

ST ALBAN'S CAREERS NEWSLETTER



Hello Everyone

We hope you are all staying safe and well at home ☺

Welcome to the first edition of our Careers Newsletter

We hope to inspire and encourage you to find out more about the world of work and the amazing opportunities open to you!

Each issue we will have a particular focus – our first issue we are looking at - **UNIVERSITY!**

For our younger students – you may think this is a long way off!
But time goes quickly – and you are very fortunate to be able to be given the opportunity to view university life before you actually get to visit them in person!
Interested??

Take a look



Thinking of going to Uni ?

Sign up! – This free newsletter will include the latest higher education events added to UniTasterDays. The coming weeks will see an increase in online events advertised by universities, so this newsletter will have a temporary focus on these online opportunities for students. www.unitasterdays.com



UEA are offering free webinars!

They are running regular webinars which are live online sessions that include a short presentation followed by a chance to submit your questions using the text chat function. They are free and easy to join.

They will also be offering subject specific online taster lectures from their academics so you can learn more about studying your subject at degree level. Keep checking their site for more updates! www.uea.ac.uk/study/webinars

Virtual Open Days

Due to the unprecedented times that the UK is challenged with, universities have been forced to host virtual open days. Following government guidance due to the COVID-19 outbreak, universities are unable to host open days because of the restrictions on group gatherings.

Open days are important as they give you, as a potential student, the opportunity to get a real feel about your prospective place of study.

What will happen during a virtual open day?

A virtual open day means you'll be able to do this all online. You'll learn about the course you've applied to or thinking of applying to, all the development opportunities that are provided at the university and how you can build your professional skills. A virtual open day will also enable you to meet the academic team and ask any questions you have about the course requirements and modules.

Should I attend a virtual open day?

Absolutely! Think of it as a try before you buy process. This is an ideal way for you to find out more about the university, including their campus, course content, key central facilities and the range of accommodation offered.

How do I find universities offering virtual open days?

To save you time and make things simpler, Careermap have compiled a list of the different universities offering virtual tours. Can't see the university you're looking for? Look on their website or email them for assistance.

www.careermap.co.uk/virtual-open-days/

UNIVERSITY OF SUFFOLK VIRTUAL TOUR

Have you ever driven past our local Suffolk uni and wondered what it was like to go there – now you can! Click on their virtual tour for a look around! www.uos.ac.uk/virtualtour/welcome

UCAS

Check out the UCAS site – there is lots of information you may find helpful!

UCAS is more than just an undergraduate admissions portal. They offer several services for different audiences – they offer advice on; post 16 qualifications, career ideas, apprenticeships, traineeships, post 16 options and of course everything to do with university (finance and support) www.ucas.com/

FREE ONLINE COURSES

There are lots of free online courses available! Take a look at these:

MOOCS (free online courses)

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are free online courses and there are a variety of courses based on short, topical modules that cover a range of subjects from international development to branding. Take a look at the Preparing for University MOOC!



www.uea.ac.uk/study/short-courses/online-learning

Future Learn also offer loads of free courses for any age! www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/futurelearn-schools

CAREERS AND COFFEE – WITH THE ENTERPRISE ADVISER NETWORK & CORNERSTONE EMPLOYERS



Our school's Local Enterprise Advisor Network have created a series of talks throughout May, June & July on Tuesday & Thursday lunchtimes (12.30-1.00pm) where they will be doing a live Q&A with guests streamed live on their YouTube account. They have everyone from a Crown Court Judge, Fashion Model from 'This Morning' to the ex MD of City & Guilds International.

Students will be able to ask questions live via YouTube comments during the 30 minute talk. The first part of the chat will focus on the guest talking about themselves, their role, sector etc. Then there will be an open discussion on careers and what skills young people may need for the world of work. Also! They will be asking the guests how they are coping during lockdown!

Please see attachment with this Newsletter for full details of the Programme

www.youtube.com/channel/UCMQWGt6SdsGQF-KJCq7JTwQ/featured



Uni Taster Tuesdays - Online weekly university guidance webinars #UTDIAG

UniTasterDays in collaboration with HELOA are delivering university guidance webinars every Tuesday lunchtime for the rest of the academic year, to support post-16 students considering university.

Different guest universities will attend each week, delivering sessions on important aspects of university guidance with a moderated Q&A - scheduled during the lunch break.

Events are free to attend and will start at 12pm – finishing at 12.45pm. Starting with a student finance masterclass on Tuesday April 28th with guest universities Bucks New University and Coventry University.

Book a place

The live event is for post 16-students although recordings will be available after the event for pre-16 students as well!

To book a place and browse upcoming events, please go to the website below and click the event of interest in the event booking session www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx

SPOTLIGHT ON

Each issue we will highlight a different career/industry related topic – next issue we will take a look at the many and varied careers working for the NHS 😊



Finally – any budding **engineers and scientists** out there! Have a look on the James Dyson Foundation website ! www.jamesdysonfoundation.com/

Take care everyone and stay safe

Careers Team

** top website alert – **icanbea** www.icanbea.org.uk/virtual-tours/

Take a virtual tour around key businesses in the Ipswich area! A virtual tour is a great way to hear from actual employers and explore different locations and business areas.



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