

Careers Bulletin – May 2020

Please feel free to contact the Careers Department on careersadmin@latymer-upper.com for information, advice and guidance.

This term we were due to hold many exciting events as part of our Careers programme and we are now looking to deliver as much as we can to the students remotely.

In the meantime, we have found many sources of online materials that should continue to educate, inform and engage students with whatever area of careers they are eager to find out more about.

Virtual Work Experience

Barclays Life Skills – Through Freeformers, you will get to experience the inner workings of a 'digital transformation' agency, and actively work with different departments on one exciting project. By solving problems and complete real-life tasks you will get a unique opportunity to gain work experience in a company that you might not normally get access to while highlighting the essential skills you might need.



Law work experience – Global law firms, White & Case and Jacksons, have developed online platforms to enable students to gain an insight into the legal sector, and in particular the typical tasks they will be involved with as a trainee solicitor.

Click here for White & Case virtual work experience

Click here for Jacksons virtual work experience



Medical work experience – Brighton & Sussex Medical School has created an online course providing 'virtual' work experience for those looking to apply to medical school. You will be introduced to the NHS before exploring the roles and skill sets of six different medical specialists. Along the way, you will also consider some of the challenges and wider issues doctors face.



Virtual Careers Talks

Springpod - **Learn Lounge** is a new interactive platform that lets you experience a whole new way of careers learning that is delivered virtually so you can join in from the comfort of your own home. It features inspiring career stories and guidance from experts across different fields – from technology to sport, and everything in between.



Speakers for Schools - **Penguin Books** has joined the Speakers for Schools' schedule of daily **Virtual Talks** for 11- to 18-year-old students. In these unusual and challenging circumstances, the Talks will address the most pressing and prominent issues facing 14- to 18-year-olds as a result of COVID-19, including how to manage your mental health and anxiety and how to prepare for a challenging future jobs market.



Higher Education Resources

For both L6 and U6 students, these resources can help students who are still deciding on the course they'd like to study and the university they'd like to attend as well as those students who are about to make the transition to university this Autumn.

Myheplus.com – produced by the University of Cambridge this website provides information on what it would be like to study a particular subject at university level and suggest some further resources to check out. Each topic is produced by Cambridge postgraduate students and academics at the cutting edge of research in their field.



The topics provide guided activities, questions to think about and suggestions for further reading. This is a great site and relevant to any university, not just Cambridge.

Skills4uni.com – an online study skills resource from the University of Birmingham. The course will guide you through the skills you need not only to support you in your current studies but also to study successfully in higher education. Zones include tips from current university students, quick quizzes and opportunities to reflect on your experiences.



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UCAS Resources

Virtual open days – UCAS have created a centralised listing for upcoming university virtual open days, and a [handy video](#) giving students tips on how to make the most out of them.



Unibuddy – also created by UCAS, Unibuddy provides a platform for students to talk to current undergraduates, to find out what studying a particular course or going to university is really like.

Virtual Exhibition – Engineering & Technology, Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 May, 10am-6pm. L6 students can explore multiple courses at up to 20 universities and colleges around the UK at our first ever virtual exhibition. They can to speak directly to subject and admissions specialists via 1-2-1 or group chat, listen in on seminars, and pick up digital prospectus' and other information. Register [here](#)

Subjects covered include:

- Aerospace engineering
- Automotive engineering
- Chemical engineering
- Civil engineering
- Computer science
- Electronic engineering
- Engineering and technology
- General engineering
- Mechanical engineering
- Software engineering

[Thestudentroom.com](#) – the UK's largest online student community providing a forum for students to ask current undergraduates about their experience at university. If you've got a question about university, this is a great place to get advice and information directly from students. Particularly useful at the moment for questions about accommodation, campus life and subject choices.



[Futurelearn](#) – provides access to high quality learning from home, with online courses, programs and degrees created by leading universities, business schools and specialist organisations. The online Short Courses are a perfect way for U6 students to stay engaged in their chosen degree subject and for L6 students to demonstrate passion for a topic in university applications.



US University Applications – [this spreadsheet](#) gives a comprehensive list of all US colleges offering Virtual Campus Tours at the moment.

Guide to Summer Activity Planning – this publication has been updated to cover the current situation with Covid-19 and gives students invaluable advice on planning extracurricular activities over the summer. Whilst primarily focussing on US students, its advice is relevant to all Sixth Form students at the moment, particular those going on to university in Autumn.



Careers News

Online careers experts, **Careermap**, have written an article about the future of work which is particularly relevant at the moment.

Careers of the Future – Are you beginning to think about the career route you want to go down after leaving school or graduating from university? We all have so many questions flying around, from: What will keep you employable for the future? How is COVID-19 impacting the world of work? Will robots really steal our jobs?



Careers Exploration

Icould – a website which is open to everyone which uses the power of personal stories to inform and inspire young people's career choices. The videos give insight into a huge variety of work place environments and job sectors.



Explore the world of STEM – a selection of free online resources available from **Learn by Design** for students of all ages to use, to help explore the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).



BBC Bitesize Careers – see where studying your favourite subject could take you in careers, explore careers by sectors and gain skills in CV writing, applying for jobs and interviews.



Virtual Skills Learning

iDEA - The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA is an international programme that helps students develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free.

Through a series of online challenges, students can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and gain industry-recognised awards that will help them stand out from the crowd.



And finally, need a distraction?

Sky Academy Studios is challenging pupils to create a video to tell us their lockdown story and share how they're feeling during the coronavirus pandemic.

[Click here](#) to access tips and information on how to go about creating your films. All films should be emailed to careersadmin@latymer-upper.org to be submitted to Sky by **Monday 29 June** for a chance to win a free filming kit for our school. Some of our favourite/best entries may also be featured on Sky News FYI.

This is a fantastic opportunity and something children can really get behind as a home learning activity, don't miss out and take part today.