



*God of life, guide us in our choices  
so that they may be compassionate,  
wise and full of love for others.  
In this way, may all people  
have the chance to live to their full potential.  
Amen.*

## Key Stage 5 Weekly Bulletin: Week beginning: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

- **Welcoming you back:** We are looking forward to welcoming you back to BGN next week. You will have heard that all students (and staff) have to do three lateral flow tests in the first week and a half and we are finalising the arrangements for this. There will be a phased return to prioritise testing at the start of the week. Lots more detail to follow this week so, as usual, please keep your eye on your emails and this bulletin
- **Happy National Careers Week 2021:** This week is National Careers Week and we would like to encourage all students to spend some time this week looking at the support and guidance available on <https://ncw2020.co.uk/>. We attach the guide for parents which outlines what is on offer in more detail.

### WEEKLY WELLNESS TIPS AND IDEAS

If you have not yet had a chance, please have a look at this website. There are some good and brief articles which you may find useful to help support you as we start the new term <https://studentspace.org.uk/wellbeing/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Please remember, we are also here to listen and help if you need us.

### PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE




- **Yr12 Careers hour this week at 2pm:** Join UCAS Hub every day this week (**1-5 March at 2pm**) for the daily Hub Live, including careers workshops, live Q&As, student stories and more: <https://www.ucas.com/ncw2021>

### YEAR 12

- **Studying in London (Webinar) 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** A Unitaster webinar from six London universities, to help with your higher education choices. The London Universities Group is a collaboration between six universities that are all members of the University of London – City, Goldsmiths, Queen Mary, Royal Holloway, SOAS and St George's. Between them, these universities cover a wide variety of subjects including business, creative subjects (art, design, media, music, theatre), engineering, healthcare (medicine, dentistry, nursing), humanities, languages, law, psychology, sciences (chemistry, physics, biology) and the social sciences. [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_nejOWNpXTnyOa\\_ReeVncMA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nejOWNpXTnyOa_ReeVncMA) The webinar will consider:
  - *Reasons to consider studying in London*
  - *Student tips about studying in the capital*
  - *Student life*
  - *Student finance*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_nejOWNpXTnyOa\\_ReeVncMA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nejOWNpXTnyOa_ReeVncMA)

- **MOOCs – Short Online Courses:** Choose from hundreds of online courses such as the ones below to further your knowledge.

 <p>University of Michigan <b>NEW</b> Mindware: Critical Thinking for the Information Age</p>	 <p>UEA (University of East Anglia) Youth Mental Health: Helping Young People with Anxiety ★★★★☆ 4.7 (287 reviews)</p>	 <p>Part of an ExpertTrack FutureLearn <b>NEW</b> Customer Experience Design for Customer Success: How to Build Customer Relationships and Measure Success</p>
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- **Medicine and Science online talks:** These talks will be hosted by various clinical medical students, scientists and doctors over Zoom, touching on topics such as Organ donation, Life as a junior doctor and surgical trainee, and Covid-19 (of course!). We hope this series will attract students both interested in and vaguely considering the idea of applying to study medicine and welcome any questions they might have. The talks will run weekly from early March (10/03/21) to mid-May (12/05/21). Please complete the [sign-up form](#) by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Physics from Oxford University:** There are still some places on the Particle Physics Masterclasses taking place 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. Alongside this we are launching a Particle Physics Research Project using real data from CERN. This is a great opportunity for students who want to do some real research with our graduate student mentors! More information about this can be found here: <https://www2.physics.ox.ac.uk/events/2021/03/16/international-masterclasses-in-particle-physics-march-2021>.
- **Routes into the NHS:** Apprenticeships, Training courses and University degrees can get you into the NHS, in health areas and other fields: [Career events | Health Careers](#)
- **Unifrog Webinars on Universities across the UK:** Sign up to the Unifrog sessions from 1<sup>st</sup> March at 4:30pm with speakers from universities across the UK: [https://www.unifrog.org/webinars?mc\\_cid=56546834f1&mc\\_eid=a1adb78c75](https://www.unifrog.org/webinars?mc_cid=56546834f1&mc_eid=a1adb78c75) You can also sign up on the Webinars tile on your homepage, or here: [www.unifrog.org/webinars](http://www.unifrog.org/webinars)
- **Supporting Parents and Carers in Education:** 5 virtual events from Study Higher (please see the flyer attached):  
TUESDAY 23 MARCH 7-8pm All About University & How to Apply  
TUESDAY 30 MARCH 7-8pm Vocational Routes & Apprenticeships  
TUESDAY 20 APRIL 7-8pm Student Finance  
TUESDAY 4 MAY 7-8pm Wellbeing & Resilience  
TUESDAY 18 MAY 7-8pm Exam & Revision Tip

### YEAR 13

- **Preparing for University:**
  - 10 tips on Preparing for University
  - Unconditional offers: should you always accept?
  - Parents: how to budget for university costs

[Theuniguideadvice/preparing for university](#)

### VIRTUAL TASTER DAYS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

- **UNIQ Yr12 Summer Schools:** We have strong evidence that UNIQ works. **Every year about a third of UNIQ students who apply to Oxford are offered a place.** Last year all UNIQ courses were delivered 100% online and 231 of our online UNIQ students have now received offers from Oxford. UNIQ is **open to students attending UK state schools who are applying to university next year.** Selection considers students' school grades and their socio-economic and educational background. Find out

more about UNIQ at our [website](#).

- **Applications close on Monday 15 March.** [www.uniq.ox.ac.uk](http://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk) #UNIQ2021
- **Year 12 Summer Schools:** Are you interested in going to university? Not sure on what subject you want to study? Sutton Trust UK Summer Schools offer you the chance to experience what university life is like. The **deadline** has been changed to the **16<sup>th</sup> March**: <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/uk-summer-schools/>
- **Supercurricular enrichment from the University of Oxford:** Topics and themes beyond the classroom for History, English, Chemistry, Theatre, MFL. You can sign up at: [Beyond the classroom](#)
- **University Guidance:** Unitaster have a library of On Demand Webinar Videos with one key aim: To support students who are considering university to make informed future decisions. They feature guest speakers from a range of different universities, who are always experts in the subject they are speaking about Please visit <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ondemand>
- **Virtual tours to UK universities are available at the press of a button:**  
<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>

## UCAS AND FINANCE INFORMATION

- **The Student Loans Company:** The SLC will host its annual **Student Money Week** event from **1-5 March 2021**, to support students with their applications. Throughout the week, students and their parents and partners will be able to take part in a series of online Q&A sessions and Facebook events. These will cover topics such as eligibility, how to provide supporting evidence for your application, and extra support available for disabled students and students who have an adult or child dependant. In the run up to Student Money Week new and continuing students can access SLC's dedicated [Funding Your Future](#) web page which provides tips to help with the application process and all the latest student finance information, including a short film.
- 4 student finance facts
  - Use the [student finance calculator](#) to find out how much you could be entitled to.
  - You do not start repaying your student loan until the April after you finish or leave your course and you are earning over the [repayment threshold](#).
  - [What you repay](#) is based on what you earn, not what you have borrowed.
  - You can get all the latest information about student finance by following Student Finance England on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- **Year 13 Student Finance:** The Student Loans Company (SLC) is urging students to register their interest by inviting them to sign up to our [Apply Now mailing list](#). Get ready to apply for student finance ahead of the application service launching in early March. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/student-loans-company-asks-students-to-get-ready-to-apply>
- **University Accommodation:** Availability will be found on the website of each university.

## APPRENTICESHIPS

- **Engineering Apprenticeships Yr 12:** YouTube Live **4<sup>th</sup> March** 10am – 5pm: Engineer your Career: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ch9febN5yPo&feature=youtu.be> For more information visit: [https://www.campusmedia.co.uk/engineer\\_your\\_career/](https://www.campusmedia.co.uk/engineer_your_career/)
- **Y12 Apprenticeships Summer School (Virtual):** The Sutton Trust Apprenticeship Summer School will be delivered in partnership with leading employers. The programme will help you make an informed decision about your future career. You will gain an in depth understanding of [degree apprenticeships](#), what they involve and whether a degree apprenticeship is the right choice for you. You will hear from current apprentices, experience networking opportunities, attend sessions hosted by employers and learn the different application processes employers use. The **deadline** has been changed to the **16<sup>th</sup> March**: <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/apprenticeship-summer-school/>
- **Year 13 Thames Valley Police:** TVP offer apprenticeships for different roles, depending on age and qualifications. Apprenticeships require an interview, a written test, and a background check. You can find out more from the following website: <https://tvpcareers.co.uk/roles/apprenticeships/>
- **The Future of Work:** The Future of Work Guide (please see attachment) follows up on National Careers Week. The guide focuses on the changes to the world of work which are expected to happen due to the Fourth Industrial Revolution and resulting automation.

- **KPMG Audit and Software Engineering apprenticeships are currently open:** Further programme launches will follow later this month. Those interested can sign up to our [Talent Community](#) to be one of the first to hear when these become available.  
**Our places fill fast, so we'd encourage applications as soon as possible**
- **International Women's Day:** To mark International Women's Day 2021, the Royal Air Force (RAF) in partnership with Amazing Apprenticeships, will be running an **exclusive free webinar** for **students** in **Years 10-13**, to explore the incredible apprenticeship and career opportunities available for them. Join us on **8th March at 2pm - 3.30pm**. Register at: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/raf-iwd/register/>
- While these descriptions are great, they can also help you in **choosing a university degree**. Click here [Subject descriptions for Apprenticeships](#)

#### VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Virtual work experience:** Please remember to start to have a look for work experience. Many online opportunities are opening up for **virtual work experience**. Please note that enrolment in this virtual work experience may involve a cost.  
[https://investin.org/pages/choose-your-career?mc\\_cid=be43c5ac23&mc\\_eid=9d55d9feb0](https://investin.org/pages/choose-your-career?mc_cid=be43c5ac23&mc_eid=9d55d9feb0)

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