



**HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR  
HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS FAIR**

**Thursday 23 February 2012  
5:45 – 8:45 pm  
Parking on school site**

**Aims of the Higher Education and Careers Fair**

- ✓ To research occupations and courses in which you may be interested.
- ✓ To find out about routes of entry and what you can do to succeed in your chosen career area.
- ✓ To make informed choices and receive impartial advice from independent professionals.
- ✓ To identify companies for future work experience or work shadowing opportunities.
- ✓ To give you a better understanding of Apprenticeships, NVQs, BTECs , Management Training Programmes, Internships and Sponsored degrees.
- ✓ To enable local companies, training organisations and course providers to promote themselves to you.

**Key points to remember**

- ✓ Speak to the Connexions Advisors for details about any occupations / courses in which you are interested that are not represented at the Fair.
- ✓ Speak to the Gap Year companies about work experience and volunteering.
- ✓ Use the space in this booklet to write down any information that may be useful. You won't be able to remember everything!
- ✓ Plan your evening and your questions carefully before you arrive and, if possible, research the companies on the internet.

## Career Presentations

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Law	BPP University College	5.50 pm 6.35 pm 7.20 pm	C301
'The Year in Industry', paid work placements for students post A levels	The Year in Industry (YINI)	8.05 pm	C302
A Career in Visual Effects in the Film Industry	Framestore	6.35 pm 7.20 pm 8.05 pm	C305
Accountancy and Finance	Grant Thornton LLP	5.50 pm 6.35 pm 7.20 pm	C302
Architecture: The Global Industry	Oxford Brookes University Faculty of Technology, Design and Environment	7.20 pm 8.05 pm	C307
Discover your future with Computing at Brunel	Brunel University Department of Information Systems and Computing	5.50 pm	C312
Creative Careers in Art and Design	Oxford Brookes University	5.50 pm	C307
Creativity Matters	fst The Group	5.50 pm 6.35 pm 7.20 pm	C320
The National School of Furniture – What is it?	Bucks New University The National School of Furniture	6.35 pm	C307
From Training to Triumph - A unique perspective on the audition process for entry into Drama/Theatre School and beyond!	Vocal Balance UK	5.50 pm 7.20 pm 8.05 pm	C319
Geography – Where will it take you?	Esri (UK)	7.20 pm 8.05 pm	C312
Languages and International Politics	Aberystwyth University	6.35 pm 7.20 pm 8.05 pm	C317
Stimulate Your Mind – Maths at Brunel	Brunel University Department of Information Systems and Computing	6.35 pm	C312
A career in Medicine and how to get there	Into Medicine	5.50 pm 6.35 pm 7.20 pm	C203
Nursing in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Bucks New University The School of Nursing	6.35 pm 7.20 pm	C207
Psychology – Career Forum	Cardinal Clinic	6.35 pm 7.20 pm	C314
Student Finance 2012	University of Birmingham	7.20 pm 8.05 pm	Lecture Theatre
Why Oxbridge?	Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge and Brasenose College, University of Oxford	5.50 pm 6.35 pm	Lecture Theatre
Working with the elite	English Institute of Sport	5.50 pm 6.35 pm 7.20 pm	C315

## Information about the presentations

### Accountancy and Finance

Ricky from **Grant Thornton UK LLP** will be talking about a career with a professional services company and Emilie about post A Level opportunities and gaining an accountancy qualification. Emilie is an ex-student and has been working for Grant Thornton since September. [www.grant-thornton.co.uk](http://www.grant-thornton.co.uk)

### Architecture

**Oxford Brookes' School of Architecture** is consistently ranked by The Architect's Journal as one of the five best schools in the UK – Matt is the Head of the School and his presentations will cover the variety of courses available, what type of applicant they are looking for, the variety of the forms of teaching and the destinations of their final year students. [www.brookes.ac.uk](http://www.brookes.ac.uk)

### Computer Science

**Brunel's Department of Information Systems and Computing** will be presenting details of their courses, links they have with employers and final undergraduate destinations. [www.brunel.ac.uk/courses](http://www.brunel.ac.uk/courses)

### Creative Careers in Art and Design

**The School of Arts at Oxford Brookes** will be talking about its Foundation and Art courses including Fine Art, 3-Dimensional Design, Fashion/Textiles and Graphic Design and focusing on preparing your application. [www.arts.brookes.ac.uk/foundation](http://www.arts.brookes.ac.uk/foundation)

**The National School of Furniture** aims to raise the profile of the furniture industry and inspire people to explore the diverse breadth of career options available. The School has strong links with the furniture industry and the qualifications on offer will enable students to progress into successful careers. [www.nationalschooloffurniture.com](http://www.nationalschooloffurniture.com)

### Creative Communications

**fst The Group** is a brand communications agency. If you are interested in graphic design, web design and/or a career in business and marketing then this is the presentation for you. [www.fstthegroup.com](http://www.fstthegroup.com)

### Geography and Environmental Sciences

Guenter Grimm is a Training Consultant/Course Author at **Esri (UK)**. He is an ambassador for the Royal Geographical Society and his talk will encompass the exciting career path that studying Geography has taken him and where it can take you.

### Languages and International Politics

Modern languages have never been so important. The ever accelerating spread of mobility and internationalization - both in the professional and academic worlds - shows little sign of abating. Holly is studying joint honours in Languages and International Politics – she will be talking about studying at **Aberystwyth University**, about her course and her plans for the future. [www.aber.ac.uk](http://www.aber.ac.uk)

### Law

**BPP** is a private university, offering industry-acclaimed, career-focused training in business, accountancy and law. You can graduate from the LLB degree in as fast as two years. Come and find out about the variety of courses and how to become a successful Law applicant. [www.bpp.com/ug](http://www.bpp.com/ug)

### Maths

**Brunel University** will present the variety of courses on offer with an emphasis on being able to shape your degree programme to suit your own personal interests and strengths. [www.brunel.ac.uk/courses](http://www.brunel.ac.uk/courses)

## Medicine

Kiren is an ex-student and now a GP trainee, together with Luke, a Specialist Registrar in Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery. They will be talking about a career in medicine, how to get in, how to prepare for your interview and how to survive as a medical student.

## Nursing

**Bucks New University** has been ranked number one by NHS London for its nursing provision. Nursing is a dynamic, people-focused profession, requiring not just technical and practical skills, but communication skills and management ability.  
[www.bucks.ac.uk](http://www.bucks.ac.uk)

## Oxbridge

**Gonville and Caius College**, University of Cambridge and **Brasenose College**, University of Oxford are presenting jointly about their universities. They will be dispelling myths and talking about the unique and world famous Oxbridge experience.  
[www.cai.cam.ac.uk](http://www.cai.cam.ac.uk) [www.bnc.ox.ac.uk](http://www.bnc.ox.ac.uk)

## Paid work placements for students post A levels

The Year in Industry (YINI) is a nationwide education charity providing opportunities for young people in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). One of our ex-students, Nafeesa, was placed by YINI and she is coming back to talk about her experiences and her own career path since leaving WHS. [www.etrust.org.uk/the\\_year\\_in\\_industry.cfm](http://www.etrust.org.uk/the_year_in_industry.cfm)

## Performing Arts

Richard and Julie from Vocal Balance UK, singing teachers to many West End stars, together with two other professional actors / singers, will be giving you an invaluable insight into their competitive world.

## Psychology

The **Cardinal Clinic** in Windsor has treated people with Depression, OCD, Eating Disorders, alcohol detox and more for 30 years. A number of specialists will be attending to talk about psychology-related careers and working in the mental health industry.  
[www.cardinalclinic.co.uk](http://www.cardinalclinic.co.uk)

## Sport

The English Institute of Sport - (EIS) works to improve performance through the delivery of high quality sport science and medical support to elite athletes, through its nationwide network of expertise and facilities. Rachel will be presenting about her career path, how she got into EIS, about her day job as a rehabilitation scientist and about other careers in the sport science world.  
[www.eis2win.co.uk](http://www.eis2win.co.uk)

## Student Finance 2012

Michelle from the University of Birmingham will be presenting vital information about financing your higher education studies.  
[www.bham.ac.uk](http://www.bham.ac.uk)

## Visual Effects in the Film Industry

**Framestore** is the largest visual effects and computer animation studio in Europe and one of our ex-students works there. Lucy's talk will cover details about her own career path, what she does in her job and how to get into a very competitive industry via the technical route. [www.framestore.com](http://www.framestore.com)

## Universities and Colleges - Main Hall

Aberystwyth University  
Amersham & Wycombe College  
Aston University  
Berkshire College of Agriculture  
Bournemouth University  
BPP University College  
Brunel University  
Bucks New University  
Cardiff University  
Cardiff Metropolitan University  
City University London  
Degrees Ahead  
Harper Adams University College  
Kaplan Business School  
King's College, London  
Kingston University (cancelled 20 February)  
Leith's School of Food and Wine  
London School of Economics  
Loughborough University  
Nottingham Trent University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Peter Jones Enterprise Academy  
PMA Media Training  
Queen Mary University of London  
Queen's University Belfast  
Quest Professional  
Regent's College, London  
Royal Holloway - University of London  
Swansea University  
The National School of Furniture  
The Open University  
The Royal Veterinary College  
University College London (incorporating The School of Pharmacy)  
University of Bedfordshire  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bristol  
University of Buckingham  
University of Cambridge  
University of East Anglia  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
University of Kent  
University of Leicester  
University of Liverpool  
University of Oxford  
University of Portsmouth  
University of Reading  
University of Southampton  
University of St Andrews  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex  
University of Warwick  
University of Worcester  
Welbeck College (cancelled 20 February)

## Accounting / Finance – C302 and C303

Ricky Lane Emilie Lyons	Manager, Recovery and Reorganisation, Grant Thornton UK LLP Associate, Assurance, Grant Thornton UK LLP (C302 until 7.55 pm, then C303)
Calum Shepherd Tom Hartgill	Apprenticeship Coordinator, Kaplan Financial (C303) Reading Centre Manager, Kaplan Financial

## Archaeology and Ancient History – Hall

Louise Carr	Visit University of Leicester's stand in the Hall – Louise has completed a <i>Masters in Archaeology and Ancient History and the Humanities</i> and would love to talk to you about it.
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## Careers Advice – D104

Colette Jones Katie Matthews Ros Carr	Personal Advisor – Connexions Personal Advisor – Connexions Personal Advisor - Connexions
icould	<a href="http://www.icould.com">www.icould.com</a> At the heart of icould is a unique library of personal stories, told to camera, by people of all ages and backgrounds in all sorts of occupations
Kirsten Pettet	Wycombe High School Teacher with considerable retail experience – One to one help with your CV

## Computer Science and Mathematics – C312

Professor David Gilbert Dr Steve Noble	Department of Information Systems and Computing Department of Information Systems and Computing
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## Creative Industries – C305, C307, C319, and C320

Richard Halton and Julie Gossage Eric Nolan Samantha Harrison Andrea Duncan	Directors, Vocal Balance UK (C319) Professional Actor/Singer (C319) Professional Actor/Singer (C319) Performing Arts
Lucy Salter	Shader Writer, Framestore (ex-student) (C305)
Craig Watson Patrick Lymath Zoe Williams	Strategy Director, fst The Group (C320) Account Executive, fst The Group (C320) Designer, fst The Group (C320)

Dr Lynn Jones Chris Hyde	Head of The National School of Furniture, Bucks New University (C307) Head of The National School of Furniture, Oxford & Cherwell Valley College (C307)
Matt Gaskin	Head of the School of Architecture, Faculty of Technology, Design and Environment, Oxford Brookes University (C307)
Colleen Watts Megan Rarity	Acting Short Course Manager, School of Art and Design, Oxford Brookes University Guest Speaker, Oxford Brookes University (Altwood School, Maidenhead) (C307)

## Education – C318

Wendy Terry	Leader/SENCO , Manor Farm Pre-school/Nursery
Alexandra Thompson	Year One Teacher and PE Coordinator (ex-student) Naphill and Walters Ash Primary School
Rebecca Jones Dan Mason Peter Sgorlon Emma Webb Philippa Waldron Stacey Alexander	KS2 Coordinator / SMT Year 5 Class Teacher (ex-student) Year 4 Class Teacher Year 3 Class Teacher Year 2 Class Teacher Year 1 Class Teacher, KS1 Coordinator, SMT Early Years Teacher High Wycombe C of E Combined
Clare Penzer	Teacher of Latin and Classical Civilisation, Wycombe High School (ex-student)
Henry Church	Teacher of History and Politics, Wycombe High School

## Engineering – C308

David Hall Gerry Bishop Peter Talbott Luke Godfrey	Chief Engineer, Cobham Antenna Systems Employee Development Manager, Cobham Antenna Systems Apprentice, Cobham Antenna Systems Apprentice, Cobham Antenna Systems
Mamta Gupta	Lecturer and Consultant in (HE and FE) Engineering
Mohammed Hanif	Team Leader Analysis, Lubricants UK Ltd, BP Technology Centre
Charlotte Mace	Graduate Civil Engineer - Project Engineer (Crossrail), Network Rail
Ashley Hart Dimitrius Noltsis	Mechanical Engineer, MWH Global Civil Engineer, MWH Global

Kirsty Allan	Composite Design Engineer, Williams F1 Team
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## Oxbridge – Lecture Theatre and Hall

Dr Andrew Bell Jenny O'Hare	Admissions Tutor, Gonville & Caius, University of Cambridge Schools Liaison Officer, Gonville & Caius, University of Cambridge
Dr Joe Organ Amy Crowweller	Schools Officer, Brasenose College, University of Oxford Access and Communications Officer, Somerville College, University of Oxford

## Gap Year and Volunteering – The Forum

Charlotte Jackson	Overseas Operations, Frontier
Charles Donnell Jessica Richards	University Attraction and Recruitment Coordinator, IBM UK Ltd Recruitment Coordinator, IBM UK Ltd
Jo Whitaker	Lattitude Global Volunteering
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Rosie Palliser Jakhya Rahman	Senior Recruitment Officer, Raleigh International Recruitment Coordinator, Raleigh International
Nafeesa Amanat	The Year in Industry YINI (Ex student) also see presentation in C302

## Geography – C312 Main Hall or presenting in C312

Guenter Grimm	Training Consultant/Course Author, Esri (UK) (Ambassador for the Royal Geographical Society)
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## Healthcare – C203, C206, C207, C314 and Hall

Dr Beverley Eastwood Maxine Raimbach	Dentist, Bridge Dental Surgeries Ltd (C206) Practice Manager, Bridge Dental Surgeries Ltd
Maire Woolven Student representatives	Principal Lecturer/Admissions Tutor, School of Nursing, Bucks New University (C207) School of Nursing, Bucks New University
Anu Sayal-Bennett	Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Cardinal Clinic (C314) Mental Health Nurse, Cardinal Clinic

Sarah O'Donoghue Emily Stevens Louise DeHaan	Mental Health Nurse, Cardinal Clinic Marketing Manager, Cardinal Clinic
Dr Kiren Sahota Luke Jones	GP Trainee ST1, Into Medicine(ex-student) (C203) Specialist Registrar in Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery, Into Medicine
Dr Rosie Hart	GP, Millbarn Medical Centre (C206)
Stephanie Horn	Physiotherapist, Royal Free Hospital NHS Trust (C206)
Samit Shah Simran Safri Rekha Chopra	Optometrist, Specsavers (C206) Optometrist, Specsavers Optometrist, Specsavers
Julie Bond	Visit the University of Liverpool's stand in the Main Hall – Julie is an expert on careers in the NHS and has a wealth of information on alternatives to medical school.

### **Languages and International Politics – C317**

Holly Mortimer	Student Ambassador, Aberystwyth University
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### **Law – C301 and the Hall**

Paul Gascoyne Christopher Murphy	Senior Outreach Manager, BPP University College of Professional Studies BPP University College of Professional Studies
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### **Media and Journalism – C304 and Hall**

Marek Roman Pruszewicz	Editor, BBC Global Video (C304)
Martin Fewell	Deputy Editor, Channel 4 News ITN (C304)
Tessa Cooper	Client Liaison Manager, Guardian News & Media (C304) (Ex student)
Riva Elliott Katie Smith	Director, PMA Media Training (Hall) Student, PMA Media Training

### **Military/Police – C313**

PC Raja Yousaf PC Andy Smith	High Wycombe Neighbourhood Team, Thames Valley Police
Sqd Leader Julie Fell Flt Lt Nick Winder	Senior Careers Liaison Officer, RAF Headquarters Air Command, RAF
Major Charles Grieve Major David Puckey	Army Careers Advisor, The British Army Army Careers Advisor, The British Army

### Pharmaceutical/Scientific – C309

Dr Helen Barker	Company Director, 360 Regulatory Ltd
Dr Martine Lomax	Senior Research Scientist , Gray Institute of Radiation Oncology and Biology
Hazel Hobbs Rachel MacDonald Manju Bhandari	Senior Medical Information Scientist, Astellas Pharma Ltd Senior Medical Information Pharmacist, Astellas Pharma Ltd Medical Information Scientist, Astellas Pharma Ltd
Justine Geddes Jim Keary Ted Casey	Employee Development Adviser, Veolia Water Solutions and Technologies Laboratory and Process Manager, Veolia Water Solutions and Technologies Education Services Manager, Veolia Water

### Retail – C208

Maxine Meehan Caroline McVinnie Hannah Dilks	Education and Skills Personnel Manager – UK Stores and Depots, Tesco plc Education and Skills Personnel Manager UK Head Office, Tesco plc Commercial Graduate Manager, Tesco plc
Jade O'Leary Hannah Ward	Manager, Stock Management, John Lewis Partnership Stock Management, John Lewis Partnership

### Sport – C315

Rachel Sheldrick	Rehabilitation Scientist, English Institute of Sport
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### NOTES



## SAMPLE OCCUPATIONAL QUESTIONS

Think carefully about the questions you want to ask. What do you want to know? Don't ask the obvious things that can be found out on websites or in books. Try and obtain the sort of information that only someone doing that particular job could give you. Consider questions like:

- ☺ What do you do on a typical day in your job / on this course?
- ☺ What are the best things about doing this course / job / voluntary work?
- ☺ What are the future trends in this area?
- ☺ What are the main issues facing this profession / industry at the moment?
- ☺ What skills and abilities are needed to do this?
- ☺ What qualifications do I need?
- ☺ Do you offer entry post A Level? When would I have to apply?
- ☺ What training do you get with this sort of job?
- ☺ What opportunities are there for sponsored degrees or internship?
- ☺ Where are jobs / courses advertised?
- ☺ What can I do to increase my chance of becoming a successful applicant / candidate? How can I make myself stand out from everyone else?

Making an effort to ask the right questions and showing interest in someone's occupation can yield unexpected results. It could lead to a work experience offer, give you advanced notice of opportunities coming up in that field (but don't expect this), or conversely show you a side of a career that you had not thought of, which may make you re-think your ideas.

## SAMPLE HIGHER EDUCATION QUESTIONS

- ☺ Is my combination of subjects acceptable for entry?
- ☺ What can I do to put myself in the best possible position to be offered a place?
- ☺ What do most graduates from this course go on to do?
- ☺ Which employers regularly recruit from this institution?
- ☺ Is the course accredited by professional bodies?
- ☺ Is the course modular or non-modular?
- ☺ How will I be assessed during the course?
- ☺ Are candidates interviewed before offers are made?
- ☺ How many students join the course each year?
- ☺ Will I be at a disadvantage if I apply for deferred entry?
- ☺ Will I be able to study part of the course overseas?
- ☺ Are industrial / business placements arranged?
- ☺ How much careers advice and help is there during the course?
- ☺ What sponsorships, scholarships and bursaries are available?
- ☺ What is the availability of local part-time work?
- ☺ Is there a student newspaper or broadcasting station?