



The Knights Templar School Post-18 Bulletin 2016-17 Issue 5 – Christmas 2016

New details in ...

Exciting opportunities:

UNIQ – Free Summer School for Year 12 Students – APPLY NOW!

UNIQ is a programme of **free** summer schools at Oxford University, open to any Year 12 students from State schools in the UK.

The programme aims to give a realistic view of student life: participants live in one of the Oxford colleges for one week in the summer and attend lectures in their chosen subject, as well as workshops about applying to Oxford.

As a UNIQ participant, you will:

Gain confidence: in your own abilities; travelling and meeting other people; talking about your subject and making applications to competitive universities.

Receive current advice on all aspects of Oxford admissions.

Have the chance to practice interview questions, consider what makes a good personal statement and work through admissions tests with undergraduate ambassadors from your chosen course.

Find out about funding and the generous bursary schemes available at Oxford.

Explore and gain a structured approach to super-curricular activities.

Gain the tools to submit strong applications to competitive courses and universities.

Make friends who share a passion for your subject.

Experience a full and varied social programme including sports and theatre. As well as free time to have fun while you explore some of the colleges and find your way around the city.

Meet current undergraduate students and find out what they think about Oxford.

Study your chosen subject in new ways and greater depth.

Applications are now being accepted for this amazing opportunity, and will close on **24th January 2017**.

To apply, visit: <http://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk>

KPMG Apprenticeships Programme

Our **KPMG360°** apprenticeship programme gives you the opportunity to work across a range of different areas within our organisation, for example Audit, Tax, Advisory and Technology. KPMG360° offers you depth and breadth of practical experience in work, coupled with study towards a professional qualification. You can choose to step off KPMG360° after three years and remain with the firm, or progress within the business area you like the most, and aim to transition to Assistant Manager grade after six years on the programme.

Meet Ann-Marie

Ann-Marie is realising her career aspirations with us. She joined as a KPMG360° apprentice last year, and is enjoying the flexibility and early responsibility that's inherent in the programme. Read more about her experiences on our website.

'Our Deal'



We're at our best when you're at your best; that's why we've created **'Our Deal'** and **'The Academy'**. Our Deal is the way we speak about the colleague experience and the expectations we have of our people. We expect the best from our people and in return we provide a stimulating, collaborative environment where each person can reach their extraordinary potential.

Through 'The Academy', you'll have access to communities which will support and develop you so that you build your skills and career. From a highly competitive salary, 25 days' annual leave and an extra day off on your birthday, to a smartphone and laptop to help deliver work, a daily lunch allowance, preferential banking and more, we're making sure that our people have an amazing experience.

To learn more about our School and College Leaver Programmes, please see our upcoming events where you can also register for one of our interactive Live Chats and ask questions to our recruitment team, and our trainees and apprentices!

Don't wait to get ahead. Find out more and apply for our **2017 programmes** today.

<https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/school-leavers>

How do you know what type of career would be right for you??

Different people suit different jobs – that's a fact. The question is how we can figure out what career is right for us? A career quiz can be a great start and The Myer Briggs personality test is one example; the results will give you an idea of what kind of career would be best for you.

Furthermore the results can be an aid in getting to know yourself, pinpointing how you would act during an interview or what kind of working environment you would thrive in.

Find out more, and take the quiz here: <http://advice.milkround.com/myers-briggs-career-test>

The University of Derby

Did you know that the University of Derby...

- have just opened a new specialist facility for Fashion and Textiles, Chandos Pole Street. Furnished with the highest standard specialist spaces and equipment, phase 1 of the £3 million redevelopment will cover 1100 m sq and will link to our sites at Markeaton Street and Britannia Mill.
- is the No.1 University in the East Midlands for graduate employment (HESA 2016, graduating class over 2000). And the Guardian League Table 2017 ranked us **Top 3** for Fashion and Textiles and **Top 10** for Film Production and Photography courses.
- encourages you to take a work placement during your course. As well as providing valuable experience, you could also be eligible for a Diploma in Professional Practice on top of your degree. Our students also enter competitions such as Formula Student, Shell Eco Marathon and New Designers.

To find out more, visit www.derby.ac.uk

Apprenticeship Vacancies in Cambridge

Business Administration Apprentice

The post holder will work predominantly on Reception and other administrative and clerical duties will be carried out, as directed by the line manager.

Location: Cambridge

Closing Date: 02/01/2017

Employer Name: COMBERTON ACADEMY TRUST

Working Week: 25 to 30 per week- hours are negotiable but approx. 8.30am-2.30pm for 39 weeks per year (term time plus training days).



Wage: £85.00
Ref: 1137836

Apprentice Accountant

To work within this company to gain an Apprenticeship in Accountancy. You will get exposure to all aspects of accounting and have a chance to make a real contribution to an established company.

Location: St. Ives

Closing Date: 05/01/2017

Employer Name: Korten Ltd

Working Week: 35 hours Monday to Friday

Wage: £119.00

Ref: 1145877

Business Apprenticeship

To support the College services that support effective teaching, learning, and administration within the school. To help in the day-to-day running of the Administration department.

Location: Cambridge

Closing Date: 08/01/2017

Employer Name: Chesterton Community College

Working Week: 37 hours per week 0830-1630, Monday-Friday

Wage: £125.80

Ref: 1145997

For more information about these and other apprenticeships in/around the Cambridge area, contact the Cambridge Regional College on 01223 418778

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge Year 12 Essay Competitions, 2016-17

Received by email:

We are pleased to announce that our 2016-17 Essay Competitions are now open to all UK students in Year 12 (Lower Sixth) or equivalent.

- v Christopher Marlowe Essay Prize in English
- v Corpus Essay Prize in Economics
- v E.P. Thompson Essay Prize in History

A maximum of **two entries per school or college** is invited in each of our competitions. The deadline for receipt of entries is **5 pm on Friday 17 February 2017**. Important information about registering and submitting entries can be found via the following link:

<https://goo.gl/crKLgn>

A pot of £500, including a First Prize of £300, is available for each competition. Prize-winners and other highly commended entrants will be notified by letter in March 2017 and invited to a lunch at Corpus Christi on Saturday 6 May 2017.

Basketball Scholarship at the University of Hertfordshire



The University of Hertfordshire Basketball Performance Programme

The University of Hertfordshire Basketball Programme is a developing performance programme committed to being one of the most successful higher education basketball programmes in the sector. The current programmes provide an ideal environment for Basketball athletes, both male and female, to continue pursuing sporting excellence alongside studying at degree level.

Athletes selected to be part of the programme have access to first class coaching, facilities and services.

We welcome clubs, academies and individual athletes to the University of Hertfordshire Sports Village for a sport specific presentation and facilities tour.

For more information, please contact Hannah Darling, Sports Scholarship Coordinator.

Hannah Darling

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The London Institute of Banking and Finance

How far ahead have you thought??

As you make your decision on where to study for the next 3 years, it's a good idea to think a little further ahead. In today's highly competitive job market you need to use your time at university to build your skills and experience so you stand out from the crowd when you graduate.

The London Institute of Banking and Finance degree programmes...

[Banking Practice and Management](#)
[Finance, Investment and Risk](#)

...aim to equip you with highly marketable skills and connect you with a network of potential employers, so that you can secure a job, manage a career and achieve your career aspirations and goals.

They give you insight into the industry as a whole whilst allowing you to tailor the course to subjects of interest and your career aspirations.

For more information, visit <http://www.libf.ac.uk/>

Bedford College Apprenticeships

Find information about apprenticeship opportunities in/around the Bedford area on the website <http://www.bedford.ac.uk/apprenticeships>

Some examples of apprenticeships available to apply for online:

Apprentice Reservations Administrator

The Hotel & Conference Company Ltd, Potton, SG19 2QD, £127.00 per week

This is an opportunity for an individual to develop their administrative skills set and liaise with clients from all over the world. You will learn how to successfully source, book, amend and cancel hotel reservations, create and maintain relationships with key personnel as well as developing negotiation and communication skills in a professional and confidential manner. There will also be opportunities to deliver presentations and learn about the importance of marketing to customers on various platforms.

Application Deadline Date: 22/01/2017

https://bedford.justapply.uk/101953-apprentice_reservations_administrator.html?s=ws



Apprentice Radio Engineer

DTS Solutions Ltd, St Neots, £150.00 per week

As an Apprentice Radio Engineer you will carry out a range of duties including programming, equipment, carrying out repairs and attending call-outs with an experienced team member. You will receive technical training, an experienced mentor and a recognised qualification at the end. This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience in an established industry.

Application Deadline Date: 01/01/2017

https://bedford.justapply.uk/101962-apprentice_radio_engineer.html?s=ws

Apprentice Gardener/Groundsperson

Village Garden Services, Caddington, £175.00 per week

Here at Village Garden Services, our commercial arm deals with local councils, businesses and schools and our domestic arm of the company aims to maintain customer's gardens to a high standard.

Application Deadline Date: 08/01/2017

https://bedford.justapply.uk/101957-gardner__groundsperson_apprentice.html?s=ws

Apprentice Teaching Assistant

Springfield Lower School, Bedford, £102.00 per week

Springfield Lower school are looking to appoint two positive Apprentice Teaching Assistants with outstanding qualities who would enjoy getting the best from our children. The successful candidates will be expected to assist with the day to day running of the school, supporting class teachers assisting and enhancing the learning and development of pupils in Reception, KS1 & KS2 and ensuring that school is both a fun and safe place to learn.

Application Deadline Date: 15/01/2017

https://bedford.justapply.uk/101963-apprentice_teaching_assistant.html?s=ws



With the UCAS Deadline fast approaching, some universities still have open days for 2017 entry, and many are looking ahead to 2018. Book your place at your favourites now!

University of Derby

Open Days:

Derby & Buxton Campuses: - Sat 25th February and Sat 10th June

Chesterfield Campus: Sat 7th January, Sat 11th February, Sat 17th June

Derby Campus: Fri 9th June



Cardiff Metropolitan University

Open days:

School of Art and Design: Saturday 11th March 2017

School of Education: Saturday 4th February 2017

School of Health Sciences: Saturday 18th February 2017
Saturday 22nd April 2017

School of Management: Saturday 18th February 2017
Saturday 8th April 2017

Book your place via www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/opendays

Headstart EDT

'Try before you apply' courses available in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects.

Visit www.headstartcourses.org.uk to apply.



University College, Oxford

A new Opportunity Programme has been launched for talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

See Mrs Hopkins for more details or visit www.ox.ac.uk/admissions

De Montfort University

Open Days

Saturday 7th January 2017

All days 9.30am – 3pm. Registration from 9am.

www.dmu.ac.uk/opendays to book your place.





Oxbridge Classics Open Day

The Oxbridge Classics Open Day will be taking place in Oxford on Friday 17th of March 2017.

The day is organised between Oxford and Cambridge universities aimed at all students interested in pursuing a Classics degree at either university.

DATE: Friday 17th of March 2017

TIME: 09:00 - 17:00

LOCATION: Sheldonian Theatre (morning session) & Andrew Wiles Building, Mathematics Institute (afternoon session)

For booking details please do visit our Faculty website: http://www.classics.ox.ac.uk/open_days.html

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

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



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

School Leaver Programme at the National Audit Office

The National Audit Office (NAO) scrutinises public spending for Parliament. Their public audit perspective helps Parliament hold government to account and improve public services.

The NAO have an exciting school leaver programme for Year 13s looking for professional accountancy tuition and on-the-job training, leading to a qualification as a Chartered Accountant.

Highlights of the school leaver programme include:

- A starting salary of £18,000-£23,000 which will increase year-on-year to £30,000-£36,000 in the final year subject to passing exams
- Formal training courses covering the latest accounting and auditing techniques with the ICAEW
- Comprehensive support network, including managers who will provide support and a NAO 'buddy', a more experienced trainee, who will be on hand to answer any questions during those first few months
- After qualifying you could be offered a job as an Audit Principle earning £40,000-£50,000 per year

To find out more, please see Miss Bayfield, or visit the NAO website:

<https://www.nao.org.uk/school-leavers>

University College, Oxford: Study Days for Year 12s

Received by email:

[PPE \(Philosophy, Politics and Economics\) Study Day - Tues 14 February](#)

For students interested in Philosophy, Politics or Economics who are keen to keep their future degree broad, Oxford's PPE course may be just what they are looking for. This study day will allow a taste of this subject and also give students suggestions for how to explore their academic interests beyond school as they prepare to make a University application. Lectures and classes will be run by University College's tutors with titles such as "Do we know anything at all?" and "Is liberalism racist?". Check out a provisional timetable and details of how to apply on [the College's website](#). Application deadline Tuesday 10 January 2017

[Maths, Physics and Engineering Study Day - Mon 20 February](#)

This will be a useful Study Day for any talented Year 12s who love Maths and Physics but don't know which subject to focus on at degree level. It will also be valuable in giving ideas for how students can engage with these subjects beyond school. There will be taster lectures from University College's tutors as well as smaller interactive classes. This study day will also give attendees a chance to meet current students and explore the College. Check out a provisional timetable and details of how to apply on [the College's website](#). Application deadline: Monday 16 January 2017

Interested in a Career in Science?

Received by email:

The Babraham Institute is keen to encourage students to consider the breadth of careers available to them in science. We invite you to take a look at a new series of [videos](#) we have developed in which our researchers, scientific support staff and students explain what they do, what they love about their work and why they were inspired to explore a career in science.



While the 'standard' academic career path usually starts with a university degree, followed by a PhD, postdoctoral research, and then leading a research group, there are a vast range of other opportunities available, some of which do not require a degree.

During the autumn term we will be releasing our [videos](#) which focus on the range of jobs that people undertake at the Babraham Institute and Babraham Research Campus companies. Whilst we aren't able to cover *all* of the career options in science, in the video we highlight different career stages of the academic career track, working in industry and in scientific support; we hope to give students a flavour of what it's like to pursue a career in science.

The video clips and a poster highlighting some of the career options available can be found on the Babraham Institute website at <http://www.babraham.ac.uk/get-involved/discover-a-career-in-science> and we welcome enquiries and questions from students, parents and teaching staff. We run events for secondary and sixth-form students throughout the year – including opportunities to meet our scientists and discuss career pathways. Details are also available on our website or you can contact us directly on get-involved@babraham.ac.uk

Get Involved – if you would like to learn more or have the opportunity to meet our scientists please email us get-involved@babraham.ac.uk

The Year in Industry (received via email)

With the rise in tuition fees, it is becoming more important for young people to be able to choose the right path, differentiate themselves, and get ahead as graduates. Students involved with Headstart or the Engineering Education Scheme, have already taken the first step towards a better future. The Year in Industry (YINI) could be their next one.

YINI provides real life experience on the job, including:

- **Career confirmation** – are they selecting the right pathway/degree?
- **Transferable skills, academic, professional, and personal.**
- **Payment** by the Placement Company - £12,000 to £17,000pa.
- Work on **exciting and valuable projects.**
- Gain key skills to increase their **Employability.**
- Make **key contacts** for their future.
- Opportunities for **company sponsorship** or paid vacation work.
- **Feel positive about their future** - become more **mature and focused.**
- **Support** by a local YINI Mentor and the local YINI office.
- **Independence** - placements can be close to home or farther away.
- Training in **Maths and Business.**

Are students eligible for YINI?

- They need to have the right to work in the UK.
- They need the "ability" to go to university.

(Students don't need to have a university place confirmed or be applying to university to be eligible for YINI)

If your students have the drive and are keen to "test drive" some of our companies who are looking to sponsor students during their degree, please encourage them to apply to the Year in Industry. Many of our large global companies will be looking to interview and offer placements from January/February 2017 ready for a summer start.



I hope that your students will consider taking part in this brilliant opportunity and we look forward to them registering. They can apply online at <http://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry/apply-now>

Medic Mentor Summer School

Received by email:

We have opened registration for Medic Mentor's Summer School 2017. This is a unique opportunity for students to spend an entire week with doctors and medical students perfecting their UCAS applications to medical school. It is a 5-day residential programme at Nottingham University and will cover the following areas comprehensively:

- UCAS and all medical-wider reading
- 2 days of 1-2-1 personal statement tutoring (with an experienced doctor or med student) to help students finish a final draft of their statements.
- UKCAT and BMAT teaching
- Interview theory and mock MMI and panel interviews
- Personal consultations with a doctor or med student to help strategically select their top 4 UCAS choices and a viable 5th choice (parents can also attend this session)

The Summer School also includes 8 books and access to 2 excellent UKCAT and BMAT online questions banks. There are only 20 students per school and 3 possible dates that students can choose from in the Summer. As such, it is the most comprehensive Summer School programme around!

The Summer School can also be used to count towards the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

You can find more details about the Summer School (including reviews and the prospectus) at this link: <http://medicmentor.co.uk/about/events/summer-school/>

Two local Apprenticeship Vacancies with Enterprise

About Enterprise:

We are a forward-looking practice focused on the business success of our clients, our approach is both involved and pro-active. We are a fast-growing business with a great team who all share the same vision and values.

Apprentice Accounts Assistant Vacancy

We are offering a fantastic opportunity to join a successful and thriving company that offers a varied and exciting role. Enterprise Accountancy is looking for an enthusiastic, talented individual with a keen eye for detail and talent for accounts to join our team as an apprentice accounts assistant.

Your duties will be varied and will include:

- Liaising with clients
- Bookkeeping
- Preparing VAT returns
- Preparing sole trade accounts
- Setting up client files
- Computerised accounting
- Provide administrative support to other members of the team
- Issuing financial statements
- Improving and developing the current systems and processes



Enterprise has an excellent training programme that will allow the successful applicant continue to develop.

Person Specification:

- Great team player
- Keen to build and develop the practice, not just operate within it
- Highly numerate with good IT skills (strong Excel skills)
- Excellent interpersonal, excellent written and presentational skills
- Excellent time management and priority setting

Minimum of 5 GCSEs, including Maths and English and ICT at grade A* - C

Social Media and Digital Marketer/Admin Support Apprenticeship Vacancy

Apprenticeship Summary

Your main duties will include:

- Follow and develop company processes for marketing and customer care
- Create relevant posts and material for target audience and updating company social media across all platforms.
- Using editing software to recreate and edit images.
- Handling and maintaining all aspects of company's digital media and newsletter campaigns.
- Creating company brand awareness.
- Record, analyse and present social media and marketing statistics monthly
- Maintaining files and ensuring office is in order.
- General office duties and administrative support to the team.
- Preparing and sending letters/e-mails to customers.
- Making and receiving telephone calls, respond to customers and other organisational enquiries.

Requirements and prospects

Personal qualities

- Excellent approach to customer service
- Great team player
- **Interest in and enthusiasm for social media and digital marketing**
- **Able to follow agreed systems and processes**
- Interest in sales and achieving targets
- Flexible outlook and 'can-do' attitude, happy to go the extra mile
- Confident personality
- Ability to communicate well
- Ability to use own initiative in achieving agreed goals
- Full UK driving licence would be beneficial as our premises cannot be reached by public transport

Qualifications required:

Minimum of five A*-C GCSEs, or equivalent, including English and Maths and ICT.

To apply, contact info@enterprise-tax.co.uk

Inspiring Minds Talks at Loughborough University

Bookings are now open for Loughborough's series of subject-specific taster days. The events are totally **free** of charge!

The following subjects are on offer:



- Inspiring Minds: Sport – Tuesday 17th January 2017
- Inspiring Minds: Science, Technology, English and Maths – Wednesday 18th January 2017
- Inspiring Minds: Business and Economics – Thursday 19th January 2017

For more information, visit www.lboro.ac.uk

Would you like a taste of life at an American University?

The Sutton Trust Programme offers an all expenses paid Summer School in the US!

The programme consists of a one-week summer school in the US (in previous years at either Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale University or Harvard) with introductory events and application support in the UK before and after.

To be eligible applicants must:

- Not hold US citizenship
- Be from a low income family (generally, this will mean a household earning £45,000 or less)
- Should have earned 8 or more As or A*s at GCSE or the equivalent, or close to this.
- Show a commitment to the programme and interest in US culture and higher education
- Have a strong school reference

Visit <http://us.suttontrust.com/about/> for more details.

Pre-med Projects: Work Experience

Received by email:

[Work Experience For Students aged 16+](#).

It's one of the hardest careers to go into and there's thousands of applicants applying each year for a relatively small number of places.

Of course we're talking about medicine. Grades? Check. References? Check. Personal Statement? Check.

What about work experience? Check?

Often it's a student's work experience that sets them apart when it comes to med school applications. It's necessary to have some and hard to get meaningful UK experiences.

Premed Projects specialises in UK Hospital work experience for students. We're here to help and we also have bursaries available too. Visit our website for more info: www.premedprojects.co.uk

Morgan Stanley Insight Programme

Morgan Stanley is one of the world's leading investment banks, and they would like to invite bright, female sixth formers to apply to their 3-day Insight Programme this February.

The Programme comprises of many elements including case studies, group presentations, interactive workshops and networking opportunities. Successful candidates will also have the unique chance to take a tour of the trading floor and understand the range of roles across the Bank.

If you are interested in finding out more about the banking sector, this is the perfect opportunity!

Having a prestigious firm such as Morgan Stanley on your personal statement or CV will be hugely beneficial when it comes to applying to university and looking for work experience when you are an undergraduate.

For more information about Programme, please visit [this page](#) on Morgan Stanley website. The application deadline is 2nd January 2017.

Swansea University

Did you know that Swansea University is:

- Welsh University of the Year 2017 (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017)



- UK Top 15 for Graduate Employment (Guardian University League Table 2017) and Student Satisfaction (NSS 2016)
- UK Top 30 for Research Quality
- Offering opportunities to work abroad across all areas of study
- Offering scholarships worth up to £3000 for Academic and Sporting Excellence
- Introducing a policy of guaranteed **conditional offers** for all applicants offering suitable subject combinations at A level / BTEC National /IB etc. (subject to certain terms and conditions)

Visit the website for more information: www.swanseauniversity.com

University of Oxford Essay Competition – win £100!

Oxford Q-Step Centre is launching an essay competition for Year 12 students.

In up to 2000 words, students are invited to answer the question:

‘Is data good for democracy?’

The winner will receive £100 and the runner-up £50. Both essays will be published on the Q-Step website.

Oxford Q-Step Centre teaches data skills to undergraduate social scientists. The aim of the essay competition is to give Year 12 students the opportunity to think about how data is used politically.

More details and how to apply can be found here: <http://www.oqc.ox.ac.uk/schools/q-step-year-12-essay-competition-2017.html>

GSK Apprenticeship Programme

A reminder that applications are open for the Glaxo Smith Kline Apprenticeship Programme 2017. Of particular note, is their new Digital and Technology Degree Apprenticeship, which could be of interest to students who have a passion for Technology.

To find out more, visit the GSK website: www.gsk.com/apprenticeships

The deadline for all applications is 9th January 2017.

Considering Dentistry? The Open Wide Scheme could be for you!

Leeds University are launching an e-mentoring scheme to pair up current dentistry students with students applying for dentistry. The mentors will offer help and advice on applications and interviews, as well as general university life.

For more information, email Melissa or Nora at openwide@leeds.ac.uk

Aspiring Professionals Programme (APP)

Received by email:

The APP supports high achieving students from low income backgrounds across the UK from Year 12 into competitive universities, and the top professions. We offer support through our four pillars:

1. **Mentoring by a professional via email**
2. **Tailored skills sessions and career workshops**
3. **University application support and guidance**
4. **Internships with top employers**

How students receive our four pillars of support is dependent on where they live.

Students must apply by 9am, Monday 19th December 2016 by completing our application form.

APP Residential

APP Residential offers the opportunity to undertake a one or two week internship with a top employer in London with all expenses paid. Whilst on their residential and in addition to the



internship, students receive skill sessions and university application support. Their mentor will be from the employer that they undertake their placement with.

APP Residential is available to students interested in:

Accountancy | Banking & Finance | Engineering & Physics | Law | Medicine
APP Reach

We are very keen to work with schools, colleges and parts of the country that do not usually have young people on our programme. Therefore if this applies to you and your top achievers don't quite meet our criteria, you should encourage them to apply as they may be eligible to receive support. APP Reach is designed to offer as many aspects of our programme as we can to people who could benefit from our activities and resources, subject to our capacity and their location. All students will receive a mentor and access to online resources. To find out more about APP Reach, please contact us.

For more information, visit www.socialmobility.org

Spend an academic year in Spain!

Received by email:

Do you study Spanish and want an experience which will set you above the rest? Are you resilient and motivated? Do you want to become fluent in Spanish? Do you want to learn about Spain from first-hand experience?

If you answered yes to one or more of the questions above then you need to navigate to www.academicyearabroad.co.uk to find out more about how you could secure yourself a place on an academic year in Spain. The course is available for all students of Spanish, whether you are still in secondary school or leaving school and wish to take a year to perfect your Spanish before embarking on your college education.

You would be placed with a friendly family in Spain and attend a local school, taking part in normal lessons with other pupils of your age. Your family and AYA will support you to develop your linguistic skills throughout the year and the experience of being immersed in the language and culture will mean that when you return home you will have a life-long skill. This experience will make you stand out from other students when it comes to applying for college and university and you will develop independence and resilience.

So what are you waiting for? We can't wait to hear from you!

The AYA Team

How to write the perfect CV!

See Milkround's guide to writing the perfect CV here: <http://advice.milkround.com/cv-writing-guide>

They also have many more guides available, including a guide to a placement year abroad, and find out whether you're an 'activist' or a 'theorist' when it comes to planning.

KPMG School Leaver Programme

Received by email:

We're now accepting applications for our 2017 School and College Leaver Programmes!

It's never too soon to start thinking about your career options at KPMG. Joining KPMG means joining a talented team of colleagues who bring



innovative thoughts and a natural curiosity to the work they do each day. At KPMG, we recognise not everyone will want to follow the same career path. So, we want to give you options, to help you choose the path that's right for you.

Our School and College Leaver Programmes

Our [KPMG360°](#) apprenticeship programme gives you the opportunity to rotate around our business functions of Audit, Tax, Pensions and Legal Services, and our Advisory and Technology teams. You'll get to see KPMG from different angles, and study towards a professional qualification. KPMG360° gives you the freedom to discover where your interests meet your potential, offering the breadth and depth of experience for you to build a successful career.

Our [Audit School Leaver Programme](#) is your chance to study for an accounting degree at the University of Birmingham and become a fully-qualified Chartered Accountant. You'll combine classroom learning with on-the-job training and work alongside some of the brightest minds in business. We'll also pay for all of your tuition and accommodation fees in addition to paying you a salary.

That's 'Our Deal' to you

Your long-term future is every bit as important to us as it is to you. That's why our aim is to give you experiences that will stay with you for a lifetime. Whether it's great training and development, mobility opportunities or corporate responsibility volunteering activities – you'll gain a wealth of experiences on which you can build a rewarding career.

We're at our best when you're at your best; that's why we've created '[Our Deal](#)' and '[The Academy](#)'. Our Deal is the way we speak about the colleague experience and the expectations we have of our people. We expect the best from our people and in return we provide a stimulating, collaborative environment where each person can reach their extraordinary potential. Through 'The Academy', you'll have access to communities which will support and develop you so that you build your skills and career.

Want to find out more?

Join one of our upcoming [Live Chats](#) or register for one of our [upcoming events](#) to find out more about our KPMG School and College Leaver Programmes, the application process and what it's really like to work at KPMG.

Click here for our [Smart Thinking articles](#) to read about recent joiners and their experiences on the KPMG School and College Leaver Programmes.



Ready to apply?

Take a look at our careers website and explore our School and College Leaver Programmes and decide which career path is best for you.

Medical Projects Abroad

We have added **additional spaces** at both our Project India and Project Kilimanjaro for aspiring medics looking to gain **hospital work experience**. I have included links below for information about the work experience courses, if you could **please forward** this email to your aspiring medics:

Extended Course Places:

[Project Kilimanjaro](#)

[Project India](#)

Available Dates:

- 12th February 2017
- 19th February 2017
- 16th April 2017
- 23rd April 2017



For full information about our pre-medical work experience you can read here: [pre-medical work experience](#).

Interested in a career in Healthcare?

Received via email:

We've helped thousands of students become doctors, nurses, midwives and dentists over the years and we would love to make your students aware of the help we can offer when deciding if a career in healthcare is for them.

It would be excellent if you would pass the following information to your students in **years 10, 11 and 12** who may be interested in a healthcare career.

UK Hospital Work Experience

The only opportunity anywhere for students aged 16+ to shadow doctors in UK hospitals together with a group of students from all over the world. Sessions take place during February Half Term and all throughout Summer 2017. More information available by visiting: www.premedprojects.co.uk



Hospital Work Experience Abroad

For the more adventurous, hospital work experience in India or Thailand for students aged 16+ where students can shadow doctors and live with our student groups from all over the world, fully supported by our extensive staff teams. More information available by visiting:

www.premedprojects.co.uk

Advice Service

Students considering healthcare careers often have many questions about their chosen career path. As our office is full of medical students, doctors and admissions experts, we're more than happy to answer any questions students may have - simply email info@premedprojects.co.uk

We love to help all future healthcare professionals and fully support widening access to medical school with all of our services offered at subsidised or zero charge for widening access students.

The **PremedProjects** Team

E: info@premedprojects.co.uk

W: www.premedprojects.co.uk

Careers in Health and Social Care Expo Event, Wednesday 1 March 2017

Received by email:

Our health and social care careers expo event will be held at the University of Hertfordshire's Fielder Centre in Hatfield on Wednesday 1 March 2017, kick-starting a campaign of activities promoting careers in this area.

The expo event will be enjoyable, interactive and provide you with detailed information on how to get into and develop a career in the health and social care sectors.

Pupils that attend will also get the all-important opportunity to sign up to work experience at each of our organisations, which can play a substantial part in universities decisions to accept a pupil to in-demand courses in this arena.



Please be aware that space at the event is likely to be limited, so if you would like to express your interest in registering for this event – please visit the following website to reserve your place:

<https://herts-hsc-careers.eventbrite.co.uk> Sent on behalf of the Chief Nurses in Hertfordshire

The National Apprenticeship Show

This year's National Apprenticeship Show will be held on the 13th & 14th March 2017 at ArenaMK. Hosting a variety of top companies looking to hire apprentices local to Hertfordshire (from Mercedes Benz to the Civil Service) the National Apprenticeship Show offers fantastic employment opportunities for all students.

For more information, visit www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org

The Year In Industry (received via email)

With the rise in tuition fees, it is becoming more important for young people to be able to choose the right path, differentiate themselves, and get ahead as graduates. Students involved with Headstart or the Engineering Education Scheme, have already taken the first step towards a better future. The Year in Industry (YINI) could be their next one.

YINI provides real life experience on the job, including:

- **Career confirmation** – are they selecting the right pathway/degree?
- **Transferable skills, academic, professional, and personal.**
- **Payment** by the Placement Company - £12,000 to £17,000pa.
- Work on **exciting and valuable projects.**
- Gain key skills to increase their **Employability.**
- Make **key contacts** for their future.
- Opportunities for **company sponsorship** or paid vacation work.
- **Feel positive about their future** - become more **mature and focused.**
- **Support** by a local YINI Mentor and the local YINI office.
- **Independence** - placements can be close to home or farther away.
- Training in **Maths and Business.**

Are students eligible for YINI?

- They need to have the right to work in the UK.
- They need the “ability” to go to university.

(Students don't need to have a university place confirmed or be applying to university to be eligible for YINI)

If your students have the drive and are keen to “test drive” some of our companies who are looking to sponsor students during their degree, please encourage them to apply to the Year in Industry. Many of our large global companies will be looking to interview and offer placements from January/February 2017 ready for a summer start.

I hope that your students will consider taking part in this brilliant opportunity and we look forward to them registering. They can apply online at <http://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry/apply-now>

Apprenticeship Help



EM Skills are a local provider of training for young people and adults. Our business is run by former teachers and educators and we employ lots of apprentices, actually I'm an apprentice! So we know how stressful leaving school and getting an apprenticeship or job can be.

We are launching a FREE job finding service to help those who are about to leave school and wish to apply for either an apprenticeship or job. We produce a weekly newsletter with details of current vacancies. Your students can contact me and I can send the newsletter directly to them. They can also find current jobs on our website:

<http://www.emskills.org.uk/apprenticeship-jobs.html>

Students who need additional practice in order to perform well at interview can book a session with one of our advisors. These take place on Friday afternoon in Hoddesdon. Please ask them to contact me.

We also offer a 12 week course in Hoddesdon for students who feel they need additional support and are not yet quite ready for an apprenticeship or work. If you would like more details, please let me know and I will ask one of our team to contact you.

morgan@emskills.org.uk or call 01992 677373



Applications are invited for the **Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMEchE)** scholarships. They have awards for students about to study Undergraduate IMechE accredited degrees.

They also provide limited support for degrees of all engineering disciplines, with awards up to the value of £20,000 (The Whitworth Scholarship).

For more information visit www.whitworthscholarship.org.uk and www.imeche.org/awards

University of Cambridge

Three new undergraduate courses are on offer for 2017. Single honours **Archaeology** and two joint honours programmes – **History and Politics** and **History and Modern Languages** – have been introduced in response to growing demand from prospective students and in recognition of the educational challenge and opportunities which they will offer.

For further information about the new courses and departmental outreach programmes and Open Days please go to the following websites:

For Archaeology www.arch.cam.ac.uk

For History and Politics www.hist.cam.ac.uk/prospective-undergrads/history-politics

For History and Modern Languages www.mml.cam.ac.uk/applying/courses/history-modern-languages



BrightStart Business Apprenticeships

The variety of options after A-levels might seem overwhelming. But when you find something that sparks your curiosity, feeds your desire to connect with people and make sense of the world, it's incredibly exciting too. With that in mind, say hello to our BrightStart Apprenticeship – the perfect start to a career in business and consulting. And a brilliant opportunity for people like you.



www.deloitte.co.uk/brightstart

Need help making sense of your options, or want some impartial careers advice? Call our free Career-coaching helpline on 0800 9778392

University of Leeds

The Access to Leeds scheme gives special consideration to applicants whose personal circumstances have affected their ability to demonstrate talent:

The Access to Leeds scheme allows us 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 the University 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.



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This alternative offer is conditional on 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. Further information on the module can be found [here](#). You may also like to look over the information available in our brochure, which can be downloaded from our [website](#).

You may also be interested to know that in 2016:

- Almost 4000 students nationwide were eligible for the scheme
- Over 2500 offers were made to eligible students
- 1200 students actively engaged with our module
- 791 students were successful in obtaining their place at the University of Leeds

See Mrs Hopkins for more details or visit www.leeds.ac.uk/a2l

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas from all at KTS Sixth Form!





And finally...

milkround **SCHOOL LEAVERS**

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" – borrowing from the tradition of a milkman bringing the milk to his customers.

The **Milk Round** 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.

The name milk round also refers to the online school leavers and university student website, which is an online version of the traditional method in which business recruited students.

schoolleavers.milkround.com

Here is an example of apprenticeships to be found on the milk round website at the moment;

Craft Apprenticeship Scheme



Recruiter	Western Power Distribution (WPD)
Location	East Midlands, West Midlands, South West, Wales
Salary	£12,456
Posted	12 Dec 2016
Closes	10 Feb 2017
Job Type	Intermediate apprenticeships
Sector	Education & Training, Energy, Environmental & Agriculture, Engineering & Manufacturing

Send | Save | Apply

Western Power Distribution (WPD) owns and operates the electricity distribution system in the Midlands, the South West of England and South Wales. This system consists of underground cables, overhead lines and substations serving over 7.8 million customers.

We are looking for talented, highly motivated people to join the WPD Craft Apprenticeship Scheme to become Craftspeople who operate at the forefront of the business. This role would suit you if you enjoy working in a team environment, in the outdoors and would be interested in a long term career with the leading electricity distribution business in the UK.

Our Craftspeople are highly trained and operate at the sharp end of our business. They are divided into three main groups:

- Overhead Lines – working on overhead lines supported by wooden poles or steel towers.
- Joiner – working on the underground cable network.
- Fitter – working on switches and transformers in substations.

We offer competitive terms and conditions of employment with excellent career prospects. The core training takes a minimum of two years. You will be required to achieve the City & Guilds 2339 Level 2 and Level 3 Qualifications in Electrical Technology Engineering, delivered through Manchester Open Learning.

You will need to keep a Technical Apprenticeship Record (TAR) Portfolio which has a significant impact on the overall qualification. Your first nine weeks will take place at one of our Training Centres.

You should have or expect to achieve, at least five GCSE passes at Grade C or above in Maths, English Language and one Science subject. Alternatively you will have an equivalent Level 3 recognised qualification in Electrical Engineering.

Literacy and computer skills will be required as you will need to keep a hand written record of your work, as well as undertake work using Microsoft Office applications. You will be required to provide proof of your qualifications in the form of the original certificates.

For more information, please visit our website via the apply button.

Closing date for completed applications: Noon on 10th February 2017