



Futures Bulletin

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Happy new year to you all. I hope you enjoyed a good Christmas break with your families and you are fit and well. Though we are back in lockdown I hope that this bulletin demonstrates there are still opportunities for you to engage in, wherever you are in the world.

UCAS Update

The vast majority of upper sixth have completed their university applications and are beginning to receive some offers. Well done. For information, the external UCAS deadline of the 15th January 2021 has been extended to 29th January 2021 because of the pandemic and subsequent school closures, which provides a little longer for any who may still considering whether to apply. Please alert Mr Percival if you are still planning to make an application.

UK University Search Virtual Fair – Wednesday 27th January 12pm-6pm

Explore options for life after Shrewsbury, both with universities and apprenticeship opportunities highlighted. Find out more [here](#).

Meet the Russell Group: Wednesday 10th Feb 12-7pm

L6 students and parents can explore many of the universities popular with Salopians, with webinars and chances to chat to admissions staff. For those in the U6, you can do more research and ask any questions as you make your two [choices](#).

University of Cambridge Masterclasses

For those in the 5th and 6th Forms, you can register your interest for what are excellent super-curricular activities in a range of subjects. Please note there is a twenty pound fee to attend. Find out more [here](#).

Gresham College Lectures

Another excellent super-curricular site, which offers free lectures from world experts on a panoply of subjects. This month's include Prof Chris Whitty, who you may have heard of. Find out more [here](#).

Virtual Work Experience

One of the positives that has emerged from the last twelve months is the number of virtual work experience opportunities to emerge which are easy and often free to access. A very small selection of these are detailed below, many of which are advertised on the excellent Springpod [website](#).

BT	18 th January 2021, 5.30pm – 7.30pm	Available for Fourth Form upwards
Chartered Institute of Marketing	15 th – 19 th February 2021	Available for Fourth Form upwards
HSBC	Weekly placements From June – August 2021, closing date is 21 st February 2021	Available for Fifth Form upwards
Law (via Springpod)	10 hours of work during 15 th -26 th February 2021, alongside other commitments	Fourth form upwards

Degree Apprenticeships

I have been keeping a close eye on these this academic year for obvious reasons and it is interesting to note that despite the difficulties that many companies are facing, there is still a steady increase of opportunities that are being advertised for September 2021. As mentioned many times, you can apply for these positions alongside any current university application. Please visit our firefly [page](#) on this topic where you will find all the links you need to search for vacancies. Please make contact if you wish to discuss this further.

Keep well and best wishes

Mr Wain