



Careers Bulletin

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The Complete University Guide

The Complete University Guide gives you independent UK university rankings, course information and expert advice for all students.

You can look at university league tables both nationally, regionally and in 74 subject areas, find out the best exam revision techniques, discover information about open days and much more.

See [here](#) for the guide.

The National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ)

See [here](#) for a quiz from NCTJ.

Journalism offers many career paths, for many types of people. Take this simple persona quiz to help you find out if it is the right path for you.

Maidstone Combined Court Centre Open Day

On Saturday 9 May from 10 am – 2.30pm (last entry) you have the opportunity to meet and hear about barristers, solicitors, the Crown Prosecution Service, judges, magistrates, police, prison officers and probation officers at The Law Courts, Barker Road, Maidstone MR16 8EQ

The activities on offer are:

- Tour the cells
- Take part in a mock trial
- See a prison van
- Act as a juror

No booking is required; you can just turn up at The Law Courts at the address above. Café facilities are also available.

Leading Education – Free Oxbridge and Medicine Application Support

See [here](#) for a free Year 12 Oxbridge and Medicine Preparation Programme from Leading Education.

This is a mix of short lectures and 1:1 sessions with over 6 hours of support for students considering Oxbridge or Medicine.

For more information see their flyer [here](#).

How to Find Work Experience – Free Webinar

InvestIN are holding a free webinar for students and parents on Wednesday 13 May at 6pm.

At InvestIN, they believe that early industry exposure is the best way to prepare students for life after school. But with limited opportunities for young people, many are unsure how to gain valuable work experience placements.

The latest free webinar on Wednesday 13 May, will offer tips to students and their parents on how to secure work experience, while exploring what 'counts' as work experience, the types of opportunities to look out for and how to use it to boost future applications.

See [here](#) to register for this event.

Top Tips for Work Experience

Work experience isn't just about impressing employers with a famous name on a CV. It's about developing real skills, exploring what you enjoy (and what you don't), and being able to talk about both in an application or interview. A week at a local corner shop, handled thoughtfully, can genuinely outshine a forgettable day at a big firm where you floated around and wondered what everyone was doing.

Friends, family, neighbours, local businesses - this is still the most direct route in. But it doesn't have to be glamorous. A paper round, a few days in the local shop, helping out at a family friend's workplace all counts, as long as you can reflect on what you have learnt.

There was an employer who once said one of the strongest application letters they had seen came from a student citing their paper round. The student had translated it into something genuinely compelling: reliability, resilience (British weather bringing its own challenges), building customer relationships with people they had seen every morning for two years. That student actually thought about what they had done and why it mattered in the context of the role they applied to.

Many large employers now run formal insight days that bring small groups of students in (or online) for one to a few days to get a taste of the company and sector. These are distinct from full work experience.

There are also excellent platforms offering free virtual work experience that can be completed either live or in your own time - no connections required, no geography barriers, no cost. Some programmes take as little as an hour; others go up to ten hours+ of structured learning with real employer involvement. These three websites are useful for virtual work experience. [Futures for All](#), [Springpod](#) and [Forage](#).

Subject Masterclasses (Virtual) from Queen's College Cambridge

Booking is now available for the Virtual Masterclasses which are from 4.15pm – 7pm via zoom and cost £15 per session.

Curious about university life and keen to explore your subject choices? [The Cambridge Subject Masterclasses](#) are the perfect opportunity to go beyond the school curriculum and explore what it's like to study your favourite subject at one of the world's leading universities.

What to expect at an online masterclass:

- 2 Taster lectures delivered by Cambridge academics
- Q&A with subject experts
- A subject-specific introduction to the application process

Sign up for the [Student Newsletter](#) to hear when new Subject Masterclasses are announced.

Also from Queens, you can watch the recordings of Think Cambridge 2026. Although these sessions have now finished you can watch the recordings [here](#) until 8 August 2026. Subjects include:

- Explaining the Collegiate System
- Deciding on Courses
- Inside Student Life

Business and Accounting – May half term work experience

On Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 May from 10am – 4pm there is a Business and Accounting virtual work experience available through Young Professionals.

This is a free event and the details are:

Day 1 — Multi-Employer Showcase

Hear directly from BDO, Grant Thornton, S&W, and CIMA. Get the inside scoop on what it takes to thrive at a top firm and start building your professional network from day one. Plus, a business workshop with Dan Miller from The Apprentice, and the CEO and Founder of Young Professionals.

Day 2 — A Full Day with KPMG

Spend an entire day immersed in the world of one of the most prestigious firms in the world. Take part in workshops, tackle real business challenges, and pitch your ideas to KPMG professionals.

Register [here](#).