

Careers News Weekly - No 28 - 1 June 2020

Dear All,

I do hope you all managed to find some time to relax during the half term break? The weather was fabulous and it was so good to be outside enjoying the sunshine and many, many BBQs too!

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## U6 UCAS Deadlines and Reminders

UCAS Deadlines - Reminder

Please ensure you check your UCAS Track for your UCAS deadline. For the majority of you it will be 18 June. This is the date by which you must choose your CF (1st) and CI (2nd) choice universities. Do contact me if you need to talk through your choices via email and I will set up an appointment online.

Submission of documents

Please can I also remind all U6 students to check any deadlines they might have for submitting documents such as IELTS/English Language qualifications.

Accommodation

You will be able to apply for student accommodation at your chosen CF university, but only once you have made them your firm choice. Some universities also allow students who put them as their insurance choice to apply too. Please check each university website for more information. There are different deadlines at various universities at Southampton, applications are open from now until 1 August whereas Bristol open their system on 4 May and close it on 17 July. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR CHOSEN

UNIVERSITIES CAREFULLY

## Preparing for University

[How to reference](#) is a great short video introducing how referencing works. This is something you will need to do at university when you are writing essays to evidence where you have found the information you are writing about.

[Bite Back](#) is also a great website which introduces some food budgeting and cooking. It is a little cheesy but the recipes are great and the weekly shopping list really helps you with budgeting.

## L6 Choosing your University

What are universities looking for? Part 2.

Do you already have a particular university in mind, and want to know what they're looking for? Following on from Careers News 27, here are direct links to the advice and guidance webpages of the second set of universities in the UK. Click on the shield and you will be directed to advice on what they are looking for in applications. Next week will be looking at Art, Drama and Music applications.





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## Creating a back-up plan to Medicine

When you apply to university in the UK, you apply through an organisation called UCAS, and every student is allowed to pick up to five courses/universities. When a student applies to study medicine, they are only allowed four medical school applications, with their fifth choice either a science related course or left blank. Because medicine courses are so competitive, this allows students to have a plan B in case they receive rejections from all four of their medical school applications, which often happens. Students in the past often pick courses such as Biomedical Science or Biochemistry, many with the intention of applying to study postgraduate medicine once they have finished their first degree. Other pick universities, such as Newcastle, Leicester and Manchester who have schemes where you can transfer to Medicine after your first year studying some of their biomedical type courses. These are highly competitive but a possibility and certainly worth an investigation.

There is however, a third possibility that is often overlooked – degrees in the allied health professions and I wanted to share some of the information that I picked up at the 'Creating a back-up plan to Medicine' webinar that I attended just before half term. These webinars are being run several times

over the next few weeks and they are definitely worth watching, see [Allied Health Professions](#) to book.

Below are the roles which come under the banner of Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) and, with the exception of Art, Drama and Music Therapists, will give you a postgraduate route into Medicine currently, although many study these professions and choose to stay within their subject. One of the presenters, from the University of Sheffield, said in her twenty year experience she had only met 2 students who studied one of the AHP degrees, who then moved into postgrad medicine!

## The Allied Health Professions



iseethedifference.co.uk

Below are some of the bullet points from the webinar.

- AHPs provide treatment and help rehabilitate adults and children who are ill, have disabilities, injuries or special needs to live life to the full.
- The job market is very buoyant with over 90% of graduates working in a graduate related role in their chosen profession.
- Jobs are available in both NHS and private practice and many AHPs set up and run their own practices.
- Unlike medicine, the core hours are usually 9-5am, Monday to Friday.
- Lots of specialisms once qualified.
- Entry requirements are very varied from CCC and above.
- Non-repayable NHS grants of £5,000pa are available to all UK residents, so £15,000 over a three year course. NOT available for Music, Drama and Art therapists or Osteopaths.
- Additional £1,000pa available to Diagnostic Radiographers, Orthoptists,

Podiatrists, Prosthetists and Orthotists as well as Therapeutic Radiographers (£3,000 in total and non-repayable), as we have a shortage in these professions.

- Salaries in the NHS are based on the job band and start at £24,214pa and move upwards through the bands to £103,860pa for the top roles.
- Biomedical Science is a great way into Medicine too, but it does not give you patient contact in the same way as AHPs.

Please do have a look at [I See the Difference](#) for more information and to book one of their webinars, as well as [Step into the NHS](#) for more details about the various career paths as well as information on work experience and apprenticeship roles.

## Courses, Events and Summer Schools

The Medic Portal Virtual Summer School

Bookings have just opened for the [Medic Portal Virtual Summer School](#). The course runs over three weeks and helps all potential medics, aged 16 and above, prepare for making a strong application. The course incurs a cost of £1,500.

InvestIN Courses

A reminder that there are some really excellent courses still available this summer for students aged 12-18 with [InvestIN](#). They cover a huge range of topics from architecture, art, dentistry, vet science, engineering, fashion design, filmmaking, politics, psychology, journalism, marketing, investment banking and many more. As a partner school, you also qualify for a 10% discount by entering CATERHAM19 at checkout. These courses are extremely popular and are selling out fast. Last year over thirty Caterham School students joined these programmes and really found them useful.

Happy reading!

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