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The Sixth Form Echo

RESOURCE FOR PARENTS: MOCK UNIVERSITY INTERVIEW – PRACTICE AT HOME

Set Up – Before The Interview

- ✓ Try to make it real – both dress up in smart clothing.
- ✓ Parents – collect your child/candidate from the 'waiting room' – this could be the hall, the living room...
- ✓ Create a realistic setting – set up a realistic interview environment with a table and chairs, a glass of water for your candidate. A dining table or desk would be perfect.

Questions to ask your child/candidate:

- 1) What do you enjoy most about school? What do you not like?
- 2) What do you think is your biggest strength? What do you think is your biggest weakness?
- 3) Why did you choose your A Level/BTEC subjects?
- 4) Why do you want to go to this university?
- 5) Why do you want to study this subject?
- 6) Tell me about a time when worked in a team. What role did you play?
- 7) Tell me about a time when you worked under pressure. How did you cope during that time?
- 8) Tell me about a time when you have held a position of responsibility. How did you stay organised?

Interview Top Tips For Your Child

- Encourage your child to prepare example answers to questions
- If they are unsure of the question, or would like a little more thinking time, suggest that they ask you to repeat the question
- Body language – encourage them to maintain eye contact and take a deep breath to calm any nerves
- Suggest that they prepare a question for you as the interviewer – it shows initiative and enthusiasm. Give them a couple of ideas:

⇒ What sort of societies or sports clubs are there to get involved in?

⇒ A question for a professor – why did you decide to work here?

Follow up post interview – give your child some brief feedback, including what they did well. Two pieces of feedback should be sufficient!



FIVE TIPS FOR WELLBEING

1. The Bigger Picture:

Try to Keep the 'Bigger Picture' in Mind. Remember your long term Targets and Aspirations.

2. Be Active:

Regular exercise can help raise self-esteem, help sleep, improve memory and concentration.

3. Relax:

Regular Relaxation is great for your Wellbeing: Ensure that you find time each day to relax.

4. Get Quality Sleep:

Individual's needs vary, but most people feel they need 7-8 hours, whilst others feel they need 9-10 hours a night.

5. Connect:

- Evidence indicates feeling close to other people is a fundamental human need. Social relationships are critical for promoting wellbeing.

Educational Journeys

#ACCESSHEOUR

Try this resource or use it to frame a conversation. It can be about a parent/carer, sibling or famous celebrity. Why not try Stormzy, Sadiq Khan, Patricia Bright or Lee Ridley?



HOW DID THEY DO IN SCHOOL?

What were their interests? What did they study?

DID THEY GO TO COLLEGE OR SIXTH FORM?

Did they study for an apprenticeship, BTEC or A level?



DID THEY GO TO UNIVERSITY?

Where did they go? What did they study? Did they take a gap year?



WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?

What is their current job and what have they done previously?



WHAT SKILLS DID THEY GAIN IN THEIR JOURNEY ?

How does it apply?



Student Finance Myth

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"The loan only covers tuition, so how can you afford to live?"

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Student finance is made up of two loans



Tuition Fee Loan

Paid directly to the university and up to £9,250 a year.



Maintenance Loan

Paid directly to the student to cover living costs, such as rent, bills, transport and food.

The amount given is based on household income and place of residence and study.

Up to £11,672 in 19/20 if you live away from home in London.

Source: www.gov.uk/student-finance



APPRENTICESHIPS

AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS

Who are 'Amazing Apprenticeships'? Let's find out from

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/about-us/>

"Amazing Apprenticeships is a small team with a big mission. We're here to help educators, employers and students navigate the fast-changing world of apprenticeships and vocational education. Our positively charged, inspired team has a wealth of experience in the public and private sectors, working in and with schools, colleges and some of the world's biggest and boldest companies.

Apprenticeships are amazing. Let us tell you why, and help you to pass that message on. Dive straight into our free resources, learn about becoming an apprenticeship champion, read about apprenticeship vacancies coming up later in the year, or find out how to request support for your school from our delivery partners now"

PARENTS' PACK MAY 2020 - AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS

The latest apprenticeship information & advice for parents, supported by the National Apprenticeship Service. The new May Parents' Pack is here and includes key information on apprenticeships.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2020/05/Parent-Pack-May-2020.pdf>



What is an apprenticeship?

It's a real job, with hands-on experience, a salary and the chance to train while you work.

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with off-the-job learning. This means you can earn money while you gain the skills and knowledge needed for your career.

Apprenticeships are:

- Available in hundreds of different job roles in all sorts of industries and organisations.
- Open to all age groups (above 16 years), whether you are just leaving school and looking to get on the job ladder, have been working for a few years or are looking to start a new career.
- Take between one and six years to complete depending on the type of apprenticeship, the level they are at and your previous experience.

UCFB MEANS-TESTED BURSARIES

Studying for a degree and particularly living away from home can be an expensive experience for applicants, particularly applicants living in London or from low-income and disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Means Tested Bursary is intended to help level the playing field for students from lower income and disadvantaged backgrounds and to ensure that higher education is available to everyone.

Assessments will be made based on your household income, expected accommodation/travel costs and the expected amount of tuition fee loan you would be eligible for as well as based on a range of contextual factors with awards prioritised from disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds.

The Bursaries can be taken in one of the following formats:

- Contribution towards UCFB preferred partner accommodation*
- Contribution towards the cost of travel from term time address to campus for one year
- Tuition fee reduction (only for applicants not eligible to receive a tuition fee loan)

*For more information about the preferred partner accommodation, please contact the Scholarships and Bursaries Team at scholarships@ucfb.com.



Why choose an apprenticeship?

- Learning or training while you work can help you build up confidence, learn new skills, do better in your current job or take steps towards getting a different job.
- You will earn a salary from day one of your training.
- As an apprentice, you will gain transferable skills such as working in teams, problem solving, communication and using new technology as well as developing the skills you need for your chosen career
- 9 out of 10 apprentices continue in employment or further training after their apprenticeship.

Our Subject Specific Taster Sessions offer students the chance to experience what studying their chosen subject would involve at Liverpool Hope University.

All things Lancaster - Student Ambassador chat

Lancaster University

Applied to Lancaster and need more information, or still thinking about it? Come chat to our current students about life at Lancaster and find out more about the courses that we offer.

Student Support Services (International Students)

University of East Anglia

An overview of the help and support provided to international students both before you arrive on campus and during your degree. Times listed on website.

HE at Home

Loughborough University

HE at Home is a programme of interactive activities delivered from the comfort of your own home. These sessions are designed to inspire and inform your children about different subject areas available at Higher Education level.

Student Life and Budgeting

University of Plymouth

There are many preconceived ideas about what a typical day in the life of a student is like, and we aim to give the real picture. Presented by one of our student ambassadors, the student life talk is an important aspect of your students' self-discovery.

Introduction to Higher Education Webinar

Newman University

Come and find out how progressing to university can benefit you and your career with this webinar from Newman University.

Online Taster Session - Applied Biomedical Health & Human Biology

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Online Taster Session - History

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Online Taster Session - Marketing #2

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Bishop Burton College Virtual Open Event - Between 10am-1pm

Bishop Burton College

Our Virtual Open Events give you the opportunity to find the course for you, learn more about our exceptional facilities and listen to our fantastic team of staff giving you answers to all of the questions you may have.

Aston and the placement year Talk

Aston University

This talk focuses on the skills and experience needed by graduates to help them get the career they want after university. It will look at how students can start building up those skills now and how a placement year at university can help boost their employability.

UG Virtual Open Day | Business, Design & Psychology

Northumbria University

Experience subject talks, live Q&As and live chats from the comfort of your own home

Online Taster Session - Music Production

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Personal Statements - How to make yours stand out!

University of East London

This webinar will provide advice and guidance to help you identify your skills, achievements and experiences to write a Personal Statement that stands out. Our admissions team will offer tips and current UEL students will join the webinar to answer your questions too!

Economics and Finance virtual taster session

Aston University

The COVID-19 Pandemic and Financial Crisis: Applying Economics and Finance to Study Global Crises An interactive session for year 12 & 13 students interested in studying Economics or Finance at University

Translation Issues across Media (Language and Communication Studies)

University of East Anglia

Language and Communication Studies webinar on 'Translation Issues across Media' with Roger Baines. Times listed on website.

Digital Languages and Cultures Online Taster Sessions

Lancaster University

Would you like to learn more about languages and cultures? Then our digital taster sessions might be just the right thing for you!

School of Arts Webinar: Degrees with Foundation Year at Birkbeck - BK19431

University of London

Thinking about undergraduate study at Birkbeck? Join our webinar to find out more about our wide range of full-time evening study degrees with Foundation Year within the School of Arts.

More events are available, [click here](#) to see them.

Lancaster University Management School Online Taster Day

Lancaster University

Join Lancaster University Management School online to get an insight into what it's like to study here.

Thinking about University: What you need to know (Year 12)

City, University of London

This online chat gives an introduction to higher education, outlining the benefits of further study. It gives a general overview of university study and life, and addresses some of the common concerns students may have.

How To Write An Effective Personal Statement Webinar

Newman University

The webinar provides students with an overview on what admissions tutors are looking for from a Personal Statement, including hints and tips on how to write the most effective statement. Students will leave the webinar ready to get writing their statement and to produce their first draft.

Online Taster Session - Politics

Liverpool Hope University

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Preparing to start university in 2020. Staying motivated during COVID-19

CU Coventry

Providing applicants with guidance of how to stay motivated during the COVID-19 pandemic and how to prepare to start your higher education journey in these unprecedented times.

Making the Most of University - Virtual Talk

Edge Hill University

This session provides lots of advice and tips to help you make the most of your time at university. Some of the topics covered include learning a language, making friends, finding a part time job, joining societies, volunteering and studying abroad.

Online Taster Session - Interactive & Immersive Performance

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Online Taster Session - Sport & Exercise Science

Liverpool Hope University

Engineering is an exciting and rewarding career. Our free resources help students use their hands and their heads to solve real-world problems. Just like Dyson engineers.

JAMES DYSON FOUNDATION

The James Dyson Foundation is a charitable foundation that champions the study of design and technology inside and outside of the classroom. On their website, you can find a range of resources suitable for home schooling and request further materials free of charge. These include the following:

- Rethinking Design and Technology Lessons
- STEM Challenge Cards
- Request Design and Engineering Box

186,000 engineers will be needed annually in the UK through to 2024. But, to inspire the engineers of tomorrow, we need to show young people that engineering is relevant - and exciting. Our free resources do just that.

Engineering Box For Secondary Schools:

Designed for secondary schools, the Engineering Box introduces students to engineering through Dyson technology. Taking apart a Dyson machine to understand how it works, students are challenged to start thinking like engineers.

Find out more at:

<https://www.jamesdysonfoundation.co.uk/resources.html>



Join us this June!

We've got an incredible line-up of online events and resources for you next month, including a [spectacular Virtual Fair](#) with over 80 universities and colleges, and more of our [weekly Webinar Wednesdays](#) with experts from across the UK.

UK University Search Virtual Fair

Wednesday 17 June
12:00 - 18:00

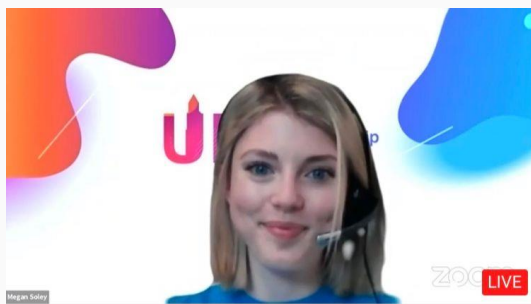
Missing out on **Open Days**, or looking to explore all your **Clearing** and Adjustment options?



Our Virtual Fair is designed to help you explore all your options from the safety of home. You'll be able to chat directly with **over 80 different universities and colleges**, ask questions, download prospectuses, and find out lots of information. We'll be joined by universities including Cambridge, Liverpool, Manchester Met, and Newcastle (to name just a few!). You can also view **10 live webinars** throughout the day on topics such as Choosing a University, Securing a Place through Clearing, and Writing your Personal Statement.

Completely free of charge, and **open to pupils from Year 13, Year 12 and Year 11** (parents and teachers are very welcome too!).

[Find out More + Register Now!](#)



[Webinar Wednesdays](#)

From their launch in April, our Webinar Wednesdays have been incredibly successful, and we've helped provide thousands of students and teachers with advice and support.

We have **extended our programme until Wednesday 8 July** to ensure you continue to receive lots of fantastic guidance from universities and companies.

24 June: Clearing and 2020 Admissions
1 July: Student Life - 2020 Freshers
8 July: Studying Art and Design - Portfolio Advice

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