



# The Knights Templar School

## Post-18 Bulletin 2017-18



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#### New details in ...

#### Exciting opportunities:

##### Are you studying STEM subjects?

Received by email:

Inspiring Futures are running their **Standing Out in Competitive Industries** event in partnership with Citibank on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017. This event will take place at Citibank's London office.

Students will get the chance to explore a range of industries, gain invaluable networking and employability skills and meet top employers such as Sky, Rolls Royce and Citibank.

Our selection of keynote speakers will guide students to look beyond their field of study and recognise that the skills they learn can be transferred and applied to a number of professions and sectors.

Students will:

- Hear about alternative career pathways in STEM.
- Hear insights from Citibank on how global businesses operate and what they look for when recruiting potential candidates.
- Practice your networking skills with our leading employers.
- Meet with recent STEM graduates to hear about their career journey.
- Get involved in team activities that include CV clinics and assessment workshops run by employers.

The event is **free** by application only. To be considered for a place at this event, students need to complete an application form online by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

This must then be emailed to [emma.whiteley@inspiringfutures.org.uk](mailto:emma.whiteley@inspiringfutures.org.uk).

Application forms can be found here:

[http://www.myfuturewise.org.uk/futurewise\\_courses\\_and\\_events/event\\_detail.aspx?eid=562f6835-75aa-4a4e-9429-5ac8a9d181c6](http://www.myfuturewise.org.uk/futurewise_courses_and_events/event_detail.aspx?eid=562f6835-75aa-4a4e-9429-5ac8a9d181c6)

##### Received by email:

Hello!

We are excited to announce that the Westgate Shopping Centre, Stevenage is holding an exclusive **STUDENT SHOPPING NIGHT** on Wednesday 25 October from 5.30pm-8pm.

Sixth-Form Students can enjoy great discounts on the night, with some stores offering 20% off, including Blue Inc and Miss Selfridge. High street favourites such as River Island and H&M will also be open offering exclusive discounts on the evening

We have some fantastic giveaways from Hollywood Bowl and Airspace on the night plus mocktails from Bar & Beyond and dinner vouchers to win from Cinnabar. There will also be a DJ on the mall and free festival-style glitter hair and makeup available.

Details of the event can also be found on our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/299716633839530>

##### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:victoria@medicalprojects.co.uk) or call me on 0191 704 2064 and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

### **Chemical Engineering at University**

Received by email from Sheffield University:

Chemical engineering is suitable for students with an interest in maths and science; be that chemistry, biology, physics or any other STEM subject.

Chemical Engineers generate solutions for the world's biggest challenges: energy, climate change, food and health. Here at the University of Sheffield we prepare students to deliver sustainable solutions to support a growing population - your students could literally change millions of lives.

The role of chemical engineers is to design processes to produce, transform and transport materials and energy; and to scale-up these processes from lab to full scale production. There are many employment opportunities in the chemical and biotechnology sectors including: renewable energy; oil and gas; consumer goods; and healthcare, e.g. pharmaceuticals and biopharmaceuticals. Your students may have already considered Chemical Engineering as an option, but our experience suggests that many more would be interested if they had the information. So visit our website or contact me and we can send your school our Undergraduate Prospectus (or download on the right).

We also have an open day on Saturday 21 October - [book now](#).

Kind regards,

**Dr James McGregor**

[chemeng@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:chemeng@sheffield.ac.uk)

0114 222 7576

### **National Apprenticeship Event and Conference**

This year's National Apprenticeship Event will take place at the icc Birmingham on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 from 9.30am – 6.30pm.

Find out about apprenticeships and discover what's on offer!

Meet over 100 top UK employers and training providers on the day with a range of apprenticeships on offer at all levels.

Places are FREE! Book now!

[www.nationalapprenticeshipevents.co.uk/book-your-visit](http://www.nationalapprenticeshipevents.co.uk/book-your-visit)

**Schroders Tech Careers Event**

Join us on 25<sup>th</sup> October for a special event Schroders are hosting in collaboration with a number of other Investment Management firms to explore the opportunities of building a career in Technology. The day will include an overview of the asset management industry, a networking lunch with representatives from Schroders Technology department and a panel session with speakers from other firms within the asset management industry.

Apply online [schroders.taleo.net](https://schroders.taleo.net)

## 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](http://www.schoolleavers.milkround.com)

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

### 2018 Scholar Scheme – Audit & Assurance

📍 UK, Europe  
£ Competitive  
🏢 Deloitte (View profile)  
🎓 School or college leaver schemes  
 Today

**Deloitte.**

#### 2018 Scholar Scheme – Audit & Assurance

#### The Programme

Work experience, support at university and money to go travelling, if you are at beginning of your degree journey, this is for you. This programme also offers you the opportunity to finish university with a job offer.

#### The Opportunity at Deloitte

You don't need to be a technology specialist or finance graduate to work here. Whilst some of our roles do have specific entry requirements, there are others that are really open. So whatever you are going to study, when you finish there will be opportunities here for you. All of our programmes offer on-the-job training and an opportunity to study for professional qualifications too. It's your journey. You create it.

- Explore the future in Audit & Assurance
- Deliver market insights in Business and Financial Advisory
- Defend and innovate in Cyber
- Solve complex problems in Governance, Risk & Regulation
- Help people matter in Human Capital
- Connect buildings, businesses and people in Real Estate
- Develop big ideas in Strategy and Operations
- Navigate the complex in Tax Consulting
- Innovate to grow business edge in Technology

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

### University of Lincoln

Did you know that the University of Lincoln is in the Top 10 for Teaching Quality and Student Satisfaction? (That's according to the Times Good University Guide 2017!)

Find out more at one of our 2017 open days:



- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### University of Essex

Think you know open days? Think again. Think Essex.

Colchester Campus: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017

Southend Campus: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017



### University of Plymouth

*Study in Britain's Ocean City!*

Undergraduate Open Day: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017

[www.plymouth.ac.uk/open-days](http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/open-days)

### Liverpool Hope University

Top university in the North West for student experience!

Open Days: 21<sup>st</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017



### Harper Adams University

Number one university for student experience!

Open days:

- 18<sup>th</sup> November
- 16<sup>th</sup> December

[www.harper.ac.uk/events](http://www.harper.ac.uk/events)



### University of Northampton

*This is a really exciting time for us and a great opportunity for potential students, with our new 58-acre Waterside Campus opening in September 2018!*

Find out more by visiting [www.northampton.ac.uk/hello-waterside](http://www.northampton.ac.uk/hello-waterside)

Open Days: 28<sup>th</sup> October, 18<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

[www.northampton.ac.uk/open-days](http://www.northampton.ac.uk/open-days)



### Canterbury Christ Church University

*This is where you Canterbury!*

Up-coming Open Days:

- Canterbury – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017



### **The University of Manchester**

*We have confirmed our dates for the University campus visits, which are a great opportunity for students to get a taste of university life and experience first-hand the atmosphere of the University campus.*

The following dates are scheduled:

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

And many more in 2018. Please visit [www.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.manchester.ac.uk) for more information.



The University of Manchester

### **Wrexham Glyndwr University**

Undergraduate Open Day: Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm.

Visit [www.glyndwyr.ac.uk](http://www.glyndwyr.ac.uk) for more information!

### **UEA: The University of East Anglia**

Open Day: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

*UEA is in the World Top 200 universities (Times Higher World League tables), 10<sup>th</sup> in the UK for research outputs (REF 2014) and is a UK Top 20 University (12<sup>th</sup> in The Complete University Guide and 18<sup>th</sup> in The Guardian 2018). UEA is in the Top 5 for student satisfaction (National Student Survey 2005-2016). However, statistics can only tell you so much, so come and experience UEA for yourself!*



## Don't forget to check out these great websites:

### Unitasterdays

[www.unitasterdays.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:helen.pardoe@hertfordshire.gov.uk), quoting the job's NASID number.

### Amazing Apprenticeships

If you are considering an apprenticeship, check out [www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com) or, if you are thinking about working in schools, try [www.nationalschoolstraining.co.uk](http://www.nationalschoolstraining.co.uk) for apprenticeships in schools.

### My First Job

[www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk](http://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](http://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](http://www.purepotential.org)

### Not Going to Uni?

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

[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

## Prospectuses in the library this week:

- Canterbury Christ Church University Undergraduate Prospectus 2018
- The Apprenticeships Guide 2017
- The Good Schools Guide: Uni in the USA

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

### **National Space Academy – Year 12 Careers Conferences**

Are you interested in a career in the UK Space Sector??

*The National Space Academy's conferences aim to raise the profile of the UK Space sector, which employs over 38,000 people. It continues to grow year on year: the UK Space Innovation and Growth Strategy has a target of achieving 10% of the global space market, which is estimated to be £400 billion by 2030. In order to achieve this the industry needs young people to choose science and engineering options and to decide to work in this fascinating area.*

Year 12 Careers conferences are taking place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the National Space Centre, Leicester. Entry is free.

The events include:

- Talks and presentations from those working within the UK Space Sector
- 'Meet the Scientist' opportunities
- Access to the National Space Centre galleries
- Keynote Speaker

To book your place, visit [www.nationalspaceacademy.org](http://www.nationalspaceacademy.org), or call 0116 258 2147.

### **Create your future: one day to inspire a whole career**

Received by email:

Our flagship event, Create your future, brings together hundreds of universities, colleges and employers – all offering creative courses and traineeships. The event will help students explore the range of opportunities on offer, and make informed decisions about their study and career paths.

Last year, 70% of attendees went on to apply for creative courses.

With performance stages, catwalks, demonstration areas and galleries, 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 students might have about academic and working life.

Don't delay, book Create your future 2017 today:

- [Manchester Central Convention Complex – 21 – 22 November 2017](#)

### **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](http://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!

### **Studying in the USA**

Received by email:

Good afternoon,

I would like to introduce OpportunityElite, a business focusing on earning talented athletes scholarships to American Universities, focusing on Football but also a wide variety of other sports. I provide an in-depth service that develops the student as a player while assisting throughout the whole application process for students leaving school at the end of Year 13. Year 11 and 12 is a great time for students to begin considering the opportunities in America.

To give you a brief background, my name is Elliott Everson, I'm DBS checked and also certified in Safeguarding Children. Over the past year I have worked closely with numerous schools in the South and East of England assisting students in their search for Sports Scholarships.

I have six years' experience of playing Soccer and coaching at University level in the USA, throughout that time developing a wide range of personal and professional contacts within the collegiate game. University in the USA can provide a fantastic opportunity for students. Large scholarships are available and, in some cases, the student can earn a degree for no cost at all. Universities have professional level facilities and training, allowing students to reach fitness and performance levels that they haven't achieved before.

My role is to help develop the player, ensuring that they are physically and technically prepared for competition. I create a player profile with match footage and then work on behalf of the student with the goal of finding the best scholarship available. I also assist in all administration requirements, such as University and VISA applications, plus much more.

If this is of interest, I would be more than happy to talk to you further regarding the opportunities for further education in the US. Please feel free to pass this email on to any students who you may feel this would be of interest to.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Elliott Everson

OpportunityElite

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[info@opportunityelite.co.uk](mailto:info@opportunityelite.co.uk)

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### **MEDLINK/VETSIM Info**

We have received a large amount of information about the following courses. Please see posters in the Sixth Form corridor for more information:

#### **MEDSIM Work Experience PLUS**

*Welcome to our new Work Experience Plus Programme!*

In addition to working with doctors and medical students, Plus programme participants will work with real patients for assessment and diagnosis and have practical experience of suturing through to phlebotomy and much more. Participants will also gain experience with dynamic, fully interactive virtual organs that have been created by medical schools for training and to be used for diagnosis. *As a doctor of the future you will use these tools to diagnose, plan surgery and more. Through the Plus programme you will go far beyond the 'just watch' pattern of ordinary work experience and actively engage!*

Places are limited for the Work Experience Plus Programme – book your place today at [www.medlink-uk.net](http://www.medlink-uk.net), or contact [support@workshop-uk.info](mailto:support@workshop-uk.info)

### **MEDLINK Intensive 2-Day Residential**

Due to popular demand, the Medlink Exhibition is returning to Nottingham on 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The residential conference is designed for Year 12 & 13 students who are planning on applying to medical school. Information available during the conference includes:

- UKCAT – hear from the people who set and mark the test, the best preparation possible.
- PERSONAL STATEMENTS – Step-by-step guide to a winning application.
- 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\* (optional)
- SOCIAL MEDIA – make it work to boost your application
- MEDICAL STUDENTS – share their tips for success
- FREE DELUXE STETHOSCOPE and guided auscultation practical.

Book your place now – go online to book at [www.medlink-uk.net](http://www.medlink-uk.net) or reach us with queries at [support@workshop-uk.info](mailto:support@workshop-uk.info)

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

The website [www.ukuniversitysearch.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.imeche.org/awards) or contact [awards@imeche.org](mailto:awards@imeche.org).

### **Could you be a PE Apprentice?**

Do you enjoy working with young people?

Have you been involved with your PE and School Sports network?

Have you helped at the many Community Festivals?

Would you like to gain valuable Life skills and experience in a school based, work based environment and get paid?

Be part of an exciting new challenge working within PE and School Sports Networks

Become a PE and School Sports Apprentice, learning new skills, gaining valuable qualifications in the sporting world that will support you on your career pathway.

Be part of an award winning successful, dynamic, innovative team.

Visit : [www.Sportingfuturestraining.co.uk](http://www.Sportingfuturestraining.co.uk) or contact [vacancies@sportingfutures.co.uk](mailto:vacancies@sportingfutures.co.uk)

01438 791068 / 01438 791046

### **The Lawyer Portal**

Received by email:

I am delighted to announce the launch of [The Lawyer Portal](http://www.thelawyerportal.com) - the comprehensive new resource for aspiring legal professionals - written by qualified lawyers, with contributions from world-leading law firms.

It is in official partnership with the Bar Council and the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives, and features content from Freshfields, Hogan Lovells, Dentons, Penningtons, Simmons & Simmons and more!

Building on The Medic Portal's success, which is now used by over 400,000+ users annually and by hundreds of schools globally, we are very excited to be able to provide schools with another all encompassing definitive and trustworthy resource, endorsed by the key names within legal careers, for students, teachers and parents.

[www.thelawyerportal.com](http://www.thelawyerportal.com)

### **Could you volunteer with the Samaritans?**

If you have ever felt you would like to get involved and help others, being a Samaritan could be what you are looking for.

The only qualities are to be open-minded and non-judgemental. In preparation to become a volunteer, you will be given an extensive training programme, followed by a mentor programme to ensure you have all the tools you need to pick up the phone and help someone in crisis.

You need to be over 18 years old and able to give approx. 4 hours per week including one overnight shift per month.

Email [north-herts.volunteering@samaritans.org](mailto:north-herts.volunteering@samaritans.org) to request an information pack and details of upcoming information events.



If something is troubling you, you can contact our local Samaritans on 01462 455333.

### **Access to Southampton Scheme – Benefits include a reduced university offer, a £1000 bursary and support through your first year of study!**

The University of Southampton say:

*We recognise that A-Level grades alone cannot tell us everything about an applicant's abilities or personal circumstances. We want to encourage applications from talented students who have the potential to succeed at the University regardless of their educational or social background.*

The Access to Southampton scheme provides special consideration and financial support to encourage progression on to higher education.

Students must complete and submit an application form by May of their Year 12 studies and will be invited to attend a **free** summer school and complete an academic assignment.

The A2S Summer School aims to give students the opportunity to see what life is like as a University of Southampton student. They will attend lectures, seminars or workshops based in their chosen subject, as well as spend time with current undergraduate students.

The academic assignment is designed to provide an insight into the expectations of studying at a Russell Group university, and will also assess the potential of those applying through the scheme.

Students who successfully pass the academic assignment will be eligible for:

- An alternative offer, which is normally up to two grades lower than our standard offer
- Support, advice and guidance through attendance at our 'Transition and Skills' event on campus
- Online support from current University of Southampton students
- A £1000 bursary when enrolling to the first year of study

To view the eligibility criteria and apply, please visit [www.southampton.ac.uk/a2s](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/a2s)

### **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.