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Update from the University of Nottingham

We hope that you are keeping safe and well during this latest national lockdown. Please find below a selection of upcoming virtual events and online resources that aim to support both you and your students during this difficult period.

The University of Nottingham is closely monitoring the ongoing Covid-19 situation, and information and regular updates can be found [here](#).

Activities for Pre-16 students in local schools

The Widening Participation and Student Recruitment Outreach Team offers both in-school and virtual sessions for schools across the East Midlands. We work towards raising aspirations, attainment and progression to university, particularly among learners who are from backgrounds which are currently under-represented in higher education.

Example activities include:

- introduction to higher education
- memory techniques for effective studying
- building confidence and resilience.

Please view our [activity menu](#) for a list of all sessions on offer (please note, some activities listed in the menu may not be available at the time of booking due to Covid-19 restrictions).

If you would like to request any of the activities, please complete the [online booking form](#).

Catch up on our latest Virtual Open Day

You can now view all recorded material from our [virtual open days](#), which took place in October 2020.

From academic-delivered [taster sessions in history](#), to subject-specific talks with course tutors in [aerospace engineering](#), there are hundreds of videos that will help your students explore what it's like to study at the University of Nottingham.

Further events and resources

Request your FREE *Teachers' Guide to University* brochure

The Teachers' Guide has been produced by UniTasterDays.com in collaboration with HELOA, to support the university guidance that is provided in secondary schools and colleges.

Editorial has been provided by over 30 colleagues at universities throughout the UK, on topics including booking online university events, the Gatsby benchmarks, university CPD opportunities, arranging subject specific events and more.

The instructions to receive this resource can be found at:

www.unitasterdays.com/teachers/

Applying to engineering webinar (for Y11 students)

Are your students interested in engineering? We are holding an *Applying to engineering* webinar on Thursday 28 January, 6-7pm, to highlight the range of engineering courses available and help students choose the right pathway for them.

Students can find out more information about the session and book their place [online](#).

Are your students interested in studying mathematics at university?

We have new events and activities from the University's School of Mathematical Sciences:

- **Nottingham and Derby Online Network Meeting: Wednesday 20 January**
Edward Hall, Assistant Professor from the School of Mathematical Sciences, will talk about what it is like to study maths at the University of Nottingham. Ed teaches many of the undergraduate modules here at the university. This event is aimed at teachers from local schools and all are welcome to attend.
 - **Higher Level Problem Solving: Wednesday 3 March**
Matthew Hubbard, Professor of Computational and Applied Mathematics and Director of Undergraduate Recruitment, will discuss the higher education application process, including decision-making and personal statements. The day is designed for students interested in studying maths, as well as teachers. Bookings will open soon.
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Both of these events are being organised by AMSP (Advanced Mathematics Support Programme). Please visit amsp.org.uk/ for further information and to book online.

Check out your local Historical Association branch

The Historical Association has over 45 local branches throughout the UK who organise their own programmes of historical lectures and activities, and collectively put on a programme of around 350 history events every year featuring leading historians and researchers.

Check out the latest [Nottingham branch programmes](#) for Spring 2021, which include virtual lectures for public audiences, or find your local branch [here](#).



Current activities for teachers and students from *PriceWaterhouseCooper*

The team at PwC are really excited to bring the following activities to your attention:

- **New World. New Skills.**

A six week multi-topic series combining short skills sessions from PwC, teacher facilitated activities and optional self-guided learning. The next cycle launches on February 22 for Years 7-9. Click [here](#) to find out more or sign up [here](#).

- **TechWeCan**

A set of free lesson plans - all mapped to the National Curriculum - which are focused on technology careers and seeing the use of technology in everyday lives, and structured in the format of a fun learning pack. Perfect for any parent, carer or teacher who is home schooling in this uncertain time. If you would like to try our Tech We Can lesson plans, but need some extra guidance, please visit our [website](#) for extra information on how these plans can be used at home. A new, online tech session will be launched on the second Tuesday of every month, specifically designed for children aged 10-13 years.

- **PwC's Virtual Classroom**

A programme advertised in previous newsletters which remains open to all students between Years 10 and 13. The programme combines live and pre-recorded sessions, providing students with an insight into PwC and an opportunity to develop their employability skills. You'll also have the chance to engage with a range of PwC ambassadors through the interactive live sessions. Take a look at PwC's [website](#) for the further details of how to sign up.

Keep your students active with the UoN Sport team

Unfortunately, due to COVID, the University's Sport Leadership Academy have had to place all face to face school delivery plans on hold. However, its successful Sport in Schools programme - which allows student volunteers to showcase their sports while inspiring pupils to think about higher education in the future - is still available!

The Programme's fantastic sports volunteers have been busy filming their sports sessions which will include demonstrations, drills, skills and challenges for the students. Perfect to be viewed as a class or at home to keep students engaged with sport.

If you would like to receive these videos or have any questions about the above, please contact [Joanne Turner, Sports Volunteering Officer](#).

University of Nottingham online resources

We've recently updated electronic materials to inform and guide students about a variety of University topics. They are designed to either enrich or directly relate to the school curriculum (and in some instances both). The page includes videos, blogs and links to other online material regarding different courses at the University.

You can find these on our [electronic resources page](#).

Get in touch

If you have any more questions about any of the events and activities mentioned above, or you would like to opt out of receiving future University e-newsletters, please feel free to contact us directly at wpoutreach@nottingham.ac.uk.