Sixth Form Progression Bulletin - Wednesday 30 September

Please see below, information, opportunities of use to you in planning and preparing your next steps.

Whilst you may not be considering the particular University (or University at all) that's offering you advice and guidance, much of what the institutions offer in the links below is transferable across all further study options, so please do take a look to help you to make informed choices about what to do next.

Look out for your next bulletin to keep up to date with new and updated information.

UK University & Apprenticeship Search Leeds Autumn Event

A virtual **Meet the Russell Group Fair** is being held on Wednesday October 7th from 12:00-18:00, students can speak to representatives from **all 24** Russell Group universities and take part in 12 live webinars. The event is completely free, students will need to sign up using the following link https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/. All webinars are recorded and will be available on the event page for two weeks until Wednesday October 21st.

On Wednesday October 14th from 12:00 - 18:00 a **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** is being held. The event is completely free of charge for students, teachers and parents to attend, it will feature over 80 universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers, and it's open to students in Year 13, 12 and 11. For more information about the event, please see the email below, or <u>click here to open it in your browser</u>. Students will need to register themselves for the event, so please forward them the email below or ask them to visit https://ukunisearch-east.vfairs.com.

Uni Taster Days One stop shop – Uni Taster Days

Whilst this site may not be comprehensive, you may wish to start your search for Virtual Open Days and further advice and guidance here

Teeside University

<u>visit the chat</u> to speak live online to our fantastic student team about student life at Teesside University.

Our **speak to a student** team is made up of undergraduates and postgraduates from a range of courses, countries and study backgrounds. Our chat is live on **Mondays**, **Wednesdays and Fridays**, **please visit** <u>our page</u> for specific times.

Students can get to know ours through their online bios and one to one conversations in a secure, relaxed online space. All chats are hosted through tawk.to on our website and are text-based so no webcams or mics are needed. It's a great opportunity for your students to get a real student perspective on life at university.

Our speak to a student chat runs alongside our main chat which is managed by our student recruitment team. If your students have specific course and/or admissions queries they're welcome to visit our main chat at [tees.ac.uk]tees.ac.uk as usual. Our speak to a student chat is a great addition to this service.

The Vibe – A blog all about student life here at Teesside - mental health support, how to study from home, tips from in and around Teesside - Read here

Follow Teesside University on <u>Instagram</u> or the Student Recruitment Twitter page @TU_Recruitment

Open days

Our open days will all be delivered online until the end of year. Students need to book a place via the website. Academic tutors will be on hand to answer questions plus other key departments. Find out more here!

SODA – Launching the School of Digital Arts at Manchester Met

The <u>School of Digital Arts</u> is an interdisciplinary school at **Manchester Metropolitan University** – a £35m investment into the workspaces, facilities, networks, teaching and research that will drive the next generation of creative content.

Opening in 2021, our students will study courses including, Animation, Filmmaking, Future Media Production, Games Art, Games Design, Music and Sound Design, Photography, and Web and User Experience Design, often working on live projects with industry partners, frequently collaborating with fellow students and researchers.

Sheffield Hallam

<u>Sheffield Hallam</u> are keen for you to engage with their advice and guidance available on their website. Look out for and book into their virtual Open Days; the next one is on 10 October 2020. Here's the <u>link</u> for you to register your interest.

PWC

<u>PWC</u> has some amazing opportunities for school leavers including jobs you can go into straight from school and impressive <u>Flying Start degree apprenticeship scheme</u>. There is some useful information below which requires you to register for access, so please follow to links in the table below. The grades mentioned below should be considered rough guidance as the participating universities have social mobility criteria which means they may still gain a place with lower grades.

Event name	Date	Time	Student eligibility	Registration Survey
Dive into Digital	Thurs 15 October	10.00- 11.30	Students in year 12 & 13 who are interested in a career in Technology. Ideally on track for AAB at A Level, preferably including Mathematics or Computing or Computer Studies. Please note the universities have a widening participation scheme which means that students who meet certain social mobility criteria may be accepted on lower grades.	https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/20GL1C/

Dive into Accounting	Thurs 22 October	10.00- 11.30	Students in year 12 & 13 who are interested in a career in Audit / Accountancy. Ideally on track for AAB (any subject areas). Please note the universities have a widening participation scheme which means that students who meet certain social mobility criteria may be accepted on lower grades.	https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SEVYZ2/
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Student Finance for University

You may find the way in which <u>UCAS</u> presents and explains Student Finance the most accessible.

Students in Year13 should <u>apply</u> as early as possible to make sure your finances are in place before your studies start. The deadline to apply is 22 May for new students and 19 June for returning students. Even if you don't know what course you are doing, you should still apply now, just enter your first choice and you can update the application later if required.

Royal Airforce Recruitment

The Royal Airforce has published its apprenticeship application information here.

Apprenticeships

Many larger organisations have begun to publish their Apprenticeship scheme vacancies. There are also many different organisations that encourage you to register your interest so that they can keep you informed of upcoming vacancies. Make sure you have your up to date CV ready for this; you may need this or the details from it to fill out an expression of interest or application form.

There are actual events being published, but be conscious that these planned events may be subject to change. For example, the <u>Leeds Fair</u> is scheduled for 29 April 2021 at Elland Road, but I anticipate this will be subject to change.

Gov.uk Apprenticeship register
Leeds Apprenticeship Hub
Leeds City College Apprenticeships
Apprenticeship info on UCAS
Law Apprenticeship Guide