebury College.

### **How can you apply?**

To apply for the programme, you must:

Attend, and have always attended, **a state-funded**, non-fee-paying school/college

Be in **Year 12** at the start of the programme

We prioritise students based on a range of **social mobility criteria** including eligibility for free school meals, household income, and the context of their school and neighbourhood

**Applications will close January 15th 2024** and places are very competitive, so apply **ASAP**.

[Apply here](#)



# Nuffield Placements

**WANT TO STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD?  
CONSIDER A NUFFIELD RESEARCH PLACEMENT (NRP)!**

Our fantastic placements, where you will work alongside experts in their field and gain amazing skills, take place in the Summer of 2024. Both STEM and social science research projects are on offer from universities and companies across Yorkshire and Humber.

To find out more and to check if you are eligible to apply, go to the [NRP website](#).

**Interested and want to find out more?** Come along to our Virtual Webinar sessions.

#### **What is a NRP and why should I apply?**

- Tuesday 28 November - 4.30 to 5.15 pm
- Monday 11 December - 4.15 to 5 pm
- Thursday 11 January - 5.15 to 6 pm
- Tuesday 16 January - 4.30 to 5.15 pm

#### **Putting together an effective NRP application**

- Tuesday 13 February - 3.15 to 4 pm
- Thursday 22 February - 6.15 to 7 pm
- Monday 4 March - 4.30 to 5.15 pm

#### **Do you have a question about NRPs? Just drop-in.**

- Tuesday 12 March - 4.15 to 5 pm
- Wednesday 20 March - 5.15 to 6 pm
- Thursday 28 March - 6 to 6.45 pm

“ —  
NRP is an amazing opportunity to gain work experience and to learn new things from experienced professionals. — ”

Year 13 NRP alumni student



“ —  
Do it! You never know who you could meet or what you might learn, what you may discover about yourself or the world. Life is full of opportunities if you are open to them, and this is an opportunity like no other. — ”

Year 13 NRP alumni student



If you have any questions, please email Paula Symonds, NRP Regional Co-ordinator for Yorkshire and Humber at [Nuffield@debp.org](mailto:Nuffield@debp.org).



<https://www.nuffieldresearchplacements.org/>

The NRP programme provides engaging, hands-on research projects, where Year 12 students have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution towards the work of a host organisation through a well-supervised but independent research collaboration relating to an area of science, quantitative social science, computing, technology, engineering or maths (or a combination!).



# Cambridge interview support

Please click this [link](#) to get support on the interview process at Cambridge





# Robinson College Access Programme

The Robinson Access Programme (RAP) is an online scheme for Year 12 students, designed to help students think about university as an option for the future. The programme will consist of online sessions held most weeks after school from January to March 2024. These include sessions on Cambridge life and studies. There will also be sessions aimed at Year 12, on choosing A Levels or thinking about the university application process. We hope to have a programme of taster lectures, student life Q&As, and sessions designed to get students thinking critically.

[More details here](#)



# Exploring Law Conference 25-28 March 2024

The Exploring Law Conference was founded forty-nine years ago to give Year 12 students who may be interested in studying Law at degree level a balanced view of the Law, both as an academic subject and as a profession, and also to offer an insight into life as a Cambridge undergraduate.

The Conference is run by a voluntary [committee](#) of seven current law undergraduates and relies on the invaluable support of the Law Faculty.

The 2024 Conference will be a four day in-person Conference. The committee are working hard to bring as many students as possible into Cambridge for a residential experience which will aim to offer students a taste of the study of Law. The conference will run between Monday 25 March and Thursday 28 March.

This year the conference will **cost £155**. There are additionally 150 **fully funded** places for qualifying students. Information about this can be found on the [applying page](#).

**Applications for the 2024 Exploring Law Conference are now open!**

## **Fully funded places**

Applications are encouraged from all backgrounds and all schools and we are keen that all year 12 students who wish to attend the Conference are able to do so. Although we are proud to offer all of our Conference places at a heavily subsidised rate, we also work closely with the Cambridge University Admissions Office and Widening Participation Partner Law Firms to offer further fully-funded places.

This year, 150 **fully-funded** places will be available to UK students from a state school background. Working with the Cambridge Admissions Office, we will assess all qualifying students on the basis of their need, prioritising students who:

- Are currently or have ever been in local authority care
- Are or have recently been eligible for Free School Meals
- Come from underrepresented backgrounds in higher education
- Would be the first in their generation to attend higher education
- Have experienced educational disruption

The application will request the contact details of a person who can verify the above information. This is typically a parent, guardian or teacher.

Please note that, if you apply for a fully funded place, you will not be considered for a self-funded place.





# Not sure what to study at university?



Why study  
Biology at  
University

## Biology

A guide to studying Biology at university - including what to expect, application tips, careers and more! Featuring the University of Wolverhampton.

[Watch now](#)



Why study  
Zoology at  
University

## Zoology

A guide to studying Zoology at university - including what to expect, application tips, careers and more! Featuring the University of Exeter.

[Watch now](#)



Why study  
Biochemistry  
at University

## Biochemistry

A guide to studying Biochemistry at university - including what to expect, application tips, careers and more! Featuring Sheffield Hallam University.

[Watch now](#)



Why study  
Liberal Arts  
at University

## Liberal Arts

A guide to studying Liberal Arts at university - with three expert speakers from the University of Birmingham, the University of Manchester and the University of Warwick.



Why study  
Animation, VFX  
and Games  
at University

## Animation, Visual Effects & Games

A guide to studying Animation, Visual Effects (VFX) and Games at university - including what to expect, application tips, careers and more! Featuring Norwich University of the Arts.



Why study  
Architectural  
Technology  
at University

## Architectural Technology

A guide to studying Architectural Technology at university - including what to expect, application tips, careers and a lab tour! Featuring Coventry University.

## Subject guide videos [here](#)

These impartial videos have one key aim. To support students who are considering university to make informed future subject decisions. They feature guest speakers from a range of different universities, who are always experts in the subject being explored.

### Including the UK's first video subject guide!

Different subjects, but the same four themes explored in every single one:

- Why students may wish to consider the subject
- What to expect if they study it
- An overview of the careers it may lead to
- Application tips if they go on to apply

From Accounting to Zoology - and 100's of subjects in between.

# Newcastle University

## Upcoming events

- [Dentistry Experience Day \(Year 12\), 13 December, \(10:00 – 16:00\)](#)





# Pathway to Bath

We are so excited to announce that applications for our next intake of [Pathway to Bath](#) are open now!

This award-winning blended curriculum enrichment programme for Year 12 students from Widening participation backgrounds offers students

- The opportunity to complete a project in a subject of their choice alongside academic tutors and undergraduate e-mentors
- The opportunity to apply to a free 3 day residential at the University of Bath
- The chance to receive a [guaranteed offer](#) to the University of Bath

. Students can apply [via the website now](#) and the **deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**

Please note our eligibility criteria have changed and now include Free School Meals and Index of Multiple deprivation – the Polar postcode profile is no longer included in the criteria. For more information please click [here](#).



#BelongatBath

# Pathway to Bath

Free online curriculum enrichment for Year 12 students

Develop your skills by completing a project on a topic that you enjoy, and join us on campus for a summer residential

Applications open 11 October 2023 and close 31 January 2024

Find out more and apply now:  
[www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/pathway-to-bath-programme](http://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/pathway-to-bath-programme)

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The banner features a young Black man in a blue and white striped sweater smiling while sitting at a desk with a laptop. The laptop lid has 'UNIVERSITY OF BATH KLAS' written on it. The background is a solid orange color. The University of Bath logo and name are in the top right corner.





# Hull York Medical School

## APPLY HERE

We are excited to announce that applications for the Pathways to Medicine programme **are now open!**

### Key Eligibility Information:

- Open to **students in Year 12 / first year of college** taking **Biology & Chemistry** at A-Level
- Open to **students from a widening participation background** - full eligibility criteria is [here](#)
- Open to **students in the HYMS region**

### What's on offer:

- Insight into the profession
- Application support & guidance
- Access to additional admissions recognition at HYMS and participating UKWPMED schools

Further details about the programme can be found [here](#).

**Deadline to apply: Sunday 3rd December 2023**

**Please note you will need to create an account with The Sutton Trust and sign in before you can complete the application form.**

## PATHWAYS TO MEDICINE

Getting into Medicine can be highly competitive, and so the Sutton Trust wants to offer you the opportunity to gain the necessary knowledge and skills to break that barrier.

Pathways to Medicine is completely free (including travel) and provides support in accessing higher education, training in soft skills, and understanding careers in Medicine with incredible work experience opportunities.



**APPLY HERE UNLESS APPLYING TO IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON**

<b>APPLICATIONS OPEN:</b> 04 SEPTEMBER 2023	<b>APPLICATIONS CLOSE:</b> 13 NOVEMBER 2023	<b>AGE:</b> YEAR 12
<b>LOCATION:</b> HULL-YORK, NEWCASTLE, NOTTINGHAM, LONDON (APPLY THROUGH IMPERIAL FOR LONDON)	<b>DURATION:</b> 2 YEARS	



# Year 13



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Are you a UK based student over the age of 16? If so, applications are now open for a £500 scholarship through our trusted partners, easyfundraising.

### So, what is easyfundraising?

Easyfundraising is an established online platform where students can earn free cashback from online shopping. There are over 8,000 well-known brands to shop with, including favourites like; Amazon, Just Eat, Tesco, eBay, Trainline, ASOS, Booking.com, John Lewis, Argos, Boots, Shein, Domino's, ASDA, and thousands more. So whatever you and your family buy online, you can earn cashback!

### How do I apply?

Prior to starting your application, you will need to create a free easyfundraising account. To do this, go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/blackbullion](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/blackbullion).

### Once signed up, you will need to do the following.

1. On the top toolbar in your account you will see 'Refer a Friend'. In here you will see your own unique link that you can share with family and friends to enable you to benefit from their cashback too. Copy that link into your application.
2. In your account, under 'Start typing a brand name', search for Money Supermarket car insurance. How much cashback are they offering if you or a family member buys through them via easyfundraising?
3. Once you have these two pieces of information, you can begin your application by visiting <https://www.blackbullion.com/funding/funds-4-uni-scholarship>

### Deadline

The deadline for **completed applications is 14th December 2023** and the awardee will be notified by 31st December 2023.

### How will my entry be judged?

Alongside the above information, you will be asked to complete a short statement as to how the money will impact your academic success and well-being. The judges will award £500 to the student they believe will benefit the most from the award.

[Apply here](#)



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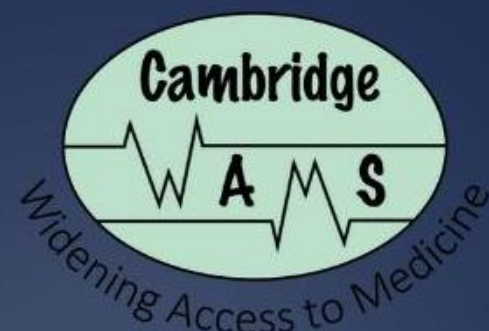
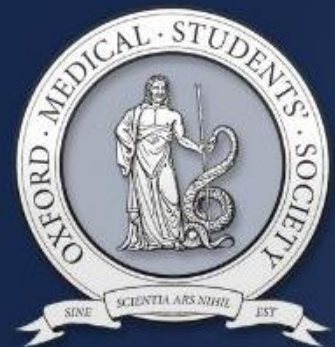
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# Oxford interview workshops

## Mock Interview Workshop

IN COLLABORATION WITH CAM WAMS



Includes:

1. Realistic Oxbridge Medicine interviews with current students
2. Feedback on interview performance
3. Interview Advice
4. Admissions Tutor Talk

## ONLINE OXFORD INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

The [South West Consortium of Colleges](#) is hosting an online Oxford interview workshop for applicants on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 17:00.**

Hear from Outreach and Admissions staff, as well as Oxford tutors and current students, on how to prepare for an Oxford interview. We'll also cover the logistics of the online format, and what tutors are actually looking for in the interview.

You can sign up using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/XAByRUyzJQ>.

Students are welcome to join the online event from school or at home.

*This event is not restricted to Year 13 applicants – prospective students are also welcome to join.*





# Scholarship for women in STEM

We're thrilled to announce the Amazon Future Engineer bursary for young women in STEM is now open! 📚👜

Each scholarship is worth up to £20,000 across 4 years of study to cover expenses related to attending university, including tuition fees, accommodation, and living costs.

Apply by **May 07 2024!** (Don't forget to read the [full eligibility criteria](#))

[Apply here](#)



# Year 13 students NOT wanting to attend university

**If you are a Year 13 student and you do not want to go to university, can you, please email Mrs Jervis.**

**Before doing so make sure your UCAS application has everything EXCEPT the personal statement and choices complete.**

**This is so to help keep your options open later, should you change your mind**





# Interview Workshops - Cambridge

## **Newnham College: Virtual Interview Workshops**

Newnham is hosting virtual interview workshop for those applying to Cambridge or Oxford. Hosted by the Schools Liaison Officer, Holly Nicholls, and Admissions Tutor, Dr Sam Lucy, the workshop will cover what you can expect from interviews this year, preparation advice, and a chance to ask questions. We will be joined by current Newnham students to discuss their interview experience and answer your questions. You do not have to have applied to Newnham to attend.

[Register here](#)



# How to prepare for medical interviews

To help you and your students in their journey to medical school, we run [MediCafé](#) – a series of live web chats for prospective medical students, teachers, careers advisers, parents and carers.

If your students are invited to a medical school interview, or are wondering how they can prepare for interviews in future years, come along to our next MediCafé event on **Thursday 30 November, 5pm to 6.30pm: 'How to prepare for medical school interviews'**.

The event will provide an overview of medical school interviews and an exploration of common question themes.

The panel also includes current medical students at Hull York Medical School, who can offer their first hand top tips and advice.

**Book your place [here](#)**



# Student loans and Shari'ah law

## Student loans and Shari'ah law

We now have updated guidance on our [web page](#) with the latest information for Muslim students who may be affected by the current non shari'ah compliant loan system as well as resources for students who cannot secure loans for non-religious reasons.

For students impacted by this or who have raised this issue, please direct them to our web pages where they can also book an appointment with our Muslim Chaplain, Aameena Blake, to discuss this in confidence. Teacher and advisor enquiries can be directed to Access Officer Seetal Jutla at [s.jutla@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:s.jutla@sheffield.ac.uk).





# UCAS personal statement builder

In your UCAS hub you can now access a personal statement builder. It gives you specific questions to answer in three sections

## PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER

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- > Writing about the course
- > Skills and achievements
- > Work experience and future plans



What to include in your environmental science personal statement



What to include in your architecture, planning or building personal statement



What to include in your biology personal statement



What to include in your business management personal statement



What to include in your marketing personal statement



What to include in your art and design personal statement




What to include in your photography personal statement



What to include in your teacher training personal statement

There is also a section about what to include in a particular course or subject

**PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER**  
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[View personal statement guides](#)

[CONTINUE WRITING](#)



# Oxford interview preparation support

We are getting in touch to invite you to an online Oxford Interview Workshop, hosted by the [South West Consortium of Colleges](#), on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 17:00.**

In this session, which will take place via Zoom, we will cover the purpose of the Oxford interview, and hear from Outreach and Admissions staff, Tutors, and current students on how to prepare.

You can sign up using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/XAByRUyzJQ>.



**OXFORD INTERVIEW WORKSHOP**

**30th November, 5-6pm**

**Applied to Oxford?**  
And thinking about how you might prepare for interviews? Register for our free online workshop today!

**Book today....**  
<https://tinyurl.com/4u7ettyc>

Run by Oxford for South West

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# Changes to the UCAS hub

When you set up an account with UCAS and use their hub you can conduct a search on your choice of career/subject (using the search icon).

When you do this search UCAS will automatically tell you about courses you can apply for **AND** now also current apprenticeships that are available.

This will help you keep your options open to help you make the right choices for your future.

You do need to have an account to benefit from this.

The screenshot shows the UCAS hub search results for 'Accountancy'. At the top, a search bar contains the text 'Accountancy'. Below the search bar, there are several filters: 1999 Courses, 83 Apprenticeships, 0 Unis & colleges, 7 Subject guides, 0 Location guides, 0 Student properties, 1 Open day or event, 0 FAQs, and 9 Info & advice. The main section is titled '1999 Courses' and features a grid of course cards. Each card includes a university logo, a title, a description, and a 'Tariff points' value. Below each card, there are links for 'related courses' and 'course options available'. The cards shown are: University of Aberdeen (Accountancy), Aberystwyth University (Finance), Anglia Ruskin University (Finance), Aston University (Finance), and Bangor University (Finance). At the bottom, there is a section for '83 Apprenticeships' with a 'BETA' label and a link to 'Search on Career Finder'. The bottom of the page features a row of five images showing students working together in a classroom or office setting.



# Preparing for interviews

## Questions you might be asked in a university interview

These are hard to predict, so here are some pointers on what questions you may face in a uni interview:

- Revisit the university prospectus and course details, thinking about how you'd answer questions such as 'why this course?' and 'why this university?'.  
■ Re-familiarise yourself with your personal statement and be prepared to elaborate on anything you've said.  
■ Get someone (who hopefully knows a bit about your subject) to give you a mock interview. Having some interview practice beforehand will help to boost your confidence and expose areas you need to work on.  
■ Make sure you're aware of the latest issues in current affairs relevant to your subject – tutors may bring these into the discussion.  
■ Prepare some questions to ask tutors – just make sure that they haven't already been answered in information you've been sent by the university.

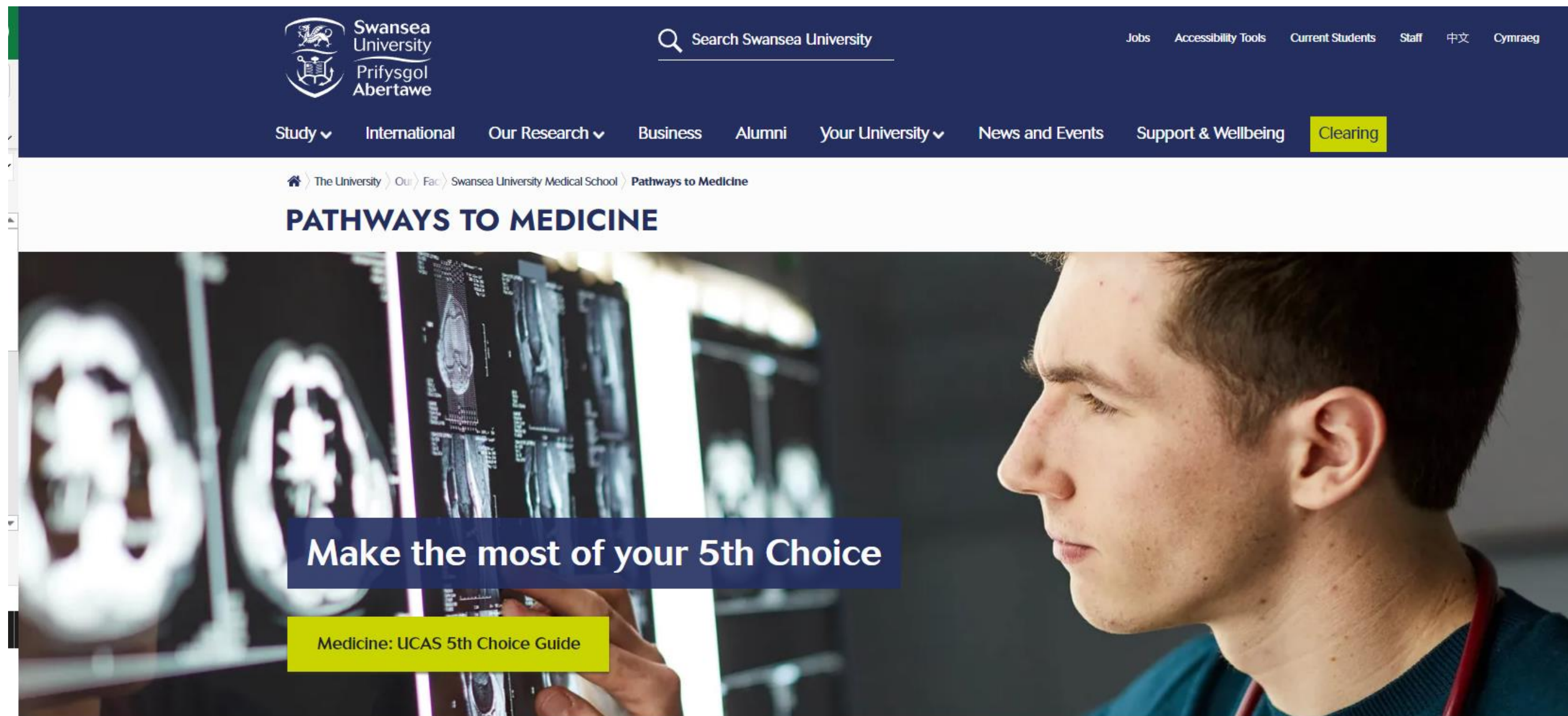
<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/ucas-application/university-interviews-how-to-prepare>

This guide gives some handy tips on how to prepare for university interviews.



# Swansea – pathways to medicine

To find out more visit [here](#)



The screenshot shows the Swansea University website. At the top left is the university logo with the text 'Swansea University Prifysgol Abertawe'. To the right is a search bar labeled 'Search Swansea University'. Further right are links for 'Jobs', 'Accessibility Tools', 'Current Students', 'Staff', '中文', and 'Cymraeg'. Below this is a navigation menu with items: 'Study', 'International', 'Our Research', 'Business', 'Alumni', 'Your University', 'News and Events', 'Support & Wellbeing', and a highlighted 'Clearing' button. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: 'The University > Our Fac > Swansea University Medical School > Pathways to Medicine'. The main heading is 'PATHWAYS TO MEDICINE'. Below this is a large image of a young man in a stethoscope looking at medical scans. A blue banner over the image reads 'Make the most of your 5th Choice'. A yellow button below the banner says 'Medicine: UCAS 5th Choice Guide'.





# Do you live in Mirfield and applying to university?

About the charity

The Mirfield Educational Charity makes grants for educational purposes to students under the age of 25 who are resident or whose parents are resident in Mirfield.

## Dr Grason and the scholarship

Dr Grason retired from the charity in October 2016. He had been a trustee from the charity's inception in 1977 and for over twenty years served as chairman. The scholarship in his name is a new initiative intended to provide significant financial assistance to a hardworking and diligent student from a family of modest financial means who might otherwise not go on to higher education.

The successful applicant would receive £4,000 for the academic year beginning in September/October 2024 and thereafter £4,000 for second and third academic years subject to evidence of satisfactory progress.

## Who can apply?

There are four criteria.

1. Residence. The applicant or the applicant's parents must reside in Mirfield.
2. Age. The applicant must be under the age of 25 not only at the time of application but also at the end of the course.
3. Finance. The applicant must qualify for the 16-19 bursary.
4. Academically. The trustees are looking for a candidate who scores highly on the L3VA (Level 3 Value Added) analysis.

There is no set application form. However, the trustees will require the school or college to certify that criteria 1 to 3 have been met. As to criteria 4, the trustees will expect to receive as a minimum a copy of the candidate's UCAS application form, a personal statement and an academic reference. **Deadline for applications 31st January 2024.**



If you are interested in applying, see Mrs Jervis

# Year 13 University access schemes



# Context

- Many universities run **access schemes**, where students from backgrounds which make them statistically less likely to attend university are given support, which can include **reduced offers**.
- The main schemes used by HGS students are **Access to Leeds, York Access** and **Newcastle PARTNERS**, though other universities also have them.



# Am I eligible?

- The short answer is, **'it depends'**; conditions do vary. Generally, you need to meet 1-2 or more of the following criteria:
  - Neither of your parents went to university;
  - You are from a low income household;
  - You live in a post code area with low rates of progression to university;
  - You attended an 11-16 school with below average GCSE results;
  - There are circumstances in your home or personal life that have disrupted your studies.

Check the terms for each scheme **carefully**. They do differ.

# Access to Leeds

- To be eligible for [Access to Leeds](#), you need to meet two criteria.
- **Many** of you will be eligible.
- The reduced Access offer is two grades below the standard offer.



# Newcastle PARTNERS

- Newcastle PARTNERS has changed considerably.
- You need to meet one eligibility criterion.
- **Most** (though not all) of you will be eligible.

Applicants to Medicine & Surgery (A100) and Dentistry (A206)

Applications to PARTNERS from Medicine or Dentistry applicants have a deadline of **16 October 2023**.

Applicants to all other UG courses

The UCAS and PARTNERS deadline for all other courses during the 2023/24 admissions cycle is **31 January 2024**.





# York Access

- To be eligible for [York Access scheme](#), you need to meet one of a small number of criteria.
- **Many** of you will be eligible.
- You may receive a reduced offer.
- **OPENS 2nd October**





# University widening participation schemes (Y13)

## Newcastle PARTNERS

- Add a 'P' in the further details section on Ucas.
- Apply online after your Ucas form has been sent. Select Mrs Jervis from the drop-down menu.
- **School Deadlines:** Friday 7 October (Medicine and dentistry); Friday 13 January (other courses)

## Access to Leeds

- Complete your section of the [application form](#) and e-mail to Mrs Jervis
- Once it has been returned, upload onto Leeds' web portal.
- **School deadlines:** Friday 7 October (medics and dentists), Friday 13 January (other courses)

## York Access

- Download and complete the [application form](#).
- Ask Mrs Jervis to write a supporting reference.
- Return to York before or at the same time as your application is sent off. [access-scheme@york.ac.uk](mailto:access-scheme@york.ac.uk)
- **School deadlines:** Friday 7 October (medics and dentists), Friday 13 January (other courses)

# UCAS

**All other programmes:** All students need to let Mrs Jervis know of any requirements from the school and allow at least one full school week to turn around a reference/online verification.

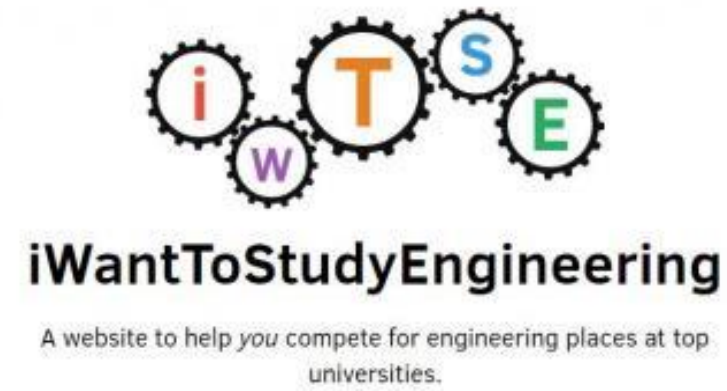


# Super –Curricular opportunities



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# Super curricular ideas – recommended by Cambridge





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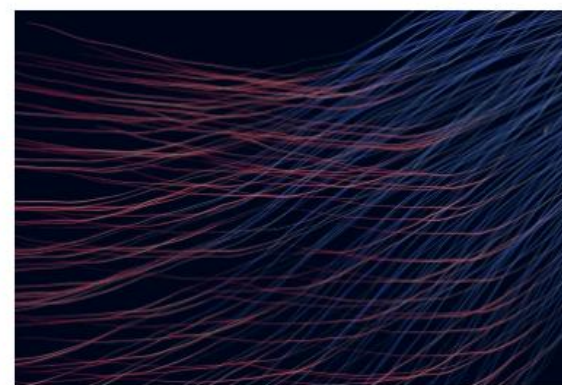
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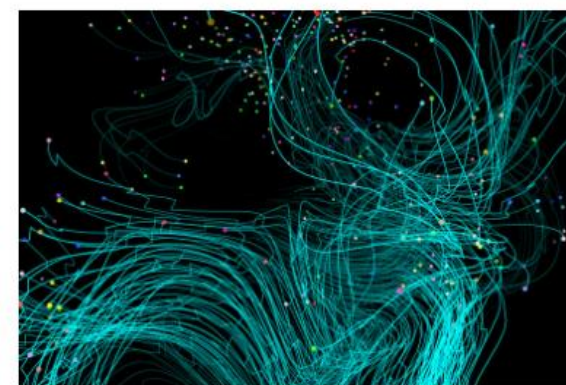
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Spring	4 March	Economics and LGBTQ+ Ian Burn, University of Liverpool
	6 March	The Economics of Tax Evasion Sarah Clifford
	20 May	The Economics of Refugees and Migration Dennis Egger

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# Translation competition – University of Sheffield

## Translation Competition

The School of Languages and Cultures are delighted to announce the 2023 [Languages Translation Competitions](#). This year we are running Translation Competitions for [Spanish](#), [French](#), [German](#), and [Russian](#), and they are all now open to Year 12 and 13 students in the UK. Only one translation for each language per student is permitted. The texts and information about each competition are available via the competition [website](#).

The authors of the ten best entries for each competition will each receive a prize of a £25 voucher and an invitation to take part in a special Translation Workshop held online in January 2024, involving academics, Masters students in Translation Studies and alumni who work in translation-related fields. The deadline for entries is midnight on **Sunday 26 November**, and winners will be notified by Wednesday 13 December 2023.





# University of Law – Win Apple AirPods

## Finding the right career

Having an idea of which careers are related to a subject area can help when applying for university or taking next steps. We have **three interactive careers quizzes** for students to take independently to help to think about future ambitions:

### [A Murder Case Challenge](#)

Follow a murder from crime scene to court room, testing your skills to find out if a career in criminology, law or policing is right for you.

### [Business Talent Challenge](#)

Discover where your talents lie by facing Marketing, Management and Accounting scenarios and deciding the best responses to real business problems.

### [Psychology Careers Quiz](#)

A fun interactive way to assess skills, interests and career goals, to find out which careers might be right for you if you were to study a psychology degree.



# University of Bradford – subject webinars

## Future Programmes

Future Programmes is a series of webinar streams, each focusing on a specific subject area. There are four streams, with four webinars in each stream. Each webinar will be delivered by leading academics and subject matter experts with the aim of inspiring, engaging and informing students (Year 12/13/Access to HE) who are considering University/Higher Education (HE) as a possible pathway on completion of their Level 3 studies.

By completing one of the Future Programme Schemes, **you can receive 8 UCAS points towards a qualifying course within that stream**. Please note that these UCAS points **cannot** be used towards BSc Clinical Sciences, Optometry or any Foundation Year or Integrated Foundation course, including Foundation in Clinical Sciences and Medicine.

The Future Programmes offered in Autumn 2023 are:

- Future Engineers
- Future Lawyers
- Future Life Scientists
- Future Psychologists

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# Oxford university - History

## [Online History Skills Workshops](#)

Oxford University's Faculty of History offers free online History Skills Workshops to state secondary school, sixth form and FE college pupils in Years 12 & 13 from across the UK.

## [Historia Lectures](#)

A series of super-curricular lectures aimed at students currently studying for A Levels (or equivalent). These lectures are designed to introduce students to new and engaging historical topics and periods, according to the research expertise of current DPhil candidates.





# Oxford University - Chemistry

## [Schools' Competitions, Festivals and Awards](#)

The Department of Chemistry supports and recommends a number of competitions, festivals and awards designed to challenge students and encourage them to be curious about chemistry.

## [S.T.E.A.M.](#)

We delight in working with departmental colleagues across the University of Oxford to encourage young people to pursue their talents and interests in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Maths.

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# Free online courses from Leeds University

The University's short online courses are specifically designed for students in high schools and colleges and are led by top academics at the forefront of their subjects. The collection of courses is informed by the latest research and includes subjects from STEM to Arts.

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## STEM online courses

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## Art and Design online courses

Discover free university taster courses introducing students to art and design subjects allowing students to get a taste of undergraduate study.



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Discover free university taster courses exploring different aspects of business-related subjects.



## Academic skills online courses

These online courses provide an accessible introduction to research, online learning skills and a good practice guide for students preparing their IB extended essay.



## Health Science online courses

Discover free university taster course for health science with leading academics from the University of Leeds.



# MediCafe - Hull York Medical School

MediCafé is our flagship webinar series, covering key topics throughout the academic year. The series is **open to all students, as well as parents, teachers & careers advisors, and is free to attend.**

The following sessions are available for the autumn term:

- **Thursday 30 November** | 17:00 - 18:30 | [How to Prepare for Medical School Interviews](#)
  - For the last MediCafé of 2023, we will provide a thorough but general overview of medical school interviews, and an exploration of common question themes. The panel includes current medical students at HYMS, who can offer their first hand top tips and advice. Later in the academic year we will have sessions on work experience, student life, UCAT and preparing for results day.

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# Medicinal Sciences Pathway

Please check the pathway programme team for more notices!



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- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedics
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Radiographers
- Dietitians
- Pharmacists
- Prosthetists and orthotics
- Speech and language therapists

# Medi-Skills

- Medi-skills society is on a **Wednesday lunch c104 12.20pm**
- **Feel free to bring lunch with you or early lunch passes are available at break from the chemistry office.**
- Medi-skills is a student led society whereby talks are given by students/outside speakers regarding applying for medicine, different areas of medicine, ethics, 4 pillars of medicine etc





# Relevant podcast

Two doctors, currently working as Academic Clinical Fellows and surgical registrars, who graduated from the University of Cambridge (Medicine) in 2018. have started a podcast aimed at helping prospective medical students applying to university. Our current series features frequently discussed "hot topics" at medical school interviews. Every week they will discuss a key concept relating to this topic.

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• Apple: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-application-doctor/id1648260029>

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# The Application Doctor

George Hourston & Hadyn Kankam

## Episode 15: Medical School Interview - Hot Topics: Euthanasia

Join George & Hadyn for another podcast on the "Hot Topics" for Medical School Interview series. This podcast covers euthanasia, a much-debated ar...



31 Aug · 21 min 2 sec

## Episode 14: Medical School Interview - Hot Topics: DNAR

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**Interview Techniques Course 2023**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Venue: Field House Bradford Teaching Hospitals**  
**NHS Foundation Trust**  
**8am-4pm**

**AMAZING  
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Things to be aware of:-

- You need to show you are either a student or **resident in the Bradford District**
- You will need to be a student currently in years 13 or about to from Sep 2023.
- You will need to show evidence of your predicted grades to be able to apply for medicine (AAA ideally).
- There is no charges associated with this course.
- Please bring along your personal statement.

**To book a place please email [rnoble@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:rnoble@heckgrammar.co.uk) and I will pass on the booking form to you to fill in and send off**

- Are you thinking about applying to medical school?

If so, then Bradford Teaching Hospitals is offering a training day that may help you.

The Interview Techniques course is aimed specifically at students who are interested in pursuing a career in medicine and will be applying for 2024-2025 entry. We will be covering a variety of essential topics to aid your application.

The content of the course is based around:

- **Mock interviews**
- **Lectures**
- **Practical skills stations**

# Apprenticeship opportunities



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# Civil Engineer Degree Apprentice



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## Civil Engineer Degree Apprentice

**Employer**

STANTEC UK LIMITED

**Location**

4th Floor, 2 Whitehall Quay, Leeds, LS1 4HR

**Salary**

£26,700.00 annually

**Closing date**

18 Feb 2024

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### What you will do in your working day

- Study how rainfall, rivers, and waterways affect the environment
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- Natural flood risk management and alleviation schemes
- River and waterways structures
- River restoration
- Help clients plan for water resource needs in the future
- Planning on how to facilitate development on flood risk.

### The training you will be getting

You'll gain a Bsc (Hons) in Civil Engineering - Design Engineer by attending weekly day release at Leeds Beckett City Campus.



# Civil Engineer Degree Apprentice



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## Apprentice Civil Engineer

### Employer

ARCADIS HUMAN RESOURCES LIMITED

### Location

Kings Court, 12 King Street, Leeds, LS1 2HL

### Salary

£19,305.00 annually

### Closing date

16 Feb 2024

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### What you will do in your working day

The apprentice will work under the supervision of several engineers and BIM technicians on the delivery of Civil engineering projects. They will be involved with projects for a variety of clients to help achieve their objectives and improve the quality of life of their customers.

Typical tasks and activities include:

- Contributing to designs, calculations, sketches, diagrams, schematic drawings and final working drawings under the close supervision of an engineer
- Drafting technical reports discussing assessment or management of existing structures and the design of new structures
- Preparing drawings and 3D models of structures within various software platforms under the supervision of BIM technicians and managers
- Taking part in on-site inspections of structural assets such as bridges and retaining walls both to report on their condition as-well as to take measurements of elements
- Undertake a supporting role to Project Managers, assisting with document management including drawing registers, hard copy and electronic drawing filing and document issuing (including online collaboration sites)
- Undertake on the job training on a range of industry leading tools and procedures, and, along with the learning from their part-time degree course, apply these skills to ongoing project activities



# CIMA Finance Graduate Apprentice



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## CIMA Finance Graduate Apprentice

**Employer**

2 Sisters Food Group

**Location**

National, UK, National, WF2 8EE

**Salary**

£27,000.00 annually

**Closing date**

1 Dec 2023

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### What you will do in your working day

Finance plays a huge part in 2 Sisters and our Graduate Scheme offers you the opportunity to understand the scale and complexity around finance for one of the UK's largest food manufacturers. You will be given real projects and be empowered to make real decisions by rolling your sleeves up and getting stuck into life at 2 Sisters.

You will have a number of placements across the scheme, enabling you to gain experience across a broad spectrum of Finance.

These areas include:

Commercial Finance.

Operations Finance.

Financial Accounting and Reporting.

Financial Planning and Analysis.

Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable.

You will have exposure to people at all different levels and learn from some of the best in the industry.

We will support you right from the start as well as giving you a structured development plan. You will also be partnered with a mentor and a coach who will be with you every step of the way.





# Project Manager Degree Level Apprenticeship



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## Project Manager Degree Level Apprenticeship

### Employer

MOTT MACDONALD LIMITED

### Location

Floor 3, 1 Whitehall Riverside, Leeds, LS1 4BN

### Salary

£20,700.00 annually

### Closing date

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### What you will do in your working day

To support the assistant project managers and project managers in:

- Monitoring and tracking progress identifying and managing risks, opportunities, issues and dependencies
- Reporting and managing performance and project status producing and maintaining project documentation
- Arranging and organising project meetings including agenda's, attendees, taking and producing minutes and action logs
- Identify areas for improvement, compliance risks and areas of good practice within the wider Rail team in the NW
- Proactively engage with Mott MacDonalds internal systems to build a level of expertise in their use to identify ways in which you can work in a more connected way with colleagues across the global company

### The training you will be getting

Chartered Surveyor Level 6 (Degree) Apprenticeship Standard:

- You will attend university one day a week to work towards your degree qualification
- You will have the full support of your wider team, as well as a line manager, mentor and buddy, and a dedicated learning & development team
- You will join our 2 year 'accelerate your future' internal training scheme as well as company provided training sessions
- Functional Skills in English if required



# Legal Solicitor Apprentice

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## Legal Solicitor Apprentice

**Employer**

TLT LLP

**Location**

Bristol London Manchester

**Salary**

Competitive

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We work with clients from the Future Energy, Digital, Financial Services, Leisure, Food Drink, Public Sector, Real Estate and Retail & Consumer Goods sectors.

Your supervisor will work with you to boost your technical legal knowledge and sharpen your commercial instincts. Alongside your university studies, you will have the opportunity to attend development workshops which will help you develop the right mindset for success as well as the focus and resilience you need for a career in law.

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### What will the apprentice be doing?

Key duties will include:

- Planning and undertaking on-site inspections and structural condition surveys during the stages of a project
- Desk study reviews of available data in support of any remedial, maintenance or asset monitoring works
- Support of the assessment, checks, design and analyses of a range of civil and structural assets
- Support of the team carrying out advanced and dynamic analysis for a variety of structures

### What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?

- Civil engineer level 6 (degree)
- You will attend university one day a week
- You will have the full support of your wider team, as well as a line manager, mentor and buddy, and a dedicated learning & development team





# Environmental Practitioner Degree Level Apprenticeship

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## Environmental Practitioner Degree Level Apprenticeship

**Employer**

MOTT MACDONALD LIMITED

**Location**

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**Salary**

£20,700.00 annually

**Closing date**

31 Dec 2023

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### What will the apprentice be doing?

- Working within environmental and sustainability teams to deliver Sustainability Strategies, Environmental Management Plans, EIAs and Sustainability Appraisals. Assist with EIA screening and scoping studies and help to manage the delivery of EIA and environmental reports.
- Assist with the analysis of potential environmental impacts, working with wider multidisciplinary teams to develop sustainable designs and produce mitigation plans.
- Engage with a diverse range of specialists through the company on different projects, including defense, roads, railways, flood management, water resources and with clients in the public and private sector. Developing field of interest and shaping career will progression through this engagement.
- Get involved with our Early Career Professionals activities to develop skills and build a network, through seminars, training courses and on the job learning. This will supplement time at university and allow practical application of knowledge.  
Support will be provided by a line manager, professional mentor, and network of apprentices within the company, as well as the support from university tutors, which will be linked through regular coordinated tripartite reviews between academic and company staff.
- Support with organisation and undertaking of environmental surveys which may include ecology, air quality and noise including the preparation of relevant health & safety documentation  
Production of environmental drawings and plans using digital software including GIS





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# APPRENTICESHIP EVENTS 2024

**Tuesday 27 February**

The John Smith's Stadium

Stadium Way, Huddersfield, HD1 6PG

**Thursday 7 March**

The Shay Stadium

Shaw Hill, Halifax, HX1 2YT

**Invitation**



**4.30 -  
7.30pm**



# Degree Apprenticeships

- You apply direct to the employer not through UCAS
- You will have to write a personal statement (like the UCAS one)
- Each company has their own criteria and ways to apply
- Do your research about the business and the role (to talk about this in the interview)
- Most students do a UCAS application AND apply for degree apprenticeships to keep their options open





# Degree apprenticeships

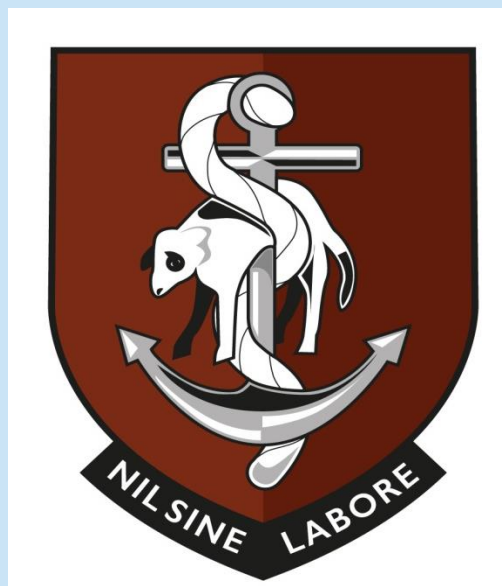
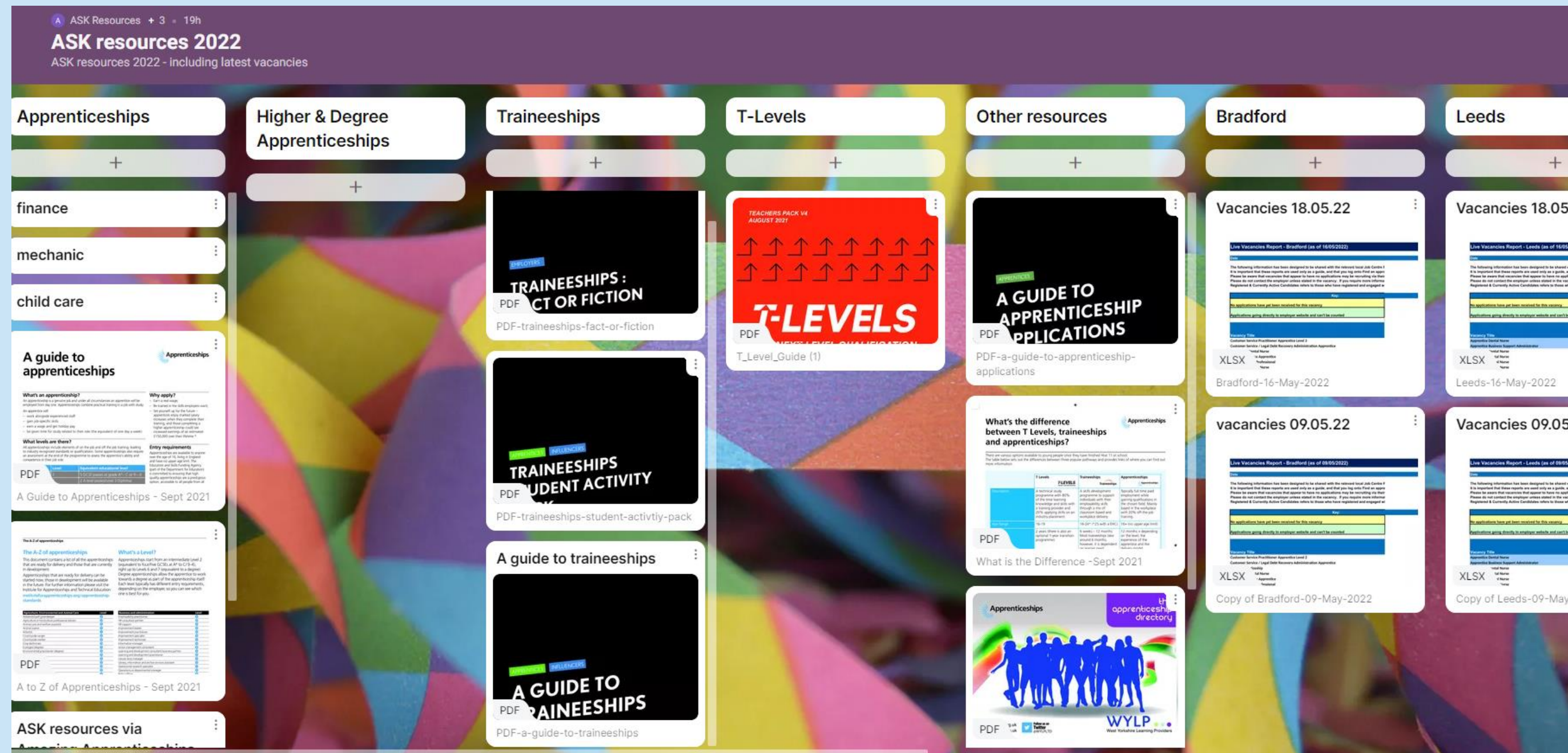
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