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Personal Statements, BMAT and other admissions tests to be discontinued.



UCAS has now announced the end of the 4000-character personal statement and from the 2024 admission cycle, applicants will answer some set questions instead. By splitting the statement into sections, UCAS say students will be clearer on what supporting information makes a difference to their application. For more information on the changes and the proposed six sections see [here](#).

It has also been announced that the BMAT (Biomedical Admissions Test), TMUA (Test of Maths for University Admission), NSAA (Natural Science Admissions Assessment) and ENGAA (Engineering Admissions Assessment) will be discontinued from the 2024 university application cycle. More information can be gained [here](#).

T Levels and university admission



In January, the DfE published a new list of higher education providers accepting T Levels, including 104 universities, 26 Further Education colleges and 3 Institutes of Technology. To be on the list, universities and HE providers only have to have a “minimum of one” course accepting T Levels as an entry requirement and the list doesn’t tell students what those courses are. The list can be seen [here](#).

National Careers Week 6th - 11th March 2023



It's not too long to go to National Careers Week. Resources are available [here](#). They are divided into three main sections and hopefully you'll find everything you are looking for: activities, planning & printables, and booklets & guides.

Double UK/US undergraduate degree



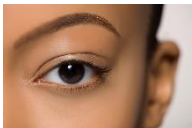
[Northeastern University](#) (formerly New College of the Humanities) is now offering a 'Double Degree' combining a UK and US undergraduate degree simultaneously. Graduates will gain a UK degree from Northeastern University, London and a US degree from Northeastern University (NU). Students can choose a 4-year Double Degree, with a fourth year at a Northeastern University US campus or an accelerated, 3-year degree including summer courses. Read more [here](#).

How to get qualified as a youth worker



There are a number of ways to become a youth worker and various qualifications available at different levels including apprenticeships, diplomas, undergraduate degrees and postgraduate courses. The [National Youth Agency website](#) explains the different routes and also what to expect when working as a youth worker.

How to become an Orthoptist



Orthoptists diagnose and manage a range of conditions that affect eye movement and visual development. This website from the [British and Irish Orthoptic Society](#) shows what the work involves with information on how to get qualified.

The Smallpeice Trust Engineering Courses for Years 10-12



Applications are now open for The Smallpeice Trusts' residential and non-residential summer engineering courses for Year 10, 11 & 12 students. Students can find out about the different career paths in engineering, experience university life, meet industry experts and get hands-on experience on different projects. To find out what is available see [here](#).

London Institute of Banking and Finance Summer School



[The London Institute of Banking and Finance's](#) three-day non-residential programme is open to students interested in careers in financial services and who are also considering related subjects at university. With insights into the world of banking and finance, the programme will also introduce the career paths in financial services. Dates: Tuesday 18 July – Thursday 20 July or Tuesday 22 August – Thursday 24 August. To find out more and apply click [here](#).

University of Cambridge Webinars, Masterclasses and other content



The University of Cambridge has an events page on its website where students, parents, teachers & advisers can search for webinars, open days and masterclasses taking place around the university. Search by subject, course or College and use the filters to find content for students, parents, teachers and advisers. To see what is on offer click [here](#).

The University of Derby events 2023



The university is running a series of events this year, including virtual or pre-recorded events or visits to campus. The events have been designed to showcase the breadth of course options and future careers available to students considering their next steps. See what's available [here](#).

University of Southampton events 3-6th April 2023



The University of Southampton has a range of upcoming events including [Where can your degree take you](#) and a free of charge 4-day Widening Access Medicine Virtual Work Experience and Taster course for 30 x Year 12 students to increase the applicant's knowledge of the role of doctors and the training they undergo (students need to be studying A Level Biology and one additional science, be under 18, and meet at least two eligibility criteria). Applications close 1 March 2023. The events run between 3-6th April. To find out more see [here](#).

Programme for factual television or documentary makers



Applications for a training initiative offered by [Grierson DocLab](#) are now open. Aimed at UK-based 18-25 years olds who want to pursue a career in factual TV or documentary, the programme equips 12 successful candidates with the knowledge, skills, confidence and connections to take their first steps into the industry. Apply by 24 February 2023.

Network Rail apprenticeships



Network Rail is looking for bright and ambitious individuals to join their team in a range of locations and for a range of different roles, not just engineering. Some of the apprenticeships available are degree level. See what is on offer [here](#).

Tarmac Apprenticeships



Tarmac is looking to recruit apprenticeships from Level 2 to degree level and positions are available throughout the country. To find out what they have on offer and apply see [here](#).

KPMG Apprenticeships



KPMG apprenticeships offer the chance to gain professional experience and develop the skills you need for a career in accountancy or technology. Apprentices will be supported to achieve professional qualifications and accreditations – such as diplomas and degrees and earn a salary at the same time. To find out more see [here](#).

GSK Apprenticeships



GSK has a wide range of apprenticeships covering engineering, manufacturing, laboratory science, pharmaceutical science, supply chain and data science. To find out more and apply see [here](#).

Kier Apprenticeships



Kier are a leading provider of infrastructure services, construction and property developments and are offering apprenticeships throughout the country in occupations such as civil engineering, quantity surveying, Highway Maintenance and IT. To find out more and apply see [here](#).

University of Leicester, Teachers & Adviser Conference, Friday 31st March 2023



The event will be running from 9am to 4:30 pm. If participants are travelling a distance free accommodation is provided. To find out more see [here](#).

Good Careers Guidance, the next 10 years.



It is nearly 10 years since Sir John Holman began the work which defined the eight Gatsby Benchmarks of Good Career Guidance. In this [article](#) Sir John Holman reflects on what makes good careers guidance and the continued need for the Gatsby Benchmarks.

STEM insights podcasts



STEM Learning's brand new podcast STEM Insights aims to help teachers turn the latest research into practice! You can find the podcasts [here](#)

Careers Helpline



Jacque Ridge, our Helpline Manager and our team welcome enquiries from schools, parents, and students. The helpline is staffed between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday at helpline@futuresmartcareers.co.uk.

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