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**Edition 34:** 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.**



**Applications through UCAS, an update:** If you applied to fewer than five choices via UCAS and want to add any more to your application, you should do this by the UCAS deadline of 29 January. Please see Mr McDermott, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Sharp, Mrs Drew or Mr Owen if you require advice.

## University 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](#).

### **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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## University Open Days/Insights

**Free Virtual Get Into Medicine University Conferences this January.** Offered by Medic Mentor, these conferences cover all of the essential requirements for applying to medical school and provide invaluable tips on how to stand out from the crowd. Taking place on Saturday 11 January or Saturday 25 January, both 9.30am to 3.30pm. For more info and registration, see [here](#).



### **What are Cambridge Subject Masterclasses?**

Subject Masterclasses are online sessions that allow Year 12 students to explore your subject in greater depth while experiencing typical undergraduate teaching at Cambridge. New events tend to begin in the Spring Term of Year 12.

Each Masterclass includes:

- Two taster sessions delivered by academic staff
- An opportunity to ask questions and engage with subject experts
- An introduction to the Cambridge admissions process
- Insights into life as a Cambridge student from current undergraduates

[Student Newsletter | Undergraduate Study](#) - sign up to their newsletter to keep up to date as they are published.

## Work Experience



**SPRINGPOD**

**Using Springpod as a Year 12 student.** Whether you are interested in apprenticeships or university, Springpod have a range of virtual work experience opportunities to transform your CV and make your Personal Statement stand out from the crowd, particularly for more vocational courses such as medicine or veterinary. They also have Subject Spotlights for those keen to find out more about university. For more information, see [here](#).

For other year groups, see [here](#).

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