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Please see **Edition 39 of the Careers and HE Bulletin below**. Please read it – it's your life and one of these activities could potentially change it for the better!

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.



UCAS applications: Our applicants are already receiving offers from universities.

Some of you may receive emails with invitations or information requests directly from universities (i.e. not through UCAS). Please check your “spam/junk” regularly as some of these are important emails and could be classed as spam or junk and automatically transferred to the junk folder. **If you have been sent something you need help with, e.g. interview practice because your university or employer (apprenticeships) want to interview you, please do let us know if you need support – speak to The Careers Department.**



The Telegraph Media Literacy Programme. Open to 16-18-year-olds, the programme will run for four weeks, beginning on Tuesday 3 March 2026.

Deadline: Thursday 26 February. Sessions will be with a range of Telegraph journalists from departments including news, sports, beauty, music, and social media and take place online from 4.00pm to 5.10pm every Tuesday (you must not miss lessons). At the end of the programme, each student will receive a Telegraph Media Literacy Journalism Certificate. For details and applications, see [here](#).

The Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS) Programme. This is a summer academic enrichment and leadership programme that brings together outstanding high school students from around the world for intensive two-week sessions on Yale's campus in New Haven. The regular decision deadline for applications is Wednesday 7 January 2026. For more details and applications, see [here](#).



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Christ Church

The Christopher Tower Poetry Competition. This competition is run by Christ Church College, University of Oxford, and this year you have to write a poem of no more than 48 lines on the theme of 'Riddle'. Entrants must be 16-18 years old and attend a UK school or college. **The first prize is £5,000!** The closing date is noon on Thursday 19 February 2026. For more information, and to see previous winning entrants, see [here](#).

Get into Medicine Conferences. MedicMentor offer FREE conferences for school students. They offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics, including tactically choosing universities, UCAS personal statements, UCAT preparation, medical school interview skills and work experience. For more information about everything MedicMentor offers and to register for a conference, see [here](#).

GMT about applications for next year. For more details, see [here](#).



**University of
Nottingham**
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Ambition Nottingham. This is a free, two-year scheme from the University of Nottingham for all Year 12 students from anywhere in the UK. The activities support progression and application to a university of your choice. The majority of the programme takes place online, with an opportunity to visit the Nottingham campus at a VIP Open Day. Applications are now open until Sunday 7 December 2025, and the programme of events will begin in January 2026. See [here](#) for more information.

Sheffield Live Online Events. The University of Sheffield offers weekly online sessions which will enable you to find out more about different aspects of university life. They will run throughout the year with different topics such as accommodation and student societies as well as subject spotlights. For more information, timetable and booking, see [here](#).



Get into Springpod! Springpod is a free careers network for young people aged 13-18. It can help you explore your options in the world of **work and build connections**. **Find out about a huge range of career paths**, discover what you'll earn, what subjects you need to study and other key information. Springpod is currently

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promoting virtual work experience opportunities with several major companies, including Amazon and Barclays as well as the NHS. Find out more [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](#).



Thinking about a gap year as a ski instructor in Canada? Ski Le Gap was established in 1994 and provides ski and snowboard courses designed specifically with gap years in a ski resort in Canada in mind. Having trained over 3000 instructors from around the world they are confident you will have the ultimate winter experience. Detailed information [here](#).



Letz Live Gap Year Placements. Letz Live specialise in the recruitment of overseas Gap Assistants in schools across Australia, New Zealand and Thailand. All positions offered include board and lodging in addition to a weekly stipend during your time abroad. Find out more [here](#).

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