

Futures Bulletin

Friday 28th February 2025

This bulletin contains links to a range of extra-curricular opportunities that would enhance students' understanding of the world of work and their place within it. Students are strongly encouraged to apply for any and all that interest them, and to share feedback with Mr Paltzer.

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New opportunities

- The Health and Care Career Discovery is taking place on Saturday 8th March from 10am until 2pm at the Bristol Royal Infirmary Education and Research Centre (opposite the hospital). What to expect:
 - Meet health and care professionals working across a range of clinical and non-clinical careers
 - Interactive stands
 - Learn about educational pathways into careers
 - Insight and myth busting presentations from social care professionals
 - Talks and Q&As from a range of roles and areas including pharmacy, therapies, digital, healthcare science, nursing, radiology and many more.

The event is suitable for young people, parents, carers, career leads and anyone interested in finding out more about careers in health and care. This is a free event, but please **sign up before Monday 3rd March** to secure your place. More information [here](#).

- NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience begins **this Sunday** 2nd March, 8:30am-5pm. It is open to students in years 10-13 considering a career in healthcare. During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. This session will be focused on **Recovery and Rehabilitation: Strokes & Opioid Dependence**. Students will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team. It's also a rare occasion for students to hear from Melanie Dalby, an experienced pharmacist with a wealth of knowledge and insights to share. Registration link [here](#).
- **Business and entrepreneurship event** in collaboration with **Lloyds Banking Group**: Tuesday 4th March, 5-6pm. This event will focus on helping students set up their own businesses and showcasing what it's like to be an entrepreneur, covering:
 - Top skills of an entrepreneur
 - How to grow, scale and set up a business
 - The importance coming up with an idea and a business plan
 - How to access business funding when starting out
 - Open Q&A with business leaders from across the bank

Register [here](#).

- Next week, **WorldSkills** is hosting a number of events focused on technical skills and vocational qualifications – anyone wanting to learn more about these routes should register [here](#) to join these events.

From previous bulletins, but still “live”

- **Renishaw** offers work experience schemes in engineering and software. These are week-long project-based schemes and will help to develop key employability skills to prepare students for the world of work. They have either a software or engineering focus, and are a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their skill-set and understanding. See more information [here](#).
- The **Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships** is a free 100-page digital guide for Year 12 and Year 13 students and their parents/carers. The guide explains how degree apprenticeships work, and details opportunities in various sectors. Access the guide [here](#).
- Explore the world of the biopharmaceutical industry through **Pfizer's free interactive virtual work experience programme** that will provide you with an in-depth overview of how medicines are developed and brought to market. Throughout this programme you will explore the complexities of transforming a scientific discovery into a marketable product available to patients who need it. The programme is divided into four tasks:
 - The Molecule-to-Market Pathway - explore how the biopharmaceutical industry works, the steps involved in the medicine development process, and the different departments integral to preparing to launch a medicine into the market.
 - Health Economics - learn about the reimbursement pathway for a new medicine in the UK. You will explore how to develop part of a pricing and access strategy and start to draft a submission to the regulators of reimbursement.

- Marketing - define target customer groups, distil customer insights, identify product characteristics, and then determine the competitive framing of a new medicine to create a brand position statement.
- Go-to-Market Strategy - create an effective go-to-market strategy to deliver your medicine's unique value proposition to customers while achieving a competitive advantage.

More information and registration [here](#).

- Applications for **pwc's school and college leaver opportunities** starting in 2025 are now. Their full-time school and college leaver programmes are designed to help students develop their business skills through real client work, while also completing formal training and studying towards qualifications. Across the autumn, pwc is hosting a series of virtual events for parents, teachers and students. These sessions will focus on their opportunities and provide top tips when submitting applications. Sign up [here](#).
- The new **Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers** programme features a wealth of information about the country's leading apprenticeship employers, case studies & employer showcases, and interviews with apprentices. A recording of the full TV programme is available to [watch now](#).
- Springpod has a huge range of **on-demand work experience courses**, devised in partnership with major employers. All come with a certificate of completion. The full brochure can be found [here](#). You can view their latest opportunities [here](#). Some new and popular experiences are below:

- [Met Office Careers](#)
 - [Explore JCB Careers in Construction and Agricultural Machinery Industry](#)
 - [Geology Careers with the British Geological Survey](#)
 - [Becoming a Chartered Surveyor - Surveying Work Experience with RICS](#)
 - [Retail Work Experience with ASDA](#)
- An increasing number of employer partners are choosing to create microsites with Springpod to make it easier for young people to explore their opportunities. These sites can include:
 - Virtual experiences
 - Springpod Sprints (shorter taster activities)
 - Information about the company/organisation
 - Guides for teachers/Parents
 - Ambassador platforms where students can submit questions

[Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent ICS](#) have one for exploring careers in **health and care**. All experiences are **open to all students in years 10 to 13**. There are also microsites from:

- [Barclays](#)
 - [Airbus](#)
 - [Historic England](#)
 - [Amazon](#)
- Free Online **Medicine Interview Course**: This course is designed not only to enhance the interview skills but also to boost students' confidence and readiness for the medical school application process. To secure a spot in this free Medicine Interview Course, interested students can simply click [here](#) to sign up.

- Anyone interested in a **career in aerospace** should take time to digest the [Schools Aerospace Newsletter](#).
- Bristol University PhD student William Lunt is offering personal statement feedback and interview prep for those interested in Natural / Biological Sciences. Fees involved. He can be contacted at william.lunt@bristol.ac.uk.