



Cranbrook
School

May 7, 2025

FUTURES

FOR YEAR 11 & 12 GIRLS

Smart Girl Finance are running workshops in June to teach you about saving, investing, careers in law and finance. The event will be hosted at a finance firm in London, with a free lunch and the chance to talk to young graduates about their early career journey. Apply before May 31st (the sooner the better!).

For more information please visit the library.

Springpod

These **free** work experience opportunities are currently available on Springpod:

- **Aviation and Aerospace: Spaceport License** by the Civil Aviation Authority - learn about the emerging space travel sector, including issues in regulation and compliance.
- **Sustainable Careers in Forestry** by the Institute of Chartered Foresters - find out how forests are managed, and learn valuable skills that can be used in sustainable management careers.
- **Publishing** with Hachette UK - understand what it takes to be published by engaging with various types of media, thinking critically about audience engagement.

OX?LORE

The Oxpire Essay Competition 2025 is now open! Students are invited to write a response to the question,

'Do we have enough?'

You can include perspectives from any discipline, but remember to actually answer the question.

Years 7-9: 800 words

Years 10-13: 2000 words

The prize for years 7-9 is £50 in Amazon vouchers, for years 10-13 £100 pounds in Amazon vouchers.

Answers should be emailed to oxpire@admin.ox.ac.uk before midnight May 16th 2025.

MOOC CORNER

What is a MOOC? A MOOC is a 'massive open online course', they are usually short university-level courses taught via distance learning. Many of them are free.

Where can I find MOOCs? Edx, Future Learn, Yale Short Courses, Coursera, MIT OpenCourseware.

You could learn for free...

- Game Theory, taught by Yale Economics Professor Ben Polak - 24 lectures + 2 exams available
- Introduction to Computer Science by Harvard University - covering key principles and several programming languages
- Introduction to Cyber Security from the Open University - 8 weeks of content analysing security threats and how to increase network safety.
- Roman Archaeology with Yale Professor of Art History - 19 lectures + an essay discussion
- Consumption, Marketing & Culture, taught by a professor of marketing at Royal Holloway, University of London - 3 modules + optional certificate

National Careers Service

Unsure what you want to do when you leave education? Find out how your skills can be transferred and **what motivates you most** using the National Careers Service Skills Assessment.

Early Career Insights

An Old Cranbrookian takes you through their experience as a recent school leaver and university graduate.

What did you study at A Level?

English Literature, French, Latin.

What did you study at university?

English Language and Literature at Oxford.

What career did you want to do when you left school?

Novelist.

What are you doing now for work?

I do a few different things, a kind of 'portfolio career' to support my writing work. Currently I work freelance as a Publications Editor for an opera company; as a reader and book reporter for a literary scouting agency; and as a wine tasting and events assistant at a vineyard in Kent.

What advice would you give someone leaving school now?

A career path is not always linear, and no decision is the 'right' decision - everything you do will expand your options and abilities. At Uni I discovered an unexpected love for theatre after putting on a play (one I actually wrote as a joke...) and this opened doors I never expected it to, and led me to meet some amazing people. Work towards your goals, but try new things - you never know what it could lead to!



Jaguar Land Rover is one of the most **prestigious automotive brands** in the UK. They offer **16/17+ apprenticeships** in **light vehicle maintenance and repair, customer service, and vehicle parts**. You can train on the job and in the classroom, and work as part of the Jaguar Land Rover Retailer Network. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking to get a jump start into the automotive industry.

Find out more and apply here.



The National Audit Office offer a number of competitive apprenticeships.

The Accountancy Scheme offers apprenticeships in **London** and **Newcastle**, where you can work alongside training to become a **chartered accountant**.

The Digital Financial Audit Professional apprenticeship combines IT with auditing skills, with the chance to gain a certificate in Finance Accounting and Business and a BSc in Applied Digital Technology.

The NAO are looking for ambitious candidates with the equivalent of 120 UCAS points (e.g., BBB or A*CC) and at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths.



National
Trust

Interested in **conservation** and **horticulture**? Applications for The National Trust's 16+ Ranger Apprenticeship are now open. There are **opportunities nationwide**, including locally at **Sissinghurst Castle**!

Your role will involve helping to **maintain and restore wildlife**, while **gaining a qualification** through college and online learning. There are also perks, like free entry to National Trust properties nationwide, a **substantial pension contribution** and opportunities for flexible working.

Requirements: 16+, 2 or more GCSEs including English and Maths, right to work in the UK, ability to travel to location.

ENRICH YOUR UCAS APPLICATION WITH THESE FREE RESOURCES



The BBC In Our Time podcast explores a wide variety of **historical, philosophical and scientific questions** that can enrich your understanding and add depth to the questions asked in the new personal statement format.

Get a taste of academic life by watching **free lectures on a wide range of topical subjects** from Gresham College.



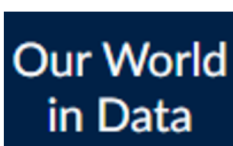
For students considering applying to **competitive universities**, reading the Oxford Impact case studies can highlight the **real-world applications of your subject** and could be great to discuss during an interview.

APGRD offers introductions written by academics and researchers about everything to do with **Greek theatre**. Going beyond the curriculum is great for applications and interviews.



The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy is an extremely extensive resource on **all aspects of philosophy**, maintained by academics. You can use this to go beyond the curriculum and explore your interests further.

Our World in Data is a collection of research concerning some of the world's largest problems. This information could be really useful for **research projects and EPQs**.



SOAS University of London

SOAS and the **Royal Society for Asian Affairs** are hosting a free presentation for sixth-formers to learn more about **studying aspects of Asia**. This is for those interested in further study in **geography, law, the social sciences, international affairs and languages**.

Brunei Gallery, SOAS, Russell Square, London
Wednesday November 5th, 2025



Studying **Maths A-Level** with an interest in **television and film**? The University of Surrey's BEng Film Production and Broadcast Engineering course offers **engineering theory** combined with **practical production experience** and a **professional training placement**. Teaching revolves around a brand new state of the art TV Studio/Sound Stage built to industry standards.

UPCOMING UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

Saturday, May 17th: Fashion Retail Academy, Southampton Solent University, University of Portsmouth

Saturday, May 31st: Point Blank Music School, Anglia Ruskin University.

Wednesday, June 4th: Kingston University, University of Bath, University of Westminster.

Saturday, June 7th: UWE Bristol, University of Staffordshire, Anglia Ruskin University, Bath Spa University, Ravensbourne University London, University of Brighton, University of Southampton, University of Sussex.

Saturday, June 14th: University of Staffordshire, Oxford Brookes University, King's College London, Bournemouth University, Buckinghamshire New University, Queen Mary University of London, Royal Holloway University of London, SOAS University of London, Swansea University, University of Bath, University of Brighton, University of Bristol, University of Leeds.