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Meet the students: What is university really like? 8th May 4.30-6.30pm

What is university life really like? There's no-one in a better position to answer than current undergraduate students. Unifrog are inviting students to join this virtual event to chat to young people who are currently studying at 30 universities across the UK. Sign up from your Unifrog account.



Apply: Cambridge is a specialist and free programme designed to support high attaining students from underrepresented backgrounds and areas make competitive applications to the University of Cambridge. It's for students in Year 12 who intend to make an application to Cambridge in October 2024 for entry in October 2025.

The programme will be delivered by Cambridge staff and Admissions Tutors who will be sharing their expertise on the application process. They will work with participants every step of the way over a 6-month period, helping them navigate the process and effectively prepare for their Cambridge application. The programme will be delivered entirely online and will run from July 2024 until the end of January 2025.

Participants will receive:

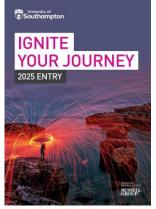
- Informational webinars
- Interactive workshops
- Supercurricular learning opportunities
- Q&A sessions with Admissions Tutors and current students
- Mentoring from a current University of Cambridge student, including:
- virtual 1-1 mentoring over a text-based app and website
- monthly group mentoring meetings with your mentor over Zoom
- personal statement feedback

Apply: Cambridge is a fantastic opportunity and we welcome applications from any of your students who meet the eligibility criteria. Please share this opportunity widely with students at your school/college.

To learn more about the programme and to review the eligibility and priority criteria, please visit their website: www.cam.ac.uk/apply-cambridge

University of Southampton Ignite your Journey

Born out of 10 year of excellent outcomes through their Access to Southampton programme, Ignite your Journey, their strand for Year 12/13 students, is designed to support your university application, help develop the skills you'll need for study at a research led university and support your transition to higher education (HE). Applications for the programme for 2025 entry will open in May 2024.



Programme overview

Participants will take part in a number of activities to develop skills and knowledge around university level study, and help with their transition to HE.

Online learning module: You will complete an online learning module to prepare you for university and help develop some of the key skills needed for higher education.

Virtual Q&A sessions: We will host monthly live Q&As to connect you with experts on topics related to your journey to university.

E-mentoring: You will be matched with a current University of Southampton student who will be able to share their experience of university life and answer your questions.

Personal development opportunities: We will offer a range of opportunities which will focus on transferable skills to get you thinking about your employability and personal development.

On campus activities: We will offer you travel bursaries of up to £100 to enable Ignite your Journey students to attend.

As well as getting the chance develop skills and understanding of the transition to university, those who complete the programme in full will be eligible to receive:

- Additional admissions consideration when you apply to Southampton*.
- £1000 scholarship in your first year of study.
- Support to apply to Ignite your Success, an Alumni funded programme that supports undergraduates with a blend of financial, career, academic and other opportunities.

Attend one of the University's Autumn Open Days and/or an Applicant visit day, where appropriate. All participants will also attend a Transition and Skills event in April of Year 13.

For further information click here

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Field Studies Council

Young Darwin Scholarships

The Young Darwin Scholarships are back for 2024! If you are aged 16-25 and are looking to enhance your environmental knowledge and be part of a community of young people with similar interests, then this scholarship is for you.

They have been successfully running this programme since 2012 and have awarded 350 scholarships. This year, they are awarding another 60 places to young people from across the UK.

They welcome all young people regardless of their background or experience. You do not need a degree or any qualifications to be a scholar. All we ask is that you have an interest in nature and are open to learning new environmental skills!

The scholarship starts with an immersive experience, during which scholars will participate in a range of workshops and activities to broaden their knowledge and skill set. Following this experience, scholars will receive support and opportunities for 3 years, including exclusive events, discounts and workshops.

What is included in the scholarship?

• The scholarship starts with a residential trip, or series of day trips, at locations across the UK, with each experience centring around time outdoors in environmentally engaging spaces.

During these experiences, scholars will:

- Practice a wide range of field and identification skills in areas that have been selected for their variety of plants, trees and wildlife.
- Gain practical, observational and recording skills through a series of activities that help with wildlife and habitat conservation.
- Explore a range of landscapes and learn how these areas are managed and conserved.
- Meet inspirational speakers and experts from different backgrounds to discuss current environmental issues, offer advice, and answer any questions.
- Build your confidence while exploring the outdoors with likeminded people who share similar interests.

Apply here

Student Finance

To make sure students have their funding in place for the start of their course, the deadline to apply for new students is Friday 17 May 2024.

University of Law Lecture Series

Real World Lecture: How Is Mental Health Protected By The Law? 14 May 2024, 16:00 – 17:00

To recognise mental health awareness week our expert tutor will be exploring how mental health is protected by the law and how it is adapting in the face of more individuals suffering with these issues. These lectures are open to all and can support personal statement preparation and help to build commercial awareness. Gain valuable knowledge about mental health and the legal framework, empowering you to navigate these issues effectively. Register **here**



Criminal Investigation Day – The Jill Dando Unsolved Murder Case 22 May 2024, 16:00 – 17:30

Join The University of Law for our virtual Criminal Investigation Day. Together we will investigate the facts, evidence and build a timeline of events surrounding the Jill Dando murder case. 25 years on, we will revisit what happened, explore what evidence was found and learn why the biggest murder enquiry conducted by the Metropolitan police at the time remains unsolved. We will discuss the media, society and criminal justice system influence on the trial with a key focus on the importance of analysing evidence and creating strong closing statements in a courtroom. This event is for anyone looking to experience what the role of a lawyer, criminologist, forensic police officer or judge would be like, and to find out how they interrelate with each other. Register **here**

Applications are open for the Levelling-Up programme at the University of Southampton!

Levelling Up is an online tutoring and mentoring scheme for students from under- represented backgrounds and areas. The programme is a year-long initiative running from the Spring Term of Year 12 through to the Spring term of Year 13. This is aimed towards students considering applying to university to study degrees in STEM subjects.

You will be supported by trained undergraduate and postgraduate students who will lead weekly online mentoring sessions designed to prepare you for university life and applications as well as tutorials designed to support your A-Level studies. You will benefit from small group teaching as part of this with groups of 5-10 pupils per group. Sign up **here**

Levelling Up Year 12 STEM Mentoring Programme Application Form 2024



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Year 12 Civil Engineering Opportunity

Over three days, students will unravel the intricacies of Civil Engineering, discovering how engineers shape modern infrastructures to create clean, safe, and energy-efficient cities. Led by top academics, participants will engage in hands-on activities, tackling real-world challenges and gaining invaluable insights into the social value of careers in Civil Engineering.



Book your place here





This comprehensive conference covers all of the essential requirements for applying to medical school and provides invaluable tips on how to stand out from the crowd. With informative sessions led by experienced professionals, you'll gain an understanding of what medical schools are looking for, learn how to perform phenomenally in interviews, and discover the importance of extracurricular activities in your application. This conference is the perfect opportunity to take that first essential step towards a career in medicine, and it's all conveniently accessible from the comfort of your own home. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to get ahead and become a competitive applicant for medical school – register for Medic Mentor's virtual get into medicine conference today!

https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-universityconference/

NHS Finance Insights placement scheme

An exciting career opportunity for year 13 students from lowincome families in the east of England. What could a career in NHS finance offer? When you think about working in the NHS which career springs to mind? Perhaps a doctor or a nurse?

It might surprise you to learn that there are over 350 different types of career in the NHS, including a career in NHS Finance. There are a range of roles working as part of the finance team that supports the patient services provided by the NHS that you and your friends and family receive care from throughout your lives.

The Insights placement scheme offers paid work finance experience in NHS organisations throughout England to individuals aged 18 and above, who do not plan to attend university and come from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

The scheme aims to attract diverse talent from local communities served by the NHS into the finance sector. It provides a 12-month experience in an entry-level (band 2) finance role, allowing candidates to develop new skills and gain on-the-job work experience. Upon completion of the placement, each candidate should feel well-prepared to apply for NHS opportunities, including apprenticeships or other entry-level roles, and be confident in transitioning to professional working environments.

The initiative aims to support young people aged 18+ from lowincome families, and applicants interested must meet the following criteria:

- Attending state school or college, minimum Grade 4 in GCSE Maths is desirable but not essential, and
- Not planning on attending university, and
- The occupation of your main household earner is categorised as a lower socio-economic background, or
- Have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the previous six years

Application is via a simple **form** by 5pm on 24/5/24.

University of Hertfordshire Taster Lecture

Psychology: The role of a health psychologist 30 April 2024, 16:30 - 17:15

Day in the Life of a Social Worker 9 May 2024, 16:30 - 17:15

Gothic Masterclass: The dark side of literature 15 May 2024, 17:00 - 17:45

Sign up here







About the programme

Designed for school students in Year 11 and 12, you'll discover more about an EY apprenticeship and the wealth of exciting career possibilities available to you. Across one day or two days you'll learn more about the work their apprentices do to make an impact on our people, clients, and communities.

There are two programmes available:

- Career Starters Financial Futures: you'll learn more about a career in Assurance and Tax and get an insight into our Business Apprenticeship programmes.
- Career starters Female Tech Futures: our Female Tech Futures programme is aimed at raising awareness with female students who are keen to pursue a career in technology. You'll learn more about our Degree Apprenticeship in Digital and Technology, and you'll have access to senior role models and gain an insight into the wide world of technology at EY.

What will you be doing?

- Take part in on-the-job case studies, business skills sessions, and networking with current apprentices
- Have access to senior role models within the business
- Attend workshops with business leaders

And if you're in Year 12, you could even be fast-tracked onto one of our 2025 apprenticeship opportunities.

Programme duration: One day or two days

How is it structured? Get a taste of the real working world with our one-day or two-day insight programmes:

- If you're in Year 11 you'll attend a one-day virtual event and take part in online sessions
- If you're in Year 12 you'll attend a one-day virtual event as well as a one-day in-person event hosted in one of our EY office in Bristol, Edinburgh, London, and Manchester.

For the in-person event, EY will cover reasonable travel costs for you to get to the office. There are no overnight stays for these events and we advise for you to only apply to locations that are within a comfortable commutable distance.

Are you eligible to apply?

We operate an open access policy, meaning we don't screen out applications on your academic performance alone. You must be in Year 11 or 12 completing three A levels (or equivalent) and have a minimum of grade 4/C GCSE (or equivalent) in English Language and Maths.

Click here to apply



What Economists Really Do Oxford University Webinar Series

On topics ranging from the climate crisis to labour market discrimination, Oxford economists are working with governments and businesses around the world to improve policy and make the economy work better for everyone. Find out how economics can be used to shed light on some of the biggest issues facing society today in this successful public webinar series. WERD is run as an outreach programme by the Department of Economics, Oxford University to inspire the study of economics and share 'What Economists Really Do'.

Monday, 20 May What Economists Really Do: The Economics of Refugees and Migration

Sign up **here** to watch live. All previous economics webinars are available to watch on demand

The economics of disability, Economics of sustainability and Economics and LGBTQ+



Insight into University is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It provides access to information on student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers and current students.

Whether young people are interested in life sciences, chemistry, biomedical, forensic science, robotics, food science, electronics, engineering, physics, computer science, sustainability, materials science, aerospace, built environment, tech or maths, we have something for them. With specially developed content and live sessions from universities including University of Cambridge, Sheffield, Lancaster, Abertay, UCL, Oxford, Liverpool, Plymouth, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Warwick, Kingston, Nottingham, Strathclyde. We will also have some fantastic workshops and careers guidance from organisations such as Innovate UK, GSK, GE, Tech Partnership, Rolls Royce and more.

Apply here



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Russell Group Webinars Fair Tuesday 30th April 2024 - Thursday 02nd May 2024

UK University Search are excited to be collaborating with the Russell Group once again to bring you their popular, informative and inspiring webinars that cover a range of key topics.

Taking place from the 30th April to the 2nd May, they have five 90-minute sessions each featuring five or six expert panellists who will offer clear, impartial guidance for students looking at taking the next step in their educational journey.

In each session the Q&A function will be managed by other member universities from the Russell Group who will be able to answer specific questions and provide further information.

Once you have registered you will be able to select the webinar/s you would like to join by clicking on the zoom link/s. Please also register if you would like to be emailed access to the recordings

The schedule is as follows:

Day 1 - 30th April

An Introduction to the Russell Group and Why Choose to Study There? 12:00 to 13:30 Student life at University 16:30 - 18:00

Day 3 - 2nd May

Researching University Options - 12:00 to 13:30 Personal Statements and Applying to a Russell Group University -16:30 to 18:00

The Russell Group is made up of:

University of Birmingham, University of Bristol, University of Cambridge, Cardiff University, Durham University, University of Edinburgh, University of Exeter, University of Glasgow, Imperial College London, King's College London, University of Leeds, University of Liverpool, London School of Economics & Political Science, University of Manchester, Newcastle University, University of Nottingham, University of Oxford, Queen Mary, University of London, Queen's University Belfast, University of Sheffield, University of Southampton, University College London, University of Warwick, University of York.

Register here

Young Professionals Student Careers Conference in London July 11th 10am - 1:30pm, London

Young Professionals understand how hard it is to gain such valuable opportunities, especially those that are in-person in the competitive industries of Business, Law, Technology Finance, Accounting and Professional Services.

The Young Professionals Work Experience Conference Event is the event of the year full of keynotes from top business leaders, workshops and lots of networking, not to mention their LinkedIn photo booth where you can get professional photos done for free on the day!

Taking place on Thursday 11th July, 10am - 1:30pm at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in Westminster. The conference centre is right next to the Houses of Parliament.

This will be the largest student event the capital has ever seen. Some of the world's most prestigious employers will come together for this event. You must have heard of the banking GIANTS, Goldman Sachs, UBS & Lloyds Banking Group? Or maybe 'the Big 4' accountancy and professional services firm KPMG and Magic Circle Law Firm Linklaters?

Amazon, Mazars, Grant Thornton, Berkeley Group, Accenture, DLG, Farrer & Co, Rothschild & Co and of course, we have many, many more huge employers that will also be ready to meet and greet you.

Last year they had hundreds of students being offered in-person work-experience / placements straight off the back of the incredible networking they gained at our event!

Key Event Details:

- Exciting high-profile special guest speakers including a special talk from CEO Dan Miller at Young Professionals on how to make £1m by 25 years old.
- Keynote talks, networking, and workshop sessions with global brands and FTSE100 firms
- LinkedIn photo booth which you can use on your profile
- Workshop and breakout room session zones with employers
- Goodie bags and prizes available on the day including iPads, Laptops and more!
- Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis until we reach capacity
- Certificate of attendance for your portfolio and CV
- Suitable for any students in Y11, Y12, Y13, Gap Year Students and University Students interested in gaining an insight into careers in Business, Finance, Accounting, Professional Services, Law & STEM

We are expecting the Young Professionals Conference to sell out very quickly

Click here to book

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Year 12 Law Scholarships & Work Experience

CMS, believe that a career in law should be accessible to all. Therefore, they are delighted to be launching two programmes for Year 12 students; CMS Law Scholarships and CMS Connect (work experience).

These programmes are designed to help students discover a career in Law.
CMS is the 5th largest law firm in the world and has been named in The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers 2023.
CMS has over 80 offices worldwide with 9 offices in the UK including: London, Bristol, Sheffield, Manchester and Liverpool.

CMS are offering paid, in-person work experience at their offices in London, w/c July 29th to Year 12 students. Information about eligibility criteria and application process can be found **here**.

Additionally, CMS are offering Year 12 students interested in pursuing a Law degree £2500 per year scholarships. Information about eligibility criteria and application process can be found **here**.

As a Year 12 student, you can apply to both the CMS Law Scholarship and / or CMS Connect. CMS are hosting a **webinar** on May 2nd at 4.30pm for students, staff and parents interested in learning more about the opportunities.

Law Scholarships How do I apply?

To be considered for a scholarship, you will need to enter their essay writing competition which closes 12 July 2024. The essay questions to choose from this year are:

1. "Anyone should be allowed to buy vapes if they want." Do you agree?

2. Should countries be able to strip someone of their citizenship? Essays must be between 750 and 1000 words. You can find out more on their **website**, including tips on how to make a good application:

CMS Connect How do I apply?

Applications open 24 April and close 19 June Apply online **here** Complete the below questions (maximum 200 words each):

1. Please tell us about your proudest achievement. This could be from any aspect of your life (e.g. it doesn't have to be an academic achievement).

2. What motivated you to apply to CMS and what do you hope to gain from this experience?

If you have questions about these opportunities please contact CMS directly via **Emergingtalent@cms-cmno.com**.



Financial Accountant Apprentice University of London

What you will do in your working day

The University of London is inviting applications for a Financial Accountant Apprentice. As part of an essential support team, you will be assisting the Group Accountant with year-end and monthend tasks.

After 12-18 months the opportunity to gain experience in other parts of Finance will be facilitated, options include Performance Reporting, Treasury and Transactional teams. This is a great opportunity to get exposure to a variety of accounting tasks and responsibilities.

Duties and responsibilities (not limited to):

Financial Accounting

- Assisting with the production of the annual consolidated and individual statutory accounts of the University, the Unified Trust Fund and the trading subsidiaries to the applicable HEFCE SORP, Charity SORP and UK GAAP standards.
- To assist with the integrity of the monthly TBs and Balance Sheets. In particular: Assist in the preparation of balance sheet reconciliations, investigating and resolving differences.
- Ensure fixed assets, acquisitions plus more...

The training you will be getting

Accounting and Taxation Professional Level 7 - ACA The gold standard in Accountancy Apprenticeships, this programme enables individuals to become fully qualified in a profession which is globally recognised and respected in areas of accountancy, taxation, finance and business.

Entry requirements

- GCSE or equivalent Maths and English (Grade 9-4) Essential
- 2 A Levels or equivalent Any (Grade A-C) Essential

Salary

• £23,000 - £28,000 dependant on experience.

Apprenticeship level

• Degree Level 7 (Master's degree)

Click here for further information and to apply