

BCCS Careers Student Bulletin 2019/20 ed5

Want to know about useful Careers opportunities, information, open days and inspirational events coming up? Read on!

BCCS Careers Events/Opportunities/Information

BCCS Employability – If you have selected the *Employability Pathway* or would just like to improve your Employability Skills to support your next steps there are a number of excellent short courses which can be found on the Employability Google classroom here (code g3yuh4n). Please do take a look and sign up for those of particular interest (this information can also be found on the BCCS Futures webpage here).

Work Experience – I would like to thank all Yr 10/11/12 students as well as parents/carers for their dedicated efforts in finding WEX placements this year - in both Yr 10 and Yr 11 over 85% of students have already secured placements. Due to the unprecedented situation we all face as a result of Coronavirus (COVID 19) the BCCS WEX programme for this year is now looking uncertain. A decision on whether WEX can be completed will be taken by Head Teacher, Mr P Atkins, and communicated to parents/carers well in advance of the allocated WEX weeks (Yr 10 15th-19th June and Yr 11 22nd June - 3rd July 2020). In the meantime please could I request that, due to the pressures employers may find themselves under currently, students without a WEX placement hold off on seeking new opportunities. Similarly for those who have already secured a placement, unless contacted directly, please avoid communication with employers regarding WEX placements until further information has been issued from BCCS.

If students are still interested in completing WEX (highly desired by employers!) then please take a look at the Experience Programme from Speakers for Schools which offers Virtual WEX – this is a new programme so the current offer may be limited but definitely worth a look!

Destinations (College/6th Form/University) – All Yr 11 and Yr 13 students should have a conditional destination for September 2020. If you are still unsure about next steps or need support in making decisions regarding a preferred route please get in touch. Transition work for both University and Level 3 providers should now be available – if you have not already received this please request details for a fully prepared September start.

Careers Personal Guidance (Yr12/13) – There are a limited number of PG meetings available with the schools Careers Adviser. If you have not already had a meeting and would like to request a 'virtual meeting' please contact Ms D Smith to schedule an appointment.

GROFAR, student Careers Portfolio – All students in Years 7-11 should now have registered for the Careers software Grofar. This is an online Careers portfolio which allows students to record and track all careers activities completed whilst at BCCS. It is important that all students regularly update Grofar to record Careers and extra-curricular activities they participate in. Please contact Mr Mann if you do not have access to GroFar.

Website – Please visit BCCS Careers <u>'Futures'</u> page to keep up to date with Careers/Employability news/events as well as information about progression routes.



Apprenticeship Opportunities/Vacancies

IF YOU ARE EXPECTING TO START AN APPRENTICESHIP IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR APPRENTICESHIP EMPLOYER/PROVIDER AS SOME APPRENTICESHIPS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

ASK Interactive Student Apprenticeship Guide - the Student Apprenticeship Guide designed for students in years 12 and 13 will equip students with essential information about apprenticeships and guide them through how to research and apply for opportunities. Download it <a href="https://example.com/here-through-new-

Apprenticeship Parents' Pack – a link to monthly Parents Pack can be found on the school website and includes: application tips, a 10 step apprenticeship plan, key facts, current vacancies and much more! More details can be found here.

Avon Fire and Rescue Service - Operational Firefighter Apprenticeships. - we are looking to recruit 6 apprentices to join our service in September 2020, to complete a two year apprenticeship which will result in successful candidates completing a Level 3 qualification in Operational Firefighting. Applicants will need to be at least 17 when training school commences (September 2020) and will need to be living within our Service area from the campaign launch date. The role is currently a two year fixed term appointment however there may be the possibility of permanency or extension which will be discussed with the successful candidate at a later date. For more information contact Sarah Collins, Recruitment Advisor on 0117 9262061 Ext 383.

Cyber Security Apprentice, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority - Energus is a training and conference facility based in West Cumbria. We facilitate Graduate and Apprenticeship Programmes nationally on behalf of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and the wider nuclear industry. Benefits include a starting salary of £15,950 per annum, contributory pension scheme, an employee assistance programme, 25 days annual leave plus bank holidays, as well as a bespoke training and travel allowance. Applying: Please send a completed application form to apprenticerecruitment@energus.co.uk or by post to Amy Vallance, Recruitment and Selection Lead, Cyber Apprentice Recruitment, Energus, Blackwood Road, Lillyhall, CA14 4JW.

IBM Apprenticeships - Apprenticeships at IBM are all about picking up skills for the workplace and embarking on a long and successful career. Our apprenticeships range from Level 3 to Level 6 and each pathway gives you everything you need to start your career in the industry! You will get lots of exposure to set you up for a lifelong career. In addition to the day job there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in social activities and volunteering with other Apprentices, Students and Graduates. Opportunities are located across England and salaries start at £20,000/annum. Roles open periodically throughout the year. Look here for a full list of opportunities at IBM.

AIRBUS - the highly technical nature of the aerospace industry has created a huge demand for skilled and qualified specialists in the UK. That's why at Airbus, we have carefully designed our apprenticeship programmes to give you valuable practical training while you complete your college or university studies. Our programmes last from three to five years and have one thing in common - they provide a clear route for you to make your career fly. You will also have the chance to represent Airbus



at a wide variety of events such as air shows, careers events and schools' liaison activities, so you can tell people about what you do. For more information go <u>here</u>.

MI5/MI6 Security Service - we recognise that university isn't for everyone. We need people who are fresh out of school, eager to get started and want to do something interesting and exciting. Every single person, role, and team in our organisation plays its part in helping us keep the country safe. We offer a range of opportunities from busy administrative roles to technical training programmes. Whether you are supporting one of our investigative teams, administrating in human resources or starting out on our Technical Apprenticeship Scheme, you will be part of a supportive team with the opportunity to develop and learn about the exciting work of MI5. For a full list of school leaver opportunities please go here.

PWC - you don't need a degree to launch a successful career in the business world. Many of our senior leaders joined us without a university degree and have accelerated their career at PwC and beyond. Join one of our School and College Leaver programmes and you'll earn a competitive salary and you could study towards a professional qualification and, in some cases, a level 4 apprenticeship. For a list of all apprenticeships which start in September please go here.

Virgin Media – a number of opportunities are currently available at Virgin Media including: *Field Technician Apprenticeship*: Level 2 Telecoms Field Operative (15 months), Location: Nationwide (please check your area for our latest vacancies), Requirements: It would be highly desirable that candidates already hold Maths and English GSCEs or equivalent (Grade 2 or above). Full UK driving licence with no more than 3 points. *Network Engineers Apprenticeship*: Level 3 Unified Communications Technician (24 months), Location: Birmingham, Reading, Croydon, Huddersfield, Waltham Park, Gateshead and Nottingham, Requirements: Maths and English GCSEs (Grade C or above, Grade 4-9) or equivalent. Full UK driving licence. Salary: £17,000 (additional £2,500 London Weighting Allowance for eligible locations) + salary progression and amazing benefits. Check out what vacancies are in your area and apply here.

Bath College Apprenticeship Listing – for a full list of the current apprenticeship vacancies delivered through Bath College please go here.

City of Bristol Apprenticeship Vacancies – available apprenticeships in partnership with City of Bristol College can be found here.

Apprenticeship vacancy sources:

- Local Apprenticeship Vacancies Post 16 Participation listing of local vacancies can be found here. Please also see the Careers Notice Board for up-to-date vacancy listings for Bristol, Bath, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.
- **Vacancy Snapshot** Be sure to visit Vacancy Snapshot to see current and upcoming Apprenticeship vacancies! More details <u>here</u>.
- **Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Listings** please look <u>here</u> for all the Degree/Higher Apprenticeships
- **Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers** check out the Top 100 Employers for Apprenticeships here
- **Gov.UK** For Apprenticeships in your local area please visit the following <u>link</u>



- **Gov.UK** What to receive Apprenticeship updates/information direct to your mail box sign up <u>Here</u>
- Latest Local Apprenticeship Vacancies each month the latest local apprenticeship vacancies are sent to Mr Mann and these are published on the careers notice boards. If you would like this information sent to you directly please contact Mr Mann.

UCAS/University:

University Research Project – not sure if University is for you or just want to know all of your options and explore the possibilities. This is a great starting point to begin your research. Look <u>here</u> for more information.

Oxford Access Programme – the FREE nine hour programme includes a personal statement editing service, training for admissions tests and university interviews, as well as access to a range of written materials and help conducting wider reading. If you feel that you would benefit from this support, please apply by filling in this <u>form</u>.

UNIQ - do you have good school grades but are not sure if Oxford, or any university is right for you? Or perhaps you're generally feeling uncertain about the future? Our FREE UNIQ programme might be just what you need. Through one of our four night, five-day residential courses in either spring or summer, you can discover student life for yourself. Living just like our students, you will stay in an Oxford college, attend academic and admissions sessions during the day and relaxed social I activities in the evenings. You will be able to quiz student helpers and share thoughts on any aspect of student life: all whilst getting to know one of the most student-friendly cities in the UK. By the end of UNIQ you should have a real understanding of university life and feel in a much better position to make your upcoming big decisions. For more information about UNIQ go here

Bristol University Virtual Resources - the University of Bristol Virtual resources page is now live and accessible to students. Over the coming weeks subject specific tasters and lectures as well as information on themes such as the university application process and student life will be added. Our pre-recorded academic and student support sessions will also be supplemented with live engagement opportunities which delve further into detail and offer students the chance to ask questions. Sign up here to access these resources.

Bath University Resource Hub – videos of talks/workshops to inform students about their choices and prepare them for the university application process and help them to develop key study skills to positively impact their current studies and make a successful transition to University. You will also find; information on our MOOCS, videos introducing and explaining unfamiliar subjects such as Engineering and the links between the A level curriculum and areas of research at the University. There are also presentations by undergraduate students talking about what it is like to study their subject at the University of Bath. Go here for more information.

Discover Bath Programme - this is our programme of summer residentials which this year will be held online. Places are available in Business/Management, Electrical Engineering, Health, all Languages, Robotics and Sociology. More information and can be found here.

Into University – to support Yr 13's make fully informed decisions about their future Into University has produced an email newsletter. Please take a look here.



Channel Talent Faculty Fairs – university live and interactive broadcasts covering talks and discussions with academics, students and university staff. A great opportunity for students to find out what different degree programmes are on offer and gain an insight into the experience, teaching and culture at different universities. Current broadcasts are scheduled below but more are due to be scheduled soon:

- May 13 @ 13:00 15:00 HE Faculty Fair: Arts & Humanities With Goldsmiths, UEA & Warwick Find out more »
- May 20 @ 13:00 15:00 HE Faculty Fair: Medicine & Health With UEA Find out more »
- May 27 @ 13:00 15:00 HE Faculty Fair: Social Sciences With UEA & Goldsmiths Find out
- **June 3 @ 13:00 15:00** HE Faculty Fair: Science & Engineering With Glasgow, UEA & Warwick Find out more »
- **June 10 @ 13:00 15:00** HE Faculty Fair: Business & Management With UEA & Goldsmiths Find out more »

University Taster Courses - taster courses are provided by universities and colleges to let you experience academic and social life on campus, before applying for a place. By attending you are more likely to choose a course and university to suit your interests and abilities, you can highlight your attendance in your personal statement on your UCAS application or you may decide the course or campus is not the one for you, and decide not to apply there. Search for University Taster courses here.

Virtual University Open Days – have you attended an open day yet? If you are planning to go to University please ensure you make a visit to your preferred choices. University is a big investment and you need to be confident you are choosing the right one for you. A list of upcoming University Virtual Open days can be found here.

APPLY Booklet for Year 12s - the annual university and career guide covers everything ambitious sixth formers need with the next steps on their journey; whether they choose to apply to university through UCAS, take a gap year, or write an absolutely outstanding CV to start employment, an apprenticeship or work experience - plus helpful guides if they are not sure what they would like to do when they leave school. The 11th edition has already been ordered by Russell Group universities, as well as leading independent and state schools across the UK. Get it here.

PurePotential - take a moment to have a look at the <u>Events & Opportunities</u> board that lists lots of brilliant experiences, programmes, insight days and taster sessions available from leading institutions and organisations.

Student Finance at University – are you concerned about Finance whilst at University? If so take a look <u>here</u> to get all your questions answered. Alternatively look at the Government advice for perspective students <u>here</u>

That University Student – first hand personal stories offering great insights into University, the application process and tips for University Life. Have a look <u>here.</u>





Local Events/Opportunities:

Photography Course , 12th – 14th May, 2-2.45pm – interested in developing your photography skills then sig up to this free course here.

Natwest Dream Bigger Programme - for females aged 16 – 18 years old this programme builds future skills and capabilities, inspiring the next generation of female entrepreneurs. It's a fully-funded initiative created by the Natwest Entrepreneurship Team, designed to bridge the gap between education and industry, supporting young females to consider alternative career paths and equip them with vital skills for the future world of work. A number of different 1-hour digital sessions will be running. Visit the Eventbrite page and decide which 3 events you would like to attend.

BT Skills for Tomorrow – Making CVS work for you, Monday 11th May, 2pm – sign up here

Reflections Training Academy Virtual Workshop on Product Knowledge, Hints and Tips - Thursday 14th May, 1pm – 2pm (Hair) and 2pm – 3pm (Barbering) AND Thursday 21st May - Register your interest at www.reflectionstraining.co.uk, quoting PREP DAYS

Employability Support & Advice – looking for help with CV's, covering letters, interview skills, LMI, Apprenticeships then Wendy Shambrook, School Adviser at Department for Work & Pensions is available to help – email Wendy.shambrook@dwp.gov.uk

Avon Wildlife Youth Forum/Virtual Work Experience – Avon Wildlife are offering virtual voluntary experience as part of their youth forum for young people aged 14-24 who are interested in making changes for the environment and local wildlife. If you would like to involved and volunteer please get in touch either through WORKS@bristol.gov.uk or direct to Avon Wildlife Trust. This is an exciting opportunity for young people to develop skills and confidence during this time alongside gaining an accreditation and mentoring.

SGS home tutoring programmes (English/Maths) - as part of the efforts to serve our local communities, SGS are pleased to share their new home tutoring programmes in Maths and English. This is to support parents and carers of pre-16 students who may desire additional help from teachers and are free to use. To sign up please go here (Maths) and here (English).

Online Construction Course – Building Growth South West are offering a FREE online taster course for anyone interested in finding out more about a career in Construction. To find out more call 08001696963 or email info@building-growth.com.

Pathways2Property Summer School – this initiative operates in collaboration with University of Reading. This is open to all current Y12 students. The four day Summer School is FREE to attend and food, travel and accommodation costs are covered. The next Summer School takes place from 20th to 23rd July 2020 and applications are now open. Students can apply here.



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Law Work Experience – if you are trying to find WEX in the Law industry please look at the PRIME programme here – if you meet the criteria there are a number of employers who will support you with WEX, deadline for applications is normally April so start applying now.

Catalyse Change Bootcamp & Mentoring Programme— Are you interested in making a difference? The Catalyst Bootcamp & Mentoring Programme 2020 inspires, empowers and skills young women as confident changemakers. It is a 3-day residential sustainability summer camp at Bristol University from 22-24th July, followed by 3-6 months of mentoring from a women working in sustainability, to support you on your journey and help you achieve your goals. Early Bird tickets available now and FREE BURSARIES available on application traci@catalysechange.com. More details available here.

Other Opportunities:

National Skills Day, 20th May 2020 – do you have a skill which you can demonstrate? Why not enter the National Skills Day – see details below for more information.





Careers Home Learning Sessions – a number of different activities for students from Yr 7 to Yr 13 and beyond – have a look at these great resources.

The Skills Toolkit - a new online learning platform to help boost the nation's skills. Free courses are available through a new online platform hosted on the gov.uk website, called The Skills Toolkit. The new platform gives access to free, high-quality digital and numeracy courses to help build up skills, progress in work and boost job prospects. Look here for more details.

Invest In Live & Online Summer Internships - InvestIN will be hosting 'Live & Online' Internships in over 10 different careers (including Investment Banking. Medicine. Engineering. Psychology. Filmmaking. Computer Science. Law. International Politics,. Architecture. Entrepreneurship and many others) this summer, which students aged 15-18 can register for now. For more information and to sign up please look here.

Young Money Challenge — the YM Challenge offers a fun and valuable learning experience. which explores the theme of money management and environmental sustainability (Deadline is Friday 3rd July). To find out what is involved and to take part download the Challenge Pack here.

Medical Awards Programme – considering a career in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine then perhaps you should look to enrol in the Medical Awards Programme. The Awards Programme offers a nationally streamlined process for students to pursue these highly competitive careers and gives direct access to doctors, dentists and vets who act as Mentors and Award Supervisors. Students can also apply for a £12,000 scholarship. Every student who completes their Gold Award automatically qualifies for interview and scholarship shortlisting. More information can be found here and applications can be made here.

Medicine at University – looking to study Medicine for a degree? Follow these links for some great advice, tips and support:

- Gaining experience to study Medicine during Covid 19
- Royal College of General Practitioners
- <u>Medlink 2020 (29th June-3rd July FREE)</u> Everything you need to get into Med School, from your own home!
- <u>UCAT Masterclass</u> A flexible online UCAT study program for students who want to learn at their own pace in their own time
- Allied Health Professions virtual reality look at careers in the NHS beyond Medicine –
 especially useful if you don't think you will get the grades to study Medicine

NCS – NCS is a youth programme like no other. It has been designed specially for 16 and 17 year olds to help them get a clearer idea of what they want from their future. On NCS young people mix with a new crowd and take on fresh challenges together. Before they know it, they'll be rooting for each other, as they overcome their own little hurdles, get a taste of independence and pick up skills that'll help them plan and achieve future goals. To find out more about NCS in Summer 2020 head here.

University of Law Twilight Lectures – Self Defence, Tuesday 12th May 15.00-16.00, Marketing Strategy, Tuesday 19th May 15.00-16.00, How do Police deal with Critical Incidents, Tuesday 2nd June 15.00-16.00 – to sign up for these and others please go <u>here</u>.

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Work It – Careers talks with young people – a series of career talks connecting young people with stories from slightly older peers who have recently made that transition into the workplace from education. Bejay is a 24 year old Entrepreneur from East London. Mia is an 18 year old Campaign Planner at HomeServe in Walsall. Callum is a 21 year old Claims Handler at Aviva in Norwich.

One for Parents – <u>Lifepilot</u> – a new careers website which helps adults get back into learning. Lifepilot aims to encourage adults (over 21) to get back into learning and even progress to higher education. The site is completely free and offers a range of impartial information including starting points e.g. starting with no qualifications, getting ready to do a degree, etc.

For the diary!

Open Days: Most open days have now gone virtual – see below for some dates & information; please look at organisations websites for further details of any virtual open days being offered

Norland – a series of live Q&A's and a virtual tour of the campus takes place between **16th and 22nd May**. To see a list of the sessions and book your place please go here.

Bath College - will be hosting its first ever Virtual Open Event on **Thursday 14th May 2020** from 1pm - 4pm, where potential students will be able to speak to teaching staff, watch presentations, get careers advice and learn about College life. To register for this event just fill in the form on our event page, which can be found here.

The University of Law - will be running a virtual higher education experience day on **20th May** 10am-14.30pm, so students can discover a variety of subject areas, career paths and develop skills to support their future. This day is aimed at students currently in Year 10-12. Find out more & book here.

Bristol University - will host a Virtual Open Day on **Friday 26th June**. This event will offer introductory taster lectures as well as the chance to talk to our academics, current students and members of our support services. We recommend that students prepare questions in advance and also check which Faculty their preferred subject sits within. Students can register for this <u>here</u>.

Hot Job/s of the edition:



This edition, we are celebrating the amazing Key Workers who are helping us all get through the coronavirus outbreak.

Many of these workers don't get the praise or attention they deserve during normal times. But it is people like cleaners, delivery drivers, supermarket staff, nurses and school staff who are

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keeping us safe, healthy and happy at this time - while also enabling society to function.

At BCCS we want to thank all of these amazing key workers from the bottom of our hearts and help you learn more about the things they do in their jobs. Please click on the image to see further details about these job roles. If you would like to find out more about the jobs key workers complete then have a go at these activities.



This editions Hot Job is **Nurse**.

They give care, advice and support adults who are sick, injured or have physical disabilities. This job is predicted to grow 5% nationally by 2023.

If this is something you might be interested in, you can find more information at careerpilot.org.uk and see local job market information.

Careerpilot has information on over <u>800 jobs</u>. Each job profile explains entry requirements and regional employment. It's <u>a one-stop website</u> explaining all the choices, qualifications, and courses available to 13-19 year olds. There's also a <u>Parent Zone</u>, with information to help parents and carers support young people in making the right decisions about study and work.

Labour Market Information (LMI):

Nurses		Medical practitioners		Retail cashiers and check-out operators	
Weekly Pay £700 Hours/Week 39h	Annual Pay £36,400 Hourly Pay £18	Weekly Pay £1,470 Hours/Week 42h	Annual Pay £76,440 Hourly Pay £35	Weekly Pay £320 Hours/Week 38h	Annual Pay £16,640 Hourly Pay £8
Workforce Change (projected)		Workforce Change (projected)			
Growth Replacement 10.4% 54.5% The workforce is projected to grow by 10.4% over the period to 2027, creating 77,500 jobs. In the same period, 54.5% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 407.600 job openings.		period to 2027, creating 30.	of the workforce is projected	Workforce Change (projected) Contraction Replacement -5.1% 60.5% The workforce is projected to contract by -5.1% over the period to 2027, losing 14,000 jobs.	
You might find this job in Health Residential care Social work Public admin. & defence Education		You might find this job in Health Public admin. & defence Membership organisations Retail trade Education		in the same period, 60.5% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 164,600 job openings. You might find this job in Retail trade Food & beverage services Wholesale trade Sale of motor vehicles Security, etc	
More info	Clear card	More info	Clear card	More info	Clear card

If you would like to compare the Labour Market Information for up to three separate careers the Careerometer can be found here



Websites to support next steps:

Struggling to know where you go next? Have a look at these great websites which can direct you to some amazing resources and opportunities. Please also look at the Careers page on the BCCS School Website for additional information/support.

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CareerPilot

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Find an Apprenticeship

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National careers service

Please contact Mr Mann, Careers & Employability Lead – pmann@bristocathedral.org.uk, if you would like to find out more about any of these opportunities or if you are a local employer and would like to engage with the BCCS Careers Programme – Futures.

