



CAREERS NEWS



Apprenticeships are publicised this week for National Apprenticeship Week. The *Higher and Degree Vacancy Listing for 2021/2022* is a comprehensive list with a link to each opportunity from the platform: https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2021/02/Higher-Degree-listing_Feb-2021.pdf. Hundreds of vacancies are shown from various employers starting in 2021 and 2022. Higher and degree apprenticeships are widening access to the professions, and across all sectors, including STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Students considering their options can apply for these apprenticeships and a full-time place at university at the same time. Levels 4, 5, 6 and 7 are equivalent to a foundation degree and above; Levels 6 and 7 are equivalent to a bachelor's or master's degree. The training is paid for by the employer and the government, so there is no cost to students and parents plus apprentices earn a salary from day one. To view available roles, visit www.apprenticeships.gov.uk and head to *Become an apprentice*. Further professional advice on making the right career choices is available from the www.nationalcareersservice.gov.uk.

Universities are actively creating events for parents and potential students to discover more about courses and student life.



The University of Exeter has a free pathway programme created especially for students from Years 10 to 13, *Exeter Scholars*. There are eligibility criteria for the 100 available places. Successful students will take part in a two-week online programme to mark the start of their journey as an Exeter Scholar. This will take place from 12-23 April. This year a new virtual programme will enable attendees to become more informed about their higher education options in an interactive way. Applications must be submitted by students and their parents/carers by the deadline of 7 March 2021 at:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/apply/year10/allapplicantssouthwestnationalvirtual/>

All scheduled live sessions will take place during the Easter holidays or in the early evening during term time and will usually last no more than an hour. The total anticipated time commitment across the two weeks is 13 hours. Exeter is hosting some live Q&A drop-in sessions open to students, parents and teachers at the following times on zoom:

- [Tuesday 16th February](#), 16:30 - 17:00, Meeting ID: 924 4246 9744, Password: 332498
- [Thursday 4th March](#), 17:15 - 17:45, Meeting ID: 940 0363 2495, Password: 685513

Alternatively, the team can be reached at exeterscholars@exeter.ac.uk



Queen's University, Belfast, has a variety of virtual events available to students in Years 12 and 13. These are taking place from this month onwards. The events are bookable and available to parents and students. The university has produced a letter for parents as well as students and these are now all posted onto Moodle under Preparing for Higher Education and accessible to students via their school username. www.qub.ac.uk

Free virtual work experience is offered to Year 12 and 13 students in finance, technology, law, engineering and business for those students wishing to explore their skills for the workplace.

UBS has a Finance Work Experience Day on 24 February from 10am-1:15pm for Year 13 students interested in investment banking, finance or HR at UBS. The session will include an Introduction to UBS, an overview of apprenticeship opportunities and insider tips to their programmes and application process. Register here: <https://uptree.co/ubs/e/2642970048/>

Arm STEM Apprenticeship Masterclass is on 25 February from 2pm-4pm. On the day students will learn about the apprenticeships on offer at Arm, have a support & insight session on the application process and have the chance to be fast-tracked onto Arm's 2021 apprenticeship schemes. Register here: <https://uptree.co/arm/e/3228695541/>

Law & Business Work Experience Day with Mishcon de Reya for Year 13 students is on 3 March between 2pm-4:30pm. Intended for those interested in solicitor or business operations apprenticeships, the session will cover an introduction to Mishcon and the company culture, a careers pathway talk as well as a case study task. Register here: <https://uptree.co/mishcon-de-reya/e/2157180064/>

Google IT, Software Engineering & Digital Marketing Work Experience Day is for Year 13 students on 12 March from 9am-4.30pm. On the day students will cover an introduction to Google, undertake speed networking with current employees and interact with a panel of Google apprentices. Register here: <https://uptree.co/google/e/2264182908/>

The JP Morgan Technology Summer School for current Year 12 students is for a week between 16-20 August at 9am-5pm. *During the week students will develop* professional skills with group projects, network with JP Morgan professionals and be fast-tracked for JP Morgan's 2021 apprenticeship schemes. Register here: <https://uptree.co/jp-morgan/e/3713219493/>