

Options

Year 11 Options Recap

Sixth Form

There are two types of Sixth Form. Sixth Forms which are attached to schools and provide students with the opportunity to stay under one roof from Year 7 to Year 13 (or to join at Year 12) or independent sixth form colleges.

A school sixth form will prepare 16-18 years olds for university and apprenticeships through A-levels and some BTECs.

Most Sixth Form colleges offer 16-18 year olds a wider range of subjects and qualifications than traditional schools. Most will also allow students any combination of subjects; there may be as many as 40 A-Level subjects to choose from as well as the EPQ and vocational and technical qualifications.

Both school sixth forms and sixth form colleges usually have a minimum GCSE grade requirement which students must pass in order to proceed into the Sixth Form.

FE College

FE colleges are a totally different world to school or sixth form college: you are expected to be responsible and take control of your own time-management. The environment is also less formal and it's unlikely there will be any dress code.

A full-time course at college is 16 hours, which can mean a student can have a part-time job at the same time (but they will be expected to complete course work and projects too!). Students required to re-sit or take English and maths as part of their study programme may be in college for more hours.

In college you can study A levels, T levels and vocational qualifications, called BTECS which can be equivalent of an A level depending on the level of the BTEC you take. Vocational qualifications normally train you for a job in a particular field, for example, construction, health & social care, hairdressing and beauty therapy.

BTEC Level 1 equivalent to GCSE Grade 1-3

BTEC Level 2 equivalent to GCSE Grade 4-9

BTEC Level 3 equivalent to A levels

Apprenticeships

With an apprenticeship you would be based 80% of time in the workplace and 20% of the time would be studying. This generally works out to one day a week in college or another training provider. You would also be earning a wage and would get a qualification at the end of your apprenticeship.

There are different levels of apprenticeships:

Intermediate –equivalent to GCSEs

Advanced – equivalent to A Levels

Higher – equivalent to a foundation degree and above

Degree – equivalent to a bachelors or master's degree

Black Leaders of the Future Careers Event 24th January 5-8pm

Young Professionals are inviting you to their next in-person Black Heritage event at the Vue Cinema Leicester Square, London, taking place on Tuesday 24th December. Their female focused event was a massive success and they're really excited to be running another event back to Leicester Square, this time to celebrate diversity and young black talent.



So far, they have: 'Big 4' constituent Accounting and Professional Services firm PwC, American media company Bloomberg, Legal & General, a British multinational financial services and asset management company as well as two Technology giants World Wide Technology and BT Group all attending with more global companies still to be announced! There will be a series of panel discussions, keynote presentations from senior black leaders and as always lots of networking opportunities!

Please click on the link below to apply for this special event opportunity. Being in-person means they have limited capacity so make sure to apply ASAP for best chances of securing yourself a spot!

Key Details:

Vue Cinema Leicester Square, London WC2H 7AL
Black Heritage Focused Event for students looking to get into the Business, Accounting, Technology or Law sectors
Certificates will be given out on the night as well as some fantastic prizes including iPads, AirPods and much more!
The suggested dress code is smart casual.

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-Black-Leaders-Event>



Virtual Routes into STEM Year 9 and 10 Students

Virtual Routes into STEM is happening in February half term 2023! Take your chance to:

- explore different Routes into a STEM career including College Courses, University Courses, Apprenticeships
- engage in projects and activities such as a Biopharm challenge from GSK, a Design challenge from Balfour Beatty, a RSC Chemistry challenge and many more exciting challenges in all aspects of STEM
- enhance your problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and innovation skills as well as inspiring you to find careers motivation
- create your own personalised action plan to see your own Route into STEM and learn about your career skills and how you could write about this in your CV or Personal Statement
- gain an Industrial Cadets Bronze Award showing all that you have achieved on the course

Whose it for?

Students in Year 9 or 10 who are interested in exploring a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

All you need is an interest in STEM and curiosity about the future and is open to all academic abilities

What's involved?

Approximately 20 hours of study virtually at a pace that suits you over 3 weeks

Exploring different Routes into a STEM career including College Courses, University Courses, Apprenticeships and learning from industry what is involved in a STEM career as well as enhancing your skills

The course includes live interactive sessions over the half-term break allowing you to listen and ask questions to STEM students and professionals. Once you have been inspired by these different Routes you will get to work on a project set by a STEM company to look further at a career area that interests you

When is it?

Thursday 9th February – Tuesday 7th March 2023 with live sessions 13th – 17th Feb and 20th – 24th Feb (depending on when your February half term week falls)

Thursday 13th July – Tuesday 8th August 2023 with live sessions 24th - 28th July 2023

Places are limited so do not delay and apply soon!

Routes into STEM | EDT (etrust.org.uk)



Residential Insight into University For Yr12

Residential Insight into University summer schools run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. In summer 2023 these will include:

- Maths at Lancaster
- Mechanical Engineering at UCL
- Chemical Engineering at UCL
- Materials Science at Oxford
- Robotics at Liverpool
- Broad-based Engineering at Sheffield
- Materials Science at Cambridge
- Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool

For dates, cost, requirements, content of each course and the application form, please click [here](#).

Applications deadline is fast approaching, so do not delay and apply before the 3rd of January 2023.



Insight into University residential courses are summer schools run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. Students will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Students will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings. These courses provide a great way for students to try out university life, help them make an informed decision for their UCAS application and meet like-minded students from all around the UK. On completion of the course students will achieve an Industrial Cadets Silver Award.

These courses are available for Year 12 students who attend a school or college in the UK.

You can apply online for a Residential Insight into University course by [clicking here](#). Please submit only one application. You can select up to three different courses you'd like to apply for. Please note we can only allocate one course place per student.



HSBC Work Experience Programme 2023

HSBC's Work Experience Programme is going live for applications on 23rd January 2023!

If you are looking for a week's work experience during the Summer, where you can meet HSBC colleagues, find out more about our different business areas, develop your skills and attend 2 physical placement days, the HSBC Work Experience could be for you. To find out more and to apply, please visit:

[UK Work Experience Programme | HSBC Holdings plc #](#)



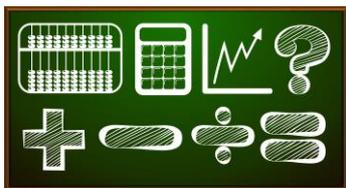
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Balliol College Monday Maths Programme

Monday Maths is a programme for students who aspire to study maths at Oxbridge or another highly competitive university. It is open to state school students who are in year 12 and are studying Maths A Level- (Further Maths is helpful but it is not a requirement.) Students should be aspiring to achieve an A* at Maths A Level. Students will take part in 8, 2- hour online sessions beginning Monday 30th January for which you will have to prepare. Therefore, you need to be able to set aside up to 4 hours per week to accommodate this programme. The programme will include a visit to Balliol and support pre and post application. Access Programmes for Year 12 Students

Applications from London, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Oxfordshire Suffolk and from service children anywhere in the country will be prioritised, however students from other areas of the country are welcome to apply.

Students can apply for a place on Monday Maths [here](#). The deadline for applications is Sunday 15th January 5pm



Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series

One week away until applications close for the upcoming online and free King's College London **Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series 2023**.

This programme is for students across the UK in Year 11, 12, and 13 who have only attended non-selective state schools since age 11 and are interested in becoming a doctor or dentist. Over the course of the 14 lecture programme students will hear from a variety of speakers to help them make the best application to medicine or dentistry possible!

Last year's lectures included the following:

- Medical and dental specialities: cardiology, prosthodontics, renal transplant, and many more!
- Q&As each week with current medical and dental students as well as a lecture dedicated to the student experience.
- A session on other careers in healthcare with six professionals currently working and teaching in the sector (nursing, dietetics, clinical science, etc.)
- September Q&A with key admissions colleagues in the schools of medicine and dentistry at KCL and UCL.
- Lectures on the application process: the UCAT, personal statements, and interviews.

Lectures will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6-7.15pm and will run in blocks of three throughout 2023. The first three lectures will take place on the 31st January, 7th February, and 14th February. The remaining three blocks of lectures will take place in Spring and Summer.

For more information and to apply, students should follow this [link](#). The deadline to apply is next week Friday 16th December 2022.

Use this form here to apply: [Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series 2023, Application Form \(onlinesurveys.ac.uk\)](#)



There have been many wonderful awards ceremonies over the past few months, recognising the fantastic achievements of the country's top apprentices and employers. It's been a brilliant way to end the year on a high.

The newly released 'Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2022' is a helpful resource for those considering an apprenticeship - the national league table recognises England's leading apprenticeship employers.

[Apprenticeships Top 100 Employers 2022 \(topapprenticeshipemployers.co.uk\)](#)

FREE: RAF Engineering Experience (Virtual)

Ignite your potential and learn more about the exciting world of engineering on this RAF supported virtual engineering course. Run by The Smallpeice Trust, this course dares you to imagine the world of tomorrow in the company of other students who share your interest and passion for STEM. Try solving problems faced by real-life engineers and work on fun real-world projects with like-minded young people from the comfort of your own home. This course is for 12 to 14-year-old students (Years 8/9 or equivalent).



Run over four fun, action-packed half-days, this online course is delivered by an experienced team of Smallpeice youth delivery experts and supervisors - RAF personnel are also on-hand to offer support and guidance. Students are exposed to three different areas of engineering they could study at university, covering cyber security, electrical and space engineering. The course also encourages students to get creative and improve their teamwork, communication and leadership skills. All the kit required for the course will be mailed out in advance.

For further information and to book click [here](#)

Job Opportunity

The Lee Valley Boat Centre are looking to give students a great first job opportunity. They are a local family business based in Broxbourne beside the River Lee, hiring out small electric boats to the public.

They have been hiring students for their first jobs for over 20 years, with most their staff tending to remain with us through their university years. As a business they employ their staff from April – September, with our busy periods being throughout the school holidays.



They are looking for;

- 16+ only
- Good time keeping
- Attention to detail
- Excellent communication skills
- Customer service knowledge
- Health and safety awareness

Full training will be given. The first 3 shifts will be a paid probation period. Pay above minimum wage for age group. Type of employment; season, casual and on a rota.

Please email office@leevalleyboats.co.uk if you are interested



Imperial College London Levelling Up

Applications for Levelling Up are now open.

Levelling Up is a year-long academic and pastoral support programme for Year 12 students who intend to study science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine at university.

Through a range of online academic tutorials, university information sessions, and additional activities hosted by Imperial College London or other participating universities and partners, Levelling Up aims to support you with your A-level studies and ensure that you are as prepared as possible for the next step in your educational journey.

Through this programme you will:

- Develop the skills you need to achieve a top grade in A-level Physics or Chemistry;
- Build your confidence when applying to research-intensive universities like Imperial College London, which require an A/A* in your chosen subject;
- Gain an insight into undergraduate level study, and what it is like to be a student at Imperial College London.

What to expect on the program

Both strands will consist predominantly of fortnightly after-school online tutorials on either Tuesdays or Thursdays, with one in-person event held at Imperial's South Kensington Campus on a Saturday in March 2023.

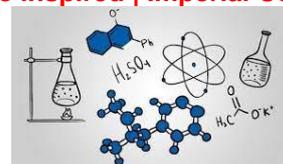
You may only apply for one strand - Physics or Chemistry.

Application deadline: Thursday 5 January 2023 at 12 noon.

Applications are made through **Aspire** (their online application system). You must create an account with Aspire before you can fill out your application.

They recommend you use a personal email address, as opposed to a school email address, when creating an Aspire account. Security settings used in some school email servers will prevent you from receiving emails from Aspire.

Levelling Up | Be inspired | Imperial College London





Apprentice Engineer - Enfield Warburtons Limited

Warburton's apprenticeship applications are open NOW in readiness for their selection events in February 2023. The apprenticeship programme gives YOU the development and skill set you need for them to shape your future together. The apprenticeship provides the knowledge, skills and experience needed for the role of a multi skilled maintenance engineer.

What will the apprentice be doing?

The apprenticeship provides the knowledge, skills and experience needed for the role of a multi skilled maintenance engineer. These include, plant maintenance, highly automated control systems, mechanical, electrical and production systems along with learning about food and safety legislation.

Typical things you can expect are:

- You'll take on a real role with real responsibility and undertake challenging placements around the business
- A structured 4-year Apprenticeship Programme with a lead into a permanent position
- Varied learning through a mixture of college study and on the job training with your own personal Warburtons mentor
- An apprenticeship that equips you to become a multi skilled maintenance engineer
- A varied programme that involves, electrical, mechanical and maintenance engineering
- Learning to fault find and fix mechanical and electrical components of the plant equipment and making and suggesting improvements

What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?

- Level 2 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Foundation Competence)
- Level 2 Award for Foundation Phase Gateway Assessment
- BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Knowledge)
- Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Competence)

What is the expected career progression after this apprenticeship?

At the end of your apprenticeship you'll have achieved your Level 3 qualification in Multi-skilled Maintenance engineering ready for you to go into a permanent role with us.

Possible start date: 04 Sep 2023

Apply now

Closing date: 20 Dec 2022

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Solicitor Apprenticeship Stephenson Harwood LLP

Their solicitor apprenticeship offers you an exciting opportunity to work on deals with international clients while also studying and working towards a level 7 solicitor apprenticeship standard. You'll be part of a team of partners, associates, trainees and paralegals; you can expect to be helping our lawyers with a variety of tasks.

What will the apprentice be doing?

During the week, duties may vary according to the specialist area that the apprentice is based within. However, tasks may involve:

- Carrying out factual and legal research
- Assisting with the opening, progress and closing of matters
- Reviewing documents
- Drafting legal documents
- Handling confidential information
- Speaking to clients

What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?

Apprentices will have one day a week (Monday) studying online at BPP University. During the first years of the apprenticeship, students will work towards getting a law degree.

In the final two years, the apprentices will work towards their SQE qualifications and, once passed, will be eligible to apply to become a qualified solicitor. This is a Level 7 qualification.

What is the expected career progression after this apprenticeship?

Once qualified, the solicitor apprentices will be able to apply for newly qualified associate roles, currently earning £90,000 per year.

Qualifications

A Level or equivalent Any (Grade ABB) Essential

The application process is as follows:

1. Online application form.
2. Interview with HR.
3. Online written exercise checking attention to detail and commercial awareness.
4. Assessment day consisting of an interview with HR and a partner and a 10 minute presentation.

Apply now

Closing date: 28 Feb 2023



Standard Charter Bank Apprenticeships

Calling all Year 13's interested in a career in Business & Finance

- Are you interested in working in Financial Services?
- Would you like to work for a global bank that puts diversity and sustainability at the core of its business?
- Interested in earning an apprenticeship salary of £28,000 per year with annual increases?

If the answer is yes to any of the above, look at the Standard Chartered Bank apprenticeships!

They offer Level 6 Financial Markets and Level 4 Investment Operations Specialist apprenticeships which puts their apprentices at the heart of the bank.

And there's more:

- They recruit on potential, not grades
- They flourish on diversity – even if you have ZERO knowledge of banking, they're interested in hearing from you
- They want to irradicate imposter syndrome – so keep their assessments centres small and personal

Level 6 Financial Markets Apprenticeship – 3-year programme

Apprentices complete a one-year foundation programme which leads onto the Level 6 Financial Markets Apprenticeship. They also complete their CISI & CPA professional qualifications which are compulsory Financial Services exams. Apprentices will work on the trading floor and will be allocated to a different desk during their six-monthly rotations.

Level 4 Investment Operations Specialist Apprenticeship – 2-year programme

This apprenticeship sits within the Client Coverage department of the bank. Apprentices will sit the CISI examinations. Their role is to learn about the banks products and liaise between the bank and their clients. Apprentices will have four rotations during their apprenticeship. Although this is a Level 4 apprenticeship, much of the learning they receive is the same as Level 6 and is a challenging and enjoyable pathway into financial services.

Applications open on 6th January 2023 and close on 3rd March 2023.

Find out more about the Standard Chartered apprenticeships: <https://www.sc.com/en/global-careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/>



Network Rail Finance Apprenticeship!

Overview

You need to be aged 18 or over to apply for this scheme. Your starting salary is £17,000. There will be opportunities during the scheme to receive pay awards, based on your placement and exam performance.

The scheme lasts for 4.5 – 5 years for Group Finance apprentices and 3 – 5 years for regional apprentices.

Start date: Applicants must be available to start from September 2023

Apprentices complete AAT level 3 and level 4, and CIMA level 7 apprenticeship programmes and receive Associate status with the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

Their Level 3 Finance Apprenticeship Scheme is an alternative route to university and provides a unique opportunity to understand different aspects of finance and how they all interact with the wider business. You'll enjoy generous study support; with the time and space you need to complete your qualifications. Plus, you'll have plenty of opportunities to put your learning into practice.

You'll be mentored and guided by former graduates and senior finance leaders, who will empower you to grow and develop. Working independently, you'll learn how to excel in high pressured environments. And, as we're big believers in agile and flexible working and promoters of a diverse and inclusive culture, we'll encourage you to bring your whole self to work every day.

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/level-3-finance-apprenticeship-scheme/>