

We thought it would be helpful to let you know how we are continuing to offer support and guidance to students regarding their options after QE.



## For first year students

Students have already had information about their options throughout the year through various activities including the college's tutorial programme, delivered with support from their Progress Tutors. Many students will also have taken advantage of careers appointments with Alice and Liz, the College's Careers Advisers

### Making the most of university events on-line

At this time of year if your son/daughter is considering higher education, then they would normally be booking onto Open Days. Due to the present situation, however, universities are running a wide range of digital activities including virtual open days, subject talks, webinars and live Q & A's. We would urge you to suggest that your son/daughter takes advantage of these resources <https://sites.google.com/g.qeliz.ac.uk/qe-careers/higher-education/virtual-university-resources>

Students can also talk to current undergraduates about their experience of the university using Unibuddy [www.ucas.com/chat-to-students](http://www.ucas.com/chat-to-students)

All of the above are updated and advertised through the College bulletin it is important that your son/daughter remembers to check this out.

### Virtual work experience

Work experience opportunities have also gone digital! Many organisations are offering opportunities to experience a "virtual" work placement or providing a "Meet the Expert" webinars/presentations. Students can view here what is being offered <https://sites.google.com/g.qeliz.ac.uk/qe-careers/work-experience/virtual-work-experience>

### Summer Schools

Students who have applied and been accepted to Summer Schools should receive notification from the universities about whether they will be delivered digitally.

### Sutton Trust Degree Apprenticeship online summer school

If your son/daughter is interested in degree apprenticeships, Sutton Trust are running a Degree Apprenticeship summer school virtually to support first year sixth form students. Degree apprenticeships are very competitive and can be hard to find so this is the ideal opportunity to develop the skills required to stand out from the crowd and find the right apprenticeship.

Deadline for applications is Thursday 28th May. Apply online at the following link:

<https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/apprenticeship-summer-school/>



### Preparing for the UCAS process

Students are prepared for making an application to higher education through a weekly targeted task which will help them to carry out enhanced research. Registering for the UCAS process will be done through their tutor groups: students can begin to complete their UCAS Cover Sheets from next Tuesday (19th May) and formal registration with UCAS will start at the beginning of June.

If you would like to know more about UCAS and how it works, there is a parent/carer section on the website with lots of resources and information to help you support your son/daughter

[www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/advice-parents-and-guardians/ucas-undergraduate-application-process](http://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/advice-parents-and-guardians/ucas-undergraduate-application-process)

You can also sign up for a monthly parent newsletter.



### Apprenticeships / National School Leaver Schemes

It is important at this stage that students keep their options open, however if they want to know more about apprenticeships and national school leaver schemes they can find all the information they need at

<https://sites.google.com/g.qeliz.ac.uk/qe-careers/apprenticeships>

Apprenticeships are available up to degree level, although these are competitive and mainly in the areas of engineering, IT, finance, science and business – others are currently under development. Your son/daughter will receive advice and support on how to make a competitive application including help with preparing for on-line tests, assessments and interviews.

Applications for the above schemes can open from October 2020 onwards.

# Careers Newsletter

## For second year students

If your son/daughter has applied to university, they should be completing their student finance applications by 22nd May 2020 in order to ensure that loans are in their accounts by the start of the autumn term. If they have not started yet, they need to create an account on

[www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance)

Once they have firmed their choices for university, they will then need to apply for accommodation if they are living away from home.



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If your son/daughter is thinking they might want to put in a UCAS application, they can do so until June 30th – help and support is available from their Progress Tutor, or they can contact Liz and Alice.

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We have been keeping in touch with students who are seeking apprenticeships to offer ongoing help and support with job applications. We understand that this is a difficult time and that any interviews are likely to be via the telephone or Skype.

We are very happy to do mock interviews or give hints and tips on how to prepare for this.

Information on interviews is available here:

<https://sites.google.com/g.qeliz.ac.uk/qe-careers/jobs-and-employability/interviews>

Please remind your son/daughter to keep looking on [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)



## What else to do during lockdown?

This might be a good time to pick up a new interest, extend knowledge of a current one or find a topic in preparation for university through an on-line learning course or MOOC (Massive Open Online Course). We suggest that students look at the MOOCs through their Unifrog account or have a look at what is being offered by Futurelearn [www.futurelearn.com](http://www.futurelearn.com)

*There is some amazing stuff on here!*

If your son/daughter wants to find out about making the transition to university and how to develop their skills, Birmingham university have provided an excellent resource on Skills4uni

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/teachers/pupil-opportunities/post-16/Skills4Uni.aspx>



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The organisation Career Ready are facilitating a wide range of employer led workshops until June. Join their free webinars online here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/career-ready-8334526130>

Topics include:

- Insights into Law
- CV Clinic
- Get into Publishing
- Business and Football
- And many more...

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