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BOTH YEARS The '**Webinar Wednesdays**' series has now finished, however all previous webinars are available on UK University & Apprenticeships Search's **YouTube channel to watch on demand**. The webinars covered:

- Applying for University: UCAS Personal Statement
- Life at University
- Why Choose an Apprenticeship?
- Student Finance
- Applying for University
- Choosing a University
- Studying Around the UK
- Clearing and 2020 Admissions
- Student Life: 2020 Freshers
- Studying Art and Design: Portfolio Advice

For more information, see <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/webinar-wednesdays>

BOTH YEARS UniTaster Tuesdays, **online weekly university guidance webinars**, feature a number of universities to deliver impartial university guidance. Upcoming webinars include:

- Introduction to Studying **History and Religion, Philosophy and Ethics courses** (14 July 2020, 9.30am), featuring Edge Hill University and the University of Gloucestershire.
- **General HE Event: what happens on results day, studying at a campus university, and how to choose a university** (14 July 2020, 12 noon), featuring Liverpool Hope University, the University of Hertfordshire and the University of Winchester.
- Introduction to Studying **Accounting and Finance** courses (14 July 2020, 3pm), featuring City University of London and Teesside University.

Webinars **continue over the summer holidays** and cover topics such as Business courses, tips when applying to Russell Group universities, exploring career decisions, Maths courses, Teaching and courses in Education, studying in Scotland, how the Extended Project Qualification can support your applications, and lots more! **Previous webinars** are also available to view on the website. For the full list of webinars and more information, see <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>

YEAR 12 Applications are now open for the **Cambridge Applicant Support Programme**. The programme offers a series of **interactive sessions, mentoring and guided independent learning** to support students who are intending to make an application to the University of Cambridge in October 2020 for entry in September 2021. The main programme will run from the beginning of August 2020 until December 2020, with the potential for continued academic and mentoring support for offer holders from January to March 2021. There are certain **eligibility criteria** for the programme, including academic achievement. For more information, see https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_55rkfCvtGzMwFaR

Careers

BOTH YEARS The **RAF** are hosting a **Live North Careers Fair** on Wednesday 15 July 2020 (10am start). The online career fair will showcase the **55+ different roles** within the RAF, allowing students to see what the RAF has to offer and the chance to ask questions. General topics such as how to join the RAF, apprenticeships, benefits, and fitness will be covered, as well as more information about the eight specialisations within the organisation. For more information, see <https://learnliveuk.com/raf-live-north/>

YEAR 13 **Northumbria University** now has a number of **degree apprenticeship vacancies** with a range of employers who are looking to take people on. These include:

- Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship with Ernst and Young (EY)
- Chartered Surveyor Degree Apprenticeship with Durham County Council and Home Group
- Civil Engineer Degree Apprenticeship with Durham County Council
- Digital Marketing with CSN Services and Home Group
- Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship with Durham Constabulary and Northumbria Police
- Solicitor Apprenticeship Degree

Degree apprenticeships combine **working with studying part-time** at a university (in this case, Northumbria). They offer a way to **gain a degree without any student loans**, as well as a **number of years' salaried work experience** even before you graduate. For more information on Northumbria's degree apprenticeships, see <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/business-services/engage-with-us/degree-apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies>

BOTH YEARS **PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)** has launched their **Virtual Classroom**, a virtual programme open to students between Years 10 and 13. The programme combines live and pre-recorded sessions to provide students with **an insight into PwC** and the opportunity to develop **employability skills**. Students will also be able to engage with a range of PwC ambassadors. Some sessions have already taken place, but it's not too late to sign up for the remaining sessions and to make the most of the other online resources. For more information, see <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/school-jobs/virtual-classroom.html>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS The **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** has an online **portal of resources** for students, including resources to find out more about their chosen subject area, explore new disciplines, and find out more about the importance of social science. Resources available include a list of preliminary reading for certain degree programmes, LSE Digital Library and archive, and a number of LSE podcasts covering different topics. There are also a number of resources on **LSE as a university** for prospective students including Virtual Open Day academic department pages, webinars, recorded Q&A sessions, and more. For more information, see <http://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Undergraduate/Teachers-schools-parents/Information-for-teachers-and-schools/events-and-resources-for-your-students>

BOTH YEARS A representative from the **Society of Natural Sciences** is hosting a taster lecture for **Natural Sciences** on 16 July 2020 (10.30am – 11.30am) called 'A Trip Through a Carbon NanoZoo ...

and How the Natural Sciences Could Save Us'. The interactive session will look at the world of **carbon nanomaterials** and investigate their roles in potential solutions to some of the most pressing technological questions that humanities faces. For more information, see

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/natural-sciences-a-trip-through-a-carbon-nanozoo-and-how-the-natural-sciences-could-save-us-with-dr-ilija-rasovic-society-for-natural-sciences/>

YEAR 12 **Reminder:** UCAS are holding **virtual exhibitions** for specific subject areas. The list of exhibitions is:

- 15 October deadline, Veterinary, Medicine, and Dentistry: 23 July 2020 (places for this one are filling up fast according to UCAS)
- Maths, Engineering, and Computing: 2 – 3 November 2020
- People Studies and Teaching: 23 – 24 October 2020
- Business, Law, and Finance: 29 – 30 September 2020
- Biological and Physical Sciences: 16 October 2020
- Creative Subjects: 13 – 14 November 2020

At an UCAS virtual exhibition, students can speak directly to **subject and admissions specialists**, listen to **seminars**, pick up **digital prospectuses** and other information. For more information, see <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/exhibition>

BOTH YEARS **Zooniverse** is the world's largest platform for people-powered research, allowing **anyone to assist professional researchers**. Students can **contribute to real academic research** on their own computer at their own convenience. Zooniverse categorises their research projects into **subject-specific disciplines**, e.g. Arts, Climate, Medicine, Literature, etc. Examples of active research projects include:

- Earthquake Detective: listen for earthquakes by speeding up seismic waves to audible pitches
- Solar Stormwatch: help to track Solar Storms through space to improve space weather forecasts
- Monkey Health Explorer: help researchers learn more about monkey health by identifying white blood cell types
- Anti-Slavery Manuscripts: turning a collection of handwritten correspondence between anti-slavery activists in the 19th century into texts that can be more easily read and researched by students, teachers, historians, and big data applications.
- Scribes of the Cairo Geniza: an opportunity to work with others to unlock the secrets of one of the greatest archives of the middle ages. Hidden for centuries in an attic in Cairo, over 300,000 fragments of pre-modern and medieval Jewish texts—from everyday receipts to biblical works—have yet to be fully deciphered.

For more information and to see the full list of research projects, see <https://www.zooniverse.org/projects>