



The Knights Templar School



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Exciting opportunities this week...

UniCompare's Clearing App

Searching available courses during Clearing is vital. It's a busy time for everyone and no-one has time to lose, which is why our Clearing courses and their availability are live, so you know what's on offer. Download the clearing app now!

UCAS Create Your Future 2018

Create Your Future is an unmissable event for young people interested in pursuing a career in the creative arts. The exhibition brings together hundreds of universities, colleges and employers, all offering creative courses and traineeships. On the day, students can explore the full range of opportunities on offer, and make informed decisions about their future study and career paths. With performance stages, interactive workshops and demonstration areas, there's plenty to excite and inspire attendees. What's more, course leaders, university alumni and industry experts are on hand to answer any questions you might have about academic and working life!

Location: ExCel London

Date: 15th – 16th October 2018

Book now: www.ucas.com

Law Taster Day at the University of Lancaster

Received by email:

Join us on Saturday 20th October for our annual 'Taste of the Law School day.

This event provides prospective students and their guests with the opportunity to participate in short taster lectures and workshops delivered by our Legal Scholars and Criminologists. Topics include: *Brexit – Soft Landing or Hard Choices?*, *Monkey Selfies*, *Pharrell Williams and EasyJet "orange": burning issues in intellectual property law* and *Can punishment be Justified?* There will also be opportunities to meet members of staff, find out more about life at Lancaster from our current students and experience our state-of-the-art Mock Court Room.

Find out more and book a place by emailing law@lancaster.ac.uk or visit

<http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/law/news-and-events/events/?view=fulltext&month=10&day=1&year=2016&id=d.en.259708×tamp=1477130400&>

UCAS Medicine Prep Day

During the school holidays, Premed Projects have a full day where students in years 10-13 can come and learn all about the UCAS personal statement, interview techniques, UKCAT preparation, work experience and everything they need to know to successfully apply to study medicine.

It is being held at Imperial College London on Wednesday 25th July 2018.

To sign up to attend, please visit <https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/apply-hospital-work-experience/applying-to-medicine-preparation-day-july2018>

Economics In Action

This autumn, in five informative and motivational sessions, students will have the opportunity to learn from five of the UK's top economists.

- 19th November 2018, University of Warwick
- 5th December 2018, Emmanuel Centre, London

We're delighted to welcome Stephen King, Senior Economic Adviser at HSBC back to Economics in Action. Stephen also works as a journalist and consultant and is a specialist adviser to the House of Commons Treasury Committee. He will look at the impact of the emerging nations on western economic prosperity and what actions governments can take to prevent an economic collapse of the sort that happened in 2008.

We're also proud to welcome a fantastic team of speakers including Tim Harford, Nicholas Chater, Sam Dumitriu and David Birch. There will also be a special session full of hints and tips on examination success.

Tickets go fast for this event, so book your tickets without delay!

<http://www.thetrainingpartnership.org.uk/study-days/subjects/economics/>

Volunteers Needed at the Garden House Hospice

Received by email:

Re: Volunteering opportunities for 14-18 Year Olds

Volunteering is a great way for young people to get that all important work experience and to develop new skills and knowledge. Garden House Hospice Care based in Letchworth is a small local charity which relies on the help of volunteers to support its vital services to the community.

We now have opportunities in our 8 retail shops for young people from 14 years and in our Distribution Centre in Letchworth from 16 years. This could be part of The Duke of Edinburgh Scheme or purely to get work experience at the weekend and over school holidays. We would really appreciate it if you would spread the word for us via a school news letter and student notice board, please see the attached flyer.

For more information please contact 01462 679540 and speak to a member of our Voluntary Services Team or at volunteers@ghhospicecare.org.uk.

Alternatively, students can pop into their local shop and speak to the Shop Manger.

Regards,

Liz Peel

Voluntary Services Co-ordinator

UniMed: The Ultimate Medical School Masterclass

Received by email:

We would like to invite your students to attend a 1-day intensive Ultimate Medical School Masterclass in London on 8th September 2018 where we will cover every aspect of the application process, including:

- 1:1 Personal statement advice
- Mock interviews with real university interviewers
- Actual work experience on the day
- The chance to sit a simple admissions test for a backup place at an elite European medical school
- UKCAT and BMAT training from our collaboration with Kaplan Test Prep
- The opportunity to speak to knowledgeable and enthusiastic experts who know the inside secrets that will give you the edge!

Special offers: Free parent ticket to attend with a student.

Learn more about the event at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-ultimate-medical-school-masterclass-tickets-38047425875 or email info@uni-med.co.uk

Volunteer Opportunities at Letchworth Library

Letchworth Library are looking for volunteers aged from 14 to listen to children talk about the books they are reading for the Summer Reading Challenge.

You can sign up via the website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/srcvolunteers

What Career? Live

Received by email:

We would like to invite your pupils to attend our school leaver event taking place on 12th and 13th October at Olympia, London.

What Career? Live helps young people decide what to do beyond school, whether it's an apprenticeship, further training or heading to university.

At the show, students can meet with top employers as well as leading universities, to help them assess all their options in one place. There are also plenty of interactive features including a mock assessment centre, careers advice lounge, STEM Challenge, CV clinic and free presentations, plus advice for careers advisors too!

Employers recruiting for their apprenticeship programmes at the event include J.P. Morgan, Network Rail, Rolls Royce, NHS, Warner Bros, Coca-Cola and many more. Universities at the event include Nottingham, Southampton, Warwick, University of Law, DeMontfort, Surrey, Roehampton and more. Visit www.whatcareerlive.co.uk for more information.

Post-Results Advice Clinic: 18-22 August 2018: Christ's College Cambridge

"The Christ's post-results clinic was an invaluable experience. I received an honest assessment of my application and some great tips to improve it.

It gave me the confidence to apply to Cambridge!"

Arran, an offer holder at Christ's College

Christ's College Cambridge offers an opportunity for students who have achieved the Cambridge offer and are interested in the possibility of a post-qualification application (applying in October 2018 for 2019 entry) to receive advice from a member of the Admissions team on their potential competitiveness as a candidate. This takes the form of an advice clinic that happens every year directly after the publication of A-Level results. This year the clinic will be running from 18 to 22 August.

The advice clinic is aimed at students who have done better than expected in their summer 2018 exams and are now considering taking a gap year and making a post-qualification application to Cambridge (regardless of whether or not they have previously applied to the university). Any student who has met or exceeded the minimum Cambridge entry requirements will be eligible to request an appointment to be advised on whether they might be considered a competitive applicant for one of Cambridge's courses. Please see here for further details about eligibility: <https://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/open-days-prospective-applicants/results-clinic/eligibility>.

Please note: this advice clinic is not affiliated with the 2018 entry UCAS Clearing or Adjustment services and **there are no places available for 2018 entry at Cambridge University**. Advice will be aimed at students thinking of taking a gap year and applying in October 2018 as a post-qualification applicant for October 2019 entry.

Each student attending the clinic will be allocated a 10-minute slot with a member of the Christ's Admissions team, either in person at Christ's College in Cambridge, or via Skype, depending upon the student's preference. Details of their results and university subject interests will have been sent to us in advance by filling in an online appointment request form and we will use this information to give considered advice tailored to the student's individual circumstances.

We appreciate that not all your highest achieving students will wish to explore this opportunity and that many will use their results to continue with the higher education plans that they have made during Year 13. However, if you have any students who are considering a gap year, or who you feel might benefit from receiving this advice, please do pass this information on to them on results day.

If you or your students would like further information, please see the following page of our website: <https://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/open-days-prospective-applicants/results-clinic>. The appointment request form will be published here on A-Level results day (Thursday 16 August).

Apprenticeship Vacancies with Adversa Recruitment

Received by email:

We are currently looking for applications from any students who are interested in carrying out an apprenticeship in an office environment.

We are looking to hire 3 employees in total, and are currently looking for applications for Trainee Recruitment Consultants and Business Support Officers.

The successful apprentice will be working for Adversa Recruitment and the apprenticeship will be run by the British Institute of Recruiters, and the list of apprenticeship courses can be found here: <https://ior.org/page/Professional-Apprenticeship-Prospectus-Recruitment-and-Management>. Upon successful completion of the apprenticeship, you will receive an NVQ in your requested subject, as well as certification as a professional recruiter through the British Institute of Recruiters.

In addition to working towards an NVQ Level 2 or 3, we are currently offering a post-tax salary of £750.00 per month plus a commission structure.

If you would like to apply for an apprenticeship with one of the leading Recruitment Agencies within the Public Sector, then please send a copy of your curriculum vitae, along with a brief cover letter explaining which role you would be interested in, along with why you believe we should consider your application to - katie.swingler@adversa.org.uk.

The application process will follow the following schedule:

- Cut off point for all applications is **5pm on Friday 31st August 2018**
- Telephone interviews to take place on the 6th and 7th of September
- Face to face interviews arranged for the week commencing 10th September 2018
- Start date Monday 8th October 2018

Adversa Recruitment are located in Weston, North Hertfordshire, a ten minute drive from the A1(M) and fifteen minutes from Letchworth, Baldock and Hitchin, and twenty minutes from Stevenage. For more information about Adversa Recruitment please see the attached flyer and visit our website at www.adversa.org.uk.

Local Vacancy for an Admin Assistant in Melbourn

Intertek Total Quality Assurance is looking for an admin assistant to join their team based in Melbourn. Intertek is a leading Total Quality Assurance provider to industries worldwide. Their network of more than 1000 laboratories and offices and over 43,000 people in more than 100 countries, delivers innovative and bespoke Assurance, Testing, Inspection and Certification solutions for their customers' operations and supply chains.

The Administration Assistant will provide full office support to the Quality team involving general activities and duties discussed on a day to day basis. All tasks will be performed in accordance with Intertek Melbourn procedures.

The role will involve:

- Supporting the Director of Quality who will provide supervisory support and direction in order for the role holder to plan and organise their duties on a day-to-day basis.
- Supporting the quality team in consultation with the Director of Quality
- Liaise with all members of staff to maximise efficient utilisation of resources and commitment of colleagues
- Record keeping, processing paperwork and filing
- General office support

Required skills and experience:

- Good IT literacy skills (Word, Excel, Outlook, Powerpoint, etc)
- Good academic background

- Prior office experience or administrative assistant experience is an advantage, or a willingness to learn.
- Quality and customer service experience a plus although not essential.

Personal qualities:

- Analytical
- Promotes company values to others and supports values in daily activities and decisions
- Results driven to focus contribution on activities which meet company goals and deliver the greatest value
- Ability to critique and improve activities through continuous improvement and innovation
- Ability to demonstrate exceptional customer service
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- The ability to demonstrate respect, equity and empathy for a diverse community
- Motivated, self-starter
- Encourage teamwork (promote operational synergies and alignment) to support each other, our customers and grow together
- Highly energised mind-set with willingness and desire to learn and adapt individually
- Drive performance by ensuring expectations are met
- Fosters integrity and honesty
- Ensure compliance to company, industry and regulatory standards
- Highly organised with strong attention to detail
- Confident communication (written/oral) and able to build rapport, quickly and effectively
- Demonstrates flexibility and resilience in order to meet the demands of the role.

How to Apply:

Please provide a CV, Covering Letter (outlining your suitability for the role) and Salary Expectations to cpukhrcareers@intertek.com.

Milkround.com: Opportunities on offer

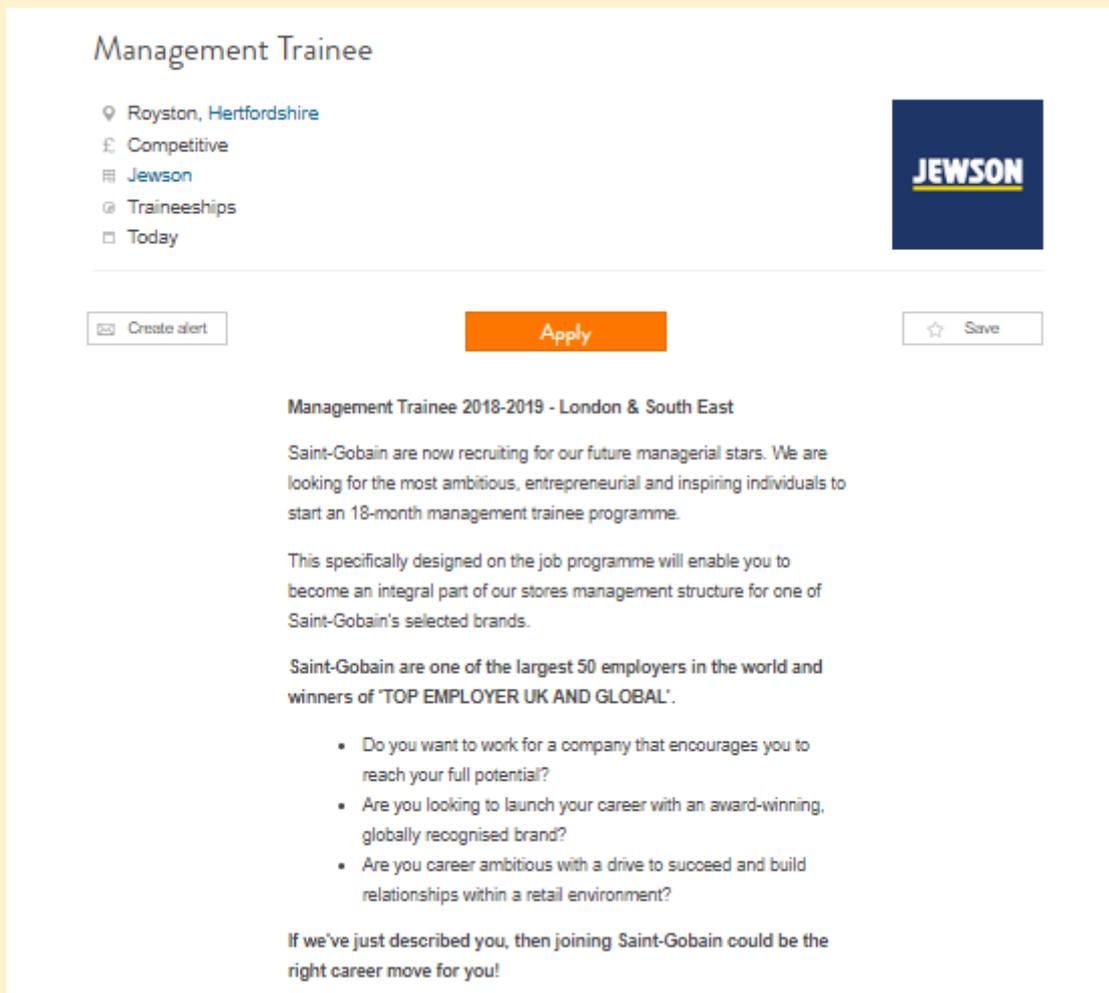
Have you heard of The Milk Round?

In the mid-1960s, when companies began touring universities to promote and advertise their job opportunities directly to candidates, their visits became known informally as “the milk round”.

The term is still used today to describe the phenomenon of companies touring schools and universities each year, in order to advertise their opportunities and recruit students. It now also the name of a fantastic website, which is an online version of the traditional method by which businesses recruited students, and is targeted to school leavers and university graduates.

www.schoolleavers.milkround.com

Here is an example of the jobs/apprenticeships/school leaver programmes being advertised on Milkround at the moment:



The screenshot shows a job listing on the Milkround website. At the top, the job title 'Management Trainee' is displayed. Below it, there are several filters: 'Royston, Hertfordshire' (location), 'Competitive' (type), 'Jewson' (company), 'Traineeships' (category), and 'Today' (date). To the right of these filters is the Jewson logo. Below the filters, there are three buttons: 'Create alert', 'Apply', and 'Save'. The main text of the listing describes the 'Management Trainee 2018-2019 - London & South East' programme. It states that Saint-Gobain is recruiting for future managerial stars and is looking for ambitious, entrepreneurial, and inspiring individuals to start an 18-month management trainee programme. The programme is designed to enable candidates to become an integral part of the stores management structure for one of Saint-Gobain's selected brands. Saint-Gobain is noted as one of the largest 50 employers in the world and winners of 'TOP EMPLOYER UK AND GLOBAL'. A bulleted list of questions is provided to help candidates assess if they are a good fit for the role. The listing concludes by stating that if the candidate fits the description, joining Saint-Gobain could be the right career move for them.

Management Trainee

📍 Royston, Hertfordshire
🏷️ Competitive
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📌 Traineeships
📅 Today

Management Trainee 2018-2019 - London & South East

Saint-Gobain are now recruiting for our future managerial stars. We are looking for the most ambitious, entrepreneurial and inspiring individuals to start an 18-month management trainee programme.

This specifically designed on the job programme will enable you to become an integral part of our stores management structure for one of Saint-Gobain's selected brands.

Saint-Gobain are one of the largest 50 employers in the world and winners of 'TOP EMPLOYER UK AND GLOBAL'.

- Do you want to work for a company that encourages you to reach your full potential?
- Are you looking to launch your career with an award-winning, globally recognised brand?
- Are you career ambitious with a drive to succeed and build relationships within a retail environment?

If we've just described you, then joining Saint-Gobain could be the right career move for you!

University Open Days - Book your place at your favourites now!



University of Leicester

Registration is now live for 2018 Open Days: 15th September and 13th October.

Visit www.le.ac.uk/opendays for more information. Any queries? Email outreach@le.ac.uk or tweet @UoLOutreach.

University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

Open Days: 7th October, 10th October, 17th November.

www.uclan.ac.uk/opendays

#UCLanOpenDay



University of Birmingham

Undergraduate Open Days: 15th September, 20th October.

www.birmingham.ac.uk/opendays

Info line: 0121 414 2242

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BIRMINGHAM

Swansea University

Open Days: 13th October, 27th October

#swanseauni

www.swansea.ac.uk/makingwaves



Durham University

Start your journey today.

Open Days: 21st September, 22nd September.

All Open Days are 09.00 – 16.00. Booking is essential.

Register your interest today at www.durham.ac.uk/opendays/register

Email open.days@durham.ac.uk or call 0191 334 9191.



Lancaster University

Awarded University of the Year 2018 by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, Lancaster is consistently ranked highly. We're sure that there's a reason for you to Love Lancaster and we'd love to show you as part of a campus visit.

Open Days for 2019 Entry:

Saturday 1st September, Saturday 15th September.

www.lancaster.ac.uk/visit-us



Aberystwyth University

Open Days: 15th September, 13th October, 10th November.

If you are unable to attend one of our Open Days in Aberystwyth, we also offer an alternative way of learning more about the university. Our Online Open Days will be taking place on Thursday 26th April and Wednesday 5th December.

www.aber.ac.uk/openday



To discover more up-coming Open Days, visit www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/type/open-day

Don't forget to check out these great websites:

Unitasterdays

www.unitasterdays.com is a database of university events for students considering university

Headstart

Try before you apply – up to 2 weeks hands-on experience at university

For more information visit www.headstartcourses.org.uk



Review monthly updates on Youth Connexions

All jobs and apprenticeships are posted each fortnight on the school Apprenticeships noticeboard in the sixth form corridor, and attached separately to the school website or visit

www.youthconnexions-hertfordshire.org For more information about these or other vacancies, please contact our Connexions advisor, Chris Aylward, who is in school on Tuesdays or email helen.pardoe@hertfordshire.gov.uk, quoting the job's NASID number.

Amazing Apprenticeships

If you are considering an apprenticeship, check out www.amazingapprenticeships.com or, if you are thinking about working in schools, try www.nationalschoolstraining.co.uk for apprenticeships in schools.

My First Job

www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk has a huge database of employment and apprenticeship opportunities

UniversityCompare

For information on Uni rankings, advice on personal statements and the facility to compare similar courses at different institutions, visit www.universitycompare.com

Pure Potential

Free University and Careers advice for state school pupils, including Uni application advice and information about alternatives to Uni.

Go to www.purepotential.org

Not Going to Uni?

Visit the one-shop site for apprenticeships, gap years, distance learning and jobs.

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

A reminder of details we sent before that are still relevant (but check the dates as some are almost gone!)

Apprenticeship Opportunity at The Wellcome Sanger Institute in Saffron Walden

Apprenticeship summary

- Wage
Competitive salary
- Working week
37 working hours per week plus unpaid lunch breaks. Involvement in a weekend working rota. Days and shifts to be arranged.
Total hours per week: 37.00
- Apprenticeship duration
60 months
- Possible start date
01 Sep 2018
- Date posted
07 Jun 2018
- Apprenticeship level
Degree Level Apprenticeship
- Reference number
VAC001410680
- Positions
1 available

The Wellcome Sanger Institute is offering the opportunity to complete a distance learning degree with Kent University whilst maintaining a paid position within the Cellular Generation and Phenotyping (CGaP) team of the Sanger institute.

The Wellcome Sanger Institute is a charitably funded research centre, committed to training the next generation of scientists. We are focused on understanding the role of genetics in health and disease, our mission is to use genome sequences to advance understanding of human and pathogen biology in order to improve human health. We aim to provide results that can be translated into diagnostics, treatments or therapies that reduce global health burdens. CGaP is a core facility providing cell biology support to the Sanger Institute, in particular the scale-up of protocols to facilitate world class 'Science at Scale'. The team have expertise in cell derivation from primary tissue, induced pluripotent stem cell derivation, cellular differentiation, phenotypic assays, organoid formation and culture, and in the last year we have expanded our remit to work with Malaria.

80% of the role will be carrying out technical and scientific laboratory processes, with 20% of the role being given for degree study.

Day to day work may involve:

- Laboratory work including: reagent ordering - preparation and dispensing - production of coated plates - processing tissues and samples - mammalian cell culture - molecular biology - cell characterisation and microscopy
- Generating, culturing and manipulating a variety of mammalian cell lines to produce reagents or prepare sample for downstream analysis
- Running of experiments and equipment to analyse samples and cell lines. Analysis and communication of results
- Preparation of large quantities of liquid media solutions and plates as required by customers. Small volume work to produce stock solutions and for dispensing reagents
- Cleaning and organisation of equipment and laboratories to ensure a clean, safe working environment and following appropriate safety, environment and risk management protocols

- Document work and keep accurate records of laboratory work undertaken and results. Data entry into online systems and databases to maintain inventory accuracy

Requirements and prospects

Desired skills

- Ability to handle change and respond to change management processes
- The ability to understand, follow and convey technical instructions

Personal qualities

- Communicate effectively using a full range of skills - speaking - listening - writing - body language and presentation
- Understanding and commitment to Biological Science
- Show aptitude to working in a team
- Work and interact effectively within a team
- Work independently and take responsibility for initiating and completing tasks
- Understand impact of work on others, especially where related to diversity and equality
- Time management and ability to complete work to schedule
- Accuracy and attention to details

Desired qualifications

- You should possess a minimum of 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) - grades A - C including Science, maths and English
- You should have gained a minimum of 80 UCAS points from a minimum of 2 A-level subjects including Biology - or equivalent, eg BTEC National Diplomas, IB or DVCE

Future prospects

On successful completion of the apprenticeship, candidates will be able to apply for further positions.

Things to consider

The apprentice must be able to demonstrate the required attitudes, behaviours and interpersonal skills associated with the professional workplace.

The apprentice must be willing to commit a significant amount of personal time to study.

The Wellcome Genome Campus provides a bus service to Cambridge and local villages as well as shuttles to local stations.

All applications to be made through Apprenticeship vacancies. Do not contact the employer.

About the employer

The Wellcome Sanger Institute is a world leader of genomic discovery and revolution committed to training the next generation of genome scientists... It brings together a diverse and exceptional scientific community, devoted to delivering life-changing science with the reach, scale and imagination to pursue some of humanity's greatest healthcare challenges.

Our Research and Approach:

The Cellular Generation and Phenotyping (CGaP) core facility provides central cell biology support to the Sanger Institute.

The Sanger Institute, in the village of Hinxton and about 10 miles south of Cambridge is set on a beautiful and active campus. Onsite restaurants and cafes serve high quality food and drinks including a free drinks and nibbles event every month to celebrate payday. Gym and sports facilities are also available for a nominal fee and the large rural campus is free to explore. Free staff buses and shuttles are provided, for travel to and from work every day from nearby train stations, Cambridge, Saffron Walden and the surrounding villages

Our Benefits:

Our employees have access to a comprehensive range of benefits and facilities including:

- Group Defined Contribution Pension Scheme and Life Assurance
- Group Income Protection
- Private Health Insurance
- 25 days annual leave, increasing by one day a year to a maximum of 30
- Family friendly environment including options for flexible and part-time working, a childcare voucher scheme and Campus Nursery
- Two days paid Employee Volunteering Leave a year
- Employee Discount Scheme
- Campus Gym, tennis courts, cricket pitch and sports hall plus a range of dining facilities
- Active Campus Sports and Social Club
- Free Campus Bus Service

For more information on our core benefits please visit: [Sanger employee benefits](#).

Genome Research Limited is an Equal Opportunity employer. As part of our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion and promoting equality in careers in science, we hold an Athena SWAN Bronze Award and have an active Equality, Diversity and Inclusion programme of activity. We will consider all applicants without discrimination on grounds of disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity leave status, race or national or ethnic origin, age, religion or belief, gender identity or re-assignment, marital or civil partnership status, protected veteran status (if applicable) or any other characteristic protected by law. We are open to a range of UK-based flexible working options including part-time or full-time employment as well as flexible hours due to caring or other commitments.

Employer

Sanger Centre

<http://www.sanger.ac.uk/>

Address

Wellcome Trust Genome Campus

Saffron Walden

CB10 1SA

Have you considered a career in property?

It's more than just selling houses...

Received by email from Pathways to Property:

We are delighted to announce that we are accepting applications in a second round for this year's Pathways to Property Summer School. Pathways to Property works with schools and young people to raise awareness of the vast range of careers within the property and real estate sector. We would like to invite any Year 12s who might be interested in finding out more to apply for a place.

The Summer School offers students who are interested in finding out about careers in property the chance to:

- Take part in lectures, seminars, talks and site visits led by staff and students from Henley Business School, University of Reading
- Find out how real estate and planning courses build on the knowledge acquired through A Level (or equivalent) study and to explore current themes in property such as sustainability, housing issues and regenerating cities
- Develop an understanding of the career opportunities in property
- Learn more about university life and study by taking part in campus tours and evening activities.

Date: 23-26 July 2018

Venue: Henley Business School, University of Reading

Who: Year 12 students from UK state schools

Selection criteria:

- Academic achievement (A and B grades at GCSE and on track to achieve similar grades at A Level)
- Students from state schools in neighbourhoods with low overall progression rates to higher education or high levels of socio-economic deprivation
- Students with no immediate family working in the real estate industry.

Cost: Free – all travel, accommodation, food and activity costs are covered by Pathways to Property.

How to apply: Applications should be made by the student via [this link](#).

Goldsmiths Young Writer Prize

Write an original short story for the chance to win £1000!

Received by post:

Do you have a story you are desperate to tell?

Through the Goldsmiths Young Writer Prize, we're looking to find the next generation of writing talent. To enter you must be aged 16-18, write a story (1000 words max) that includes a set of 'elements' that we will give to you, and submit your entry by 31st July 2018.

The 'elements' could be a theme, a scene, a character name, a title or something completely different!

The winner receives £1000, runners up receive £50.

For more information, terms and conditions, how to enter, visit www.explore.gold/youngwriterprize

Medlink Exhibition

A 2 day residential conference for year 12 & 13 students applying to medical school. Everything you need in one place.

16th – 17th December 2018 at the University of Nottingham.

The largest event of its kind in the world, entry will be free not only to students on the residential course but also to anyone, student, parent or teacher, who wishes to attend.

- The UKCAT – hear from experts on how best to prepare for this essential test.
- Personal statements – step by step guide to a winning CV
- Free Personal Statement assessment – when you are ready to apply.
- Medical schools – let them tell you what they are looking for
- MMI – practice stations with feedback, advice and rules of success.
- Interview skills – gain the confidence to ace your interview.
- Chemistry masterclass – reach for that important A*!
- Social media – make it work to boost your application
- Medical students share their tips for success
- Free deluxe stethoscope and guided auscultation practical.

To book your place, visit www.medlink-uk.net or email support@workshop-uk.info

Vet-Medlink Exhibition

The Vet-Medlink Exhibition will also be held on Monday 17th December 2018 at the University of Nottingham. Entry will be free to anyone – student, parent or teacher – who wishes to attend.

Everything you need in one place.

- Veterinary schools – let them tell you what they are looking for.
- Personal Statements – step by step guide to a winning CV
- Free Personal Statement assessment – when you are ready to apply.
- Work experience – what counts?
- MMI – Practice stations with feedback, advice and rules of success
- Interview skills – gain the confidence to ace your interview.
- Chemistry masterclass – reach for that important A*!
- Social Media – make it work to boost your application
- Veterinary students share their tips for success

- Free deluxe stethoscope and guided auscultation practical.

To book your place, visit www.workshop-conferences.com/vet-medlink or email support@workshop-uk.info

Ever thought of becoming an Au Pair?

“My experience as a Cultural care Au Pair helped me discover my passion and realise my capabilities. My time in Seattle built my self-confidence and confirmed the career path I wanted to follow. Adding my Cultural Care experience to my CV demonstrated that I am reliable, independent, flexible and culturally aware – it has already helped me make strides into my career in Global Health!” – Hannah, Au Pair in Seattle 2015 – 2017.

Cultural Care Au Pair is the largest au pair organisation in the world, offering 18-26 year olds a chance to live with host families in America for one to two years. Through the programme, students can gain international work experience and improve their independence, confidence and maturity. It is an incredible life experience and a valuable addition to a student’s CV, whether they intend to go on to higher education or find work directly after finishing their current studies.

Further information about these programmes is available in the school library, and at www.culturalcare.co.uk

Careers in Social Care

Received by post:

Routeways into adult social care: what are my options?

If you want to work in adult social care , there are lots of options to help you get started.

1. Join a sector routeway

The sector routeway includes a learning programme, which could be achieving the Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care, and a work placement. They’re a great way to learn more about working in the sector and develop care specific skills to help you get started. At the end of your routeway, you’ll be supported to find permanent work or do more training. They’re usually set up by your local employment service such as the Jobcentre Plus.

2. Become an apprentice

Apprenticeships are a great option for anyone who’s ready to start work and wants to develop their skills and knowledge in the sector. They include working with a social care employer whilst achieving a qualification (this could be at college), doing skills training and earning a wage. There are different levels of apprenticeships, from Level 2 Adult Care worker to Level 5 Leader in Adult Care. Search for opportunities at www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship.

3. Do a traineeship

If you don’t feel ready to do an apprenticeship, a traineeship might be a good option for you. They develop your employability skills to help you progress into an apprenticeship or employment. Traineeships are for 16-24 year olds who aren’t in employment. They include work preparation training, such as CV writing, support with your English and maths skills, and a work placement. Search for opportunities at www.gov.uk/find-traineeship.

EY’s Degree Apprenticeship in Digital Innovation

Received by email:

If you’re considering an alternative to university, develop the digital skills you need to be at the forefront of technology and business on our new Degree Apprenticeship in Digital Innovation.

You’ll gain the opportunity to specialise in either data analytics or software development, creating innovative solutions for our clients from day one. At the same time you will study towards a degree, helping you to develop in-demand digital skills that will prepare you for the workplace of the future, whilst earning a salary of up to £21,500.

Opportunities are available across all of our service lines – Assurance, Consulting, People Advisory services, Tax and Transactions, with training delivered by ADA – the National College for Digital Skills and QA Apprenticeships.

Explore our website for more information and be a part of an exciting new programme starting September 2018.

<https://www.ukcareers.ey.com/schools/our-programmes/apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeship-in-digital-innovation>

How do you get into Medical School?

Premed Projects have produced a really useful guide for students interested in studying medicine at university. It's completely free – follow the link below!

It covers all the questions we usually get asked by students surrounding the application process to med school from personal statements to interviews, UKCAT examinations, work experience and A Level questions.

Link here: <https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/applying-to-medical-school-the-guide-2019>

Royston Crows: Coaches Needed!

Received by email from Royston Crows:

Hello everyone - another urgent plea from the Crows (junior division of Royston Runners). We are a thriving little club for 9-16 year olds. We meet every Monday during term time for one hour to training and we get between 20-30 kids each week. Kids coaching is necessarily more structured and we follow England Athletics rules for running a junior club. We must therefore have qualified DBS cleared coaches to keep our club going. Currently there are 5 of us which is just about enough if all are able to come along. In September this will drop to 3 Coaches which isn't enough. We need at least two more to keep this wonderful club going from September 2018. At least one of these needs to be over 18 years old. Assistant Coaches don't have to do any planning in advance for sessions as I send the session plan over in advance so AC's know what they are doing. There is no other work in the week - just that one hour every Monday during term time. There is an occasional team meeting (2/3 times a year in a pub/cafe in Royston - lasts about an hour). The only real commitment beyond the weekly training session would be one weekend to do the England Athletics Coaching qualification for Assistant Coaches which would be paid for by the Club. Also if AC's wanted to come along to any events we do that would be fab but not compulsory.

We have a fantastic little club and we're really committed to keeping it going but we can't do it without more coaches. Please can I ask you to consider stepping forward to help as a Coach for our club or pass on to someone who may be interested. This might also be a fantastic opportunity for someone in year 12+ who wants to get experience in time for Uni (as Georgia and Miles are doing).

If you are interested then please do email me at roystoncrowsrunningclub@gmail.com I'll be very happy to hear from you.

Scholarships for Engineering Undergraduates / Apprentices

Received by post:

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) is committed to supporting the educational and development needs of students and graduates with scholarships and awards totalling some £800,000. These awards provide financial support and encouragement to young students or apprentices who are planning to study engineering, and to graduates who are planning to undertake research programmes.

We have awards for students about to study Undergraduate IMechE accredited degrees. We also provide limited support for degrees of all Engineering disciplines, with awards up to the value of £21,800.

For further details, please visit our website at www.imeche.org/awards.

Scholarships for Engineering Undergraduates – you could be eligible for up to £3000/year!

If you are about to start studying an undergraduate course accredited by us, we can help fund your studies.

Our undergraduate fund can offer assistance to help you pursue a career in mechanical engineering.

With over £250,000 available each year, our scholarships support academic excellence and recognise those whose ideas and innovations will change tomorrow.

Download the new Uni Compare App!

Received by email:

Search for a uni course in minutes, view and directly connect with universities. Super simple to use and voted 5/5 on Trust Pilot.

With the latest research from HESA, KIS and NSS, combined with University Compare's Student Experience Awards.

It's time for you to see what university is really like to study on any of the 36,000+ university courses in the UK.

The largest connected university-to-student network available, all from your iPhone! Join the 76,000 students at uni Compare.

Download at <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/uni-compare/id1100270774>

Debate Chamber Summer Schools 2018

The Debate Chamber Summer Schools offer students the opportunity to find out more about some fascinating subjects, prepare for university applications, meet like-minded peers and get to grips with some tough intellectual challenges.

The material will be challenging, but a relaxed atmosphere, with plenty of discussion and debate, creates the perfect environment for getting to grips with new ideas. Working in small groups over several days means a real chance to get to know tutors and fellow students, and to explore the topics or questions that particularly interest each individual.

A wide range of subjects is offered, including medicine, law, science and mathematics.

All Summer Schools are held at University of London venues in Bloomsbury, Central London, and will take place in July and August 2018.

To find out more and book your place, visit www.debatechamber.com/summerschools/

Some highlights planned for 2018:

The Economics Summer School – focusing on political economy and macro-economics the five-day Economics Summer School will include seminars on a diverse range of topics, from financial and currency markets so an analysis of economic inequality and its potential remedies. More details at <https://debatechamber.com/project/economics-summer-school>

The International Relations Summer School – this course will introduce the central theories involved in the academic study of IR – realism, liberalism and constructivism – and will look at a range of detailed case studies in order to apply, test and explore these theories. More information at <https://debatechamber.com/project/international-relations-summer-school>

The Politics Summer School – this five-day course will look at both political theory and political science, giving students a great introduction to undergraduate level study. It will include seminars on questions of political philosophy - including human rights, representation and civil liberties – workshops on what we as citizens can do to influence policy areas that we care about, and political science workshops on the emergence of populist movements and changing voter behaviour both in the UK and US. More information at <https://debatechamber.com/project/politics-summer-school>

Apprenticeships with Tesco: £20,000+



Tesco have contacted us regarding their apprenticeship schemes:

Are you interested in apprenticeship? About to leave school and unsure of your UCAS choice? Keen to earn and learn at the same time?

We want to highlight the great Tesco apprenticeships available in Hertfordshire, for all students of all subjects from **Finance** to **Fashion** to **Food Science**, with above average starting salaries of £20,000 to £23,000.

At Tesco we're passionate about serving shoppers a little better every day and colleagues are at the heart of that. As an apprentice, you get real responsibility from day one, but also the opportunity to learn as you earn.

Our business is full of varied opportunities and no two days are the same at Tesco. This coupled with our collaborative culture, is something we're really proud of. We believe the most rewarding way to develop is through real-life business experience, which is why apprentices join our teams by hitting the ground running, giving them the opportunity to have real impact from the start.

At Tesco you can apply your knowledge and be entrepreneurial, whilst learning at college and being supported by colleagues along the way. We work hard to inspire and help colleagues look after their whole wellbeing so they can be great at work and beyond. Our Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield campuses offer cafés and restaurants, and our Welwyn campus also has a subsidised gym plus plenty of green space for walking meetings.

The Apprenticeships:

- Higher Apprenticeships in **Commercial, Fashion, Finance** and **Food Science & Technology**
- £20,000 to £23,000 salary (plus potential bonus payments)
- Discounts at the cinema, theme parks and, of course, Tesco
- Hertfordshire based HQ
- A mentor to guide you through your new role and make you feel welcome in the company.

Requirements:

- Predicted to achieve 96 UCAS points, plus GCSE Maths and English at grade C/4

Interested students should find out more and apply through the website:

www.tesco-programmes.com/apprenticeships

GoldClasses at Goldsmiths University

From March to July, Goldsmiths, University of London, offers a range of subject-based masterclasses that give Year 12 students the opportunity to gain in-depth understanding of teaching and learning at university level. Developed and delivered by leading academic staff, Goldclasses aim to stimulate enquiry, broaden knowledge of the subject area, and introduce students to a wider network of academics, undergraduate students and peers.

Some masterclasses relate closely to the school curriculum, enabling students to enhance their current studies. Others introduce new topics studied at university level, exposing students to subjects beyond the post-16 secondary syllabus.

They are not revision lectures, but academic sessions that include:

- Stimulating lectures or workshops delivered by Goldsmiths academics
- The opportunity to discuss the topic and ask questions
- An introduction to the university admissions process
- The opportunity to hear about life as a Goldsmiths student from a current undergraduate.

Find out more at <https://www.gold.ac.uk/goldclasses/>

Smart Futures with Ernst and Young – PAID work experience for eligible applicants!

Smart Futures is a ten month programme for Year 12 students, which starts with paid work experience, and will be running in a number of Ernst & Young offices across the UK (including Cambridge) during the 2018 summer holidays.

Students will gain a variety of transferable skills that will give them a head start in their career.

The programme can make students more employable, helping them to get a job after school or go onto higher education.

The programme is for: Current year 12 students in state schools that have been eligible for Free School Meals at any time in the last six years.

The programme is not exclusively for young people looking to pursue a career in finance, business or accounting. All young people studying any range of subjects are invited to apply as long as they meet the eligibility criteria.

Topics covered in the programme include:

- How to network effectively and build positive relationships
- Communication styles in the workplace
- How to be an effective team leader
- Developing effective presentations
- Dragon's Den pitches (full day)
- Business negotiation game run by the ICAEW (full day)
- CV reviews, interview practice and job application techniques

Young people will spend time working on real life client projects with teams at EY (or other organisations). Their work will depend on what team they are assigned to, but they could be working on mini research projects, taking meeting notes, attending meetings, data entry and analysis, designing client presentations.

All the young people will also achieve a Level 2 qualification from the Chartered Management Institute in Team Leading, assuming they complete the first two weeks of the programme successfully.

For more information, visit www.eyfoundation.co.uk

Budget Builder – a tool to help you manage your money from The Money Charity

Received by email:

Today we have unveiled our new Budget Builder website. It's an easy to use, interactive tool to help you effectively manage your money. You can use it to keep track of your spending, create your own customised budget and set up a simple system to organise your money using different accounts.

Budgeting is vital to staying on top of your money.

Visit <https://budgetbuilder.themoneycharity.org.uk/> for more information.

Considering a Career in Medicine or Healthcare?

Received by email:

The Royal Society of Medicing (RSM) has just launched a new Sixth Form Student Membership for aspiring doctors and healthcare professionals.

We have put together a range of resources which will prove invaluable to students in guiding and preparing them to apply for medical school, whilst providing them with insights into what a career in healthcare is like.

For only £35, they can enjoy our RSM Sixth Form Student membership benefits right up until they start at medical school or their undergraduate degree course. Benefits include:

- A free place at one of the RSM's Medical Careers Day conferences (usually £15), providing practical advice on the university application process, interview scenarios and an insight into life as a medical student and practitioner.

- The Medic Portal resource. As an official partner of the Medic Portal online resource, students can access mock preparation questions for UKCAT and BMAT exams, medical school selection advice and help with writing personal statements for medicine.
- Online videos, e-journals and e-books – an extensive range of online educational material including free access to watch RSM lectures online, 5000+ e-journals and 7500 e-books.
- RSM's world class medical library – one of the largest medical libraries in Europe, open 24/7. Plenty of room for study (private study rooms available free of charge) with access to PCs and free Wi-Fi plus free printing and photocopying.
- Discounted (and sometimes free) RSM talks and lectures. The RSM runs over 400 events every year (many free to attend) including our Medical Innovation Summits and many public talks, covering a wider range of medical and healthcare topics.

To apply, students simply have to complete and return an application form. Student must be aged over 16 to qualify. For further information, visit www.rsm.ac.uk or email membership@rsm.ac.uk.

BBC News: *The degrees that make you rich... and the ones that don't.*

For most university graduates, having a degree pays.

Over the course of a lifetime, estimates suggest that women can expect to earn about £250,000 more if they have a degree, while the figure is roughly £170,000 for men.

But which universities attract the highest income for graduates? And which subjects produce graduates that earn the most?

Read the article here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-41693230>

Ever considered Volunteering Work?

Your student years are the perfect time to do something good for someone else – as well as yourself.

There are over 150,000 charities in the UK alone, and they all have a cause they need people's help to achieve. Ranging between everything from heart disease to poverty, there will be a charity that speaks to you personally and that you will be inspired to join forces with.

There are many reasons to get involved with volunteering, and Milkround have collected a few on their website: <https://advice.milkround.com/5-reasons-to-do-volunteering-work>

Study a new Computer Science Degree Programme at the University of Birmingham with PwC

The University of Birmingham's School of Computer Science has partnered with PwC to launch a new *BSc Computer Science with Digital Technology Partnership*.

This undergraduate programme, which will accept its first intake of students in 2018, allows students to receive an outstanding education from one of the UK's top ten Computer Science departments, whilst also gaining work experience with PwC's Tech Team during integrated work placements that take place throughout the course.

All University tuition fees for the programme are fully funded by PwC, and as a PwC employee students will also receive a salary each month, even while they study. To top it off, students who achieve a 2:1 or higher at the end of the four-year degree programme will receive a graduate job offer from PwC.

To find out more, visit the University of Birmingham's website: www.birmingham.ac.uk

New Clinical Exercise and Rehabilitation Science Course on offer at AECC University College

Received by email:

Join us and be at the forefront of transforming health and recovery. We're proud to introduce the brand new BSc (Hons) Clinical Exercise and Rehabilitation Science course at AECC University College in Bournemouth. Building on our expertise in physiology and rehabilitation, you'll be using evidence-based exercise and physical activity interventions and recovery strategies, you will be able to make a difference to the health and wellbeing of many diverse communities.

If you're looking to make an impact on health, wellbeing, injury recovery and sports rehabilitation, our modern, professionally underpinned course could be for you. Supported by the internationally

recognised anatomy and pathophysiology expertise here at AECC University College, you'll develop the skills required of exercise science and rehabilitation practitioners, combining an evidence-based approach to injury rehabilitation, mobility, sports performance, disease management and behaviour change. Our Parkwood campus is nestled in beautiful bluebell woodlands, only 10 minutes from award-winning beaches and picturesque sea views. This perfect setting means you can live the coastal lifestyle while you study.

www.aecc.ac.uk

The 5 Counties Scholarship

Also from the University of Buckingham – did you know about the 5 counties scholarship?

This scholarship, worth £2000 per annum is available to undergraduate students from Hertfordshire who wish to study at the University of Buckingham!

To qualify, you must meet the conditions of your offer and make Buckingham your firm UCAS choice.

StudentPro University Preparation Courses for Medicine and Dentistry

StudentPro aim to equip students with all they need to know in order to succeed in their application into university – an increasingly competitive process. They cover all aspects of the application process, with a big emphasis on interviews. The courses are delivered by qualified professionals and students who have experienced the application process first hand successfully, or have been behind the panel in the selection process.

This course has proven to be very successful for many students, and StudentPro provide ongoing support throughout their application process.

Places are limited and can be booked via www.studentprointerviews.com

Access to Leeds Scheme 2018

Access to Leeds is the alternative admissions scheme at the University of Leeds.

The scheme allows the uni to identify students who have the potential to succeed at university but who may not be able to demonstrate their talents through grades alone. Eligible applicants who receive an offer from Leeds also receive an Access to Leeds offer up to two A Level grades (or equivalent) below their standard offer. For example, AAA is reduced to ABB.

Over 5000 students nationwide are eligible for the scheme, and last year over 3000 offers were made to eligible students.

Students must meet a least 2 of the following criteria to access the scheme, be a Home/UK student and applying to a full-time undergraduate course.

- First generation of their family to go to university
- Attend a school achieving below the national average at GCSE (Attainment 8 score) in the year which they sat the qualification
- Live in a geographical area with low progression to higher education (*please note that students should double check their eligibility for this criteria before applying*)
- From a household with an annual income of £25,000 or below OR in receipt of the 16-19 bursary fund OR in receipt of free school meals
- Studies disrupted by circumstances in their personal, social or domestic lives
- Only option is to attend a local university
- Live in or grew up in public care

If accepted, the Access to Leeds offer is conditional on the applicant making the University of Leeds their firm choice and successfully completing the Access to Leeds module. This module focuses on the development of essential study skills and provides an opportunity to complete work for the academic department the student hopes to study with.

For more information, visit www.leeds.ac.uk and look for 'alternative admissions'.

Interested in becoming a Doctor?

Received by email:

Welcome back to the new school year! Here is a fantastic new FREE resource for your students considering a career in the medical field. Please click the link to download our student guide on the necessary "soft skills" with hints and advice on how to improve their chances of getting into medical school or other medical courses.

www.bussats.com/resources.html

At the same time, I'd like to introduce you to a new on-line advisory test for aspiring medics, developed in conjunction with The Medic Portal partnered with the Royal Society of Medicine. *Fit to be a Doctor?* is designed for 14-18 year olds and highlights their strengths and weaknesses, providing advice from the country's leading professional body on how to get into med school. All test takers receive FREE access to the online video resources of the Royal Society. For more information please see www.bussats.com/fit-to-be-a-doctor.html

Also received by email:

Aspiring healthcare professionals in years 11, 12 & 13 are likely to be searching for work experience that helps them stand out in a very competitive application process. Medical Projects' courses give students the opportunity to shadow leading Doctors and Consultants in hospitals for 1-4 weeks. if you would like to read about our courses online, you can read about it here: [Medical Work Experience Courses](#). If you have any questions about our courses, you can contact me directly at victoria@medicalprojects.co.uk or call me on 0191 704 2064 and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

NUS Extra Card – YOU are eligible!

Students aged 16 and over who are studying full-time in higher education are eligible to apply for an NUS Extra card and access over 200 student discounts! Top brands include:

- 10% off at the Co-op
- 10% off at ASOS
- Up to 40% off at Pizza Express
- 25% off Odeon student price tickets.

You can pick up the card for as little as £12 by buying online at www.nus.org.uk

Try this fab new Future Finder website!

The Your Life campaign has launched an innovative new careers website for students.

Free and easy to use, Future Finder promises to help you make informed career and course decisions by linking A Level choices to the jobs of today and tomorrow.

Future Finder:

- Tells students if jobs are high growth or in decline and includes 'jobs of the future' such as Wearable Technology Therapist or Augmented Reality Architect
- Credible data sourced from UCAS, Russell Group, UKCES and National Careers Service
- Free to use with no advertising
- Achieves two of the eight Gatsby Good Career Guidance benchmarks
 - Learning from career and labour market information
 - Linking curriculum learning to careers

With four different pathways to choose from, Future Finder promises you will:

- Learn more about potential careers and understand the link between A Level choices and jobs
- Gain confidence in researching jobs and making career decisions
- Be motivated to consider a broader range of career options, resulting in raised aspirations

- Enhance your knowledge of the labour market

Have a go at <https://futurefinder.yourlife.org.uk/> and let us know what you think!

Have you tried the 'Find a Uni' tool yet?

The website www.ukuniversitysearch.com has a great new tool for students thinking about applying for uni – the Find a Uni function!

Simply enter your UCAS Tariff Points (or predicted UCAS points) along with the subject area and location that you want to study, and the website will generate a list of potential courses that you could apply for! The function whittles down the vast majority of institutions and courses within the country, selecting the ones that are appropriate to you. They even have a UCAS Points calculator, if you're not sure how your predicted grades translate to UCAS points.

Try it today at www.ukuniversitysearch.com/search.

Scholarships for Engineering Undergraduates

If you are about to start studying an accredited undergraduate university course, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers could help fund your studies with a scholarship of up to £3000 per year.

Our undergraduate fund can offer assistance to help you pursue a career in mechanical engineering.

With over £250,000 available each year, our scholarships support academic excellence and recognise those whose ideas and innovations will change tomorrow.

For details of scholarships, visit: www.imeche.org/awards or contact awards@imeche.org.

The Ultimate Internships Guide

Should you consider an internship?

An internship is a period of time, normally a few weeks, spent working at a company and getting a feel for the business, role and industry. It can be featured on your CV as work experience, and can be a great help when the time comes to apply for graduate jobs.

Internships are also great opportunities to network and keep in touch with people in your industry.

Milkround have collected their top content on internships, including how to finish an internship on a high, famous former interns, how to turn an internship into a permanent job, and much more.

Visit <http://advice.milkround.com/internships-guide> for more.

Register now with Find an Apprenticeship

It is now possible to get a degree without going to university. Higher and degree apprenticeships offer all the benefits of higher education with none of the cost. You will not only be learning, but earning a salary, from day one.

To find available apprenticeships, register online with Find an Apprenticeship:

- Search online for Find an apprenticeship
- Once you register, you will be emailed an activation code
- Activate your account and start searching and applying for jobs straight away

Follow the GetInGoFar social media channels to find out more about apprenticeships.