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UNIVERSITY WEBINARS



Computer Science

On 7th November, we will explore how security can be prioritised when developing software. Joined by Sally Earl from the School of Computing Sciences at University of East Anglia, we will consider the process of software development from the initial design phase to rolling out to the user, interactively looking at techniques and best practices to put cyber security at the forefront of development.

This is a great opportunity for Computer Science students, who are welcome to join individually or in teaching groups. Please do share with relevant colleagues and students.

- **November 7 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Computer Science: Developing Secure Software with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

History

On 19th October we have a fabulous opportunity for students who enjoy their History studies and may or may not yet be considering continuing this interest at university.

right4me History brings together The University of Edinburgh and University of East Anglia to give students an invaluable insight into the academic content/possibilities of further study and also to explore the student learning experience that wraps around/underpins this content.

Comparing and contrasting two universities will offer students the essential tools to discern between courses and guide them towards making the right decision for them. This is suitable for both individuals and groups and open to students currently making applications and to those considering options for 2025 and beyond.

- **October 19 @ 15:45 - 16:45** History - University Module Insights & The Learning Experience – UEA & Edinburgh (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

If you haven't already registered, please also look out for these great sessions next week:

- **October 10 @ 11:10 - 11:55** Black History Month: South Africa - Women & The Anti-Apartheid Movement - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [PREVIOUSLY SHARED]
- **October 12 @ 09:15 - 10:00** History: Radicalism During The English Revolution, 1641-1660 - Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [PREVIOUSLY SHARED]

Geography

In this interactive sustainable urban design workshop on 7th November, The University of Sheffield will introduce new ways of reimagining our cities and outdoor spaces to meet the challenges of a changing climate, **Making Our Cities More Resilient To Climate Change & Improving Their Liveability**.

Andy Clayden will discuss new urban landscapes from the UK and Europe that encourage us to think differently about how our streets, urban squares and parks can be designed and managed in order to deliver much greater environmental and social benefits. The session then moves on to a practical, interactive design exercise in which students collectively re-design an urban space with these sustainability goals in mind.

- **November 7 @ 09:05 - 10:00** Geography: Making Cities Resilient to Climate Change & Improving Liveability – Sheffield (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

English

In our English Literature session on 17th October, Dr Maggie Bowers, Senior Lecturer at University of Portsmouth, presents **The Handmaid's Tale – An Unreliable Narrative**.

Maggie will explore the many methods that Atwood uses to make The Handmaid's Tale an unreliable narrative. By looking at a selection of quotes from the novel, we'll consider the significance of the unreliability and its influence on our reading of the novel as an example of 'Speculative Fiction'.

- **October 17 @ 11:10 - 11:55** English Literature: The Handmaid's Tale – An Unreliable Narrative – University of Portsmouth (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]

And, if you haven't already registered, please look out for the sessions below with University of Portsmouth and University of East Anglia.

- **October 3 @ 10:30 - 11:30** English: The Relationship Between Creative & Critical Writing - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [PREVIOUSLY SHARED]
- **October 12 @ 15:45 - 16:30** English Language/Linguistics: Forensic Linguistics – Texting & Authorship – University of Portsmouth (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [PREVIOUSLY SHARED]

Sociology/Psychology

On 13th October, we are really pleased to run insight4me Sociology/Psychology in which two university academics will explore the theme of Families and Households.

We will be joined by Marietjie Joubert from Solent University who will explore '**The impact of Mental Health on Family Life**', looking at why and when people may need support from professionals and what professional intervention may look like.

Emma Long from University of East Anglia will then look at '**Military Families, Work and Childcare**', introducing the various challenges military families encounter by examining critical military sociology and drawing upon sociological perspectives relating to 'families and relationships', and 'understanding social inequalities and identities'.

- **October 13 @ 11:10 - 12:10** insight4me Sociology/Psychology: Families and Households with Solent & UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

Please also note, if you haven't already considered them, we have spaces on these other challenging and insightful sessions with UEA and Portsmouth:

- **October 10 @ 14:15 - 15:00** Sociology/Psychology: Happiness & Emotional Wellbeing in Today's Society - University of Portsmouth (KS5) [Find out more »](#) **[PREVIOUSLY SHARED]**
- **October 12 @ 13:00 - 13:45** Education/Sociology/Maths: Decolonising the Curriculum to Widen Participation in Maths - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) **[PREVIOUSLY SHARED]**

APPRENTICESHIPS



RETAIL,PROJECT MANAGEMENT, FOOD TECHNOLOGY Apprenticeships

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/searchjobs/?Specialism=17%2c3%2c5%2c12%2c15%2c513028%2c513030%2c2%2c6%2c11%2c4%2c13%2c1%2c7%2c14%2c16%2c9%2c10%2c513029%2c8%2c513034&RoleType=38&LocationId=1756%2c20752050&radiallocation=20&countrycode=GB&trackid=4843>

RAF

The RAF are currently advertising for drivers, weapon technicians, gunners, air & ground stewards and more.

<https://recruitment.raf.mod.uk/>

WORK RELATED OPPORTUNITIES



Sutton School Trust Pathways Programme

What are the Pathways programmes?

Our Pathways programmes support disadvantaged students in **Year 12 – 13** to explore career opportunities in **Banking & Finance** (both in-person and online), **Consulting** (online), **Engineering** (in-person), **Law** (in-person and online), **Medicine** (in-person), and **Veterinary Medicine** (hybrid) **for free**.

Far too often these careers require professional connections, the ability to take on unpaid internships, and/or soft skills which aren't taught at schools in order to break in. Our Pathways programmes bridge that gap for disadvantaged students.

All costs including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend.

[applications to our 2023 Pathways to the professions](#) programmes are now **OPEN!**

British Army Apprenticeship Webinars

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeships-with-the-british-army/>

NHS Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience

Nursing Midwifery Paramedicine Physiotherapy Occupational Therapy Dietetics Radiography Prosthetics and Orthotics Speech and language therapy and Pharmacy!

Applications for this programme are now open, and they will be open throughout this academic year, with the next virtual work experience day taking place on the 5th November.

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching. This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different, and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community.

Students will also receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the entire 6-month programme will be awarded with Highly Commended References too.

Students can register individually through the website link below. Places are £10 a day to cover administrative costs and run the tech on the day: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Bromhead & Co Accountants

Open Evening 7th November 6pm. Tickets can be booked via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bromhead-chartered-accountants-open-evening-tickets-726719215737>

Speakers for Schools Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/work-experience-opportunities/?search=Discover%21>

Grierson DocLab In Focus: Unscripted Editing Discovery Webinar run in participation with Netflix.

This webinar aims to equip UK-based people working in editing with the skills, experience and networks to step into editing roles on large scale unscripted shows. The opportunity includes a training programme in London at Netflix HQ, work experience placement, mentorship and ongoing support. To hear more about the programme and about the role of the unscripted editor – as well as for the chance to ask questions about the training programme, applying and more – join The Grierson Trust and Netflix on Tuesday, 10 October at 6pm for a Discovery Webinar. [Register here](#).

Amazon - Tech Industry Careers

Browse the schedule and register for our Live Class Chats! Each talk is approximately 30 minutes with time for Q&A.

https://amazonfutureengineer.springpod.com/?fbclid=IwAR3zBgIZSaUD87lr5wVXuxm4LO4_VW2FmQne m3JlyKpHYDEX7qen561aWt0#class-chats

IN-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

I am looking at building a database of Sixth Form Mentors. We have lots of requests from the other years groups for support because you all so amazing.

If you are interested in getting involved please provide a small bit of information about yourself (see below) so I can buddy you up with younger students you may have some shared interests with.

As and when I get a request from KS3 & 4 teachers and pastoral leaders I will speak to you and explain the process further.

Overview of your skills (i.e. academic, hardworking, friendly):

Hobbies & interests:

This can be used as your give an hour.

UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES

Exeter College, University of Oxford Outreach Programme

Year 12s can apply for a residential at the end of June, where students will stay at Exeter College and take part in a range of academic taster sessions, we will host 3 online workshops that introduce students to the University of Oxford. These online sessions will be followed by a research essay assignment, with students having tutorial-style feedback meetings during the residential. We hope that these changes empower students from underrepresented backgrounds to feel confident in applying to Oxford the following October.

Students can apply directly, using this sign-up link: <https://forms.office.com/e/mz7TMR0yMe>. Applications close **Monday 20th November, 17:00**. We will email successful applicants in December.

University of Exeter - Exeter Scholars Programme

Students based in the south west of England (Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, Bristol, and Dorset) Applications for this pathway are now open and will close on Sunday 29th October at 23:59. To find out more about the subject activity strands available for this pathway visit [Year 12 South West Subject Activity Strands](#). To submit your application visit the [pathway application form](#).