



# SHSB CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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## UCAS Update

This year we have seen a record number of university applications, from both past and present students. We have processed 238 applications, and teaching staff have written over 1,100 subject and tutor references!

Offers from universities are flooding in, and students have until 9th June to confirm their firm and insurance choices.

### Highlight on: Gatsby Benchmark 1 Personal Guidance

“Every school and college should have an embedded programme of career education and guidance that is known and understood by pupils, parents, teachers and employers”

Pupils in all years enjoy a programme of careers lessons, as well as opportunities to engage with higher education providers, employers and industry professionals

The Unifrog platform supports this benchmark, allowing students to be actively involved in their own research, recording of activities and developing their competences

### Multiple Mini Interviews @ SHSB

Our aspiring medics go through a rigorous application process to gain an offer to study Medicine at university. Many universities now run MMIs— where students go through various interview stations to be quizzed in a range of ways.

We were delighted to be able to run our own SHSB Mock MMI session for students in November.

All staff involved were impressed by the maturity and professionalism shown by the students



## CAN YOU HELP?

### YEAR 10 INTERVIEW EXERCISE July 2022

On 14th July, all year 10 students will be taking part in a mock interview exercise— from choosing a job, writing a CV and covering letter to being interviewed by an employer. If you are a parent/ supporter who would be able to come and be one of our industry interviewers for the day please contact Mrs Hamilton at [ceh@shsb.org.uk](mailto:ceh@shsb.org.uk)

# DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS-EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

In recent years more and more of our students have been leaving school after A Levels and going on to an apprenticeship Especially popular are degree apprenticeships, where the apprentice earns a wage, gains work experience, and completes a fully funded degree.

The application process can be very competitive and time consuming, but the rewards are great. Recently students have gone on to work for Pwc, JP Morgan, Ford, BMW and Bank of England



#### **What is a degree apprenticeship?**

Degree apprenticeships are exactly what they say - an apprenticeship programme that leads to a full degree-level qualification. This could be a bachelor's or master's degree, or an equivalent professional qualification.

#### **Who are they for?**

Degree apprenticeships can be for new recruits into apprenticeships (for example, those leaving school) or they can be for an existing employee who is looking to upskill or retrain in their job role.

#### **How long do they take to complete?**

Degree apprenticeships will typically take between 2 - 6 years to complete, depending on the level and programme. The apprentice will split their time between working and studying with a training provider.

#### **How much do they cost?**

The apprentice will not be required to pay towards the cost of the training, this will be funded by the employer and/or government. The apprentice will earn a salary throughout their apprenticeship, which means they are being paid to learn and will not incur student fees.

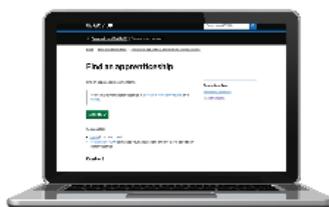
#### **How do you find a degree apprenticeship?**

Degree apprenticeships are still relatively new and the number of vacancies is expected to increase each year. Top places to look include:

#### **Find an Apprenticeship**

[www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

This is the government website where you can set up an account to search, apply and receive alerts for different apprenticeship vacancies.



#### **Higher & Degree Listing**

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships)

Each year, a listing of higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies is published on the government website containing a wide selection of opportunities and links to apply.

Discover more about apprenticeships:  
[www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com)



## University Opportunities

Universities across the country offer master classes/competitions/virtual lectures to students of all age groups. These are a great way for a student to build up their understanding of university education and they look great on UCAS personal statements. Here are some of the current activities on offer.

### **Year 9 and 10 taster sessions Emmanuel College Cambridge:**

<https://www.emma.cam.ac.uk/admissions/access/tasterdays/>

### **Year 12 Subject Masterclasses, University of Cambridge:**

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses>

### **Year 10 online course:**

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/secondary/ucl-explore-english>

### **Sixth form lecture:**

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/think-tank-brexit-one-year-on-cutting-edge-university-interdisciplinary-perspectives-debate/>

## University Summer Schools

Many universities now run Summer School programmes for Year 12 students. These are a great opportunity to experience a bit of university life, take part in lectures, hear from tutors and current undergraduates, and learn about the university admission process.

The Sutton Trust and UNIQ are 2 such programmes, both of which are open to applications from Year 12 students. Please follow the links below for more information about the schemes and how to apply.

<https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/>

<https://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/>

Other universities offer their own schemes, so it is worth doing some research to see what you can find. Some examples of these are:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/preunisummerschool/registeryourinterest/how/>

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/summer/pre-university/summer-school>

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/insight-into-university>

<https://www.ucas.com/events/exploring-university/learn-about-uni-taster-course>

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