

Sixth Form Bulletin

Monday 13th November to Friday
17th November 2023 - week A9



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GRAMMAR SIXTH FORM

It's
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Year 13 your milestones are coming up **6th November.....**

Remember all your milestone scores provide evidence towards your predicted grades.

Make sure you are revising NOW to ensure you get the best possible grades.

Your predicted grades can be used for all progression routes – university, apprenticeships and jobs.

Don't be a dummy and do something crummy
Instead

Do something smart and do your part.....

By revising to help make your dreams come true.

University Guest Speakers & Presentations



University of Liverpool: Wednesday 15th November 2023

Presentation for Y12 students

University of Manchester: Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Presentations for Y11 & Y12 students

Personal Statement Seminar for Y12/13 Humanities Pathway students

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.

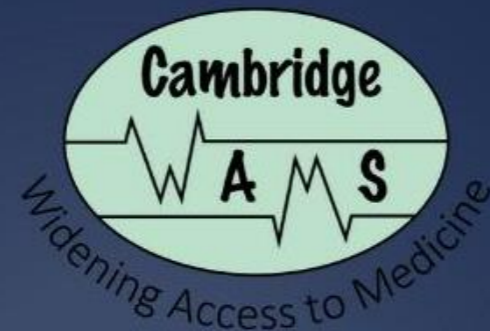


Oxford interview workshops



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 30th 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.



University of Sheffield – subject tasters



Extend your knowledge with this amazing array of [subject taster sessions](#)

Book your place

Subject	Session title	Date	Link
Adult Nursing	The Kidneys - Why they're so great	Tuesday 14 November, 4pm - 5.15pm	Find out more about our Adult Nursing taster session
Automatic Control and Systems Engineering	Robotics: How can we control and shape our future with robots?	Thursday 23 November, 4.30pm - 5.30pm	Find out more about our ACSE taster session
Aerospace Engineering	Aerospace Engineering: from Kites to Satellites	Tuesday 7 November, 4pm - 5.30pm	Find out more about our Aerospace Engineering taster session
Applied Social Sciences	Looking at Reality TV through a social science lens. Why does it matter and what should change?	Monday 13 November, 4.30pm - 5.50pm	Find out more about our Applied Social Sciences taster session
Architecture	Communicating Architecture and Design	Wednesday 15 November, 4pm - 5.15pm	Find out more about our Architecture taster session
Bioengineering	What is Bioengineering?	Wednesday 6 December, 4pm - 5pm	Find out more about our Bioengineering taster session
Biosciences	Cancer – Where do cancer cells go wrong?	Wednesday 8 November, 4.30pm - 5.45pm	Find out more about our Biosciences taster session
Computer Science	Machine Learning and Data Science	Wednesday 15 November, 4pm - 5.30pm	Find out more about our Computer Science taster session
Chemical and Biological Engineering	Optimizing your future with Chemical Engineering	Thursday 9 November, 4pm - 5.30pm	Find out more about our CBE taster session
Civil and Structural Engineering	Innovations in Structural Engineering: Strengthening against earthquakes	Tuesday 14 November, 4pm - 5.30pm	Find out more about our Civil and Structural Engineering taster session



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 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

[Find out more about each Future Programme HERE](#)

[Book a place on one of our Future Programmes HERE](#)



University of Bradford School of Chemistry and Biomedical Sciences



Subject Spotlight

Dr Mark Sutherland – Assistant Professor in Biochemistry, Director of Admissions & Marketing for School of Chemistry & Biomedical Science

Our [Biomedical Science](#) programme is one of the most established professionally accredited programmes in the UK. The programme has been updated this year following consultation with students and staff, and working closely with employers so that our graduates are equipped to perform in their chosen workplace, whether that be laboratories in the NHS or industry or using those investigative skills in science education and further education studies.

The modules focus on all the modern biomedical scientist needs to know about how human disease develops and the most effective methods for diagnosis and treatment. You will be taught by enthusiastic clinical and research experts. You will apply your knowledge through development a wide range of practical skills in guided laboratory sessions in our state-of-the-art laboratories, culminating in a laboratory-based project for those interested in research or diagnostic careers. Options in the final year mean you can tailor your education to suit your career aspirations and develop the skills employers are looking for.

Our programme was one of the first ones in the UK to receive accreditation by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS). Many other universities in the region currently hold this accreditation too and deliver a similar course content. However, we keep implementing new changes in our curriculum to ensure that our graduates stand out. For example, this year we have introduced small lab research projects in the first 2 years to help develop your lab competency skills, research design and data handling in preparation for your 3rd year research project.

We have also developed three new optional modules designed to boost your employability skills:

- **Science Education:** Introduces students to the theory and skills needed to teach STEM subjects.
- **Industry, Innovation and Healthcare:** Introduces students to science communication in industry, as well as good laboratory practice (GLP) industry standards. Students will also look at commercialisation of scientific ideas, intellectual property, and patents.
- **Research Design:** This module is aimed at students who are considering continuing to study for a higher degree e.g. an MSc or PhD. During this module students look at the research journey from idea conception to publication. It covers hypothesis generation, research ethics, trial regulations, data quality, and publication ethics.

The entry requirements have been changed to 112 UCAS points (A levels BBC and BTEC Extended Diploma DDM).

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.



The UCAS Hub

What's coming up in the UCAS Hub

Hub Live sessions are the perfect place for both of you to find out more about the different career options available and how to get there. This month we'll be sharing practical tips, advice, and support on:

- [15 November at 16:00](#) The secrets to a successful interview or audition
- [22 November at 16:00](#) What are my options after school or college?

Ask your questions live or [submit your questions here](#) and we'll get them answered during the show.

You need to set up a UCAS account to view these opportunities



Free Chemistry and Biology tutoring for low-income students

FREE CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY TUTORING FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

Students from low-income and disadvantaged backgrounds can access completely free virtual tutoring support for Biology and Chemistry

You can find the details of our additional tutoring support here:

<https://medicmentor.org/widening-access-for-all/>



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



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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Oxford university residential opportunity



SOMERSET, DEVON, AND CORNWALL RESIDENTIAL 2024

We have expanded our Year 12 SDC Residential into a sustained programme that will run from February to June 2024, including 3 online workshops that will support application to university, and a 4-day stay at [Exeter College, University of Oxford](#) at the end of June.

Students can apply directly, using this sign-up link: <https://forms.office.com/e/mz7TMR0yMe>.

Applications close **Monday 20th November, 17:00.**



Cambridge interview support



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



Support to get into Dentistry and Medicine



For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

Saturday 11th November

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:
November Sunday 26th November

Sunday 12th November

Saturday 25th

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

Dentistry: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/>

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT
- Medical & Dental school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships

We encourage both students and parents to participate in these invaluable sessions.

Here's how the day will run:

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-11:00 Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview of the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-11:45 Introduction to the UCAS application form and entry requirements

11:45-12:15 Interactive CV building exercise and exclusive access to leadership, research, presentation, publication, prizes and scholarship opportunities

12:15-12:30 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student)

12:30-12:45 Break

12:45-13:30 How to write the perfect personal statement

13:30-13:45 Break

13:45-14:10 Entrance exams - how to do ace the UCAT

14:10-14:30 How to prepare for Medical School interviews

14:30-15:00 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student) and next steps



Not sure what to study 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](#)



Zoology

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

[Watch now](#)



Biochemistry

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

[Watch now](#)



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.



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.



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.

Helping you make the most of opportunities

As part of helping you on your journey to university, an apprenticeship or employment we need to know information about you.

This is sometimes requested by these groups to decide whether you need a better offer or to access funding you might not otherwise receive.

Please complete this [form](#) by **Friday 10th November**



Next Step York

Next Step York is a personalised two year programme for Year 12 students in England.

- Explore university options
- Receive specialist support with your current studies
- Experience what life is like at York

Next Step York is aimed at pupils who have the potential to progress to university but have experienced barriers that may prevent them from accessing higher education.

We welcome applications from students living in the region who meet the [programme criteria](#) and believe they will benefit from our support.

About the programme

You'll design your own Next Step York programme, choosing activities from three modules in your 1st year. You'll also work with a Student Supporter, a current University of York student, who will offer guidance and insight throughout the programme.

Applications open on 11 September and close on 27 November.

The programme kicks off in December with a virtual induction. You'll then attend a range of virtual and in-person events between January and July.

During these events, you'll meet other students on the programme, as well as current students at the University of York!

Participants who successfully complete the Next Step York programme could be considered for a guaranteed interview or offer to study at York.

Find out more [here](#)



Newcastle University

Upcoming events

- [Newcastle University Open Day, 18 November \(9:00 – 16:00\)](#)
- [Medicine Experience Days \(Year 12\), 22 November – 18 April 2024 \(10:00 - 16:00\)](#)
- [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 31st 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

UNIVERSITY OF BATH

KLASS

The banner features a young Black male student smiling while using a laptop. The background is a vibrant orange. The University of Bath logo is in the top right corner. The text is in white and teal. A teal bar at the bottom contains the application link.



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

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

Year 13



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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](#)



Oxbridge medicine interview workshop



OXBRIDGE MEDICINE INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

For Medicine applicants, Oxford Medsoc, Cambridge Widening Access in Medicine Society (CamWAMS), Cambridge MedSoc and Cambridge ClinSoc are hosting online mock interview workshops on **Saturday 18th November, time TBC.**

Sign up

here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf57FYRmrvbvhtSO3zWO3Psa9oRCJBH5iyadqaaGaN7qYCwybg/viewform?pli=1>.



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.



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



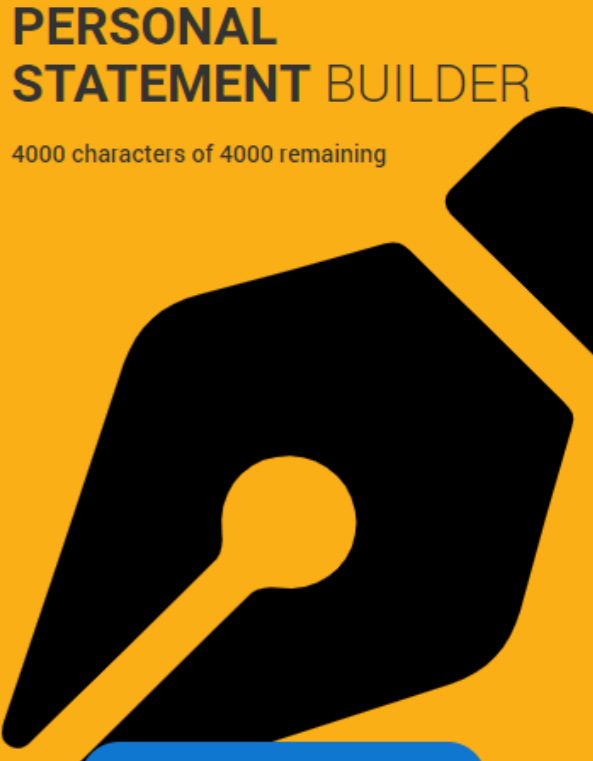
What to include in your photography personal statement



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 30th 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 to 'related courses' and 'course options available'. The cards shown are for Accountancy at the University of Aberdeen, Finance at Aberystwyth University, Finance at Anglia Ruskin University, Finance at Aston University, and Finance at Bangor University. A 'Feedback' button is visible in the bottom right corner.

Accountancy

1999 Courses

83 Apprenticeships

0 Unis & colleges

7 Subject guides

0 Location guides

0 Student properties

1 Open day or event

0 FAQs

9 Info & advice

1999 Courses > See all

Accountancy

University of Aberdeen

MA (Hons) · 4 Years · Full-time · Aberdeen · 2024-2025

Tariff points: 120/128

53 related courses

Finance

Aberystwyth University

MS · 24 Months · Part-time · Aberystwyth · 2024-2025

Tariff points: N/A

2 course options available >

22 related courses

Finance

Anglia Ruskin University

MBA · 1 Year · Full-time · Chelmsford · 2024-2025

Tariff points: N/A

15 related courses

Finance

Aston University, Birmingham

BSc (Hons) · 4 Years · Sandwich · Birmingham · 2024-2025

Tariff points: 112/144

8 related courses

Finance

Bangor University

MBA · 12 Months · Full-time · Bangor (Wales) · 2024-2025

Tariff points: N/A

2 course options available >

18 related courses

83 Apprenticeships **BETA** Can't find what you are looking for? Search on Career Finder > See all

Feedback

Webinars at Leeds university

Find out more [here](#)



WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2023

Finance, budgeting and scholarships webinar

This Autumn we are offering a series of monthly online webinars to guide you on your journey of preparing for university. The sessions will explore:

Admissions and applying to university Student finance and budgeting Student

life Current students from the University of Leeds will also share their experiences. In the second webinar of the series,...



WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023

Student life at Leeds webinar

This Autumn we are offering a series of monthly online webinars to guide you on your journey of preparing for university. The sessions will explore:

Admissions and applying to university Student finance and budgeting Student

life Current students from the University of Leeds will also share their experiences. In the third webinar of the series,...



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.

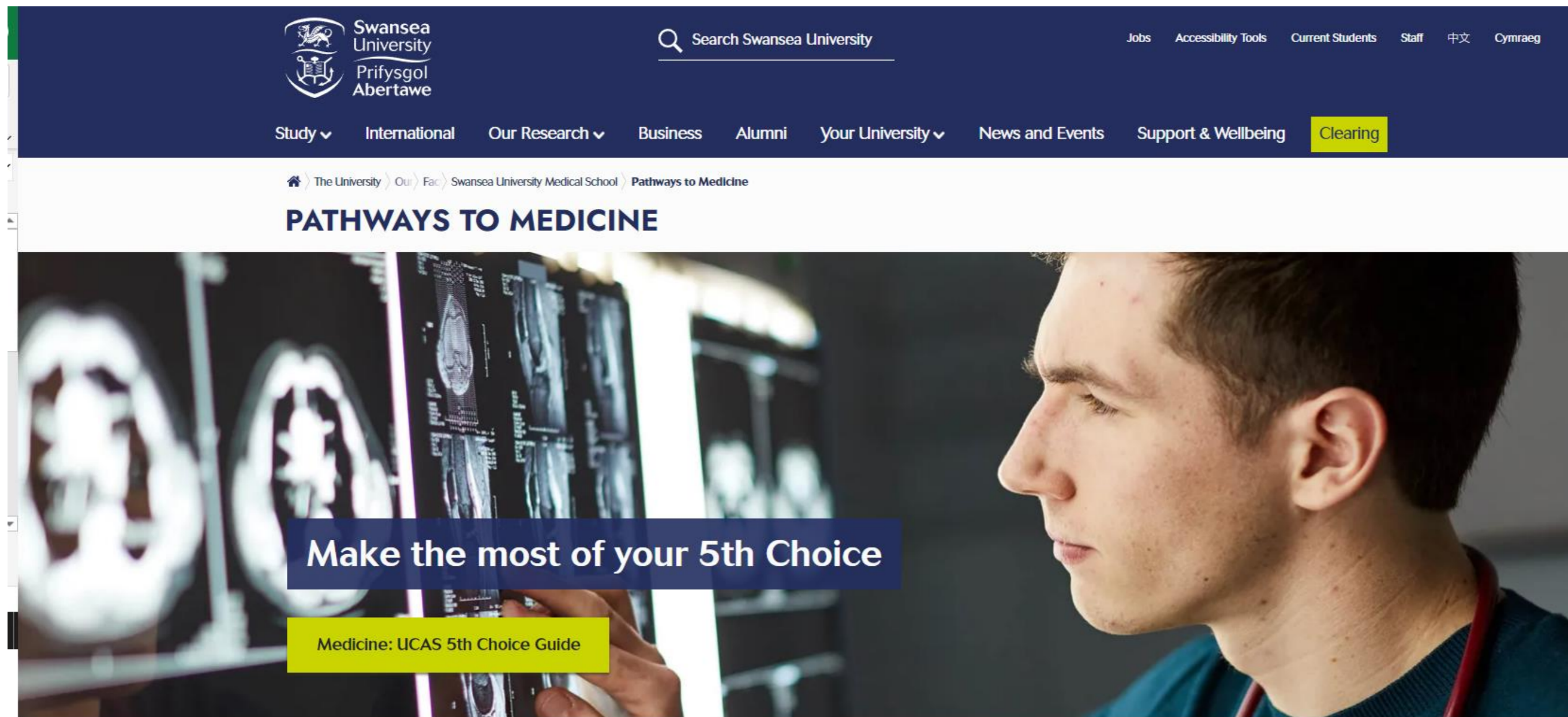
<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/ucas-application/university-interviews-how-to-prepare>

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 'Clearing'. 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 says '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
- **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.

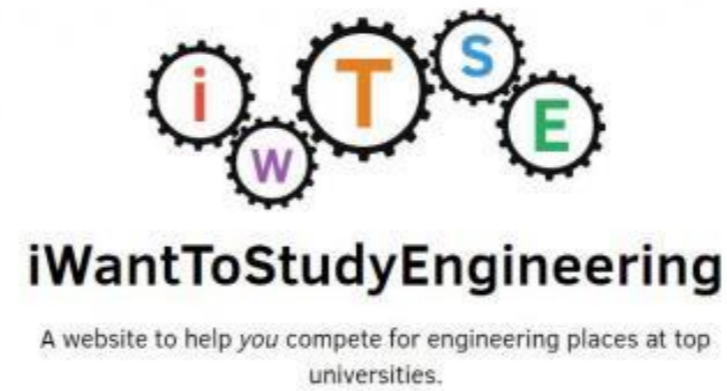


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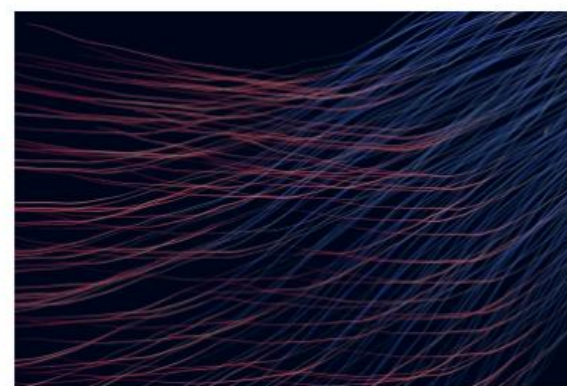
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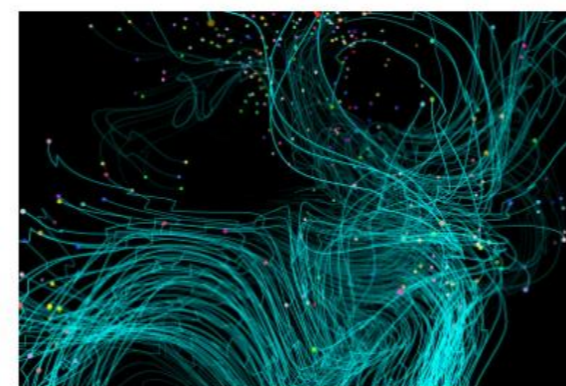
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Hamish Low |
| | 29th November | Economics of Sustainability
Robin Nuttall, McKinsey & Company |
| Spring | 4 March | Economics and LGBTQ+
Ian Burn, University of Liverpool |
| | 6 March | The Economics of Tax Evasion
Sarah Clifford |
| | 20 May | The Economics of Refugees and Migration
Dennis Egger |

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Oxford University - Chemistry

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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.

[Online Workshops](#)

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Oxford University – Free Webinars

13th November [History Skills Workshop - Thinking Big: concepts and historiography](#)

14th November [An Introduction to History of Art: Visual Analysis](#)

15th November [History Skills Workshop - Primary Sources](#)

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16th November [MAT Livestream series: Bonus \(MAT 2023\)](#)

30th November [MAT Livestream series: Bonus \(interview questions\)](#)

Just click on the link to access and book your place



Oxford university - Maths

Are you thinking of applying to study Mathematics at university? We're running a weekly livestream talking about maths problems and discussing problem-solving strategies, with a focus on Oxford's Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT). The sessions are free and available for everyone, and are recorded so that you can watch them later even if you can't join us live. No registration needed. Links will appear here for the livestream: [MAT livestream | Mathematical Institute \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

The 2023 MAT Livestream is every Thursday at 17:00–19:00 (UK time) from June to November 2023.



Mini Medical School – Newcastle University

Mini Medical School

FREE online lectures for students aged 15+, exploring the world of medical science and our latest research. Running on 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 November (18:00) with an additional Applying to Medicine session on 7 December.

Find out more [here](#)



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



The Gresham Schools Oracy Competition

What are the rules for entering?

- Presentations must be **no longer than 5 minutes** – if you submit a video that is longer than 5 minutes **your entry will be disqualified**.
- When you start your presentation, please state your name, your school and which question you are answering.
- You must submit a six point summary of your presentation with up to six sources.
- Act as though you are presenting to a live audience at Gresham College.
- Don't sit and read from your notes throughout your presentation.
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Enter by 8 December 2023*

How to Enter Choose one of the following topics and please make a reasoned argument:

1. How can the law aid in creating a more equal, diverse and inclusive society? [video presentation upload link Q1](#)
2. How might Large-Language models like ChatGPT affect the future of education? [video presentation upload link Q2](#)
3. Could genome editing consign genetic diseases to history and would that be ethical? [video presentation upload link Q3](#)
4. Should the exploration of space be left to private companies, or to governments? [video presentation upload link Q4](#)
5. How far is it morally justifiable to curtail personal freedoms to protect the environment? [video presentation upload link Q5](#)
6. If you could introduce a Private Member's Bill to change one law in a UK jurisdiction, what change would you propose, and how would you argue for it in a Parliamentary speech? [video presentation upload link Q6](#)
7. With rising mental health issues in young people, how could an emotional response to music be used to help? [video presentation upload link Q7](#)
8. Paganism in Britain was replaced by Christianity with apparent speed and ease. What are the parallels today for religions and other societal changes? [video presentation upload link Q8](#)
9. The prime minister has said that everyone should learn maths to age 18. Is he right? [video presentation upload link Q9](#)
10. The wind-up radio (invented in Britain) was transformational in the developing nations in transmitting information before the internet or solar power were widespread. What area today would a small, cheap invention be best focussed on for those societies? [video presentation upload link Q10](#)

Students should submit a recorded video presentation of **no more** than 5 minutes – the main focus should be the student speaking but you can use images, graphs, slides or other visual props that help explain your points. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited to present again in person in London, and there will be three awards (including prizes for student and the school).

To enter the competition, you need to fill out your details and a short summary citing your sources [on our entry form](#), and by uploading the video file to the corresponding folder (ie if you are presenting on question 1, upload to Q1, if you're presenting on question 2, upload to Q2 etc.).

There are some guidance and resources on [our website](#) to help students explain complex issues in a clear, concise, logical and engaging way.



Super Curricular Opportunity

Know your part to "Keep Antibiotics Working"

A new free, short online course has been developed by students, for students, called An Introduction to Antibiotics and Antibiotic Resistance. Pitched towards high-school and early undergraduates, the open-access course is focused on the practical aspects of antibiotics, and how antibiotic resistance is threatening the effectiveness of these miracle drugs. Latest evidence shows that at least 5 million people a year are dying because bacterial infections have developed a defence to different antibiotics. The implications of this are huge and recognised by the United Nations as being on a scale to climate change. This flexible course, which takes just a few hours to complete, introduces the value of antibiotics, before moving on to look at the way in which human behaviours are having a staggering impact on speeding-up the ability of harmful bacteria to prevent antibiotics from working. But there are things all of us can do to reduce this threat, and it is not just a problem to be resolved by clinicians and the research community. In fact, the World Health Organization has public education and behaviour as its first Objective for action, and for several years, University of Manchester has been helping with this through active public engagement and education, and improved learning opportunities for our students.

The online course offered here is for anyone and everyone – it is straight forward to access and use, and you can just work through the sections in any order, at any time, for as long as you want. But, as an encouragement to complete the course, you will receive a free Certificate of Accomplishment from the University of Manchester so long as you pass a straightforward online quiz. We want everyone to know the basics of this problem and what people can do to reduce the threat of antibiotic resistance. So please consider taking the course, look at ways to build this into the curriculum, and help your students understand their role in active citizenship. Log-on at www.manchester.ac.uk/lifelonglearning and search for antibiotics in the menu bar.



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.

Find out more [here](#)



Medicinal Sciences Pathway

Please check the pathway programme team for more notices!



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Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme

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Take your first steps towards a healthcare career with the UK's only LIVE Virtual Work Experience Programme created and delivered by healthcare professionals. You can select from one day or a full 6 month work experience programme where you will follow patients from admission to discharge in the high fidelity simulation suite, designed to provide you with an immersive experience from the comfort and safety of home. Simply select the dates below and save £10 if you opt for the full 6 month work experience programme. Students will be awarded certificates for attending each day. No work experience day is the same (as in real life), but students will gain insight into a variety of healthcare settings.

- 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.

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/4OJpXxaNDzacOcUOCMKrCe>

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

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The Application Doctor

George Hourston & Hadyn Kankam

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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

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George & Hadyn as they discuss the first topic in a new series of "Hot

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Interview Techniques Course 2023
Saturday 11th 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 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

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Salary

£26,700.00 annually

Closing date

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What you will do in your working day

- Study how rainfall, rivers, and waterways affect the environment
- Using CAD and Micro drainage to visualise the process of what we produce, how it is planned and how flood risks are managed
- 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.



CIMA Finance Graduate Apprentice



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CIMA Finance Graduate Apprentice

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2 Sisters Food Group

Location

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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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Employer

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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



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Key duties will include:

- Planning and undertaking on-site inspections and structural condition surveys during the stages of a project
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- 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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What will the apprentice be doing?

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- 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

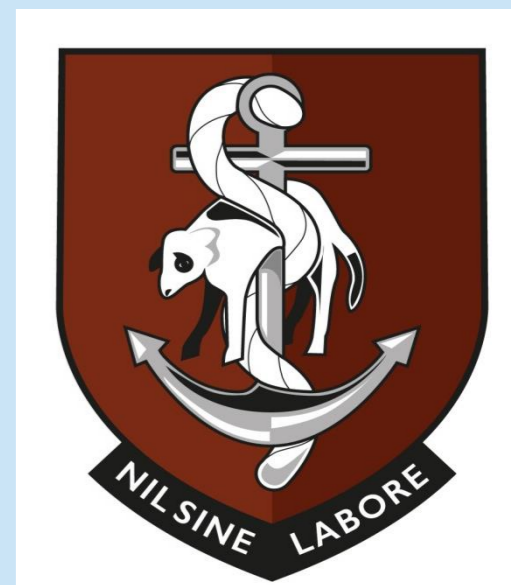
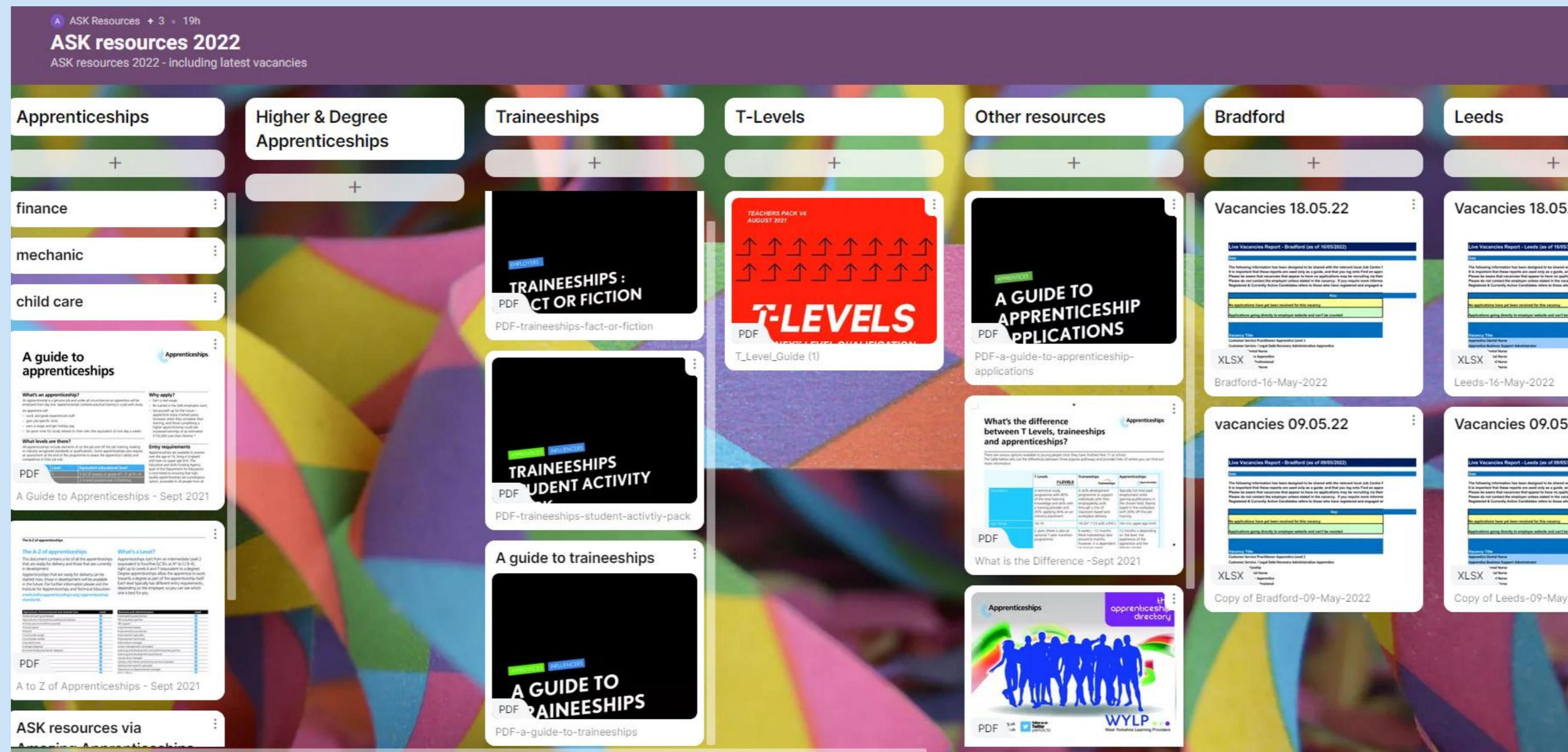
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Virtual Classroom sessions are a series of events providing students, parents and teachers a true insight into PwC. Aimed at students in Years 10-13 you'll have the opportunity to learn about who PwC are, what we do, our opportunities and ask questions to our recent Flying Start and School and College Leaver joiners and our recruiters.

This autumn we'll bring to life the opportunities we have to offer you, providing an insight into what it's like to be on our programmes, and supporting you to make an application. Whether you want to pursue a career in technology, accounting or business on one of our Flying Start programmes, or join us full time as a school leaver, you'll have the opportunity to gain top tips as well as hear from current and past students and apprentices, and get your questions answered. We'll also be running a session for parents, carers and teachers to support you in guiding your students in their career choices. [Sign up now](#) to our Virtual Classroom events:

- **Looking ahead to your career options: Degree programme** - Thursday 16 November 4:30-5:30pm



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Work experience

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