



POST-18 PLANNING AND PREPARATION

UNIVERSITIES

As you begin to explore your Post-18 options there are a number of things you can be doing to familiarise yourself with what is available. Many Universities have started to offer free virtual taster days, on all manner of subjects. For example the **University of Sheffield** has the following over the next few weeks:

Date	Time	Subject
Tuesday 4 May	4:00pm - 5:30pm	Mechanical Engineering
Wednesday 5 May	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Computer Science
Wednesday 19 May	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Computer Science (MiRo)
Wednesday 28 April	3:45pm – 5:00pm	Geography (Human)
Wednesday 5 May	3:45pm – 5:00pm	Geography (Physical / Environmental Science)
Tuesday 11 May	3:45pm – 5:00pm	Health & Human Sciences
Wednesday 2 June	12:30 - 3:20pm	Physics

Thousands more masterclasses, webinars, workshops, taster and open days can be found on the [Unitasterdays](#) website.

APPRENTICESHIPS

For those of you still interested in exploring apprenticeships, why not do some further research by looking at some of the larger companies?

BT are the UK's **number one** private sector apprentice employer. Information on current and closed opportunities in Data Analysis, Management, Marketing, Cyber Security, Sales, Network Engineering, Power, can be found [here](#).

BAE Systems offer more than 50 different apprenticeships in Software Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Project Management, Maintenance, Finance, Business, Design up to degree level. The next round of applications open in November 2021. Find out more [here](#). They are also offering some virtual open days and events in Air, Electronic Systems, Land and Maritime.

Here are a few more places to explore:



VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE AND SOFT SKILL DEVELOPMENT

HSBC May 5th from 5pm - 6pm



Are you interested in a career in Banking & Finance? This free online webinar event with HSBC will inform students about HSBC's UK-wide Summer Work Experience and Apprenticeship opportunities. HSBC offer roles across all their major business areas, including **retail, private, commercial and investment banking**, as well as jobs in operational and support functions such as **audit, compliance, risk management, legal, finance, human resources and technology**. Register [here](#).



The Work Ready Virtual Experience on Forage will help you develop your soft skill set and would be useful to mention on your CV or Personal Statement. The free virtual experiences are designed to arm you with work-ready skills that will help you navigate these challenging times, and empower you to thrive as you seek and secure work experience and apprenticeships. The programme consists of three modules: **Wellbeing and resilience, Virtual First Impressions and Virtual Networking**. Find out more and sign up [here](#).

AND FINALLY... I plan to send out more focused opportunities to students who indicated which sectors they might be interested in on the Next Steps survey. These will include Law, Finance, Health, Technology, Arts, Business, Sciences, Engineering, Marketing and far more. If you are still unsure what you are interested in, please see me to make an appointment to discuss your options further.

More to follow next week!