



# Careers Cascade

'REACH for your best future'

## Autumn Term 1 2023

Welcome back to the new school year from the career's hub at Avonbourne.

This is an important term for some students who will have to start to consider some key important decisions with UCAS and college deadlines looming if you are in year 11 or year 13.

Options can be confusing, navigating qualifications that are on offer and having to consider what the best provision will be.

The careers cascade will take a look at what some of the post 16 and 18 options are. Open evenings and events will begin to take place and visiting a university, college, sixth form will be invaluable in terms of seeing what courses are on offer, seeing the facilities and meeting staff and students.



MAKING YOUR CHOICES FOR AFTER YEAR 11			
<b>EDUCATION TRAINING</b> Apply for college & sixth form by autumn term of Year 11		<b>TRAINING</b> Apply for apprenticeships from spring term of Year 11	
<b>A LEVELS</b> Traditional subject orientated qualifications A levels are taught in the classroom and require further independent research and learning You will be largely assessed through final exams	<b>T LEVELS</b> Industry orientated qualifications 80% of learning takes place in the classroom and 20% on a 45-day placement with an employer to develop the knowledge and skills companies look for You will be assessed through project based tasks and practical assignments	<b>BTECS</b> Industry orientated qualifications BTECs are taught in the classroom and require independent learning to develop work based skills You will be assessed through project based tasks and practical assignments	<b>APPRENTICESHIPS</b> Job-specific qualifications Apprenticeships are taught through work place experience, observation and practice You may attend a local college or training provider to cover theory elements
YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE WITH A QUALIFICATION FOR TWO YEARS AFTER YOU FINISH YOUR GCSEs		YOU DO NOT HAVE TO STAY AT SCHOOL YOU HAVE MANY OPTIONS...	

THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AFTER YEAR 11	
<b>EDUCATION OR TRAINING</b> What subjects interest you? How do you learn best? What grades do you need?	<b>BEGIN RESEARCHING CAREERS</b> What type of careers/roles interest you? What qualifications and skills would you need? Can you get some work experience?

PREPARING FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Get used to your courses How do you learn and revise best?

PREPARING FOR YEAR 10
What are your strengths and weaknesses? What skills would you like to develop? Which subjects do you enjoy?



Level	Entry Criteria	Qualification Gained/Progress
Level 6	A Levels, Level 3 BTEC Diploma Level 4 or 5 Qualification Proven experience in the subject	Degree with honours (BA/BSc) Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma Level 6 Award, Certificate, Diploma NVQ Level 6 <b>PROGRESS:</b> Postgraduate/Masters Degree
Level 5	A Levels Level 3 BTEC/Diploma Proven experience in the subject or qualifications at level 4	Diploma of higher Education (DipHE) Foundation Degree Higher National Diploma (HND) Level 5 award, certificate, diploma, NVQ L5 <b>PROGRESS:</b> Degree, Higher/Degree Apprenticeship, Employment
Level 4	A Levels, Level 3 BTEC/T-Level, Access to HE or NVQ3	Foundation Degree HNC's/D's, NCQ Level 4 BTEC Professional Diploma <b>PROGRESS:</b> Further study, University Degree, Higher Apprenticeship, Employment
Level 3	Five or more grade 4's (A* to C grades) at GCSE 3-4 A levels or ... Level 3 BTECs/T-Level or ... Advanced Apprenticeship	A Levels Key Skills Level 3 BTEC Awards, Certificates, Diplomas NVQ Level 3 <b>PROGRESS:</b> Further study, University Degree, Higher Apprenticeship, Employment
Level 2	Grade 3's (Ds) at GCSE Level 2 BTEC/T-Level or Intermediate apprenticeship	GCSE's grades A*-C/9-4 BTEC Awards/Certificates & Diplomas L2 Key Skills L2 Functional Skills L2, NVQ L2 <b>PROGRESS:</b> Level 3 Course, Advanced/Intermediate Apprenticeship
Level 1	Less than grade 2's (Ds) at GCSE Level 1 BTEC/T-Level Diploma Traineeship	BTEC Introduction Diploma, Certificate L1 Functional Skills Foundation learning Tier Pathways, NVQ L1 <b>PROGRESS:</b> Level 2 course, trainee/intermediate apprenticeship
Entry Level	Entry Level No qualifications Traineeship & Supported Learning	Entry Level Certificate Skills for Life Functional Skills (English, Math, ICT) Awards Certificates and Diplomas <b>PROGRESS:</b> Level 1 Course

## Up and Coming Open Days for local colleges and Sixth Forms

Open Days 2023/2024 please check individual websites for updates and to sign up.

Sixth Form/College	Date
Brookenhurst College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>27<sup>th</sup> September (evening)</li> <li>14<sup>th</sup> October (day)</li> </ul>
Bournemouth and Poole College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>
Kingston Maurward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>
Sparsholt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul>
St Peters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm until 8.30pm</li> </ul>
Leaf Studio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23<sup>rd</sup> November</li> </ul>
Poole High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm-7.30pm</li> </ul>
The Bourne Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>

## NHS CAREERS UNTAPPED UPCOMING WEBINARS

The NHS Careers Untapped NHS Team are pleased to announce upcoming webinars showcasing some more of the great jobs available in the NHS

Careers in Medicine	Careers in Digital Healthcare
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><u>27th September 2023: 16:30-18:00</u></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Online via Zoom</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">For anyone interested in medicine, this webinar will showcase the variety of roles available including paediatric medicine, surgery and general practice</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><a href="#" style="color: #007bff; text-decoration: underline;">Click here to register or scan below</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><u>19th October 2023: 16:30-18:00</u></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Online via Zoom</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">Spotlighting some of the exciting roles in digital healthcare, this webinar will introduce careers in analytics, social media, web development and more</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><a href="#" style="color: #007bff; text-decoration: underline;">Click here to register or scan below</a></p>

Future career webinar dates for your diary include: Nursing & Midwifery on 14th November 2023, Primary Care on 6th December 2023, Allied Health Professions & Healthcare Science on 25th January 2024 and Mental Health on 5th March 2024

NHS Careers Untapped is brought to you by London NHS employers including: Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust, Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust, Croydon Health Services Trust, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, Kings College Hospital, North Middlesex University Hospital, St George's University Hospitals, University College London Hospital, Whittington Health & London Primary Care Anchor Networks



## Work Experience

Working in partnership



## Unilever Virtual Work Experience Challenges

Unilever are hosting a series of exciting online challenges to give students an insight of the workplace for KS3 and KS4 students. Events are taking place across September and October and students can register for a place [here](#).

: <https://careers.jpmorgan.com/us/en/students/programs?deeplink=multiTabNav1::tab1>

JP Morgan Work Experience and Summer School applications will be opening on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. For Work Experience, students only have 24 hours to apply and you have a week for Summer School. Summer School is only for students currently in Year 12 and Work Experience is for students in Year 10 – Year 12. The link above will also show these programmes and once you click apply it will redirect you to the HireVue website to start the recruitment process.

### **Year 12/13 Opportunities**

#### **Bournemouth Think Ahead Programme-JP Morgan**

[Bournemouth Think Ahead Program | JPMorgan Chase & Co.](#)

If you think a career in financial services is right for you, then join us for this week long summer program to help hone your skills, build your network and increase your industry exposure. You'll walk away with a better understanding of how a global financial services firm is run, increased industry knowledge and a network of peers and mentors to help you on your career path.

Financial Services and Technology Degree Apprenticeship Programme applications are now open! Please send the following link out to students for them to apply: <https://careers.jpmorgan.com/us/en/students/programs?deeplink=multiTabNav1::tab1>

Once you click apply it will redirect you to the University of Exeter website to start the recruitment process. We recruit on a rolling basis so make sure you apply as soon as possible to ensure your application is submitted and reviewed.



### **Sutton Trust Training Programmes**

Applications for the Sutton Trust training programmes are now open across a range of areas such as veterinary, law and medicine [Our Programmes - Sutton Trust](#)

Across 18 months, students will attend university preparation days, get access to work experience



placements, and attend a residential conference at their chosen university.

The programmes are offered both online and in-person\*, and students can select from a range of universities up and down the country.

Applications close across December and January, with deadlines specific to each individual programme and university, so do check the relevant page for more information.

### **Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh Lecture Series**

Every year, in the autumn, the College runs a free lecture series aimed at school students, wherever you are based, who are considering a career in medicine. These can be attended in person at the College's Queen Street premises, watched via livestream, or viewed on catch-up any time after the event.

The first lecture takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and can be accessed via the following link [25 September 2023 - Schools Lecture 1: Becoming a Doctor\(link is external\)](#) Join us as we walk through the steps of applying to medical school. We will hear from medical school admissions staff, practicing physicians, and recently graduated medical students as they detail the realities of applying, planning, and preparing for life as a medical student.

### **University of Cambridge STEM Smart**

STEM SMART is a free, 17-month programme to support students in raising their attainment at school and develop their confidence to apply to study physical or biological sciences or engineering at top universities. The programme starts in the January of



Year 12 (or equivalent) and features the following three phases:

#### **Consolidating Knowledge and Building Problem-Solving Skills:**

Each week students will be set some work that will complement what they are doing as part of their school studies. A large group online tutorial in each subject will be provided in each week to go over the work. Students will also be assigned a Cambridge student as a mentor, to learn more about life at University

#### **Preparing for Application to**

**Competitive Universities:** students will participate in small group tutorials each week for every subject they are engaging with, as well as a 4-day residential programme in Cambridge on 21–24 August 2023. On completing this stage, students will be provided with an award that reflects their commitment to the programme and the additional STEM SMART work that they have been doing.

#### **Securing Strong Examination Performance and**

**Achievement:** working with students to practice and consolidate all of their learning across their science and maths subjects, to help them to secure the best possible grades in their public examinations and meet their university offer.

Applications are now open and early applications are encouraged!

More information can be found [here](#).



[April 2023 recordings](#)

Meet the  **RUSSELL GROUP**

## "Meet the Russell Group" - Save the date!

"Meet the Russell Group" is back! On the 3rd - 5th October 2023, there will be a programme of themed panel style webinars, in which students can find out lots of information about the institutions that make up the Russell group, top tips for applying and student life. They will also be able to ask live questions and receive a response during the sessions! These webinars are tailored to students aiming to start University in Autumn 2024 & 2025 and will be hosted on the UK University Search platform.

Please save the dates for the sessions and as soon as the booking forms are ready, we will let you and your students know! If you'd like to see the recordings from our previous sessions we held in April, you can find them by clicking below.



## Open Days (Highfield Campus, Southampton)

Open Days are the best way for students to find out what it's like to live and study at the University of Southampton. Our Open Days offer a range of talks to help students understand what life could be like if they choose to study here, what topics they can immerse themselves in on their course, alongside practical tips on applying. This is an opportunity to chat to our current students, ask our world-leading academics their all-important questions, and experience our vibrant community for themselves.

We enjoyed welcoming many prospective students onto campus at the end of June; we have the below dates available to book for this Autumn. Our September Open Day is now fully booked, but we do still have



availability for October.

**2023 Southampton campuses dates:**

Saturday 7 October  
Sunday 8 October

[Open Day bookings](#)



**Open Days (Winchester School of Art)**

**Explore arts degrees at Winchester School of Art focused on your future career!**

Our Open Days are a fantastic way for you to find out what it's like at Winchester School of Art (WSA) and join our University of Southampton community. Study at a specialist art school where 93% of our Arts graduates were in professional employment or further study 15



months after graduation (HESA Graduate Outcomes latest, published 2023). Explore undergraduate courses in fine art, games design, fashion, textiles, creative computing and graphic communication. Learn about career opportunities from placements, research projects to support for start-ups. Join our WSA Open Days on:

- Saturday 7 October
- Wednesday 25 October
- Saturday 18 November

[WSA bookings here](#)



**Medicine Virtual Work Experience**

Applications are open for the October Virtual Work Experience on **24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October**. This is a collaborative project with University Hospital Southampton where Year 12/13 students based in the UK will have the opportunity to undertake LIVE work experience delivered via Microsoft Teams. Students can



apply here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/QgJB8JVyKm>

You can also find lots more information here:

[Medicine Virtual Work Experience | University of Southampton](#)

**The dates for 2023/24 are now confirmed as:**

- October 24th and 25th 2023 (Application opens 1st September and closes 2nd October.)
- December 19th and 20th 2023 (Applications open 26th October and close 27th November. When open apply [here](#))
- February 13th and 14th 2024 (Applications open 21st December and close 22nd January. When open apply [here](#))
- August 27th and 28th 2024 (Applications open 3rd June and close 1st July. When open apply [here](#))



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW (LINK ON LINKTREE AND IN CAPTION!)

## WAMSOC CONFERENCE 2023

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER  
@SOUTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

- This **FREE** event is aimed towards **prospective medical students**, from any year and any background!
- There'll be multiple **guest speakers** - both clinicians and medical students



## WAMSOC Conference 2023

The Widening Access to Medicine Student Society will be running a free in person conference on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at University Hospital Southampton aimed at students interested in studying medicine.

There will be a variety of guest speakers. Please register your interest below:

[Register your interest](#)



## Subject spotlight: Biological Sciences at Southampton

Explore the life and health of our planet and its populations at the University of Southampton, with courses spanning the breadth of the Biological Sciences: Biology, Biochemistry, Biomedical Science, Biology and Marine Biology, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, and Zoology.

On these courses, students take part in world-leading research, travel the world on field trips, experience a year in industry, and are at the forefront of new scientific discoveries.

Find out more about our Biological Sciences courses, and students' experiences, here:

[Biological Sciences](#)

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