

Work Experience & Careers Insight Opportunities – updated 26.11.21

Speakers for Schools (S4S), Springpod, Young Professionals and Forage have all emerged as providers of very high quality virtual work experience opportunities and many of our students have benefitted hugely from taking part in their programmes over the past 18 months. You can read some of their **testimonials here**.

Virtual work experience is here to stay and offers students a unique opportunity to meet professionals working with some of the UK's largest companies and nationally recognised brands. However, face to face placements with local organisations deliver matchless opportunities for work related skills development and confidence building – so we recommend a mix of both experiences to develop the broadest insights into the careers that interest you and a wealth of evidence to demonstrate within applications and at interview.

Listed by provider there are **6 pages** of opportunities across a wide range of career sectors - scroll down to see the full list. Work Experience with a **finite date for application** are listed first, followed by further opportunities and free resources from organisations such as the Open University, available all year.

Please contact Mrs Farrar - m.farrar@staidans.co.uk to advise us of your participation and for any further information or guidance.

S4S/Next Generation Opportunities

NB. To apply for all the S4S/Next Generation opportunities below, you should create an account here <https://www.s4snextgen.org/> and then click on the link to the placement you are interested in, for more details and the application process.

Nursing Insight Days 10am-2.30pm November / December / January dates

https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2301	6/12
https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2302	8/12
https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2303	14/12
https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2348	17/01
https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2349	20/01
https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2350	25/01
https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2351	27/01

Eligibility: Students 14+ interested in hearing from nurses working across a range of nursing fields, find out more about the profession and the key skills needed

Application Deadlines: 05.11.21 – 23.11.21

Building Control Surveying 4.30pm – 6pm Tuesday 7th December 2021

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2117>

Eligibility: Students 14+ interested in finding out what a Building Control Surveyors does, their qualifications, the challenges they face and some of the legislation used by the profession

Application Deadline: 29.11.21

Environmental Technologies with Construction & Engineering 8th December 2021

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2320>

Eligibility: Students 15+ interested in hearing from experts in the Environmental field at Skanska UK about how they help keep construction projects environmentally sustainable

Application Deadline: 17.11.21 (still open)

Clean Energy with Johnson Matthey 4 - 6pm 7th & 8th December 2021

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2355> 07.12.21

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2356> 08.12.21

Students 14+ interested in hearing from senior leaders about clean energy innovations and how they turn commercial waste into sustainable airplane fuel.

Application Deadline: 03.12.21

Leadership skills with the British Army 15th December 2021

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2023>

Eligibility: Years 7 – 13 Learn some life long transferable skills, and gain insight into self-awareness and personal values will help you achieve your goals.

Application Deadline: 09.12.21

Creating an Arts School Application Portfolio 4pm – 5.30pm 18th January 2022

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2377>

Eligibility: Students 16+ interested in learning from Artist/Designers & University Tutors how your portfolio can evidence your learning journey & support your choice of study specialism

Application Deadline: 09.01.21

Preparing for a Performing Arts Audition 4pm – 5.30pm 20th January 2022

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2376>

Eligibility: Students 16+ UCAS guidance for actors, dancers, musicians or multi talented performers

Application deadline: 10.01.22

Is an Accountancy Apprenticeship for me? 3.30 – 4.30pm 10th February 2022

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2401>

Eligibility: Students 14+ interested in finding out how to be a Chartered Accountant without going to university and understanding the skills you will need

Application Deadline: 21.01.22

National Tourism 15th – 17th February 2022

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2394>

Eligibility: Students 16+ interested in gaining an insight into the work of VisitBritain and working on live briefs, marketing, event planning and international links

Application Deadline: 18.01.22

Behind the scenes at The Lowry 22nd February 2022

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2238>

Eligibility: Students 14+ interested in meeting professional artists and staff members involved with creating work at The Lowry, finding out what goes into choosing shows, what makes audiences tick and how departments such as Marketing, Programming, Technical and Front Of House work together to manage theatre spaces, an art gallery, exhibition spaces, restaurants and youth and community programmes.

Application Deadline: 22.01.21

Engineering & Construction in the Rail Industry

22nd February 2022

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2189>

Eligibility: 14+ interested in the opportunity to design and deliver a rail project whilst also considering the environmental, social and economic impact.

Application Deadline: 21.01.22

Digital Health Technology

22nd & 23rd February 2022

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/2379>

Eligibility: students 14+ interested in how an App would be implemented in the Health Service and meet Creative, Technology, Marketing & Project Management teams

Application Deadline: 04.02.22

Springpod – Coming up in November and December

Women in Engineering - Join Airbus, Jaguar Land Rover, Network Rail and Nestle for an online insight event in the world of engineering. Tuesday 30th November

Life at Lloyds – Experience life & opportunities at the worlds largest insurance marketplace, Lloyds, London. Join the webinar: Thursday 9th December 5pm

Springpod – Virtual Work Experience February Half Term 2022

14th – 25th February – you don't need to be available for all of this time. Just commit 10 hours over the 2 week period to access webinars from experts specific to the profession, industry information and skills based activities. Reserve your place NOW!

TV & Film

Publishing

Business Management

Technology

Teaching

Psychology

Finance and Accountancy

Law

Dentistry

Politics

Springpod Virtual Degree Taster programmes

Try before you apply! 10 hours - flexible over 2 weeks.

Live webinars with academics, taster activities, reflection tasks & interactive quizzes, to give an insight into course content and university life. Certificates awarded for completed programme - great for your personal statement or CV.

[Drama](#)
[Engineering](#)
[Geography & Environmental Science](#)
[Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Media](#)
[Politics, Philosophy & Economics](#)
[Psychology](#)

Virtual Opportunities in Law

[Ashurst UK Law](#) - Virtual Experience Modules in:

- Intellectual Property
- Financing, Mergers & Acquisitions
- Global Projects

[Clifford Chance – commercial law](#)

- Eligibility: 16 – 18 years
- insight, information, tools, support and guidance for a career in law.
- Introduction to topical legal issues and the opportunity to complete tasks

[Linklaters Law](#)

- Experience life as a Linklaters trainee, about to start your Training Contract.
- Open to students 16 – 18 years

[Kennedys Law Virtual Work Experience Programme](#)

[KWM Global Introduction to Law](#)

[KWM Global Hub Virtual Work Experience](#)

[White & Case Law Virtual Work Experience](#)

[Truth Legal Harrogate – webinar series focussing on routes to becoming a barrister](#)

Exploring the Veterinary Profession – Nottingham University

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/vet-school-application-support>

Learn what it takes to become a vet and explore the challenges of the vet profession to decide if it's the right career for you. 2 week Virtual Experience opportunity – start the course at any time. **Available free for 4 weeks from the date you start.**

Virtual Work Experience opportunities available all year (A-Z)

Gain access and insights into a wide range of world class businesses. Complete in your own time to broaden your outlook & skills and significantly boost your CV. Most generate a certificate of completion.

Architecture – Halliday Fraser Munro (Hours: 30)

Design or Technology programmes using SketchUp and Revit (free downloads available) <https://workexperience.hfm.co.uk/>

Digital Creative Design Agency – Barclays Life Skills

https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-virtual-work-experience/school/virtual-work-experience/?fbclid=IwAR1RFCzxGhG75GI0AsPMog3mGIRcKRLdRqZ-7juMoqdXSPk1QqJ_4SrpJHQ

Digital Technologies – iDEA (Hours: vary depending on modules)

<https://idea.org.uk/>

Free mini courses in hacking, blockchain, coding, e-safety, social media and more!

Medicine – Brighton & Sussex Medical School (Hours: up to 30)

<https://bsmsoutreach.thinkific.com/courses/VWE>

Medicine – Royal College of General Practitioners (Hours: 2.5)

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/training-exams/discover-general-practice/observe-gp.aspx>

Eligibility: 16 years +

Open University

8 subject areas containing hundreds of free courses and resources

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/subject-information>

Scroll down for individual examples from a variety of subject areas

- 1. Languages** <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/languages/free-courses>
- 2. Money & Management** <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/money-management/free-courses>
- 3. Education & Development** <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education/free-courses>
- 4. Health, Sports & Psychology** <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/body-mind/free-courses>
- 5. History & the Arts** <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/free-courses>
- 6. Nature & the Environment** <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/nature-environment/free-courses/?filter=date/grid/all/all/all/all/&page=1>
- 7. Science, Maths & Technology** <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/science-maths-technology/free-courses/?filter=date/grid/all/all/all/all/&page=1>
- 8. Society, Politics & Law** <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/society/free-courses>

Environmental Sciences / Climate Change – Open University (Hours: 5)
<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/nature-environment/the-environment/environmental-science/global-warming/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

Forensic Science and fingerprints – Open University (Hours: 5)
<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/health-sports-psychology/health/forensic-science-and-fingerprints/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

Graphic Design – Hunter Bevan
<https://hunterbevan.co.uk/missing-out-on-work-experience-this-year/>

Caring in Hospitals – Open University (Hours: 8)
<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/health-sports-psychology/social-care-social-work/caring-hospitals/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>
Using Leeds General Hospital as a case study, this course looks at different roles and how they interact with each other

Policing & Communication – Open University (Hours: 4)
<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/money-business/leadership-management/sure-i-know-how-talk-people/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

Primary School Education – Open University (Hours: 8)
<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education-development/the-world-the-primary-school/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

Psychology Research and Ethics – Open University (Hours: 5)
<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/society-politics-law/sociology/psychological-research-obedience-and-ethics/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

Social Work – Open University (Hours: 1)
<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/health-sports-psychology/social-care-social-work/interview-social-worker/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

Career Insights - meet the professionals behind the role

STEM Careers

Leading medical devices and pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson has created a STEM Careers Instagram @a_day_in_the_life_stem
https://www.instagram.com/a_day_in_the_life_stem/?hl=en

Follow the account to watch short videos from employees of Johnson & Johnson, or their subsidiary company DePuy Synthes, outlining their career journey ie:

Eleanor	Senior Biomedical Engineer
Rebecca	Graduate Biomedical Engineer
Rachel	Financial Strategist
Amy	Senior Manager for Government Affairs and Policy

Business & Industry - Engineering, Production, Science, Sales, Buying, Marketing, Distribution and Human Resources

The IGD have put together resources showcasing the vast range of career possibilities within Industry and Business - open to people with very different academic backgrounds and subject interests. **Sales, Food Science and Human Resources** are showcased in this [introductory video](#) and you can also read about:

Amrit	Supply Chain Planner (Psychology, English and Biology A levels)
Harry	Digital Designer (Product Design, Business and Computer A levels)
Vic	Marketing Manager (Maths Chemistry and Biology A levels)
Pari	Physical Scientist (Chemical Engineering degree)
Emily	Manufacturing Graduate Scheme (Psychology, Law, English A levels)
Joe	Engineer Apprentice (Maths, Physics and English Language A levels)