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Edition 35: Aimed at Years 11 to 13, the Careers and Higher Education Bulletin is below.

Please note: we cannot vouch for the quality of the courses/events charging fees. You can often find free alternatives with research but if an event/course charging fees is of interest, speak to your parents and perhaps they can help you decide whether it is worth any additional costs. **Remember you cannot miss classes for these events.**



Website of the Week: [The Uni Guide](#) is an all-round useful website. It has a course search facility, a university search facility, and a really good 'get advice' section. Easy to use and has all the information you need.

Virtual Get Into Law Event. Organised by Young Professionals and hosted by **Freshfields**, this event is an opportunity to hear from one of the leading magic circle law firms. They will cover solicitor apprenticeship options, vacation/graduate schemes, in-person events at their offices as well as work experience opportunities. For students in Sixth Form and taking place on Monday 27 Jan (5.00pm-6.00pm). Register [here](#).



The Telegraph

Media Literacy Programme

The Telegraph's Media Literacy Programme. The programme is open to 16 to 18 year olds across the UK and provides an insight into what it is like to be a journalist at an award-winning, multimedia news brand. Current Telegraph journalists teach the programme covering disciplines ranging from politics to fashion and beauty. The online programme runs for four weeks, beginning on Tuesday 4 March 2025. Sessions will run from 4.00pm to 5.00pm every Tuesday, so you will need to be available then. For more info and registration, see [here](#).

STEM Careers and University

Free AI, Coding and Cyber Opportunities from the Open University. 'Click Start' is a digital skills programme offering fully-funded opportunities to develop digital and professional skills. Combining The Open University's educational expertise



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with real-world insights from employers. However, you **must be over 18 years of age**, so an opportunity for this summer if you are in Year 13. To find out more and to apply, see [here](#).

[Planet Possibility](#) is a physics careers website, funded by the IoP, run by a team of consortium partners, including The Universities of Southampton and Birmingham and Future First. It focuses on building a diverse community of future physicists through inspiration, opportunities and careers guidance! It has interactive activities, quizzes and challenges, information on mentoring opportunities and programmes focused on widening participation in physics and much, much more.



Residential Insight into University Courses from the Engineering Development Trust (EDT). Designed for Year 12 students, these summer schools run for four/five days at various top universities and give you a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. There are university style lectures and activities and group projects supported by academics and student mentors. To find out more, see [here](#).



Empowering Futures Webinar Series. The GSA have launched a 2025 Student Webinar Series focusing on the career journeys of three women in diverse fields: including a Sustainable Solutions Lead at Cazenove Capital, an architect running her own firm (vPPR ARCHITECTS) and a Professor in Interdisciplinary Plant Sciences. They take place on Wed 29 Jan, Tues 25 Feb and Wed 19 March (1.00pm-1.45pm). For more details, see [here](#).

Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary

VetCam 2025 - Introduction to Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University.

Taking place 7 to 9 April 2025, this is a residential programme for Year 11 and 12 students interested in applying to study Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University. The programme will include visits to both the pre-clinical and clinical departments to give a taste of the course, insight into life at a Cambridge college, and a chance to meet staff and current students. **Cost £340.** For entrance requirements and further details, see [here](#).



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London Medical Academy

YOUR PATHWAY TO STUDY MEDICINE IN EUROPE

For studying medicine in Europe in English, sometimes with lower fees and lower entry requirements, see information here: [Study Medicine in Europe](#)

GAP YEARS

Thinking of a gap year project and need some funding? Applications are still being invited by The Bulkeley-Evans HMC Scholarship Fund for gap year scholarships. The majority of awards go to students involved in projects in poorer areas of the world and you have to demonstrate the benefits of your gap year project. Awards are normally for £300 to £800 but can be £1,000. More information can be found [here](#).



Fancy a GAP year on an African or Asian adventure? Africa & Asia Venture (AV) offer volunteer projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. These can be teaching, sports coaching, community work or conservation projects. They are usually for three to five weeks or three to five months. For more details, see [here](#).

REMINDER FROM LAST EDITION – ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS:

Great for exploring your subject and differentiating yourself from other applicants



Flash Fiction Competitions in French and Spanish from the University of Oxford. UK secondary school pupils are invited to submit a complete story of no more than 100 words, in French or Spanish, for the chance to win up to £100. Entries are judged on creativity, imagination and narrative flair, as well as linguistic accuracy. There are three categories, Years 7 to 9, Years 10 and 11 (ages 14 to 16) and Sixth Form. For details, see [here](#).

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The Alan Turing Cryptography Competition

Are you in Year 11? Do you like mathematical subjects like Physics and Computer Sciences? Do you like breaking codes? Do you fancy working in the security services or becoming a computer programmer? The Alan Turing Cryptography Competition from Manchester University is aimed at secondary school children in the UK up to Year 11 (England and Wales). Details can be found here: [The Alan Turing Cryptography Competition edition 2025](#). **It launches 13 January.**



The Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw



For students up to Year 13, do you like mind-bending mathematical brainteasers? Mathsborne is a competition from the University of Manchester that opens 22 January. See more here: [The Mathsborne Competition edition 2025](#).

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