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CAREERS NEWSLETTER POST 16

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NEWS FROM CAREERS TEAM

Careers guidance is crucial in helping students emerge from school ready to either continue their studies or ready for the world of work. We provide information, advice and opportunities to allow students to be well informed when making subject and career decisions.

Post 16 Virtual Open Days

At this time of the year, the Year 12 team will start to plan for the launch the UCAS process. As Year 12 students you will start to consider the next steps following your Post-16 programmes of study. Going to University is one possibility, but which university? A virtual open day means you'll be able to do this all online. You'll learn about the course you've applied to or are thinking of applying to; all the development opportunities that are provided at the university and how you can build your professional skills. A virtual open day will also enable you to meet the academic team and ask any questions you have about the course requirements and modules.

A list of Virtual Open days can be found at <https://careemap.co.uk/virtual-open-days/> Through the UCAS website there are profiles of students covering a range of courses and Universities. You can chat to these students by using the following link <https://www.ucas.com/chat-to-students>

Interesting Blog

Interesting blog on choosing university courses: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/researching-university-options-online-amy-longsden/>

Tasters & Course Webinars



<https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/60014/uni-taster-tuesdays-online-weekly-university-guidance-webinars-utdiag>

Online University Events

There is a whole host of online university events coming up including Environmental Science, Subject Specific Tasters with Liverpool Hope University, Student Finance and Q&A click on the link for details

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/Search.aspx?MILES=99999&PC=MK429TR>

Year 13 - Can I still apply?

Year 13 - Can I still apply to University?

With some businesses reviewing their apprenticeships, some students are thinking about university as an alternative back up plan. UCAS Extra and UCAS Clearing can be used as an option for students who miss the main deadline so don't

despair!

UCAS Extra runs from the 25 February and 5 July 2020 for applicants with five initial choices, but:

- Have been unsuccessful in their offer
- Applied late
- Or have declined offers they've received

UCAS Missed Deadline Clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rx-Tf3AZBsM>

UCAS Clearing is usually for those who don't receive the grades needed on A Level Results Day, which is Thursday 13th August 2020. Email your tutor and Mrs Woodard if you need any help.

<https://careemap.co.uk/ive-missed-ucas-deadline-now/>

Information for parents

Getting lots of questions from your parents? Refer them to the article below



<https://www.southwales.ac.uk/about/schools-and-colleges/a-parents-guide-to-university/>

Results Day

Results Day and University Applications

A Level Results Day is **Thursday 13 August 2020**. You will need to be patient on the day as the system can run slower due to the high amount of traffic it will receive. During the run up to A Level results day, your UCAS Track account is frozen meaning you won't be able to make any changes to your information. If you do need to make a change you'll need to contact the UCAS helpline. Track will be available at around 8am on A Level results day and you will then receive your next update at around midday.

UCAS Clearing will be available in Track from 3pm on A Level results day.

<https://careemap.co.uk/a-level-results-day-what-you-need-to-know/>



Lockdown

What Did You Do in Lockdown?

Prepare for what is likely to be one of the most asked questions during applications and interviews in the future. Here are a couple of ideas for you:

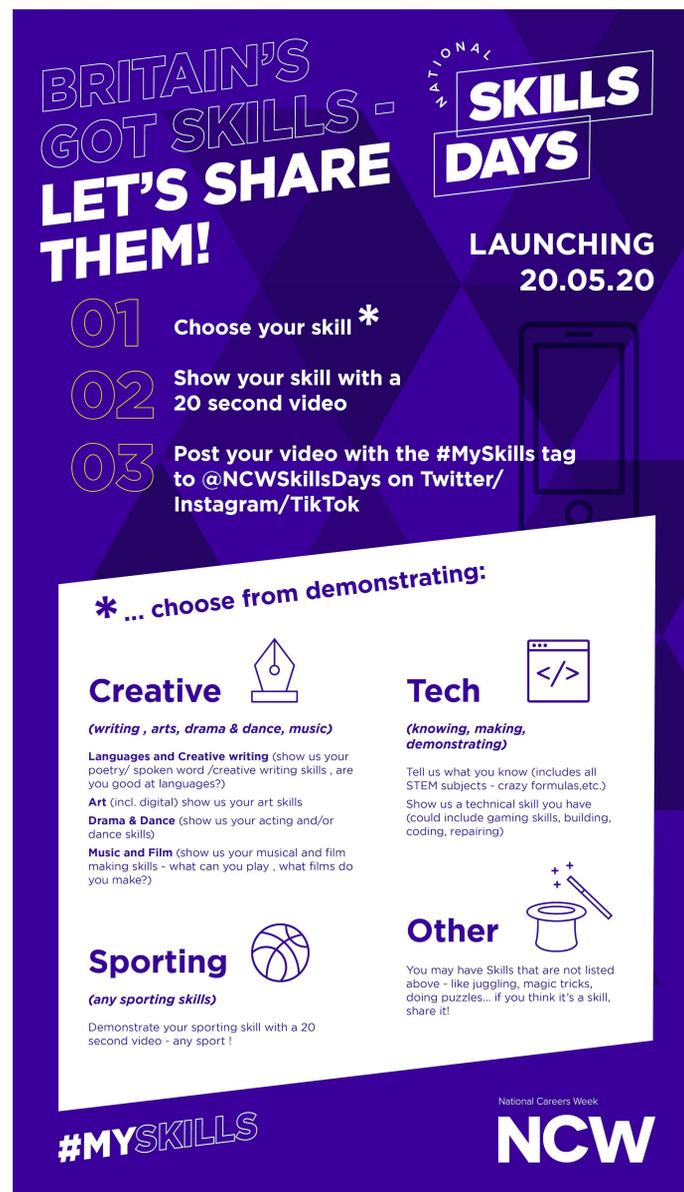
<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/writing-applications>

A free course from the OU - once completed upload the certificate to your Locker in your Unifrog Account.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/money-business/developing-career-resilience/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab>

National Skills Day

National Skills Days on 20 May - it's going to be great fun whilst building confidence and an important connection for everyone at this time. It's a great chance for everyone to show the skills you have - wherever they are.



BRITAIN'S GOT SKILLS - LET'S SHARE THEM!

NATIONAL SKILLS DAYS

LAUNCHING 20.05.20

- 01 Choose your skill ***
- 02 Show your skill with a 20 second video**
- 03 Post your video with the #MySkills tag to @NCWSkillsDays on Twitter/Instagram/TikTok**

*** ... choose from demonstrating:**

Creative  (writing, arts, drama & dance, music) Languages and Creative writing (show us your poetry/ spoken word /creative writing skills, are you good at languages?) Art (incl. digital) show us your art skills Drama & Dance (show us your acting and/or dance skills) Music and Film (show us your musical and film making skills - what can you play, what films do you make?)	Tech  (knowing, making, demonstrating) Tell us what you know (includes all STEM subjects - crazy formulas, etc.) Show us a technical skill you have (could include gaming skills, building, coding, repairing)
Sporting  (any sporting skills) Demonstrate your sporting skill with a 20 second video - any sport!	Other  You may have Skills that are not listed above - like juggling, magic tricks, doing puzzles... if you think it's a skill, share it!

#MYSKILLS

National Careers Week
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Upload your certificate to your Unifrog Locker - see Unifrog Activities.

A Talk a Day!

Speakers for school are offering a fab variety of quick 20-minute talks **Monday to Friday**. The great thing is that you don't have to create a log in but can watch direct from the web.



You can log in if you want to ask a question, and if you are really keen there is an accompanying worksheet too

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/>

To download worksheet click here: <https://www.speakersforschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Student-Activity-Sheet-for-Teachers.docx>

Year 11 (16+)

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INSPIRED Teenager Plus Facebook Social Learning Group initiative.

Supported by the HM Government and The Cabinet Office as part of the Inclusive Economy Partnership, endorsed by the Institute of Student Employers, and supported by the Career Development Institute, this innovative digital community learning approach will enable **parents/careers and their teenagers** across the UK to work through key elements of the INSPIRED Teenager programme live together to create exciting futures and find a way through the upheaval they have experienced as a result of COVID-19.

The INSPIRED Teenager programme is a research-proven and structured approach which helps individuals create happy, successful and purposeful working lives that last. The content for each unit will be taught via twenty minute Facebook Live sessions online each week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We have twenty qualified and experienced careers adviser volunteers ready to provide support and employers will be joining us too. All sessions are also recorded to cover the eight topics. Experts will be invited to join live Question and Answer sessions on other days. The group is free for parents and carers to join and participate in the programme - and will remain so.

Watch this video to find out more:
<https://www.careeralchemy.co.uk/inspired-teen-ager-plus-explained.html>

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Unifrog Key Activities

Exploring pathways

<p>Careers library ✕ Careers favoured</p> <p>Go to tool ></p>	<p>Subjects library ✕ Subjects favoured</p> <p>Go to tool ></p>	<p>Know-how library ✕ Guides favoured</p> <p>Go to tool ></p>
<p>MOOC Sorry, your school doesn't yet have this tool</p>	<p>Personality profile ✕ Quiz not taken</p> <p>Start ></p>	<p>Interests profile ✕ Quiz not taken</p> <p>Start ></p>

Recording what you've done

<p>Activities ✕ Started ✕ Recorded at least 10</p> <p>Go to tool ></p>	<p>Competencies ✕ Started ✕ Completed all 12</p> <p>Go to tool ></p>	<p>Interactions ✕ Missing 17 interaction types ✕ Missing 17 interaction focuses</p> <p>Go to tool ></p>
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Years 8-11 should complete:

Personality profile – An interactive questionnaire to explore your personality profile and the careers commonly linked with your personality.

Once finished to 'Push' to save to your locker.

Interest Profile – **NEW!** – an interactive questionnaire that examines your interests and the careers that may link to those interests. Once finished to 'Push' to save to your locker.

Activities – Log any activities you are participating in, including activities that you participated in during the year. There may be activities you have undertaken as part of lock down i.e. school and year group challenges. Once finished to 'Push' to save to your locker.

Competencies – Log any skills that you have such as team working or leadership.

Intentions – Log where you plan to go next year.

Must be completed by Year 11 and Year 13.

Locker – Upload any certificates, documents or videos.

Intentions:

The Intentions tool is used by students to record their top two pathways Post 18 through a 'Plan A and 'Plan B' system. You can use this information to aid you with inputting their actual destination. Record your two options to record your plans for after P16.

Add things to your student locker - The locker function is a way for students to store external items to help support their applications.

Students build effective, personal applications

You're thinking of a career as a **Doctor/Dentist**. What's your next step?
 It's smart to have both a Plan A and a Plan B. You can update your plans at any time.

<p>Plan A Pathway Your first choice</p> <p>Submitted application? Yes, I have submitted my application form</p> <p>Here's your Top 5 so far: 1. Medicine - Imperial College London 2. Medicine - University of Aberdeen 3. Medicine - University of Cambridge 4. Medicine - University of Edinburgh Changed your mind? Use the UCAS Tool again</p> <p>What is your Plan A Pathway? UK University</p>	<p>Plan B Pathway Your backup</p> <p>Which uni(s)? If there are several possibilities, or you're not sure, explain that here</p> <p>Which country? Netherlands</p> <p>What is your Plan B Pathway? Non-UK University</p>
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These include:

- Documents
- Images
- Videos
- Webpages

You can upload a document or image directly. Alternatively, you can add in the URL of a video from YouTube or Vimeo, as well as a piece of audio from YouTube or Vimeo. Even the URL of a webpage can be stored for future reference.

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<https://careermap.co.uk/live-careermags/>
 or these can be found on the schools website
<https://www.waltonhigh.org.uk/careers-home>

