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Collingwood College

## MAY 2021 - CAREERS NEWS

Welcome to the May addition of the Collingwood Careers monthly newsletter where you will find information, advice and links.

### Website

This is a work in progress and information is being added all the time. Your feedback is always welcomed and if there is anything you feel should be included or you need more information email [careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk)

### Year 10 only

### Careers Interview

During the summer term I will be offering careers interviews in college. We also have the Higher Education Outreach Team from Royal Holloway University available on Teams to offer remote interviews. They will meet virtually with a selection of our Year 10 students throughout the day to discuss individual pathways for Post 16 study. In the light of these interviews, the team will work with the College to design a programme for next academic year to help students make the right decisions for their future studies.

If your son/daughter would like to request an interview can you please ask them to complete the form available here [Link](#) or use the QR code.



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# Schools & College Competition

## £500 PRIZE

The countdown to the virtual Careers and Apprenticeship Show is now on! An amazing cash prize is up for grabs for the school with the most students and parents/carers who register for the event



Register now at: [www.CAS2021.vfairs.com](http://www.CAS2021.vfairs.com)

### Terms and Conditions:

- Only unique names and email IDs will be counted
- Names and contact details will be verified
- Attendance numbers need to correspond with registrations
- Closing date for registrations is 19/5/2021
- Winner will be announced no later than 27/5/2021
- Prize money will be allocated to and must be spent in the careers department
- The organisers decision is final



# The Careers and Apprenticeship Show

**Save the Date!**

Online Event

**20<sup>th</sup>**

**May 2021**

Join us from your classroom or home to support your year 10-13 pupils/students to learn about careers, apprenticeships and training opportunities.

- Attend talks from inspiring employers in real time.
- Navigate the virtual platform to explore career options.
- Talk to employers electronically through their booth displays.
- Parents/carers can explore the event in the evening with their young people.

Free to attend and designed to inspire young people to think about their options after school/college. It will help you achieve two-way interaction with employers during the coronavirus pandemic.

**Schools/colleges, young people and parents can sign up from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2021.**



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## Virtual Work Experience

– please note some of these are age specific



<https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience>



### **Marketing Virtual Work Experience**

Deadline: 24th May 2021



### **Psychology Virtual Work Experience**

Deadline: 24th May 2021



### **Virgin Media Insight Days**

6th May 2021



### **Engineering Virtual Work Experience**

Deadline: 24th May 2021



### **Dentistry Virtual Work Experience**

Deadline: 24th May 2021

# Uptree Work Experience Opportunities

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Date: Thu 6 May (9am-5pm) Req's: Year 12/13 Location: Online No. of places: 30 <i>Priority given to students in the West Midlands.</i>	

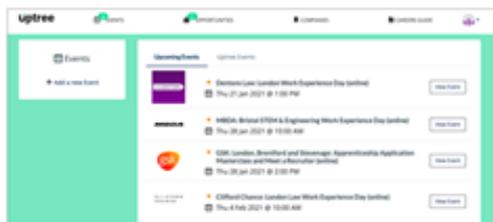
Interested in any [Uptree](#) opportunities?

Register for a FREE [Uptree](#) account here:

<https://uptree.co/a/signup/student/>

Once set up, click on 'events' and then register with a short motivation statement

Advertising & Marketing	
Date: Thu 11 May (10am-1pm) Req's: Year 12/13 Location: Online No. of places: 30 <i>Priority given to students in London.</i>	



All personal details are kept confidential in line with our privacy policy.



## Subject Webinar:

### The Past, Present and Future of Event Management

Oxford Brookes are hosting a virtual Event Management subject session that explores the value and transferable skills of an Event Management degree and the positive impacts of events in our society.

There will be a chance to meet a current lecturer and student on the course, take part in interactive activities to find out what you know about the planning, delivery and creativity of events and an opportunity to learn about where a career in the industry might take you.

The sessions are suitable for Level 3 students looking to find out more about a unique subject area or those that just want an opportunity to experience a live university lecture!

Please see a promotional poster attached and links for students to register individually below:

**Session 1** | Wednesday 19th May (17:00-18:00pm) | [BOOK HERE](#)

**Session 2** | Wednesday 26th May (17:00-18:00pm) | [BOOK HERE](#)

### Study Higher Progression Pathways

A reminder that Oxford Brookes is joining 5 other local HE providers to offer **Progression Pathways**, a FREE webinar series suitable for Level 3 students.

The sessions are on GoToWebinar and students can individually register using the links below:

**Session 3:** Monday 17th May (17.00-18.00) | Student Life | [Book here](#)



Insights Evening (for parents) - Opportunities and Diversity at HSBC  
2nd June 18:30 -19:30

Insights Day (for young people) - Opportunities and Diversity at HSBC  
3rd June 12:00 - 16:00

Not all banks are the same. At HSBC, our people span many cultures, communities and continents. We are committed to facilitating their growth and enabling them to thrive both inside and outside of the organisation.

In the modern world, Diversity and Inclusion is such an important topic which, for many of you, will be a core driver in your early career decisions. We want to spotlight these themes, alongside detailing what opportunities are on offer at HSBC to help you think about your careers.

*For parents and guardians, we would also like to get you involved as you will be influential in your child's decision making.*

## Find Out More

Both of these events focus on Opportunities at HSBC and Diversity and Inclusion; providing a real insight into the people who make up our workforce, and why HSBC believes everyone can find a “perfect fit” irrespective of background.

Join us to hear from a series of panellists ranging from our own Careers team, ex-Apprentices, current Graduates and different D&I champions with HSBC.

## To Register

To register, please click the links below:

[Parents event 2nd June](#)

[Students event 3rd June](#)

29 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are encouraging students to take part in the **UK University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** on **Wednesday 26 May** (12:00-18:00). This free event features a multitude of universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from around the UK, along with 10 interactive webinars and **virtual campus tours**. It is aimed at years 13, 12, 11 and 10 as well as parents. The event will provide your child with all the information they need to make informed decisions about their post-18 options.

Students and parents simply need to register online at: <https://ukunisearchsouth.vfairs.com>

Students and parents can **chat directly** with a mixture of Russell Group, red brick, and modern universities from around the UK to find out invaluable information about courses and life at university, and discover what **admissions tutors** are looking for in UCAS applications. Attendees can also speak to colleges, universities and local and national companies about their **apprenticeship schemes**.

**10 Interactive webinars** will run throughout the day on a variety of university and apprenticeship topics, such as UCAS Personal Statements, Careers and Employability, Clearing, Student Finance, and Apprenticeships. There is also a special webinar to help support parents and teachers taking place at 17:00. The webinars are run by university and apprenticeship professionals who will also host Q&A sessions after the presentations. You can view the webinar timetable using this link: <https://ukunisearchsouth.vfairs.com/en/webinar-timetable>

Students should try to register in advance to receive reminder emails with new exhibitor alerts, information on how the day will work and how your child can make the most of the exhibitor interactions.

Each webinar is recorded so students can watch any of interest after the live session has taken place. After 2 June all webinars will be available to stream on StudentStream along with lots of other videos from universities: <http://studentstream.co.uk>

Please encourage your son/daughter to book their free place and view the webinar timetable here: <https://ukunisearchsouth.vfairs.com>

We recommend registering for the event as soon as possible to ensure students have time to prepare for the big day.

Yours sincerely



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Careers Lead

- FREE EVENT -

# UK university & apprenticeship search virtual fairs

Wednesday 26th May  
12pm - 6pm

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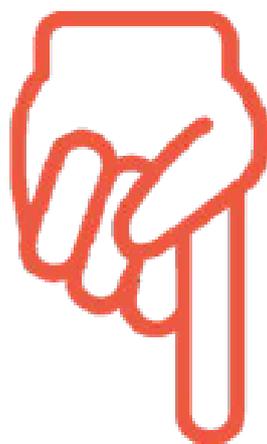


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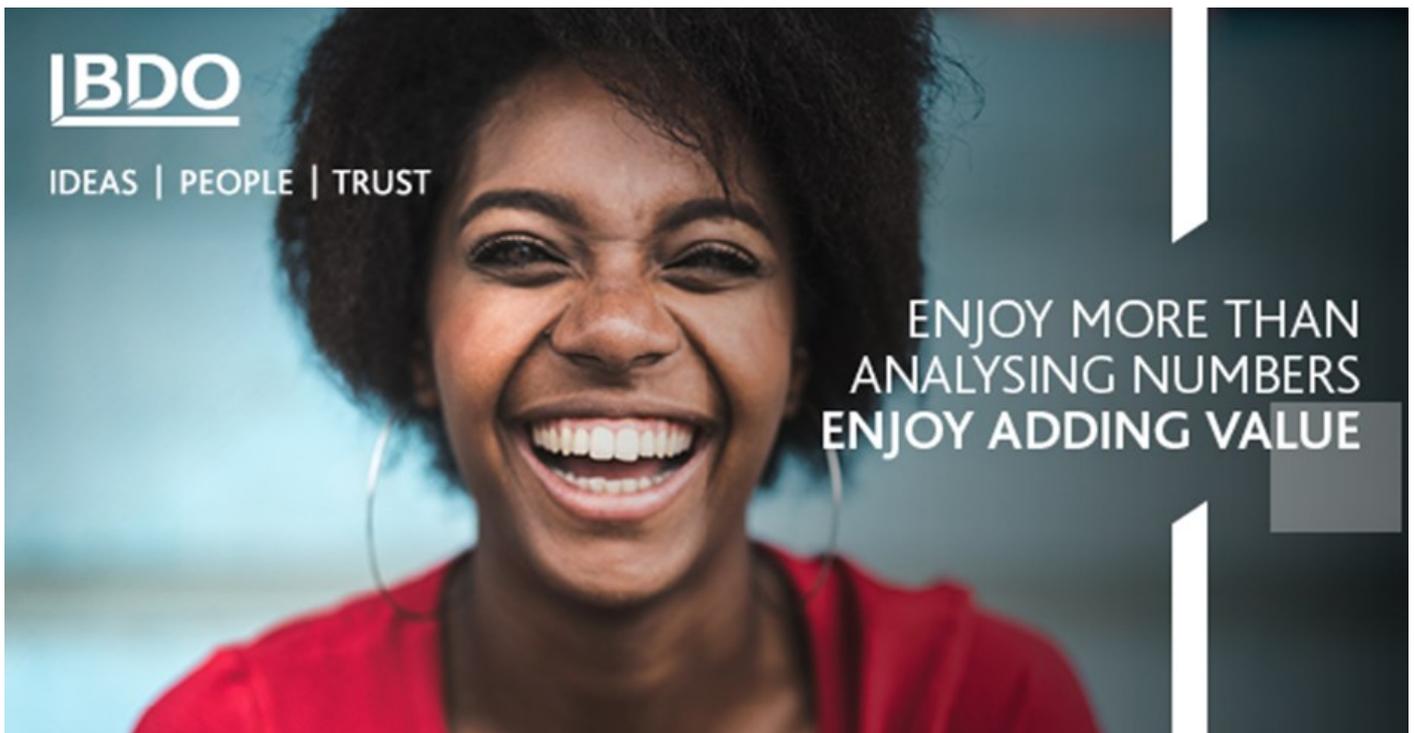


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Live Webinars

Register here



<https://ukunisearchsouth.vfairs.com>



## **Do you know any Year 10-12 students interested in building a professional career without going to university?**

At BDO, school leavers are an integral part of our future. Our Managing Director joined us straight from school and is just one example of the talented and driven candidates we've nurtured from apprentices into leaders across our business. We pride ourselves on creating a culture where everyone is encouraged to be themselves, make a real impact and build a career on their strengths. We've got two exciting virtual programmes for school leavers who are interested in exploring a career in accountancy.

### **The programmes**

The two-week-long virtual programmes have been designed to give school leavers an insight into life at a leading UK accountancy firm. Through a mixture of session types, they'll meet recent apprentices and senior leaders as they discover that accountancy is about much more than number-crunching. They'll learn professional skills they can add to their CV and will have the opportunity to be fast-tracked onto our summer school and apprenticeship programmes.

#### **Explore BDO Insight Programme 5th – 9th July**

We believe student's career prospects should be defined by their talent and drive, not their background. That's why we've created this programme exclusively for students in Years 10-12 at a state school who have been eligible for free school meals or would be the first in their family to go to university.

# Year 12 Summer Virtual Insight Programme 12th-16th July

This programme is open to all Year 12 students with an interest in accountancy. Over a week, they'll get a taste of what our Apprenticeship programme is like, take part in a real project and start building contacts who will help them throughout their career. They'll be supported throughout the week to explore their options and gain valuable experience of professional life.

## Why BDO?

We're one of the UK's largest Accountancy and Business Advisory firms providing Audit, Advisory, Tax and Business Services & Outsourcing services to clients across the UK and the globe. When the most ambitious organisations need advice on accountancy and business, they turn to us. We provide the platform for young people to jump start their career, discover the best use of their skills and best way to reach their potential.

## What's next?

You can find the full details of both programmes and the minimum entry requirements by clicking the button below. If you know any students who are thinking about a professional career, want to bypass university and start earning while they learn in a unique environment, these programmes are the perfect way to find out if BDO is for them.

Find [out](#) more

## Your Game Plan

For some students this will be their final year of school and that can be quite a scary and confusing time.

Many students will have already made up their mind about what their next step is going to be, however, for many, they will still be undecided and this is completely normal.

Everyone is different, and everyone has different personality types, goals and experiences that might mean there are any number of suitable options after school and university is just one of them.

We've put together a school leaver pack that you hand out to your students where we breakdown some of the five main paths students can take when they leave school.

### What options we explore in the [School Leaver Guide](#):

- Straight into work
- Take a gap year
- College
- Apprenticeships
- University

<https://yourgameplan.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/YourGamePlan-School-Leaver-Options-Guide.pdf>

# Summer 2021 is about finding your future! (and having fun, of course)



We are pleased to say that we are launching the [Parent Perspective Podcast](#) which gives parents & young people advice and information about apprenticeships.

We also have our dedicated Parent Page which looks to give advice and provide useful resources!

Take a look

[Parent Page](#)

Do you know how many opportunities are currently live on the website?

***It's over 1,000!***

We have apprenticeships, jobs & other opportunities from some of the biggest companies all across the UK. Every day, new roles are added which means there's usually something for everyone!

We have also posting on our Youtube channel a lot more featuring some of our fantastic partners who are qualified & skilled in their areas of expertise. This ranges from CV writing to interview techniques.

# Any students interested in Business and Entrepreneurship

It's tough deciding which career path to take! Do you dream about being your own boss and starting a business you are truly passionate about one day? The start-up industry is thriving so it's more important than ever to make sure you're **armed with the right knowledge and**

Our brand-new Enterprise Guide is bursting with tips and advice from **enterprising experts for all of you aspiring entrepreneurs!**

Are you ready to join the start-up revolution?



## The Enterprise Guide

Our BRAND-NEW guide is packed with everything you need to know about life as an entrepreneur!

## Download guide

Whether you want to work in a large corporation or dream of starting your own business this guide will help you kick things off the ground.

### Jam-packed with:

Advice from current entrepreneurs (featuring well known YouTuber JMX!)

The good, the bad and the ugly of life as an entrepreneur

The steps to setting up a business

But we won't give it all away... **download now** to become an expert in entrepreneurship!

[Download your guide](#)

# PURE POTENTIAL

## PERSONAL STATEMENT LIBRARY - FREE ACCESS FOR ALL

On our website students, parents and teachers alike have free access to a personal statement library of hundreds of annotated past personal statements. While finalising their final drafts of their statement, it can be really helpful to look at others for inspiration and guidance. You can access it here (no login required) here: <http://purepotential.org/personal-statements/> for statements from Accounting to Zoology.

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SIXTH FORMERS

Check out this page: <http://purepotential.org/events-opportunities/> for listings of events - both face-to-face and virtual - where your sixth formers can explore degree subjects through mock lectures, university life through campus visits, find out about funding, and more. We have listings from a range of universities as well as organisations such as the Sutton Trust, Prime and upReach. All of the opportunities on our page are completely free of charge.