

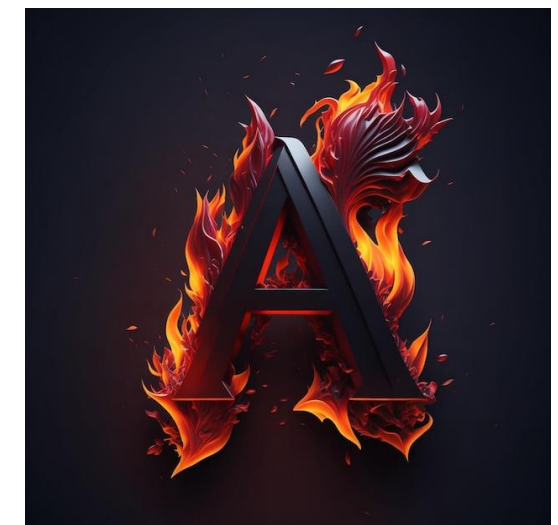
Sixth Form Bulletin

Monday 8th July to Friday 12th
July – week A37



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It's
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Pathways events coming up...

New events will be highlighted

Drop-in sessions include

- Medical – UCAT support Wednesday 12.20 C016 Week A's
- STEM Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30 in S024
- Humanities Wednesday 12.20 - 13.15 in F110
- Oxbridge Thursday 12.20 -1.15 in M002
- Apprenticeship Friday B013 12.20 -1.15

Year 12



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Share your views about the Progression Event

I hope you had an informative and enjoyable 2 days at the Progression Event

To improve for future events, I would appreciate you sharing your views of the event.

Please find attached a questionnaire for you to complete.

Thanking you in advance, Mrs Jervis

<https://forms.office.com/e/XwXTVLJPVU>



Key deadlines - Internal deadlines



2 September – Draft 1 personal statement Early Entry (form teachers to check)

20 September – Early entry applications submitted and paid.

All other students to have completed the UCAS application (except choices and personal statement)

15 November - Draft 1 personal statement January entry students

6 December – January Entry applications submitted and paid

Cost of UCAS £28.50

Bursary students and individuals who received FSM in the last 6 years* need to select "Pay by centre" - you will not need to pay for your application

***you might be asked to provide evidence of this, so be prepared to contact your old school**

Applying for anything related to the medical field?

Application tips

A stand-out personal statement will ensure your application gets noticed. This is your chance to show you have the determination, vision and skills needed for the role. Check out the [NHS values](#) and choose the ones that resonate with you the most. Be sure to also [highlight any skills](#) and previous experience that may be relevant to the role, too.



UCAS application advice

Click [here](#) for more support



Psychology Essay Competition



This year The University of Law are running an essay competition with [The Mental Health and Digital Technologies Journal](#) (Emerald Publishing), which will help students develop key skills, gain knowledge in an emerging area of psychology, and could see them become a **published author**!

The essay question is:

How can technology support young people's mental health and wellbeing?

Prizes:

- Your **essay published in the academic journal**: [The Mental Health and Digital Technologies journal](#)
- **£500 cash prize** from the University of Law
- A **year's subscription** to the journal from Emerald Publishing
- **Work experience session** with experts from the editorial team of the Mental Health and Digital Technologies Journal

You can find more about the competition, including the launch event, supporting information and sources and T&Cs, on the [competition webpage](#).

The competition runs until November 2024.

Find out more [here](#)



Psychology

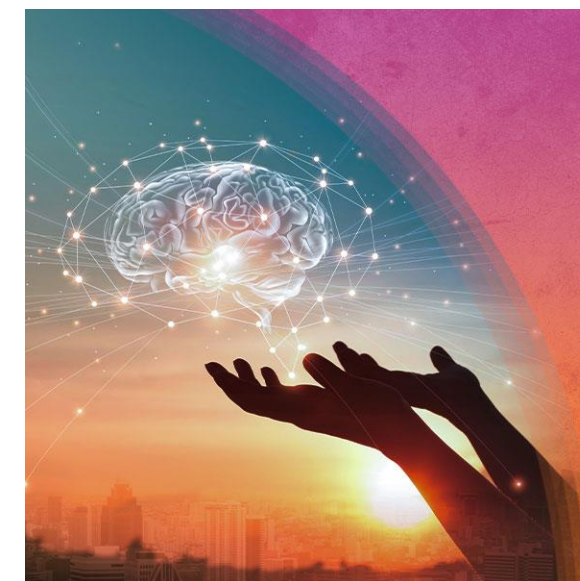


Cyberpsychology Lecture (Virtual)

Learn about cyberpsychology, which looks at the mind and behaviour when we interact with technology. Dr Julie Prescott will explain the impact of the internet on behaviour, and you will get some top tips on how to succeed in our essay competition.

Tuesday 16 July 4-5pm

Book your place [here](#)



Imperial College London

With Insight Education Online Summer Careers Talks For Students of Black Heritage in Years 12 and 13

[With Insight Education](#) supports students of Black heritage embrace their potential through mentorship and skill development programmes and is excited to share their upcoming Summer Career Talks.

Designed to provide valuable insights and guidance across professional domains, these talks aim to equip students with a deeper understanding of different career paths and available opportunities.

The sessions will be held online over Zoom and students can register for the range of sessions below:

- [Finance/Investment Banking - Tues 16 July 18:00 - 19:00 pm](#)



University of Manchester

mA*ths Online Programme

We're delighted to announce The University of Manchester as the northern partner for the mA*ths Online Programme for the 2024/25 academic year. This programme supports A-level Mathematics students who are considering studying a maths-related degree at university.

Are you an A-level Mathematics student considering studying a maths-related degree at university? Through this programme, you could:

- Develop the skills you need to achieve an A* in A-level Mathematics
- Complete tailored online modules covering the challenging elements of the A-level Maths curriculum
- Attend regular online tutoring sessions with current Manchester students
- Attend face-to-face masterclass at The University of Manchester

Online applications for the Year 13 programme will open on **17 June 2024 at 12 pm and close on 9 September 2024 at 11.59 pm.**

This is a free programme and we are seeking to work with students who are under-represented in Higher Education. Eligibility criteria apply (see website for details).

Website link: <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/teachers/students/widening-participation/post-16/maths-online-programme/>



Reading university - Neuroscience event

Reading University are running a neuroscience event on **23rd and 24th July 2024**, for students in year 12 or 13. See blurb below and please pass on to any students who might be interested!

Do you want to know more about the 1.3kg organ in your head? Come join us and build a brain, find out more about how to improve your memory and more fun brain science. This 2-day event will give you an insight into the latest brain research and inspire you to look after your brain.

Sign up through the link below:

https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3A%2f%2femailer.reading.ac.uk%2fp%2f4R68-F4S%2fneurosparks2024&c=E,1,PA7GbYs0EqPM1jApf5oCc9I-QHkEoDYePrQA2veAIs0QVURFTh0P6dygVNaWwN2IpgHHyYOHFFTCoNRBczmGDoDX6TI4GS_i7LfvvHvvJpy8ye4QMgbkRRTCukc9&typo=1



St John's College, Cambridge.

Upcoming opportunities for prospective Oxbridge applicants from St John's College, Cambridge.

1. St John's Subject Admissions Clinics

We're delighted to be running our free-to-attend July series of online prospective applicant Q&A sessions again this year. All Cambridge undergraduate courses are represented in this series from St John's College. Our Subject Admissions Clinics are aimed at students who will be submitting their Cambridge application by the October deadline this year. These Q&A sessions are delivered on Zoom by a member of the St John's Admissions team, Director of Studies, and a current undergraduate student in the subject. They are an excellent complement to the University Open Days (4th and 5th July) since they provide additional opportunities for students' course-specific queries to be answered. [For the full Subject Admissions Clinics schedule, and the sign-up form, please click here.](#)

2. St John's Medical Society Webinars

Our College's students' Medical Society are delivering two webinars in August - these Zoom sessions are aimed at state school students in Year 12 and Year 13 (England & Wales and equivalent year groups) who are interested in applying for Medicine at Cambridge. There are two sessions covering different elements of making a competitive application for Medicine - [for the sign-up form, please click here.](#)

3. St John's Poster Competition

There's still time for students to enter our College's Poster Competition. This year, the theme is silver and all UK-based students submitting an application by the October deadline are eligible to submit an entry before the deadline on **5th August**. The competition asks students to create an academic research poster about any topic relating to the theme, and produce an accompanying bibliography. Each entrant receives individual feedback from our academics, and Book Tokens are awarded to prize-winners. For more information about the competition - as well as resources and guidance for independent research and producing posters - [please click here](#). We are also running a series of online drop-in sessions for participating students to have their competition-related queries answered. Details about these support sessions can be found on the competition webpage linked above.

If you or your students are attending the Cambridge Open Days next week, I hope to see you when you visit St John's!



University Guide 2024

[University student guide](#)

This shows the key higher education facts for students thinking about university.

Please feel free to download and keep



The Turing Summer Experience - University of Leeds

Date: 29th July - 2nd August

Location: Leeds

Ages: 16-17 years

The Turing Summer Experience is a series of funded Data Science and Artificial Intelligence weeks for Year 12 students in Leeds. They will take place over July and August 2024, run in partnership with The Alan Turing Institute, the UK's intelligence agencies MI5, GCHQ, and SIS MI6 and the Ministry of Defence.

Through an exciting programme of practical learning, activities and challenges, participants will get hands-on experience supported by experts in the field and be introduced to the huge range of study and career options in Data Science and AI, including in the intelligence agencies and in Defence.

Participants will:

- Work on solving problems with other like-minded young people with practical hands-on application of learnt skills.
- Develop a space to collaborate online using tools such as GitHub.
- Find out about the wide range of career paths in the sector, including in the intelligence agencies and in Defence.
- Learn more about current topics in the sector such as ethics and biases
- Get support with thinking about future study and work opportunities and how to talk about the experience on a personal statement or job application.

[Apply here](#)



Changes to TMUA/ESAT

- If you are applying to Cambridge, Imperial, Durham, Warwick, LSE to study Computing, Economics, Maths, Science, you will need to sit one of these tests (it depends which university and which subject). The way they are being tested has changed and you need to be aware of these changes and how they affect you.
- Please look at the slides available on the STEM and Oxbridge Pathways for more details. All the information can be found here: <https://esat-tmua.ac.uk/>
- See Mr Brooke-Mawson or Mrs Stone if you have any questions.

Are you sitting TMUA or ESAT?

Candidates required to sit either the TMUA or the ESAT in October 2024 can now [request their access arrangements](#), or apply for a [UAT-UK bursary code](#) (UK candidates only) to cover the full cost of their test.

All information on these processes and our full [Bursary Policy](#) and [Access Arrangements Policy](#) can be found on the [UAT-UK website](#).

So that you can best support candidates, we wanted to provide you with some clarifications around the way candidates need to request access arrangements:

- Candidates must first set up a UAT-UK account before requesting their access arrangements via the [UAT-UK form](#). Candidates might need their school or college to supply to relevant evidence to support their application.
- The deadline for this is **29 August** however candidates are advised to request with enough time to allow for consideration by UAT-UK and to book their test thereafter. If a candidate is unable to supply the relevant evidence by this date, owing to their school or college being closed for summer, their arrangements will be provisionally approved provided they are able to **submit their evidence by 16 September**.
- **Candidates should be reminded not to book their test first**. UAT-UK and Pearson VUE are unable to amend existing bookings to take account of approved access arrangements.
- Following confirmation from UAT-UK that the access arrangements have been approved, the candidate will receive a phone call from Pearson VUE to book their test over the phone.
- **Booking opens on 1 August**, so candidates that receive approval from UAT-UK in the meantime, won't receive a phone call until after this date.





The course will take place on **Wednesday 18th and 25th September 2024**, at our Blenheim Walk campus, LS2 9AQ from 5:00 - 7:00pm.

On this course, we will cover a range of topics around how to prepare and make the transition to further or higher education. There will be introductory talks, videos, presentations and interactive worksheets and activities.

You will meet student ambassadors currently studying at Leeds Arts University and have the opportunity to ask them any questions you might have about their courses and university experience.

The content of the course includes:

- Exploring a range of careers in the creative industries
- Information about student finance and course types
- Guidance on the application process (including UCAS)
- Support on how to write a personal statement
- Support with portfolio development and interview skills
- Student ambassador input about student life
- Individual support tailored to your needs, including the offer of a mock interview
- Information, advice and guidance links and a glossary of terms
- Opportunities to contact the programme tutors, via email, throughout the programme for support and feedback on any of the above and making your choices for the future

We will email you to indicate whether or not you have a place on the 'Preparing for Arts University' course. To apply, please use the following link to complete your application by 11:59pm Wednesday 11th September: <https://forms.office.com/e/rvwK6NzfVk>

Please note:

The Preparing for Arts University programme is part of our widening participation initiative that is part of Leeds Arts University's Access and Participation Plan, approved by the Office for Students (OfS). To support this, a percentage of young people from backgrounds under-represented or who live in an area of low participation in higher education will be prioritised. The course is very popular and numbers are limited, therefore applications are considered on an individual basis.

Best wishes, from all of the Progression Team.

Leeds Arts University, Blenheim Walk, Leeds, LS2 9AQ

progression@leeds-art.ac.uk

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To apply, please use the following link to complete your application by 11:59pm **Wednesday 11th September**:
<https://forms.office.com/e/rvwK6NzfV>

[LAU Preparing for Arts University flyer Sept 2024.pdf](#)

Get Into Medicine E-Learning

- Yr 12 students and parents can register for the Get Into Medicine E-Learning for FREE with code 'getinto24' here: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrVqEUmlcJtucBEt>

This FREE Get Into Medicine E-Learning provides a comprehensive overview of the application process, including the latest UCAT, Personal Statement and reapplication updates for the 2025 entry. Dr. Kennedy and I will delve into each step of the medical application journey, covering areas like:

- Entrance Exams: UCAT and UCATSEN
- Exam techniques and sample questions from each UCAT section
- UCAT shortcuts and timeline
- Best UCAT preparation techniques
- Tactically choosing universities
- Reapplications into Medical School
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Medical Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a medical CV
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine

Post 18 Options – find out about sponsored degrees

- **A degree** at a university is more academic. This can include sponsored degrees, find out more [here](#)
- **An apprenticeship** is more practical.
- **A degree apprenticeship** is a mix of both a degree and an apprenticeship. You get paid whilst you study and gain work experience
- **FE courses** at Colleges are available in a variety of subjects.
- **A job** is something you can gain experience in straight away.
- **A gap year** is an opportunity to work, travel and take time out of education.



Want to see what university is like?

Taste of University: A residential Summer School

Applications are still open for students for 'Taste of University', our residential Summer School, where participants can experience university life for themselves.

When: 9th-12th July 2024

Where: Exton Park Campus, Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BJ

How: Apply via this link <https://www.chester.ac.uk/about/schools-and-colleges/taste-of-university/>

There is no cost attached to this event. Students can apply now and will have their place confirmed within a few weeks of application.

We are encouraging students to apply as soon as possible.

They will be able to:

- Experience the facilities and life on campus
- Explore our support and extra-curricular opportunities
- Expand knowledge of UCAS applications, Student Finance, and Academic Skills
- Develop confidence and independence skills
- Meet current students, and ask questions



Please note: The University of Chester has a [Travel Bursary Scheme](#) which students may wish to use to attend Taste of University. Full details and eligibility criteria are available from the link provided.



University open days

It is now time for you to be looking at visiting university open days to find out where you want to study once you leave.

- 1. If you are going to be independently attending an open day, you need to let school know you are not going to be in with the reason why.**
- 2. Do not book open days during your mocks**



University admissions tests

- <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests>
- <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/how/admission-tests>
- <https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/ucas-application/which-admissions-tests-do-i-need-to-take>
- Please be aware other Russell group universities will expect admissions tests to be completed. Make sure you check the criteria on UCAS
- You need to check when you can register

Cambridge	Oxford
<div>University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)</div> <div>Account registration usually opens in May. Tests are usually taken between July and September.</div>	<div>University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)</div> <div>Account registration usually opens in May. Tests are usually taken between July and September.</div>
<div>National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT)</div> <div>You can register for the LNAT from 1 August to 15 September 2024. The test can be taken from 1 September 2024.</div>	<div>National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT)</div> <div>You can register for the LNAT from 1 August to 15 September 2024. The test can be taken from 1 September 2024.</div>
<div>Engineering and Science Admissions Test (ESAT)</div> <div>You will take the test on 15 or 16 October 2024. You must take the test in this first sitting. You should make sure to register by 16 September 2024. Access arrangements need booking by 29th August</div>	<div>Classics Admissions Test (CAT)</div> <div>To be announced https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests/cat</div>
<div>Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA)</div> <div>You will take the test on 16 or 17 October 2024. You must take the test in this first sitting. You should register for the TMUA by 16 September 2024. Access arrangements need booking by 29th August</div>	<div>Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA)</div> <div>To be announced https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests/tsa</div>
<div>https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/after/college-assessments</div>	<div>Biomedical Sciences Admissions tests (BMSAT)</div> <div>To be announced https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests/biomedical-sciences-admissions-test</div>
	<div>Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT)</div> <div>To be announced https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests/mat</div>
	<div>History Admissions Test (HAT)</div> <div>To be announced https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests/hat</div>
	<div>Modern Languages Admissions Test (MLAT)</div> <div>To be announced https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests/mlat</div>
	<div>Physics Aptitude Test (PAT)</div> <div>To be announced https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests/pat</div>
	<div>Philosophy Test</div> <div>To be announced https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests/philosophy-test</div>

Cambridge updates

Admissions Updates

ESAT and TMUA

The official website for the Engineering and Science Admissions Assessment (ESAT) and Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA) has now launched. This contains lots of helpful information, advice, and guidance, including test specifications and practice tests.

[Find out more about the ESAT and TMUA here](#)

Admissions Assessment Registration Update and Access Arrangements

If you require access arrangements, please note that the registration deadlines for the TMUA, ESAT, and UCAT are earlier:

- TMUA: 29 August
- ESAT: 29 August
- UCAT: 15 September

[Find out more about admissions assessments here](#)

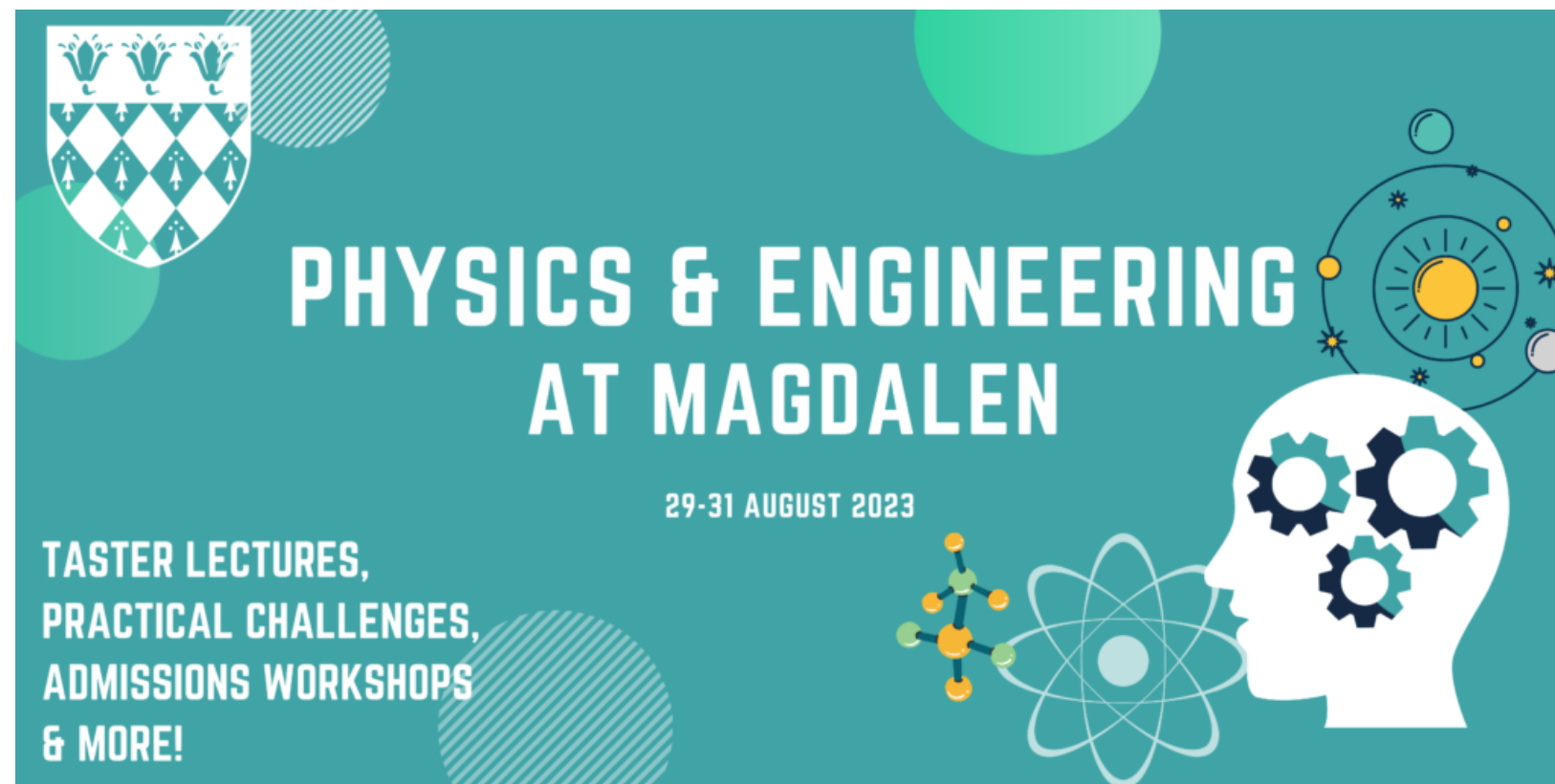
UCAT Bursary support

find out more [here](#) to see if you are entitled to financial support for UCAT

Key Dates 2024

Bursary scheme opens:	14 May at 09:30 (BST)
Booking opens:	18 June at 06:00 (BST)
Application and evidence deadline:	27 September at 16:00 (BST)
Voucher expiry date:	25 October at 17:00 (BST)





Magdalen College Physics
and Engineering Summer
Residential -

Find out more [here](#)

Preparing for Oxford resource pack
can be found [here](#)



We are delighted to announce that our Medicine prospectus for 2025 entry is now available to order via the Hull York Medical School website!

From entry requirements to information about problem based learning, clinical placements and accommodation, the prospectus is a great starting point if you're thinking of applying this year.

You can also download a digital copy if you prefer. Find out more [here](#)



Churchill College- Webinars and Online Q&A Sessions Ongoing between April- October 2024

Churchill College are providing a series of free webinar and Q&A sessions on a variety of topics including personal statements, interview workshops, and student finance.

For more information, please follow the [link](#)

Admissions Q&A	Any year group	Monday 1st July 2024	17:00-18:00
Making Competitive University Applications	Year 12 in England and Wales, S5 in Scotland and Year 13 in Northern Ireland	Tuesday 16th July 2024	17:00-18:00
Personal Statement Workshop	Year 12 in England and Wales, S5 in Scotland and Year 13 in Northern Ireland	Thursday 18th July 2024	17:00-18:00
Personal Statement Workshop	Year 12-13 in England and Wales, S5-S6 in Scotland and Year 13-14 in Northern Ireland	Wednesday 4th September 2024	17:00-18:00
Admissions Q&A	Any year group	Tuesday 10th September 2024	17:00-18:00
Admissions Q&A	Any year group	Thursday 10th October 2024	17:00-18:00
Interview Workshop: AHSS Subjecs	Year 12-13 in England and Wales, S5-S6 in Scotland and Year 13-14 in Northern Ireland	Thursday 17th October 2024	17:00-18:00
Interview Workshop: STEM Subjects	Year 12-13 in England and Wales, S5-S6 in Scotland and Year 13-14 in Northern Ireland	Tuesday 22nd October 2024	17:00-18:00

Admissions Updates University of Cambridge

Entry Requirements Entry requirements for each course offered by the University of Cambridge have now been finalised for students applying in 2024. To check the entry requirements for the course(s) you're interested in, select the course from this list and navigate to the 'entry requirements' tab.	Key Dates and Deadlines There are a number of important deadlines during the Cambridge application process. Visit this website for more information on the key dates for 2025 entry.
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Newcastle University

Our PARTNERS programme could be your students' **route to a lower offer** from us in 2025. Want to know more?

Register for our May webinar to get a 'first look' at our supported entry programme.

We'll tell you about PARTNERS:

- what it is and how it works
- how students can receive a lower conditional offer from us that's up to three grades lower than the typical offer
- how PARTNERS students take part in a free academic summer school

You'll also be invited to our launch event later this year when you can chat to our team, get advice on what to expect as part of the programme, and check our updated eligibility criteria.

We'll then notify you as soon as PARTNERS 2025 opens for applications.

Register [here](#)

How to prepare for Oxbridge

- Research the courses you might be interested in now.
- Check the admissions criteria to find out what is required
- If you need to sit a test - start preparing for those tests now whilst the pressure is off – summer is leaving it a little late
- Humanities subjects - keep your essays safe, you will need to submit your best
- Make sure you are passionate about your subject - reading around the subject and developing your super curricular knowledge is important

Any questions please contact Mrs Stone ahstone@heckgrammar.co.uk

Want to go to Oxford (and/or Cambridge)?

1) It is very important that students choose to **study appropriate subjects at sixth-form** so that they have both a suitable knowledge base and adequate experience of relevant analytical approaches and techniques. Achieving excellent results in a sensible combination of subjects is key to any university application, because for academically ambitious students their sixth-form studies are essential training for university. **Students need to focus and put in the hard yards.**

2) Students really must **explore their subject outside the classroom**. For many students this will involve a range of ambitious reading (and thinking!), or working through a body of relevant material which might include, say, Maths text books and past papers which are different from those used at school. A lack of appropriate engagement outside the classroom can hold back even well-qualified candidates. **Remember, it's not just about knowledge, it's about relevant 4 analytical skills and flexibility**, and these take time and practice to develop. How do you get better at literary analysis? Do more literary analysis! How do you get better at Maths? Do more Maths! For some useful resources prepared by Univ and by the University of Oxford, please visit <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/staircase12/> and <https://explore.org> .

3) **Excessive preparation for interviews is often unhelpful**, and those students who are determined to present a polished 'set piece' can underperform. Our interviews aren't job interviews, **they're academic discussions**. The best things a student can do to prepare for interviews are firstly to explore their subject as described above and secondly to make opportunities to **discuss academic subjects with another person**, perhaps another interested student, a teacher, or a family friend. These discussions can be informal, but they should be focused. Students who are determined to impress with a prepared presentation often find that our interviewers spot this quickly and so pursue a different line of discussion. **We want to see students thinking on their feet!**

4) Students should **double-check** with the College in good time any **details of the applications process** about which they are unsure. The process is very straightforward, but last-minute confusions can lead to difficulties when students least need them.

5) **Come to visit us!** Although there's no need to do so, a bit of low-level familiarity can do a huge amount to boost a student's confidence.

What characteristics do we look for in students?

- Genuine subject interest
- Good 'fit' between a student's interest and aptitude, and their chosen course
- You are among the most able and committed students in your school or college
- Strong performance in examinations
 - You are on a trajectory to be placed at the top of your cohort
 - Your final-year grades are likely to exceed our typical offers
- Ability to think critically and learn independently
- Capacity for demanding workload (~45 hours per week)
- Core knowledge and technical fluency
- Natural curiosity
- Vocational commitment (where appropriate for your proposed subject)



Year 13



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Congratulations!

If either your firm choice (or your insurance if you missed your firm offer) is marked **unconditional**, your place is secure. Make sure you check your emails (including junk mailbox) for info from the unis

Want to Change Uni?

Discouraged at this stage, but if you are sure you want to apply to other unis, self-release into Clearing by using the "Decline my place" button (NB this cannot be undone, so you should be sure that another uni will offer you a place first). You can do this from July 5th. NB – if accepted on your firm choice, your insurance choice is automatically declined, so you have to contact them to see if they have space, if you now wish to go there.

Place Confirmed

Universities may award the place, anyway, check your UCAS Hub application portal to see if your Firm or Insurance choice is marked as Confirmed (Unconditional).

Alternative Offer

Your Firm/Insurance uni may make you an alternative offer (e.g. for a different course), which you can accept or turn down on UCAS.

Awaiting Decision

Your Firm/Insurance Choice may still be considering whether to award you a place, if you have missed the offer, contact them to find out if there is anything they need from you. You can "Decline my place" to enter Clearing.

Grades Appeal

The grounds for appealing grades are limited. Info on this will be sent separately.

Appeal to University

You may be considered for an alternative course (e.g. foundation) at your preferred uni. Contact them if you'd like to see if this is possible.

Retake Exams

You can re-take exams in the next academic year and re-apply through the next UCAS cycle.

Clearing

If you still want to go to university, then you can use the Clearing process to find an alternative university place. See guide on Clearing and Clearing Plus.

Unconditional Offer Holder

You are holding an unconditional place as your firm (or insurance) choice.

Conditional Offer Holder Grades Met

You are holding a conditional firm or insurance place, and your place has been marked as confirmed – i.e. it becomes "unconditional".

Change Course?

If you want to go to the same uni but a different course, contact the uni to discuss this. There is no guarantee it will be possible, but you can ask.

Congratulations

If either your firm choice (or your insurance - if you missed your firm offer) is now confirmed (marked as unconditional), your place is secure. Make sure you check your emails (including junk mailbox) for info from the unis

Clearing

You *can* contact universities with higher entry requirements than your original predictions, to see if they have space. If they do and they say they would offer you a place, you will then apply through Clearing. Do NOT enter Clearing until you are sure you want to do this/have an offer from another university. Entering Clearing will lose your current offers.

If you decline your place, you can also use Clearing Plus, which will automatically show you potential options.

Exceeded Predicted Grades

Your summer grades are higher than those originally predicted on your UCAS application

No Longer Want to Go to University
You have decided that you do not wish to go to university in this cycle.

Withdraw

Use the "Decline your place" option to withdraw from your offer(s). NB this cannot be undone.

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**Missed Grades
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Awaiting Decision**
You have not gained the entry requirements but you have not been released into clearing

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Place Unsuccessful**
Your grades were not high enough for your place to be confirmed, and your choices have been marked as unsuccessful

Bradford university - scholarship

Bantams' Pointon backs university scholarship for white males

A homegrown Bradford City first-team player has called on white males from the district to chase their dreams by applying for a new scholarship at the University of Bradford.

Find out more information about Bobby Pointon's visit to the University [here](#), and you can find more information about the Howard Opportunities Scholarship [here](#).



Student finance is NOW OPEN



You can start to apply for your student finance NOW – here are the resources to help you.

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

<https://www.ucas.com/sfe>

[Student Finance talk - Heckmondwike Grammar School.pptx](#)



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.



Super –Curricular opportunities



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King's Entrepreneurship Lab Essay Competition

Deadline: 12th July

The winners will be invited to a prize-giving ceremony, to be held in King's College, Cambridge, on 2nd October 2024.

The King's Entrepreneurship Lab is delighted to announce the launch of our second edition of the Entrepreneurial Essay Competition. The purpose of the competition is to encourage UK students (Years 11 and 12 in England and Wales; S4 or S5 in Scotland; Year 12 or 13 in Northern Ireland) to pursue entrepreneurial aspirations. We are particularly keen to foster this entrepreneurial spirit among students who might not traditionally consider entering the world of business and further hope this competition encourages more young people, who might not think about it, to apply to Oxbridge and Higher Education.

Students should choose between one of the three possible choice of essays questions (available on the Competition [website](#)), exploring the importance of entrepreneurship and the challenges that business-people face. Eligible students from all backgrounds and regardless of subjects studied are welcome to enter the competition.

A winner, and three runners up, will be selected by our E-Lab judges. The winners will be invited to a prize-giving ceremony, held in King's College, Cambridge in Autumn 2024. The winner will receive a £1,000 cash prize, with two runners-up prizes of £500. The school portion of the prize will be issued in the form of book tokens.

For more information and eligibility, please follow the link [here](#)

Competition entries will need to be approved by a teacher: students are required to obtain permission from a teacher (of any subject) to sponsor their application and provide an official (school) email address which they can be contacted upon to confirm the eligibility of the student (by 19th July). Students can only submit one essay each.

Newnham College Woolf Essay Prize

This essay competition, inspired by Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*, allows students to contemplate questions surrounding the place of women in society, culture, and education, while developing the independent research and writing skills essential to university-level study.

Deadline: 8 July

Open to: Year 12

[Find out more here](#)

Discover Economics – Young Economist of the Year

This competition invites students to analyse current economic issues through a written article, video, or podcast. Students can enter as an individual or a group of up to 5 and choose from a list of questions. The winning entry will be featured in the Financial Times.

Deadline: 12 July

Open to: Year 10–13

[Find out more here](#)

Queens' College Estelle Prize for English

Participation in the Estelle Prize provides a fantastic opportunity for students to further develop and strengthen their skills and interests in English, and in essay writing more widely. The winner will receive a £500 prize.

Deadline: 19 July

Open to: Year 12

[Find out more here](#)

Ten-minute Book Club

Browse the [Ten-Minute Book Club](#) for a range of literary excerpts that you can read in just ten minutes

LitHits

Led by Professor Kirsten Shepherd-Barr, [LitHits](#) brings you brilliant literature that actually fits into the time you have to read it. Subscribe for a weekly newsletter.

Writers Make Worlds

[Writers Make Worlds](#) offers resources on over 40 contemporary Black and Asian British writers including Patience Agbabi, Malorie Blackman, Bernardine Evaristo, Reni Eddo-Lodge, Christy Lefteri and Benjamin Zephaniah.

Researching Research- Cambridge Institute for Medical Research

Deadline: 22nd July 2024

Dates: 29th, 30th and 31st of July 2024 (10am-12pm)

the Cambridge Institute of Medical Research (CIMR) is running an online event called Reaching Research aimed at students in Years 12 and 13 interested in studying medicine, biomedical sciences, biochemistry, biology etc. at university.

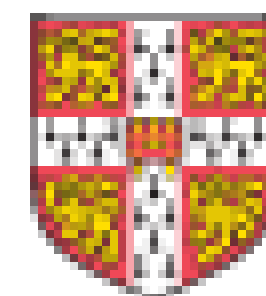
Speakers include PhD students, research assistants, postdoctoral researchers, and group leaders. Each scientist will discuss their career background, current research topics and advice to students considering careers in science.

At the end of the three days, we will have a quiz with a top prize of £100 worth of Amazon vouchers!

Eligibility

“The event is aimed at students in Y12 and 13 attending state schools, with priority given to students who meet one or more of our additional criteria detailed on our website.”

[Apply here](#)



New Big Sisters in STEM podcast

We want to introduce to you to our new podcast, Big Sisters in STEM - a space for anyone looking to feel seen and supported on their STEM journey. With weekly episodes featuring inspiring academics, university students, and industry change makers, this podcast is perfectly placed to inspire students with role models, real stories, and guidance.

“From climate change to coding, we’re challenging the way things have been done before on Big Sisters in STEM” – the brand-new podcast from The University of Manchester.

Join us

Every Wednesday as we sit down with scientists, students, sisters, and siblings at all stages of their journey. Expect honest stories, advice, and belly laughs!




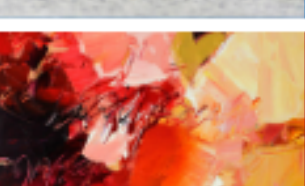

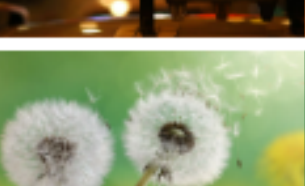



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On Spotify (or wherever you get your podcasts), watch on [YouTube](#), and follow us on Instagram @bigsistersinSTEM - just search ‘Big Sisters in STEM’ on your platform of choice.

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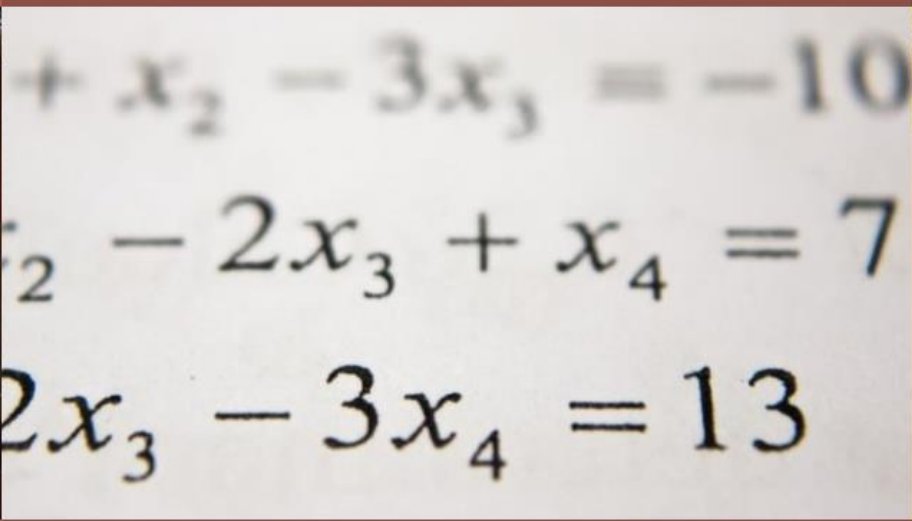
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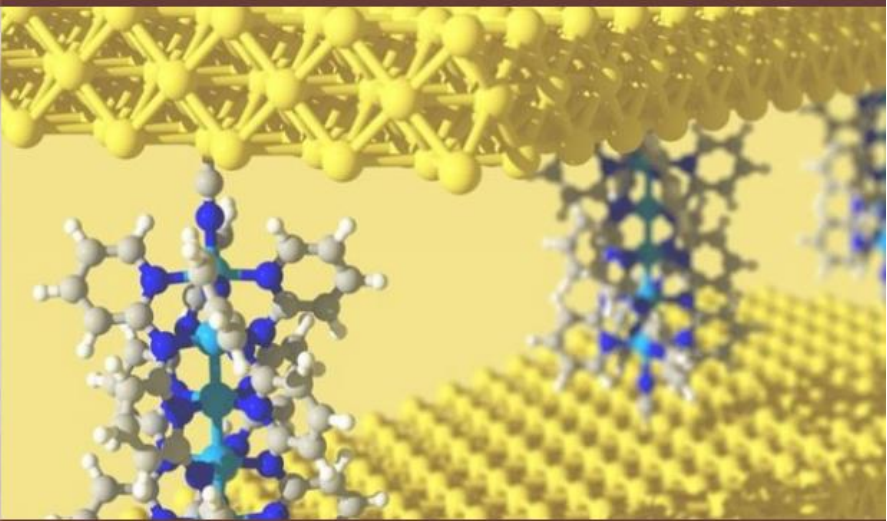
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Discover the Medical Leadership Programme, opportunities to join out national student committees and more!



Research Opportunities

Conduct your own research and publish your work in a national medical magazine!



National Medical Prizes

Apply for medical art, essay, presentation prizes and more!



Volunteering Opportunities

Join Medic Mentor and the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund in our fundraising mission to support struggling doctors and medical students in the UK.



Conferences And Student Societies

Free and Virtual! Enjoy from the comfort of your own home. For parents and students in 10/S3-12/S5 year groups.

Make yourself stand out from the crowd by participating in these medical opportunities. [Click here](#) for more information



Super-Curricular resources from Oxford

[Our Springboard videos](#) are designed to introduce students to a range of topics related to A Level and Degree Level study. Each has been designed and produced by our graduate students and each contains activities and suggestions about further resources to explore the subject. Please note we will be adding more videos on a rolling basis. Students need to answer a few short questions to access each video.

[These subject specific super-curricular guides](#) which are available for most A Level and GCSE subjects, contain suggestions for exploring subjects further by watching, reading, listening and doing.

[Oxford University Digital Resource Hub](#) – here you can find the best of our digital resources to support learning and exploration.

[Our Insight recordings](#) are now available online. This series of talks is aimed at post 16 students with an interest in science. Each talk was given by an Oxford University post-graduate student, giving the audience an insight into their research specialism. Passionate, motivated KS4 pupils looking to challenge themselves academically may also find these talks interesting.



Oxford Online Maths Club

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Welcome to the club! The Oxford Online Maths Club is a weekly livestream from the University of Oxford with maths problems, puzzles, mini-lectures, and Q&A. It's free, interactive, casual, and relaxed, and the livestreams are recorded so that you can watch back afterwards if you can't make it to the live broadcast on Thursday afternoons. The club is mostly aimed at people about to apply to university or about to start a Maths course, but everyone's welcome and there's no registration needed. Whether you're the only person you know who's interested in mathematics, or if you're an entire sixth-form maths club looking for more maths content, we're here for you.

Our regular host is Dr James Munro (admissions and outreach coordinator for Maths at Oxford), and we often have current Oxford students answering questions in chat and appearing on the livestream to talk about maths. In some of the episodes we tackle tricky maths problems, in some of them we explore one maths topic in more detail, and in some of them we have a current Oxford student or member of staff on the livestream to talk about a bit of maths they love.

(Almost) every episode comes with some further reading notes for you to explore the topics we cover in the livestream in more depth. If you're looking for super-curricular mathematics (perhaps you're looking for an EPQ topic, or you're trying to explore maths beyond the classroom before applying to university), then this should be a good place to start. Click on "Further Reading" under any episode on this page to see these notes.

**Watch
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[here](#)**



STEM and Medicine recommended reading

STEM book list



If your passion is science and you're looking for something inspiring to read, take a look at our recommended reading list. Below is a list of favourite books suggested by our staff, ambassadors and academics.

These books are available to purchase online and at major bookstores, and most will be available from your local library. We hope you enjoy it!

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Lots of good book suggestions [here](#) from Imperial College



Medicinal Sciences Pathway

Please check the pathway programme team for more notices!



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NHS Work experience programme

We are pleased to offer a variety of medical specialties, with a focus this month on palliative care. This enables your students to gain a well-rounded perspective of working within the NHS. I encourage any students who are interested in medicine to participate in our National NHS Work Experience programmes.

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Our virtual work experiences provide your students with valuable insights and opportunities that may be otherwise difficult to access. Developed in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, this Virtual Work Experience has proven to be transformative for thousands of secondary school students over the past year. It goes beyond being just an alternative to in-person shadowing; it is a vital step in preparing students for their upcoming physical placements.

We've designed a 6-month medical e-learning work experience programme, focusing on one specialty each month, allowing students to set their own pace of learning. From structured teaching to direct interaction with doctors and healthcare professionals, our programme ensures students not only observe procedures but also gain a broader understanding of roles within the medical field.

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

Signing up is easy – students simply need to fill out the free online application form:

<https://airtable.com/appuQX2ouadvjQUSU/shrroljLczgdg9uLw>

Applications for the free National NHS Virtual Work experience programme have now reopened for spring!

This programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic Mentor, and it is completely free. Not only is this a reliable alternative to in-person shadowing, but it also plays a significant role in preparing students for their in-person work placements with structured teaching and opportunities to speak directly with healthcare professionals. The opportunity is open to any student across the UK from 14 years old and above.

Students can apply for a placement, for free at this link: <https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Taking part in the Virtual Work Experience will provide:

Comprehensive Insights: The programme covers a range of specialities, providing a holistic understanding of medical and dental practices. Each month, a new focus area is introduced, allowing participants to delve into different aspects of the field.

Flexible Participation: Tailored for students from years 10-13/S3-S6/NI10-14, the programme accommodates various schedules by being virtual. Participants have one month to complete each specialty, ensuring flexibility and ease of participation.

Recognised Certification: Upon successful completion of all specialities, students will receive a certificate from Medic Mentor and UHB, validating their active participation to include in their UCAS and apprenticeships applications.

This month's spotlight is on Obs & Gynaecology or Paediatric & Dental Surgery. It's a chance to get a firsthand look into the inner workings of the medical and dental fields, helping your students shape their career aspirations in their chosen path.

Registering for these programmes is simple—students just need to complete the free online application form:

<https://airtable.com/appuQX2ouadvjQUSU/shrroljLczgdg9uLw>

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
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Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme

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



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



Apprenticeship opportunities



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Tesco Apprenticeships

Tesco's Stronger Starts Apprenticeship Programme is now open for applications!

Applications are **now open** for **100+ vacancies**, in stores in selected locations across England!

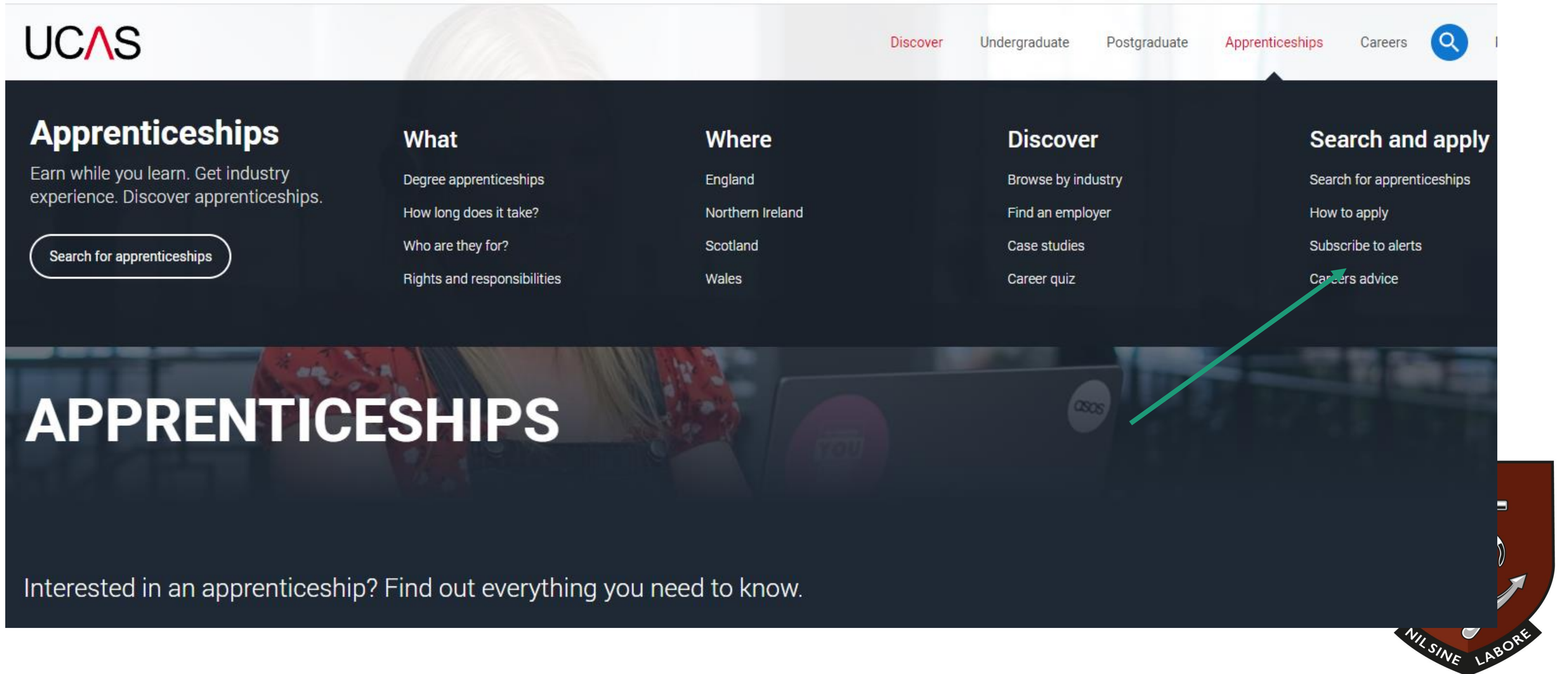
The Stronger Starts apprenticeship programme is a fantastic opportunity for young people to kickstart a career in retail, enjoy a brilliant starting salary, and receive lots of support and coaching along the way.

Watch this [video](#) to find out about the application process

[Apply here](#)



Set up alerts for apprenticeships on UCAS



The screenshot shows the UCAS website's 'Apprenticeships' section. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Discover', 'Undergraduate', 'Postgraduate', 'Apprenticeships' (which is highlighted), and 'Careers'. A search icon is also present. The main content area is divided into five columns: 'Apprenticeships' (with a description and a 'Search for apprenticeships' button), 'What' (listing 'Degree apprenticeships', 'How long does it take?', 'Who are they for?', and 'Rights and responsibilities'), 'Where' (listing 'England', 'Northern Ireland', 'Scotland', and 'Wales'), 'Discover' (listing 'Browse by industry', 'Find an employer', 'Case studies', and 'Career quiz'), and 'Search and apply' (listing 'Search for apprenticeships', 'How to apply', 'Subscribe to alerts', and 'Careers advice'). A green arrow points from the bottom right towards the 'Subscribe to alerts' link. Below this section is a large banner with the word 'APPRENTICESHIPS' in large white letters and the text 'Interested in an apprenticeship? Find out everything you need to know.' at the bottom. In the bottom right corner, there is a small crest with the motto 'NIL SINE LABORE'.

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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

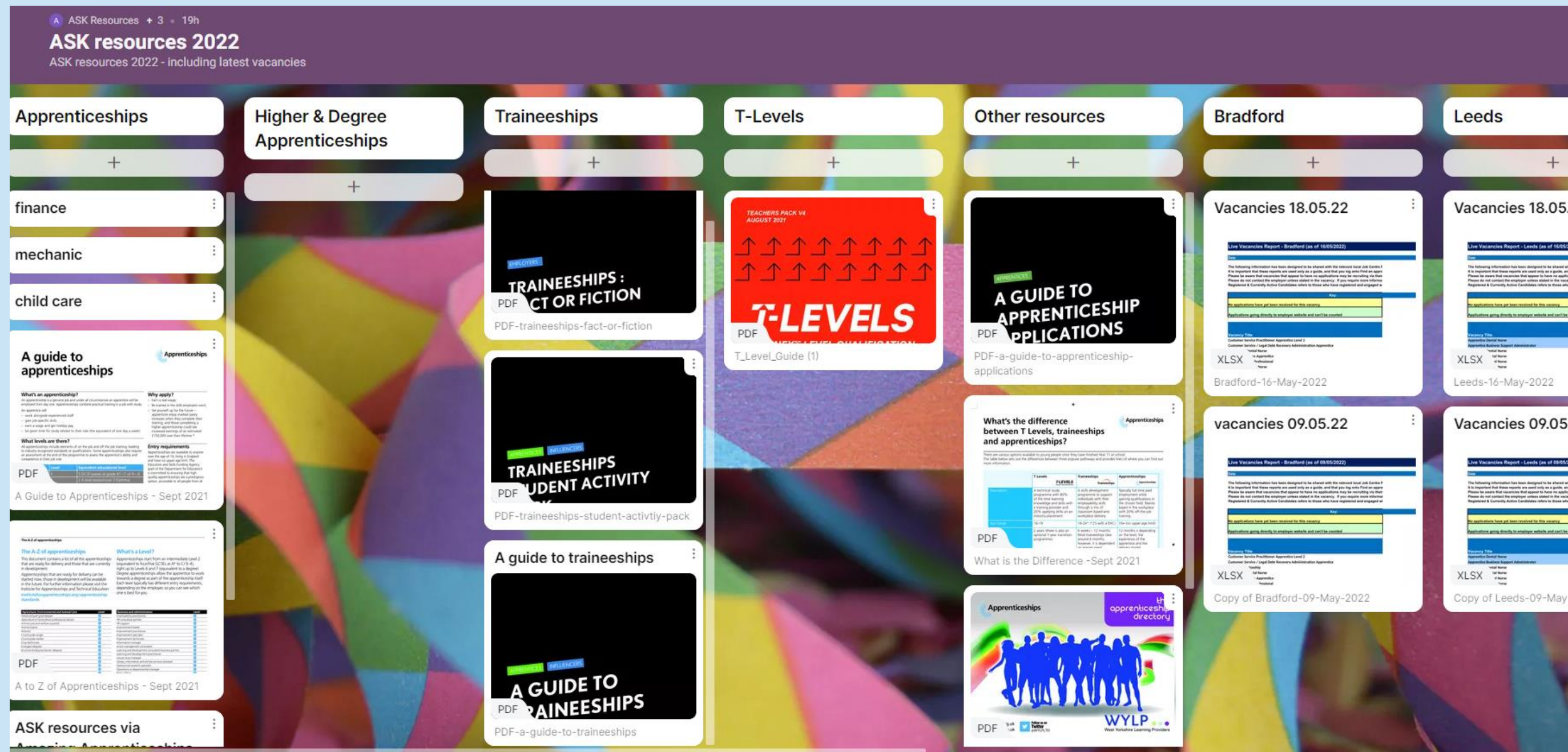
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