

Careers Bulletin - March

Careers Room Opening Hours Monday - Friday 8.50am to 5pm

Careers Diary

Friday 2nd March - Representative from Portsmouth University is available to speak to pupils in Year 13

Thursday 8th March 1.15 pm to 2.45 pm - Year 12 pupils visit the Ballymena and Antrim Schools' Careers Fair. Visit tiny.cc/careersfair for more details

Friday 9th March - Representative from Liverpool John Moores University is available to speak to pupils in Year 13

Monday 12th March - Representative from Queen's University Belfast will speak to all pupils in Year 13

Monday 19th March - Representative from Scottish "Modern" Universities is available to speak to pupils in Year 13

(If a pupil wishes to attend any of the events listed above then please register with Mr G Patterson)

Saturday 24th March 9am - 3pm : NUI Galway Spring Open Day
The full programme is available online at www.nuigalway.ie/opendays

Saturday 14th April - Ulster University Belfast Campus
Parents' Information Event - 9.30 am to 1 pm for pupils in Years 12 and 13
To register and find out more visit www.ulster.ac.uk/parentsevent

Monday 16th April - Representative from Liverpool Hope is available to speak to pupils in Year 13

Saturday 21st April at 12noon - CAFRE Equine Courses - visit www.cafre.ac.uk

Saturday 28th April - Maynooth University Open Day
Find out more at www.gomaynooth.ie

20th - 22nd June - Liverpool John Moores University Northern Ireland Residential.
For more information and to apply, visit ljmu.ac.uk/NIResidential2018

Saturday 23rd June - Maynooth University Open Day
Find out more at www.gomaynooth.ie

July 23rd - 26th : Experience Aberdeen summer programme for Year 13 pupils

For more information and to apply, visit www.abdn.ac.uk/experienceaberdeem

July 30th - August 2nd and August 6th - 9th - Edge Hill University Summer Residentials
For more information and to apply, visit ehu.ac.uk/y12res or email residentials@edgehill.ac.uk

Scholarship Opportunity at Queen's for Year 14 pupils.

Become a LLOYDS SCHOLAR at Queen's.

LLOYDS Scholars Information Day on Thursday 28th March.

Applications open in May each year.

Register your interest at www.Lloyds-Scholars.com

Email: LloydsScholars@qub.ac.uk

go.qub.ac.uk/UGSchol

Kainos "Earn as you Learn" Scheme

Our Earn as you Learn scheme, delivered in partnership with Ulster University, offers the best of all worlds: real world experience, a real salary with a real job and a degree in Computing Systems at the end of it. All while avoiding tuition fees and student loans.

While studying for Earn as you Learn you'll access all the benefits of a Kainos employee - flexible working, free breakfast in the office, paid charity volunteering days and a calendar of buzzing charity and social events.

If you have any questions please contact our Earn as you Learn recruitment team on eayl@kainos.com.

Earn as you Learn opens for applications this month. We'll be running information evenings in our Belfast and Derry-Londonderry offices in March. These fill up fast, so please register early to avoid disappointment. This will be an opportunity to hear presentations, meet our staff and ask any questions you may have. You'll also get to chat to some of the current Earn as you Learn team and find out what the experience is really like.

Visit our website to watch videos on the scheme and the impact Earn as you Learn has had on some of our current students.

Please click on the link below to find out more information about the Kainos Learn scheme, delivered in partnership with Ulster University,

<https://mailchi.mp/37d1376d1f32/coming-soon-kainos-earn-as-you-learn-584181?e=3e5f49e467>

Dale Farm Apprenticeship Opportunity

Dale Farm is offering two exciting Apprenticeship Opportunities for both GCSE and A Level students.

These apprenticeships are aimed at ambitious students who would like to get a head start in the world of work but are looking for an alternative route rather than going to university.

1. Dale Farm Aspire Programme: Higher Level Apprenticeship in Food Manufacture
2. Food Manufacturing Apprenticeships (Level 2)

Apply online at www.dalefarm.co.uk/careers

Work+ Civil Engineering Apprenticeships Northern Ireland

Civil Engineers design the infrastructure we use every day: Supplying clean water, building flood defences, constructing roads and bridges, designing buildings, creating green ways, turning waste into energy, building networks for gas and electricity, protecting the environment.

It's work plus so much more:

- **A £10,000 starting salary**
- **No fees**
- **A pathway to professional qualifications**

To be eligible, you need a minimum of five GCSEs of grade C or above, including English and a minimum grade B in Mathematics or equivalent.

For more information on Work+ and how to apply visit nidirect.gov.uk/work-plus

University of Oxford and University of Cambridge Student Conference

We are delighted to invite you and your students to a FREE Student Conferences, organised by the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge in Lisburn on Monday 26 March.

The full-day conference is available to students from all UK schools and colleges currently in Lower Sixth or Year 13 studying A Levels or comparable qualifications.

The conference will include:

Course information sessions with taster lectures delivered by current Oxford and Cambridge teaching staff

Up-to-date information on applying to Oxford and Cambridge (including Student Life)

Student finance and graduate prospects

Information for teachers and HE advisors

Admissions Tutors and other staff from both universities will be on hand to answer questions and there will be the opportunity to talk informally to current undergraduates.

Please see Mr Patterson if you wish to register for this conference.

Science at Queen's Parents' Evening

Queen's University Belfast will once again be hosting Science at Queen's Parents' Evening on Wednesday 21st March, 6.30-9.30pm. This is an evening for your Year 11, 12 and 13 students and their parents to come to Queen's and explore the following Science subjects:

Archaeology & Palaeoecology

Chemistry

Biological Science

Biomedical Science

Geography

Mathematics and Physics

Pharmacy

Psychology

At the event visitors will hear subject presentations, talk to relevant employers, see student project demonstrations and have Q&A time with our academic staff.

Students/Parents can book their place to attend here: <http://go.qub.ac.uk/QUBScience>

Experience Aberdeen 23rd to 26th July - Year 13 pupils

Experience Aberdeen is a fully funded four day summer programme offering AS level students a unique opportunity to experience life at university before applying.

For more information about the programme, or to apply visit www.abdn.ac.uk/experienceaberndeen

Summer placement opportunity for Year 13 students interested in further education and careers in IT.

The Sentinus IT Bursary Placement Programme is an annual programme which provides students with a great opportunity to work alongside IT professionals in real IT work environments for 4 weeks over the Summer holiday period.

There are 20 placements available this Summer and students will have the opportunity to work on IT projects in their area of interest, not simply work shadowing.

The closing date for applications is 30th March 2018.

For further information please don't hesitate to contact:

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Nuffield Research Placements - Year 13

Each year Nuffield Research placements give over 1,200 year 13/ lower sixth students hands-on experience of a professional research environment through a 4-6 week placement in their summer holidays. By working with STEM professionals students are able to gain insight into a wide variety of STEM careers, the added bonus is that the successful students will receive financial support from the Nuffield Foundation throughout the duration of their placement.

The application process for the Nuffield Research Placement Programme is now open for 2018 applications and is available online at www.nuffieldresearchplacements.org

The closing date for applications is 13th March 2018.

Eligibility Criteria

- Year 13 students who are currently studying AS Levels, or equivalent
- Studying a science, technology, engineering, IT or maths subject
- 5 Grade A*-B at GCSE including maths and a science (lower grades will be accepted if there are exceptional circumstances)
- Interested in continuing with science, technology/IT, engineering or maths after school/college

Key points

- The placements will take place in the summer of 2018
- The duration of the placement can be 4, 5 or 6 weeks depending on the requirements of the placement provider and student availability.
- All placed students will receive financial support while on placement
- There are two levels of financial support, namely; Full Bursary of £100 per week plus Travel Expenses to and from the placement (public transport only) or Travel Expenses only

The experience can be particularly valuable to students who don't have a family history of going to university, or who come from low income families. We want more students from these backgrounds to apply, and can offer them financial support while they undertake the placement.

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Subject Taster Days at Edge Hill University

13th June: Computer Science

14th June: Law, Criminology and Policing

14th June: Sport and Physical Activity

20th June: Health and Social Care

20th June: Geography

21st June: Primary and Secondary Education

27th June: Performing Arts

27th June: Creative Media

28th June: History

For further information and to register please visit

ehu.ac.uk/tasterdays or email educationliaison@edgehill.ac.uk

NUI Galway Summer Schools

NUI Galway is offering hands-on and interactive Summer Schools in Business , Computing/IT , Engineering , Law and Science.

Booking is now open. Visit www.nuigalway.ie/summer-schools for more information.

Year 13 Work Shadowing Arrangements

All pupils in Year 13 should have received a work shadowing application form and medical form on Tuesday 24th October 2017. Placements will not be arranged until both forms are returned.

Charter work placements tend to be allocated on a first come first served basis so pupils need to check their emails regularly for details of such placements.

Pupils are encouraged to complete work placements during holiday time or after they finish their AS exams (Monday 4th June) unless it is a Charter placement etc.

Pupils should collect a log book from Mr G Patterson whenever a placement has been arranged. Pupils should ensure that they complete all sections of the log book and the Employer should fill out the Assessment Form. This log book will then be passed on to the UCAS Referee at the beginning of Year 14.

Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine

Careers Uncovered Healthcare Careers Evening 2018

Getting into Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary, Nursing & Midwifery

Monday 26th March or Monday 23rd April : 6pm - 9pm

Training Academy 3fivetwo, 10 Falcon Way, Boucher Road, Belfast, BT12 6SQ

Cost: £6 (including VAT, materials and refreshments)

Bookings can be made online at www.3fivetwotraining.com or by calling the office at 028 9073 5273.

Application and Interview Skills Package for Medical and Dental Students

3fivetwo Training Academy are Northern Ireland's leading experts in the application and interview process for medical, dental and veterinary schools. Our courses have achieved a 90%+ success rate in student acceptances to Medical, Dental and Veterinary Schools. We offer a discounted rate for students who would like to avail of our "Application and Interview Skills Package for Medical and Dental students ". The package includes 3 courses for £270.00, which is an overall saving of £54.00 compared to booking the courses individually.

This package includes:

- 1. Effective Personal Statement Writing Workshop**
- 2. UKCAT Preparation Course**
- 3. Interview Skills Course for Students Applying to Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary**

Bookings and more information can be found online <http://www.3fivetwotraining.com/> or by phone on 02890 735 273.

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So you want to be a Doctor?

A medicine careers day for students in Years 10 - 12

10am - 4pm Wednesday 7th March 2018

Keele University School of Medicine

For further details and a booking form please visit <http://www.keele.ac.uk/medicine/newsevents/medicinecareersday/>

Tel: 01782 734644

Email: s.m.farrington@keele.ac.uk

Newcastle University's PARTNERS Programme

Do you have students with lots of potential who might not apply to university? Would they benefit from a lower conditional offer to a Russell Group University rated in the top 1% of world universities*? Newcastle University's PARTNERS Programme could help.

We are delighted to announce that Newcastle University's PARTNERS Programme is now available to all eligible students in Northern Ireland. The PARTNERS Programme has been established since 1999 and supports eligible students to make a successful application to Newcastle University.

Through this route, students receive a PARTNERS offer which is lower than the University's typical offer (usually by two grades) and includes successful completion of an Academic Summer School that takes place after their Year 13/final-year college exams. Students can check their eligibility online at www.ncl.ac.uk/partners.

If you would like to find out more information, please visit our website at www.ncl.ac.uk/partners, call us on 0191 208 6094, or email us at partners@ncl.ac.uk

Work experience opportunities with PwC

Are you thinking about your next steps once you leave school or college? Do you have an interest in business and finance or technology? Do you want to work with some of the most successful companies and high profile organisations in the world? At PwC, we have two exciting work experience programmes which will help you find out more about us, and more importantly, more about yourself and where your career interests lie. Come and spend a week with us during your summer holidays and get paid while you build on your employability skills and start to shape your future.

Business Insight Week

If you have a keen interest in business or finance, our Business Insight Week will put you through your paces, with guidance and support every step of the way to explore the work we do and the opportunities we can offer you. You'll spend time with teams working on live projects and buddying up with a member of the PwC

team just a little older than you. You'll get a unique insight into how the world of business works and what it's like to start your career here. We'll spend time helping you identify the employability skills you already have and how you can develop these further to give you the best possible start to a career in business. We'll top it all off by sharing your experiences with other students on the programme and celebrating a fantastic week.

Big Data Summer Camp

Our Big Data Summer Camp will give you the opportunity to learn from some of our experts in this field who'll give you an insight into how the skills you're developing are being implemented to help our clients use their data to gain a competitive edge. Big Data represents a fundamental shift in business decision-making. Our clients are used to analysing internal data like sales figures, staff levels and stock counts. Now, they're increasingly under pressure to analyse external data to understand customer sentiment through social media, competitor performance in local and global markets, and the supply chain risks and opportunities.

We're one of the world's leading professional services organisations. Our purpose is to build trust in society and solve important problems for our clients. We tackle lots of different issues for loads of different organisations, entrepreneurs and private businesses. We help with big deals and big changes to their structures and businesses. We advise them on tax. We make sure they're getting the most out of their IT. We help them plan ahead to manage risk, make sure they're sustainable, and profitable.

For both programmes, you'll need to be:

Currently in year 13 and studying for A levels or equivalent.

Interested in taking your first steps towards a career in business, finance or technology.

Available for a week during your summer holidays on either w/c 30th July or w/c 6th August

You'll need to be on course for a 96 UCAS tariff at A level (excluding general studies)

You'll need to have achieved a GCSE grade C in Maths and English

Committed to your career ambitions and able to explain to us why you want to complete the programme.

You can apply to only one of these programmes:

Business Insight week

Big Data Summer Camp.

For more information and to apply visit pwc.com/uk/schools/work-experience

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Oxford

Thinking of applying to Oxford?

Visit ox.ac.uk/study for details of courses, colleges and how to apply, along with information on resources, support and funding available .

This site also has contact details for colleges, departments, museums and the Admissions Information Centre.

Visit explore.org

Be UNIQ:

Find out more about our free programmes for state school students:

www.uniq.ox.ac.uk

For all information about open days, please see ox.ac.uk/opendays. You may also like to check our events diary for information on other events.

Open Days

Pupils are encouraged to organise individual visits to universities they intend to apply to in Scotland, England and Wales.

For a comprehensive list of open days visit www.opendays.com and www.heloa.ac.uk/Scotland

Careers Service NI live webinar for parents/guardians

The Department for the Economy's Careers Service NI will host a live webinar on Wednesday 14 March at 11:00 am to provide help and support for parents/guardians with subject choices at Year 10.

Ulster University Talented Athlete Entry Scheme

Did you know that Ulster University offers reduced grade requirements to talented athletes entering full-time undergraduate study?

The Talented Athlete Entry Scheme is designed to assist talented young sports performers in gaining access to a quality education at Ulster University whilst attaining success at the highest levels within their chosen sport.

The Scheme recognises the sacrifice in time, effort and crucially – in examination performance – which may result from taking part in sport at the highest level.

Under the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme, Ulster University allows a reduction in the grades required for entry to full-time undergraduate courses.

For the academic year 2018-19, successful applicants to the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme will be offered a two grade reduction in entrance requirements or the equivalent in other accepted entrance qualifications.

If you have any questions or require any further information in relation to the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme, please contact the Scheme

Administrator by email on:

schemeadministrator@ulster.ac.uk

Scholarships

Queen's University Belfast - Scholarships

Visit go.qub.ac.uk/UGSchol

DCU McAleese Scholarships

Applicants for the McAleese Scholarship must have a permanent home address in Northern Ireland and successful applicants will gain one of forty reserved places across a number of DCU undergraduate programmes.

The applicants must meet DCU minimum entry requirements and specific programme entry requirements.

To find out more about studying at DCU or the DCU Academic Scholarships, visit <http://www4.dcu.ie/prospective/scholarships.shtml>.

Trinity College Dublin : Feasibility Study

For students from Northern Ireland taking A-levels, please consult the pages on the Feasibility Study for A-Level Admissions at:

www.tcd.ie/study/eu/undergraduate/apply/northern-ireland and www.tcd.ie/study/eu/undergraduate/apply/northern-ireland/al_feasibility)

University of Dundee

We offer Academic Excellence for students achieving AAB above or equivalent for 2017 entry and hopefully beyond. Please find full information below:

<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/study/scholarships/2017-sept/academic-excellence-ruk/>

University of Aberdeen

We have a merit scholarship available to £9250 fee paying students who get AAB (or equivalent) at A levels. However this is not available to students applying to Medicine unfortunately. Students can receive £1000 for 4 years of study.

Students do not need to apply for this scholarship, once they have started in September we have a look at who is eligible and then get in touch with them.

We have an online funding database which details other scholarships we have links with too.

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/scholarshipsandfunding.php#rest-of-uk-ruk-undergraduate-scholarships-2017-entry-only>

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University of Glasgow

Our two main awards for students from Northern Ireland are the RUK Excellence Scholarship - subject to students attaining three As or equivalent in their exams. This is not based on household income.

We also have the Welcome Bursary which is awarded dependent on household income.

However, there are a range of more niche scholarships that student may be eligible to apply to:
<http://www.gla.ac.uk/scholarships/>

You will find information regarding scholarships and bursaries for students from Northern Ireland on the page: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/scholarships/englandwalesandnorthernireland/>

Strathclyde

Accommodation Bursary: £1000 deducted from the cost of university accommodation in 1st year

Strathclyde Excellence Scholarship: £1000 per year of study for AAB or equivalent students

Strathclyde Science Scholars: £500 per year of study (application required)

Deans Rest of UK Merit Scholarship: £500 per year of study for ABB students within Humanities and Social Sciences

Information on all of the above can be found on our scholarship database www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/scholarships/

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Heriot Watt Academic Scholarship

This academic scholarship is not income assessed but seeks to reward and encourage high achieving students. For more information on the grade requirements please visit <https://www.hw.ac.uk/study/scholarships/heriot-watt-academic-scholarship.htm>

Apprenticeships

RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk has 10,000 reviews written by people who have taken alternative routes to university, including amazing apprenticeships, school leaver programmes and exciting ways to gain experience on gap years.

So for some career inspiration visit RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk

CAFRE Higher Education Prospectus

Visit www.cafre.ac.uk

Ballymena Academy CEIAG Policy available on request