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Virtual UCAS Fair - 20 October 2021

UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair is taking place next week on **Wednesday 20 October** from **12 - 6pm**. Students, teachers and parents can register for their free place [here](https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/): <https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/>

The event will feature a wide range of exhibitors, **virtual campus tours**, vital webinars, and the chance to win one of five £100 Amazon Vouchers. The event is perfectly timed to help year 13s as they apply to university, including two special webinars on **How to Write Your UCAS Personal Statement** and **Completing Your UCAS Application**, students can also speak directly with admissions experts to receive **vital application advice**, and find out what they look for in a candidate.

The event is also a fantastic opportunity for students in year 12 as they begin to consider their next steps after school or college. Students can explore their options by chatting with exhibitors and participating in the **Careers and Employability**, Student Life at University, and **Degree Apprenticeships** webinars.

Exhibitors will include the universities' of Bristol, Cardiff, Glasgow, Kent, Newcastle, Swansea, Exeter, Aberdeen, Queen Mary, Lancaster, Middlesex, SOAS, Manchester Met, Liverpool, Southampton, Surrey as well as the **National Apprenticeships Service**. You can take part in this incredible free event anytime between 12 - 6 pm and generally students spend about an hour at the fair.

Nuffield Research Placements 2022

Applications opened on Monday, 11 October 2021. Students are now able to start applying for the programme.

I have created a Narrated Presentation to help launch Nuffield. You can access this on YouTube using this link: <https://youtu.be/VHbKRZP2Afl>

Nuffield have a particular focus on high achieving students from more disadvantaged backgrounds. Undertaking a Nuffield Research Placement will inspire and motivate you. It will help give you the skills and confidence you need to get a place at a top university. 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.

To apply, students must:

- Be over 16 and in full-time education at either a state-maintained school or a state-maintained college in the UK.

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- Have at least five GCSEs or Scottish Nationals at grade B/Grade 6 or above, including maths, a science subject, and English or another humanities subject.
- Be studying one or more A-levels or Scottish Highers (or equivalent) in science, technology, engineering or maths.
- We also require students to fulfill at least one of the following criteria to be eligible to apply:
- Come from a low-income household and be eligible for a bursary
- Be the first in your family to go to University

Nuffield Bursary:

Students may be eligible to receive a bursary if they meet one of the following criteria:

Are eligible for, or in receipt of, Free School Meals, or have been in the last six yearsAre receiving discretionary payments at school or college (this does not apply to academic scholarships at independent schools).

Have a total household income below £30,000 (before tax).

Are living in, or have lived in, local authority care.

First in family:

This refers to students parents/guardian that did not attend University or Higher Education (including institutions outside the UK). If their siblings have attended University or Higher Education (but parents/guardian have not) they are still eligible to apply.

Expression of Interest Forms

The form is to be completed by students that are interested in finding out more about a Nuffield Research Placement. Once a student has completed the form, please send it back to charlotte.kenney@leics-ebc.org.uk

Form: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16sqkelkg5wRaMSte8-ugCW50wzEwnaNVxSu855wVvdc/edit?usp=sharing>

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UCAS applications - IMPORTANT UPDATE

We're at the first UCAS deadline (for Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Sciences and Dentistry) and we wanted to say congratulations to everyone who has successfully applied so far.

Anyone else interested in applying through UCAS for the general stream (15 January 2022 official external deadline) or Art and Design courses (24 March 2022 official external deadline) should aim to get their draft application to their tutors for the initial check ASAP.

Please remember to collect a green front sheet from Lesley and staple that to the front before you hand it to your tutor. It's important to print off any new versions and staple to the back so we can see the suggestions and adjustments that have been made.

It is crucial that you ask your tutor to check your FULL application sooner rather than later so that you can quickly bring it down to Post 16 for the final detailed check.

On average, it takes two weeks to check, amend and give final authorisation on an application once it has arrived in Post 16. The earlier you get it in, the easier it is for us to check and the less stressful it will be in getting it sent off for the external deadline.

Good luck :-)

The Post 16 Team

EngRec Virtual Careers Fair – Free Careers Guide

Looking for inspiration for your engineering career? IMechE and Professional Engineering will once again host THE virtual fair for early engineering careers – ideal if you are looking for the perfect job or course to boost your skills.

All attendees will come away with our brilliant Careers Guide, placed with all the tips, insight and useful information you need to supercharge your career. Register now and get your copy when you attend virtually on 29 October 2021.

Four reasons to attend on 29 October and continue your focus on your career:

- Meet inspiring companies looking to recruit young engineers
- Apply for great jobs on the day
- Find out more about the courses and training available to further your learning
- Hear from expert speakers about career opportunities, industries and projects.

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Could Your Students Get a Lower Uni Offer? Newcastle University

Your students could receive a lower conditional offer to study with us if they're eligible to join our PARTNERS Programme.

Through the programme they could:

- receive a conditional offer that's up to three A Level grades lower than the typical entry requirement
- attend the PARTNERS Academic Summer School (PASS)
- develop the skills to become a successful student
- meet other students and increase their confidence

To be eligible, they must meet certain criteria and submit a PARTNERS application with their UCAS form.

The deadline for Medicine and Dentistry applications is 15 October, so make sure your students apply soon!

On course to PASS

Do your students need help with their university application?

Now they can join On Course to PASS: UCAS Application Support on Wednesday 20 October, 5.30pm-6.30pm and get advice on:

- choosing a course and university
- what to cover in a personal statement
- how to get a lower conditional offer through our PARTNERS Programme
- what to expect at our PARTNERS Academic Summer School and how this fits into the application process

And they'll be able to put their questions about applying to university to our current students and PARTNERS team in a Q&A session.