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TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

In each newsletter, we will be providing advice and guidance for parents and carers on how you can best support your child with preparing for their next steps.



## CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY

With the current situation forcing the cancellation of summer open days, it is easy to feel anxious about you and your child's ability to make an informed choice about which university is best suited to them. Fortunately, *Careers Spotlight* has some top tips for supporting your child in researching university options remotely...



Have open and honest discussions about your child's preferences in terms of location, proximity to home, town or campus university



Encourage your child to check out reviews of universities by current and former students <https://www.whatuni.com/university-course-reviews/>



Many universities already have virtual tours on their websites, but keep an eye out for online open days



Encourage your child to contact universities directly if they have any unanswered questions

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## SPOTLIGHT ON: ONLINE COURSE OF THE WEEK



### What?

Cyber Discovery:  
Virtual Cyber School

### Where?

<https://cyber-school.joincyberdiscovery.com/>

### Why?

This brand new course aims to inspire students to consider a career in the cybersecurity sector. Learn how to crack codes, identify security flaws, and analyse criminals' digital trails - all through over 200 interactive games!

### Who is it for?

Anyone aged 13-18

### How much?

Free

### How long?

All resources are available until 31 August 2020



Take a look at these exciting current vacancies, apprenticeships, and training opportunities in the Reading and Thames Valley area...



KS4



Leading Life Sciences company Bayer are offering two Level 3 apprenticeships in their Supply Chain team and two in their Customer Service team based in the Reading / Thames Valley area [https://jobs.bayer.com/job/Reading-Supply-Chain-Apprentice-Berk/601641001/?locale=en\\_US](https://jobs.bayer.com/job/Reading-Supply-Chain-Apprentice-Berk/601641001/?locale=en_US)

KS5



Use the Future Talent search engine to help you find apprenticeships (also suitable for KS4) and degree apprenticeships in the local area - there are almost 50 different businesses advertising at the moment! <https://www.future-talent.com/>



## WHO TO FOLLOW

This week *Careers Spotlight* recommends checking out @AmazingAppsUK for invaluable information and resources about apprenticeships - take a look!

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

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## KEEPING YOU WORK READY: UPDATE YOUR CV

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During the hustle and bustle of the school term it can be easy to put off tasks such as updating your CV, especially if applying for a job feels a long way off. If, like many of us, however, you have found yourself with some extra time on your hands recently then now could be the perfect time to either refresh your existing CV or create one for the first time!

Unsure of where to start? Check out *Careers Spotlight's* top tips for producing the perfect CV...



Use a simple and clean layout which is visually appealing - there are many templates available online or in Word



Make the most of the experience you have! Consider what skills you have developed through your studies, extra-curricular clubs, and any part-time employment you have had. Showcase these skills through sentences such as 'Playing in the school football team has deepened my ability to work as a team and communicate with others'



Check out <https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/write-first-cv-tips-students-school-leavers/> for lots more tips

## VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES

Check out this selection of online opportunities and resources to keep you busy during lockdown...



Catch up with hundreds of previous live broadcasts from a huge range of companies discussing their industries at <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/live-broadcasts/>



Reading University and Henley Business School are providing a free online summer school for Year 12s interested in a career in real estate. Applications are open until 21 June! <https://www.henley.ac.uk/alumni/support-henley/pathways-to-property/summer-school>



Find out how to become an entrepreneur - perfect for Year 7 and 8! <https://tinyurl.com/y9hrzlqa>

## ONLINE STEAM OPPORTUNITIES

It may come as a surprise that there are just as many, if not more, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) activities to engage with during lockdown as there were before! Companies around the world are pulling out all the stops to provide interactive STEAM experiences to deepen your understanding of these subjects and careers in STEAM-related industries.

Take a look at our pick of the bunch...



Online lectures from the Science and Technology Facility Council's Physics Masterclass - perfect for KS5 <https://sas.stfc.ac.uk/vportal/index.jsp>



The Rutherford Appleton Laboratories are home to the ISIS Neutron and Muon Source - a large particle accelerator used to study the atomic and molecular structures of different materials. Take a virtual tour and have a go at controlling the accelerator yourself in an interactive simulation experience!

<https://www.isis.stfc.ac.uk/Pages/Resources-for-Schools.aspx>



Check out the Wednesday weekly webinar from Diamond Light Source - suitable for all ages <https://www.diamond.ac.uk/Home/Events/2020.html>



The Sea Cadets' Marine Engineering team have so many activities perfect for KS3 and KS4 <https://www.sea-cadets.org/be-an-engineer>



Webinars by Maths role models! <https://tinyurl.com/y7wl59j3>

