

## Applications for the K+ Nursing and Midwifery Autumn School for year 13 students are open!

The Autumn School will run over October half term from 27th-31st October 2025 and is open to students interested in pursuing a career in nursing or midwifery.

This is an in-person event that will take place on King's campuses.

K+ is King's College London's flagship widening participation programme with the aim of helping students to make informed choices about their post-18 options and to offer academic, career and application support. The programme is not just for students who are sure they want to go to university or those who have achieved high GCSE grades, but also for students who have the potential to do so and want to have a taste into what university might be like.

More information about K+ and the eligibility criteria can be found on their [website](#). Applications close at 23:59pm, Tuesday 30th September.

Please [click](#) here to apply!



## Problem Solving Course Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 5.30-7pm

Are you a student studying A level Mathematics or Further Mathematics who would benefit from strengthening your problem-solving skills?

Setting Out in Problem Solving is now open for applications. This free, online course is designed to support students as they build confidence in tackling unfamiliar problems – a vital step for those considering maths-related university courses or careers.

The course is ideal for Year 12 students looking to strengthen their skills early, and Year 13 students who may need to prepare more quickly for upcoming challenges. It's supportive, engaging, and suitable for any student who enjoys mathematical enrichment – not just those planning to sit a test.

The course comprises of a single 90-minute online session with some follow-up materials and is open to all students of state-funded schools/colleges.

Click [here](#) to book



## Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers

The 2025 edition of The Sunday Times Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers was launched earlier this summer, and includes a number of valuable resources which may be useful for Year 11 and Sixth Form students and parents.

The new 2025 rankings were featured in a TV programme specially produced for schools & sixth form colleges.

Highlights from the 90-minute programme include

- a full countdown of the 2025 rankings with details of the apprenticeships available at the nation's top apprenticeship employers
- interviews with more than 20 current apprentices working in different industries & employment sectors
- discussions with leading apprenticeship employers featured in the new Top 100 rankings
- apprenticeship showcases of employers around the UK

Watch the programme [here](#)

## Spotlight: DEFRA Green Careers Week

An AMAZING two-day remote work-experience programme with the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) as part of Green Careers Week.

Dates: 4–5 November 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (online)

DEFRA blends science and policy to protect the environment and shape sustainable futures - ideal for STEM enthusiasts and budding policymakers alike. This elite career path suits students working toward GCSEs, A-Levels, especially in subjects such as GCSE Biology or Geography, A-Level Politics, BTEC Applied Science

<https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-search>





14 & 15 November 2025 / Olympia London

## University & Apprenticeship Fair

Tickets released! Visit What University? & What Career? Live at Olympia, London on 14 & 15 November to explore your higher education and career choices.

You'll have the opportunity to speak to top employers & leading universities including British Airways, Cardiff University, AstraZeneca, University of Southampton & many more.

Book your place today, for free, to secure fast-entry access to the event and discover all of the options available to you after

Click [here](#) to book

## Did someone Insight Days – Investment Management

Two work experience days with Gain's (Girls Are Investors) brilliant partner firms are now open for registration, with more opportunities coming soon! Gain help women and non-binary students begin their career in investment management.

### TwentyFour Asset Management – 13<sup>th</sup> October

Time - 2-4.30pm

Location - London Office

Audience - girls & non-binary students studying in years 12 - 13

Throughout the day students will learn more about the investment industry, roles in investment, and meet with inspiring women from across the firm. They will also have chance to tour their office and take part in a speed networking session with colleagues from the firm. Students aged over 16 are welcome to attend independently but will still need to be registered by a school contact.

### UBS - 17th of November

Time - 10am - 2pm

Location - London offices

Audience - Girls & non-binary students studying in years 12-13

Students will hear from inspirational women from across the firm, learn about the work of UBS and take part in a speed networking experience. This will be a fantastic insight into a global investment management firm. Students aged over 16 are welcome to attend independently, but will still need to be registered by a school contact.

Contact Mrs Gaulton to register.

## Discover Apprenticeships at the BBC 7th October

Join to discover exciting apprenticeship opportunities at the BBC in business, data and digital technology, engineering, journalism, and production. This engaging session is designed for school leavers, career changers, or anyone curious about what it's like to work behind the scenes of the UK's leading public service broadcaster. During this session, you'll hear directly from the BBC about what it's like to be an apprentice, gain valuable insights into the structure and benefits of the apprenticeship schemes including hands-on training, support, and career development opportunities. We'll also guide you through the recruitment process and share tips to make your application stand out.

This is a great opportunity to explore apprenticeship opportunities with the BBC and ask questions.

Register [here](#)



## Meet the Russell Group Webinars 30th September - 2nd October

Interested in going to a Russell Group University? Make sure you don't miss our upcoming Meet the Russell Group webinars.

Taking place from the 30th September to 2nd October, we have five 90-minute sessions each featuring four or five 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.

Held across 3 days, the webinars will cover topics such as: Personal Statements & Applying, Researching University Options and Considering Health/Clinical Professions.



## Kick start your career in Optometry!

Optometry is more than just glasses. It's detecting and diagnosing abnormalities and diseases using the latest technology. It's identifying problems with health – think high blood pressure and diabetes. It's a long-term career choice that can lead to you owning your own store and becoming a partner with Specsavers. Sounds good right?

The Bright Stars Scholarship is an exclusive university scholarship for future optometry students that offers £10,000 towards university costs spread over four years. A one-of-a-kind opportunity for students considering a medical career.

- More Than Just a Scholarship!
- Get paid part-time work experience in one of our practices.
- Take part in networking and community events.
- Receive protected clinical time.
- Ongoing mentorship and support from store colleagues.

<https://join.specsavers.com/uk/specsavers-bright-stars-scholarship/>

## Undergraduate Open Days at The University of Law.

Information for students who may be interested in studying law, business, criminology or computer science at university.

Upcoming dates at our London Bloomsbury campus:

- Tuesday 24 September, 4:00–7:30pm (in person)
- Saturday 18 October, 9:00am–12:30pm (in person)

During the event, students will have the chance to:

- Hear from academic staff (many of whom have professional practice experience)
- Learn how our Employability team helps students achieve career success
- Meet current students and get a real insight into student life
- Tour our facilities and see the campus in action

Spaces are limited, so we encourage early booking. Students can sign up here: [Undergraduate Open Days at The University of Law](#) | [ULaw](#)

## UCL Choices



UCL Choices are subject-specific sessions that will give you an insight into UCL courses that you can study with your current A Level options. For many degrees, all you need is an interest!

Are you still undecided on what undergraduate course to study? Unsure about where your A Level subjects can take you? Interested in multiple degree programmes? UCL Choices is for students in Year 12.

Join us **online** to hear from current UCL students on a Q&A panel, where we will discuss course 'expectations vs reality'. We will also be covering specific courses related to your A Level subjects in more detail. If you want to get an insight into where your A Levels or interest in a particular subject can take you, along with hints and tips on the application process, then this series of events is for you!

### Dates and Times

- Choices with Maths: Tuesday 4 November 2025, 4pm - 5pm
- Choices with Sociology and Psychology: Thursday 6 November 2025, 4pm - 5pm
- Choices with Geography: Tuesday 11 November 2025, 4pm - 5pm
- Choices with Chemistry, Biology, and Physics: Thursday 13 November 2025, 4pm - 5pm

Apply [here](#). Registration closes on October 13<sup>th</sup>.



## Creative Careers Quiz

Dreaming of a career in the screen industries? Take the free careers quiz to discover your ideal role and get a digital Careers Guide.

Answer fun questions about how you work and play to unlock your results  
Click [here](#) to take part

## Insight to UBS Virtual Event

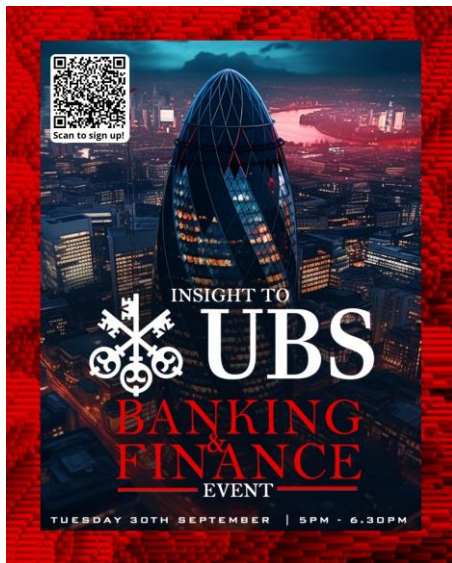
**Tuesday, 30th September, 5pm - 6:30pm**  
**One of the World's Biggest Investment Banks**

Young Professionals are thrilled to invite students to an exclusive virtual event with one of the world's leading financial institutions—UBS. Join on Zoom for an insightful evening designed to give you a closer look into careers in Banking and Finance.

### About UBS:

UBS is a global leader in wealth management, investment banking, and asset management, serving clients across more than 50 countries. With managed assets of US\$5.71 trillion and a revenue of US\$39.36 billion in 2023, UBS is a powerhouse in the financial sector, helping individuals, institutions, and corporations grow and protect their wealth.

- Explore UBS's Student Career Opportunities: Discover the exciting range of roles available at UBS in areas like Asset Management, Global Wealth Management, Investment Banking, and more.
- Exclusive Insights: Learn what UBS looks for in future talent and how to stand out in your applications for internships, apprenticeships, and graduate programs.
- Hear from Industry Experts: Meet professionals from various UBS departments who will share their career journeys, insights into the finance industry, and advice on how to succeed in one of the world's most prestigious financial institutions.



This virtual event is a must-attend for any student eager to explore careers in Banking and Finance. You'll gain valuable insights that will boost your university applications, future job searches, and understanding of the finance industry.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity!

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UBS-Insight>



## Year 1&13 Sustainability Taster Day

The Bartlett Outreach Team, in collaboration with The Bartlett School of Environments, Energy and Resources (BSEER), will be running a Sustainability Taster Day on Wednesday 29th October from 10:00-14:00 for students in Year 12-13 who are interested in learning more about studying a subject area which helps design and create a more sustainable future.

During the session, you will have the opportunity to learn about the Sustainable Built Environments, Energy and Resources MEng degree programme, a subject area which is the first of its kind to bring together the social, economic, and environmental aspects of sustainability. You will learn how Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics can be applied to tackle society's greatest issues. As part of the day, you will also learn more about careers in the Sustainability industry, speak to BSEER students/professors, take part in a taster sustainability workshop activity and see their Bloomsbury campus.

The deadline for applications will be Sunday 19th October . Apply [here](#)



## INVESTIN

### Free Webinars Series For Students & Parents Your Next Steps Beyond School

InvestIn are excited to invite students and parents to their latest free event series, designed to provide practical guidance on the educational and professional options available to students after school. The events are suitable for all students in Years 11–13, whether they are just starting to think about their future or are actively preparing applications.

#### Making it into medical school

Tuesday 30th September • 6-7 pm

Gain expert insight from UCLH Dr Obaid Sayed on how to approach medical school applications and show admission tutors you're ready for the challenges of medical school.

#### More Than One Route: Alternative Pathways to University

Wednesday 1st October • 6-7 pm

University isn't the only route - explore how degree apprenticeships and other pathways can lead to successful careers.

Click [here](#) to register



## Journey to Higher Education Series

Packed with insider tips, practical advice, and real stories from Queen Mary students, these webinars will help your students (and their parents/carers) feel confident about the road ahead.

### Supporting your child on their journey to higher education

Wednesday 15 October 2025, 6.00 - 7.00pm

This session aimed at parents and carers, will help you find out all you need to know about applying to university and how you can support your young person with the application process. We will cover:

- Explaining what is UCAS
- How to apply and make your application
- Post-18 options and pathways
- Key dates and deadlines
- How to support your young person to make decisions about their next steps and beyond

### Writing your personal statement– Wednesday 5 November

Wednesday 5 November 2025, 4.30 - 5.30pm (GMT)

Join us in this session to help refine your personal statement. This session will focus on how you can perfect your personal statement ready to submit for the UCAS deadline.

We will cover:

- The new structure for the Personal Statement
- How to prepare for each section
- Key characteristics of successful statements and how they are used
- Examples responses and practical tips to help provide a competitive edge
- We will be joined by current Queen Mary students who will share their tips and advice on how to write a fantastic personal statement!

Register [here](#)

### Queen Mary Futures - Applications are open

The Queen Mary Futures programme will provide students who are underrepresented in Higher Education with the opportunity to explore their preferred subject at university and prepare for university-level study.

The 4-week programme of activities will allow Year 12 students to gain an insight into studying a range of programmes at Queen Mary that are broadly in line with their study interests. Students will also benefit from tailored skill development sessions, as well as enhanced information, advice and guidance about the career opportunities within different courses.

The deadline for applications is Sunday 19 October. Apply [here](#)

## Access Essex Scholarship

Essex University are pleased to introduce a new Access Essex Scholarship for students joining us in October 2026, offering a **100% fee waiver** for the first year of study. Students must meet the criteria of one of their widening participation groups, as well as be from one of the specified regions of the UK. They have 10 awards in total available, and 2 are available for students joining from the London region and 4 are available for students from the East. More information about how to apply and the terms and conditions will be published in the coming weeks. To find out more about our financial support, head to their [website](#).



### Are you interested in studying Dietetics?

Open day for prospective dietetic students

Exploring options of nutrition-based careers?

Want to know more about what's involved in studying to be a Dietitian?

Looking for Dietetic shadowing as part of your university application?



### Want to know more about what's involved in studying to be a Dietitian?

The Nutrition & Dietetics Service of Hertfordshire Community Trust are pleased to offer our Open Day for students aged 15+ who are interested in exploring a career in Dietetics.

30th October – 9:30-3.30pm

Open to ages 15+

To book please email [rhiannon.hinstridge@nhs.net](mailto:rhiannon.hinstridge@nhs.net) with the subject "Dietetics Work Shadowing"



### Insight into PwC Flying Start Degree Programmes Monday 29th September 5pm - 6pm

Learn about PwC's Flying Start Programmes, and gain a head start into professional services Gain insight into business, finance, and accounting careers at PwC. Hear from professionals and ambassadors about their experiences and career journeys Sign up Now!

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PwC\\_FlyingStart](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PwC_FlyingStart)

## Bird & Bird

### International Law Firm Bird and Bird- Year 10 Opportunity

Exciting opportunity for Year 10 Students who are interested in pursuing a career in the legal sector to apply for Bird & Bird's Early Bird Pathway, which includes a series of workshops and work experience in Year 12.

This unique, 7-year programme offers an exceptional insight into the legal profession and includes mentoring, work experience, skills workshops, a financial bursary, and much more! It's a brilliant opportunity for your students to kickstart their legal careers with invaluable guidance and support.

#### About the Early Birds Pathway:

The Early Birds Pathway Programme is Bird & Bird's flagship social mobility initiative. It aims to support and develop young people by equipping them with the skills they need to reach their career potential. The programme begins with the Early Bird Pioneer Programme, which introduces students to the legal sector and the wide range of professional services available while also building key skills for a successful career.

- During the first two years, Bird & Bird will host workshops (either virtually or at their offices).
- In Year 12, students attend a work experience week at Bird & Bird's London office, followed by the opportunity to participate in the Social Mobility Business Partnership's (SMBP) Skills & Insight Programme.
- At the end of Year 13, students can apply for an Early Bird Scholarship, which provides financial support during university, mentoring from a trainee lawyer, and additional skill-based workshops and events.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

To apply for the Early Bird Pioneer Programme, students must meet the following requirements:

- Be in Year 10
- Attend a state (non-fee-paying) school
- Be the first generation in their immediate family to potentially attend university
- Be on track to achieve at least five 9-4/A\*- C grades in GCSEs, including English and Maths

As spaces are limited for this fantastic opportunity, we encourage your students to enrol as soon as possible. We will typically close applications at the end of September.

You can apply using the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H8THBS7>

### Allied Healthcare Mentor Virtual Work Experience Sunday 5th October, 9am - 5pm, Focusing on Pain Management and Mental Health.

This programme is suitable for students in year groups 10 - Year 13 who are interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make an informed career decision and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students will receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the full 5-month programme will also be awarded Highly Commended References.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

### Generation Hertford Careers Fair

An exciting event to highlight job opportunities open in Hertford now and in the near future: and give young people an opportunity to meet employers.

This event operates a Twilight session from 3.30-5.30pm and any local school or college students are welcome to attend to meet with local employers and learn about the many career opportunities available. Parents/Carers are also more than welcome to accompany their child.

Attending this event will:

- Help young people gain meaningful encounters with employers
- Highlight to young people about a variety of local jobs and industries
- Inform students about the varied routes into work

<https://www.hopinto.co.uk/events/generation-hertford-2025/>

## Cambridge University Student Union Shadowing Scheme

This scheme gives students the unique opportunity to 'shadow' an undergraduate mentor during a three-day residential. During the Scheme, Shadows will stay in student accommodation, attend lectures, meet lots of current students at a range of events and activities, and get advice on applying to Cambridge from staff and students. Using a secure, moderated online platform, participants can also stay in contact with their Mentor after the Scheme, receiving ongoing support in order to help them make well-informed, successful University applications. The Scheme is free to all Shadows, including accommodation, meals and travel.

Deadline: 12am, 13th October  
Open to: students in Year 12

Shadows will attend one of the three weeks:  
Week 1: Sunday 25th to Tuesday 27th January 2026  
Week 2: Sunday 1st to Tuesday 3rd February 2026  
Week 3: Sunday 8th to Tuesday 10th February 2026

Find out more and apply [here](#)

## Cambridge Investment and M&A Society Sixth Form Pitching Competition

The Cambridge Investment and M&A Society (CIMA) is delighted to invite Year 12 and 13 students to take part in our Sixth Form Pitching Competition 2025, our flagship outreach programme designed to make the world of finance more accessible.

Students will have the chance to:

- Develop critical thinking and analytical skills by preparing either a stock pitch or an M&A case study
- Compete before a judging panel of Cambridge students and industry professionals
- Experience a final round at Robinson College, Cambridge, with lunch provided in the historic dining hall
- Attend a Cambridge Union debate, offering a unique glimpse into the University's intellectual life

Deadline: 31st October  
Open to: students in Year 12

Find out more and apply [here](#)

## HRC Open Day

Visit their Broxbourne and Ware campuses where you can participate in activities, watch demonstrations, speak to the industry experts who will be teaching you, and get a flavour of what to expect when you enrol with them.

They will be hosting Welcome Presentations at 6pm and 7pm, at both campuses, where you can find out more about life at HRC.



## DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS UNDERSTANDING THE OPPORTUNITIES

### Solicitor Apprenticeship (London) DWF LAW LLP

DWF's Solicitor Apprenticeship is a fantastic opportunity for ambitious sixth form/college leavers looking to start their career within the legal sector, without the cost or time associated with the traditional university route.

#### What you'll do at work

- Assisting solicitors with casework and legal research: This involves supporting solicitors in gathering and analysing information relevant to cases
- Drafting legal documents and correspondence: Apprentices may be responsible for preparing court bundles, post-completion work, and drafting various legal documents
- Managing client files and documentation: Keeping client files organised and up-to-date is a crucial part of the role
- Participating in client meetings and court proceedings: Apprentices often attend client meetings and may have the opportunity to observe or participate in court proceedings
- Supporting the team with administrative tasks: This can include a range of tasks to help the team function smoothly
- The level of responsibility and workload typically grows over time. Apprentices rotate around different departments and teams every 12 months, and in the final two years of the program, they rotate teams every 6 months alongside trainee solicitors

#### Entry requirements:

A Level in: any subjects (grade A,B,B)

Skills

- Communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Organisation skills
- Logical
- Initiative
- Non judgemental
- Patience
- Commercial Awareness

Wage: £27,000

Apply [here](#)