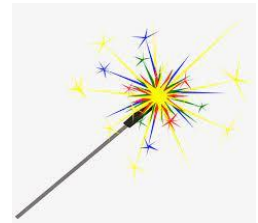




**Royal Wootton Bassett
Academy Sixth Form
Weekly Newsletter #121
15 September 2023**



Sparx Champions needed! Become a Sparxler!

The maths department are looking for at least 8 volunteers in the Sixth Form to run our Sparx after school club for all years 7-11.

We need a minimum of 2 students each night: Monday – Thursday 3-4pm in B10. You can use it as a volunteering activity for your Duke of Edinburgh qualification.

All we need is for you to commit to come to one hour, one night a week (other than during exam seasons).

You don't have to be able to do the maths to help – the students have videos to watch when they are stuck and we just want you to encourage them to watch the videos to help.

We will train you before the sessions start.

If you are interested, please complete this form by

Wednesday 20th September: <https://forms.office.com/e/zGyakKh6FL>

From, The Maths Team!

Volunteering Opportunity

Reading Mentors

In Sixth Form we often ask for volunteers to help younger students in the school.



The Reading Mentor programme is where Sixth Formers give up their time (20-25 mins a week during an i-learn period) to sit and listen to a younger student (yr7) read. These students have been identified as needing extra support to help build up their confidence and reading skills.

This small amount of concentrated time and focus helps to increase Students understanding of books, and develops their knowledge of words and their meanings.



Are you a good listener?

Do you enjoy helping others?

Are you willing to share your experience?

Are you available on Tuesday i-learns?

If YES, please complete the MS Form to register your interest.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kFmC5vXgbc>

Volunteers from both year groups are welcome. If you have not attended a training session previously please come along.

**A TRAINING SESSION
IS PLANNED FOR
TUES 19 SEPTEMBER
DURING I-LEARN
AND WILL TAKE
PLACE IN SF03**

JUMPING HIGH!



**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A DONATION:
EVERY LITTLE COUNTS!**

A huge **Congratulations** to **Tom Woods** and **Rob Bullock** who completed a 15,000 ft Sky Dive last weekend at the Old Sarum Airfield in Salisbury for their chosen charity, **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**



So far, they have raised an amazing **£1245**. They decided on the idea in Year 11 and as you can see thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Tom said, "it was one of the best things I have done in my life" Rob said, "it was a no brainer, to have some fun at the same time as raising some much-needed funds for the Air Ambulance Charity".

Both students play rugby and know all too well how important the service is when a friend was recently air lifted to hospital after a road traffic accident. Thankfully their friend sustained no long-term injury.

Well done on all your efforts lads, we are super proud of you!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tom-woods10?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=tom-woods10&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=8b4f44b0e9244e03ad8ec1df40a2cce7



A huge thank you to Rhiannon (Year 13 and Deputy Head girl) and Harry (Year 11) for entertaining our visitors on Wednesday at our Year 6 Open evening.

Thank you also to Aaron Notley-Jones who played the guitar for our visitors in the street.

(Sorry no photo this time Aaron!)

Another thanks to Mr Matthews and our Year 13 car parking team who ensured all parents and pedestrians got on and off site safely on Wednesday.



Invitations have gone out this week to invite parents to our Parent information evenings.

Year 12 on Wednesday 20th September

6 – 7pm in the lecture theatre

Year 13 Wednesday 27th September

6-7pm in the lecture theatre.

We look forward to seeing you all.



Student Parliament Cabinet Minister Applications

The student parliament Prime Ministers are looking for dedicated Year 12's to run the Student Parliament departments. This involves running meetings, and conversing with other Ministers to work on campaigns around the school.

The deadline for applications is **Monday 18th September** so we can open Parliament promptly this year.

To receive an application form please email StudentParliament@rwba.org.uk

If you have any questions do not hesitate to get in touch on the above email address!

Thanks!
Bobby & Emma



Essay competitions

We hold regular essay competitions across a range of subjects including Economics, Ecology, Philosophy, Law, Film Studies and Psychology.

These competitions are aimed at A Level, IB, BTEC and GCSE students. Not only will the best entry for each competition receive £100 in vouchers, but the competitions are also a great way to develop your research and independent learning skills before coming to university.

Competitions now open

Our first two competitions, Economics and Ecology are now open. The closing date for entries is 20th October.



University
of Exeter



At the University of Exeter, we want to hear your ideas about Ecology. We're inviting A-Level, IB, BTEC and GCSE students in any subject to send us a response to one of the questions below:

How will loss of biodiversity impact humans in the future?

Discuss how trends in eating habits in humans have affected the environment.

Is it ever justifiable for an ecosystem to be sacrificed for human need?

There will be two prizes. One for the best essay (1000 words), and one for the best video entry (6-7 minutes).

To enter, simply fill out form available via the QR code below. The deadline for entries is 20th October 2023.



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At the University of Exeter, we want to hear your ideas about Economics. We're inviting A-Level, IB, BTEC and GCSE students in any subject to send us a response to one of the questions below:

Evaluate the effectiveness of economic sanctions.

Discuss the impact that sustained inflation will have on the UK economy.

How can businesses best increase the productivity of their workforce?

There will be two prizes. One for the best essay (1000 words), and one for the best video entry (6-7 minutes).

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SEPTEMBER**

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with

J.P.Morgan



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finance?



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CORPORATE
CENTRE



Interested in
technology?

AGENDA

- Intro to J.P. Morgan's culture & opportunities
- Explanation of the application process
- Q&A with J.P. Morgan professionals
- Assessment centre & masterclass activities
- Networking & how to apply

31 October 2023

9am - 12pm

1 Chaseside
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Bright Futures Bursaries available across stores in the UK

by Leahcouths | Careers Clinical | Posted on 6th March 2023

We're passionate about encouraging more school-aged children to discover the fascinating world of optics and want to help them pursue a career in optometry. Following an initial launch in Scotland and Northern Ireland last October, we've rolled out Bright Futures Bursaries across our stores in England and Wales.

Young people in year 12 with an interest in STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and maths) are eligible to apply. To be considered, they must be in year 12 in England and Wales, S5 or S6 in Scotland, or year 13/14 in Northern Ireland.



CHANGING LIVES

Careers in
Optometry
and **Optics**

Information for students

Our store directors have seen a fantastic uptake and are actively on the lookout for the next talented team member to join them. Stores are engaging with local schools, but you can speed up their selection process by popping into store and introducing yourself.

We want to give back to the local community and inspire the next generation of clinical talent. The Bright Futures Bursary aims to inspire and support local school children by providing:

- A guarantee of part-time work to gain vital first-hand experience in a local Specsavers practice
- £100 vouchers and a Welcome Box packed with goodies to support school studies
- £1000 of financial support towards ophthalmic equipment if they successfully apply for optometry at university
- Graduation gift of £1000 to help set the student up for their continuing journey

Each Bright Star will also benefit from extensive mentoring and shadowing from colleagues already in the profession.

Lucy Knock, Specsavers Early Career Manager explains *'Our Specsavers colleagues change lives in our communities daily and supporting a pipeline of local clinical talent to continue this important work, through the Bright Futures bursary, not only offers a rewarding career to young people but also supports community optometry into the future.'*

Find [your local store](#) or click the link to discover more about a career in optometry.

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/272918850/>

A bright future

The great news if you're planning a career in Optometry is that there are several ways into the profession. You really can pick a route that suits you and the way you want to learn – here's an overview of the path your career with us could take.

- 1 **Studying Optometry at university**
– you'll need three A-Levels*, with at least two being in maths/biology/chemistry/physics. University grade requirements vary but typically AAB is required as a minimum (As in the above subjects).
- 1 **Store visits and work experience**
– typically our stores will offer students a chance to visit a local store with their parents. We also have a structured work experience programme both of which have been tailored to provide a deeper insight into our exciting industry.

Exploring opportunities – we can offer:

- Tailored career talks (Year 12)
- Store sponsorship opportunities
- Work experience
- University taster days
- Access to our on campus student ambassadors
- Opportunity to study for higher qualifications
- Flexible working including the opportunity to work part time

The diagram features a large green location pin labeled 'Optometry' with 'Life changing careers' below it. A dotted line path leads from the pin to a central green circle labeled 'Y12 EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES'. From this central circle, dotted lines branch out to two smaller green circles: 'APPRENTICESHIPS' and 'Y13'. A pair of glasses icon is positioned above the 'Y12' circle.



We're off to an exceptional start this year, with thousands of students registering for our Get Into Medicine conference. This allows us to provide valuable support and guidance to those exploring medicine as a career and navigating their way toward a successful application.

However, we'd like to emphasise that our commitment extends beyond medicine, as understanding the path to a legal career can be equally complex.

If you have students with inquisitive minds and an interest in pursuing careers as solicitors, barristers, or judges, our virtual "Get Into Law" conference is the ideal opportunity for students Yr10-Yr13 to learn about the legal profession. With insights from Judge Emma and a comprehensive agenda, students will gain valuable knowledge about the legal industry.

Virtual Get Into Law Conference - Sunday 1st October, 9:30am - 3:30pm:

<https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/>

*The cost per entry is £15, which covers administrative and technological costs.

Explore the world of law with a Judge and learn about:

- Realistic insights into law as a career
- Legal myth-busting and empowering you to achieve your dream!
 - Application Timeline
- CV, extracurricular activities and transferable skills for law
 - UCAS form – key components to be aware of
 - Personal statement
 - Academic Referencing
- Entrance exams: LNAT, Cambridge/Oxford Law Exam and their significance.

The conference will give students insight into what a legal career entails and will provide the building blocks needed to be successful in their application to university. By sharing our expert knowledge about the UCAS application process for law, your students will be provided with all the resources and guidance they need to succeed in their law school applications.

Join us on Sunday 1st October, 9:30am - 3:30pm - £15 Entry:

<https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/>

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Legal Apprenticeship 2024

<https://careers.burgess-salmon.com/jobs/vacancy/legal-apprenticeship-2024-0614-bristol/632/description/>

BAE SYSTEMS

<https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships>

2024 roles open 1 November 2023

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Intermediate apprenticeships

Intermediate apprenticeships are the entry-level apprenticeship for those looking to make a start in the world of work. Available to anyone from the age of 16, with no maximum age limit, they're also a great option for anyone looking to make a career change. You'll need five GCSEs grade A* - E/ 3-9 including Maths and English, as well as a Science subject to apply for an engineering or technical role, or two National 4s including Maths and English (or equivalent).

Become a technical expert and learn a specialist skill such as welding, painting, or scaffolding, with a blend of hands-on training and classroom learning. An intermediate apprenticeship is a great way to join our business, with real responsibility working on innovative security products and services.



Advanced apprenticeships

You can apply for one of our advanced apprenticeships if you have five GCSEs or National 4 (or equivalent), including Maths and English, as well as a Science subject to apply for an engineering or technical role, or you've completed an intermediate apprenticeship or similar Level 2 qualification. They're full time roles, with a competitive salary and they're a great way to develop specialist skills.

We have a range of advanced apprenticeships available, including engineering, technical, and business roles. At the end of the apprenticeship you'll have valuable qualifications equivalent to A Levels, NC, HNC, or HND. With the freedom to explore our business, endless opportunities for development, and with genuine recognition and reward, you'll build a career to be proud of.



Higher apprenticeships

Higher apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 18 who is looking for an alternative to attending university. You'll need at least five GCSEs or National 5 + Highers (or equivalent) including Maths and English, as well as a Science subject to apply for an engineering or technical role. Additionally, you'll require a minimum of two A levels or a level 3 equivalent qualification.

With the chance to forge a high-impact career in engineering, business, or finance, these roles lead to qualifications equivalent to a HND or Foundation Degree.



Degree apprenticeships

Degree apprenticeships are great for 18–19 year old school leavers looking to gain a degree while also starting their career journey. It's the perfect option for those who can't decide between an apprenticeship and university. They're also a great option for anyone looking to make a career change.

We have a wide range of degree apprenticeships to choose from across the business, and there are slightly different qualifications and UCAS point requirements for each one, taking 3–6 years to complete. You can also apply for a degree apprenticeship if you've already successfully completed a lower-level apprenticeship and you're looking to further your career.





STEM SMART



STEM SMART 2024

Contact Us



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Related Links

STEM SMART (Subject Mastery and Attainment Raising Tuition) is a widening participation initiative from the University of Cambridge in association with Isaac Physics, to provide free, complementary teaching and support to UK (non-fee paying) students who:

- have either experienced educational disadvantage or belong to a group that is statistically less likely to progress to higher education and
- are considering applying to Engineering, Computer Science, Physical Sciences (eg physics, chemistry, earth sciences, materials science) or Biological Sciences (eg plant sciences, pharmacology, physiology, evolution and behaviour, biochemistry) courses at university and are studying A Levels (or equivalent) in maths and science.

▶ [STEM SMART 2024 programme](#)

▶ [Eligibility criteria](#)

▶ [How do I apply?](#)

The application deadline for the programme is 31 October 2023.

To apply for the programme students should complete the [online registration form](#). If you are studying at a school/college/or other educational institution, you will be asked to provide the name of a contact teacher at your school who we may contact to help us provide you with co-ordinated support during the programme or to confirm your examination results to date.

All applicants will be told whether they have been accepted on the programme by 20 November 2023.

All those who have been accepted on to the programme will be asked to complete a survey by the 26 November which will enable us to tailor the subject specific content and workload for the programme, which will begin in January 2024 with an **online launch event on Saturday 6 January**.

All details on eligibility are on the on-line application form. It can be found here

[STEM SMART | Undergraduate Study \(cam.ac.uk\)](#)

Free event for parents: Making it into Medical School

Supporting your child in applying to medical school

We are delighted to announce our upcoming **free webinar for parents on breaking into medical school**. We will be joined by one of our expert doctors who will be introducing parents to the world of medicine and how their child can secure a place at a top medical school.

Join us to learn more about:

What you can expect from a career in medicine, including a breakdown of the opportunities and roles available

How students can get a head-start, by building the key skills required whilst still at school

A breakdown of the medical school application process and expert advice on how students can stand out from the competition

This webinar will take place online on Wednesday 27th September 7.00pm – 8.00pm (UK time). It is free to attend.

Sign up here:

https://investin.org/pages/parent-events?utm_source=UK+SCHOOLS+MASTER&utm_campaign=e7acc46913-bankersschoolmar_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bfccb03bbd-e7acc46913-137618683&mc_cid=e7acc46913&mc_eid=f6676b89e1

This free event is great however there is no need to pay or buy into schemes to support applications to medical school. Yes, they are great, but we can direct you towards free resources that are equally as good!!!



Don't forget to sign into the following sites using your school email and set up preferences and notifications for opportunities that become available.

Don't miss out!!
Remember to upload your evidence of super curricular by using the QR code.



PORTFOLIO TOP TIPS

A portfolio is a carefully curated collection of your best work that shows who you are and where you want to go as a creative.

The admissions team will send you full instructions on how to submit your portfolio via MyApplication, so you don't need to send anything unless you hear from them. It's worth thinking about how you'll submit your portfolio when you're putting it together so you can use the best method for displaying your work. As submissions are digital it's important to think about how you show us your work to show it in its best light.

YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER

- **LIGHTING** be wary of shadows as they can obscure your work
- **BACKGROUND** plain backgrounds can make your work stand out
- **QUALITY OF IMAGE** make it the best possible
- **SCALE OF WORK** this could be in notes or provide a frame of reference
- **VIEWING EXPERIENCE** do you want to use photography or video

Here are some tips for submitting your portfolio:

USE A RANGE OF MEDIUMS

A medium is the tool or material that you use to create your work, such as paint, charcoal, photography, sculpture, print, and more!

No matter what course you're applying for, we like to see drawing (including observational drawing). This shows us you understand tone, form, texture, shape, and scale. Drawing is a very varied and flexible medium so use it to show your strengths and individual style.

SHOW US YOUR PROCESS

Demonstrate how you make creative decisions and solve problems.

Include strong and interesting pieces that demonstrate your journey from concept to final project.

We'd love to see work in progress, sketchbooks, final pieces as well as independent work that you've created outside of school/college.

REFERENCE YOUR COURSE

Do your research and show us your inspiration. You need to demonstrate you understand what the what the course is looking for. Reflect key techniques, themes, and your passion for the subject.

Compliment your personal statement – for example if you've told us that you're inspired by the outdoors reflect that in your work.

EDIT, EDIT, EDIT

Include 15-20 pieces that demonstrate your best and most interesting work. If in doubt leave it out! Speak to your creative subject teacher for additional support and don't leave it to the last minute.

Think about composition and ensure your portfolio makes coherent, logical sense as one body of work. You may want to group your work by theme, subject, medium, colours, or size.

SHOW US WHO YOU ARE

This tip is the most important! We want to know all about you and your individual strengths

We're looking for potential rather than perfection. Show us your style, passion, motivation, and commitment to the creative arts.

You should use these guidelines to help you prepare your portfolio.

Visit aub.ac.uk/portfolio for further details.

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Empowering Students for Their Future in a Gaming Career

As the new school year begins, it's time to prepare for an exciting journey of learning and growth. With **Access All Areas**, NaturalMotion aims to equip students with the knowledge and resources they need to succeed in their chosen paths.

Whether students are aspiring Data Analysts, UI Artists, Software Programmers, or Audio Programmers and Composers, **Access All Areas** aims to support their ambitions, supporting pathways to success.

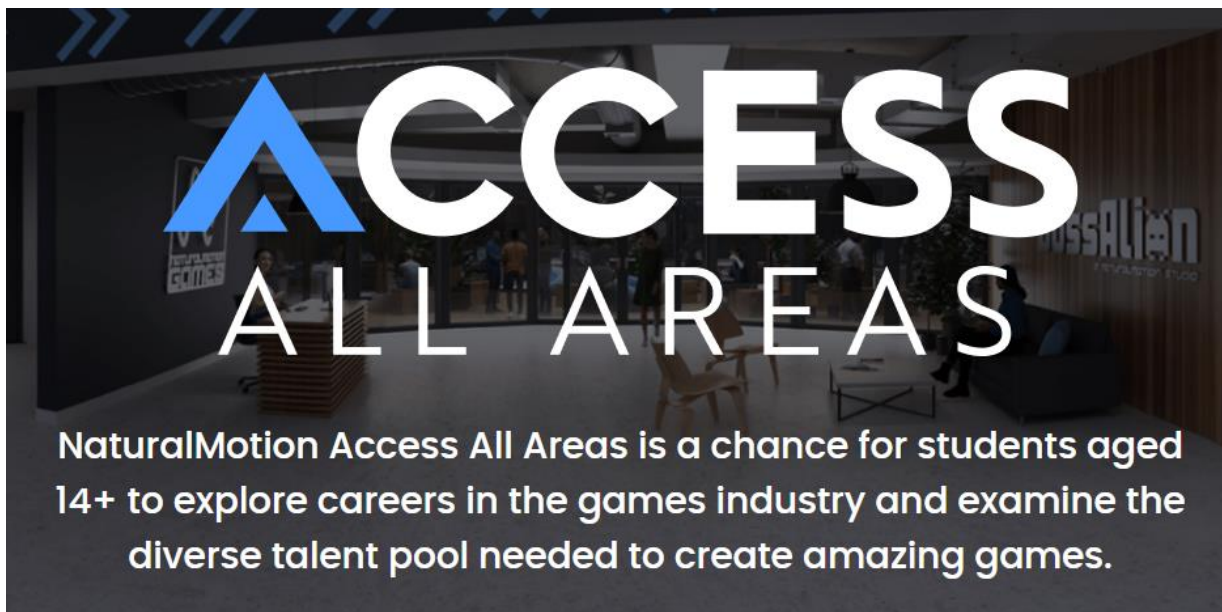
Click to meet the people already in these amazing roles and discover their career journey!

<https://accessallareas.naturalmotion.com/>

UI Artist

Programmers

Audio Programmers



Step into the World of gaming careers with *Access All Areas*

NaturalMotion is excited to introduce *Access All Areas*, a 3D virtual environment that enables students to explore what it's like to work in the gaming industry and discover how amazing games are made. They can fully immerse themselves in the virtual studio, meet talented team members, and better understand their work.

From planning to launch, the Role Model Volunteers provide insights along the way to make it a captivating experience.

https://accessallareas.naturalmotion.com/?utm_campaign=182799_258920%20Natural%20Motion%20Email%202%20-%20Group%202%20-%20August%202023&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EdCo&dm_i=7JVM,3X1R,10SJ1G,FE3L,1



Opendays.com - the university and college open day directory

Take a look and book yourself on to experience universities.

<https://www.opendays.com/>



A taste of university subjects

Help students find a course that suits them

https://www.port.ac.uk/collaborate/schools-and-colleges/subject-specific-events?utm_medium=organic-email&utm_campaign=&utm_source=&utm_content=&utm_term=#webinars

Sport and Exercise Science Taster Day: 6 March 2024

Explore the world of elite sports, health and fitness to help you gain the knowledge needed to understand and enhance athletic performance.



Architecture Taster Day: 27 March 2024

Get involved in 3 practical sessions, learn valuable portfolio tips and explore all Architecture courses at our wonderful learning studios



The importance of Earth Science for the future of our planet: Tues 10 Oct, 4.00pm

Celebrate Earth Science Week with us to look back on 4.5 billion years of our planet's history. And help students learn how an Earth Science degree can create a sustainable future for the world.



Health and Social Care Courses: How to Apply and Prepare for Interviews: 17 October, 4.00pm

Health and social care courses are highly sought after. This session will help your students learn how to secure places on highly coveted courses like Radiography, Dental Care, Social Work, Nursing and Pharmacy - and explore interviews and making strong applications.



Applying to Creative Courses and developing a portfolio: 19 October, 4.00pm

When it comes to applying to creative courses, universities are looking for your students' passion and creativity. And they can show that off with the right portfolio and interview skills, ready to shine in dynamic fields of work. We'll show them how to get started.



So you want a career in Radiography?: 8 November, 4.00pm

This webinar looks back at the history of Radiography, how students can find relevant placements and the vital role Radiographers play in the healthcare system.





We want to support your students in navigating the tricky application journey into medicine. In just under a week, we've witnessed an incredible surge in interest and sign-ups for our **FREE Get Into Medicine conferences**, and it's all thanks to dedicated teachers like you who are passionate about supporting their students on their journey towards medicine.

For aspiring Doctors:

FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

Sunday 24th September

Saturday 30th September

Saturday 7th October

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

<https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

All aspiring doctors in years 10-12 are invited to register.

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT
- Medical & Dental school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships

We encourage both students and parents to participate in these invaluable sessions.

Spaces are competitive and limited, so students should register as soon as they can using the link below. For this reason, we kindly request that students only book one conference.

Registration Link:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Here's how the day will run:

9:30-10.00 Registration

10.00-11:00 Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview of the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships

11:00-11:15 Break

11.15-11.45 Introduction to the UCAS application form and entry requirements

11.45-12.15 Interactive CV building exercise and exclusive access to leadership, research, presentation, publication, prizes and scholarship opportunities

12.15-12.30 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student)

12:30-12:45 Break

12.45-13.30 How to write the perfect personal statement

13.30-13.45 Break

13.45-14.10 Entrance exams - how to do ace the UCAT

14.10-14.30 How to prepare for Medical School interviews

14.30-15.00 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student) and next steps

Our doctors and medical students look forward to welcoming your students at the conferences.



<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

A website offering opportunities to students looking for employment, apprenticeships or any other alternatives to University.

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