



## HUB NEWSLETTER

15 December 2020



Hi there,

Welcome to the Aspire Higher Hub newsletter! The Aspire Higher Hub co-ordinates and signposts outreach events, resources and useful links across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire and is part of Uni Connect.

We hope you find this content useful, and please do forward it on to colleagues in your school who might be interested in it as well.

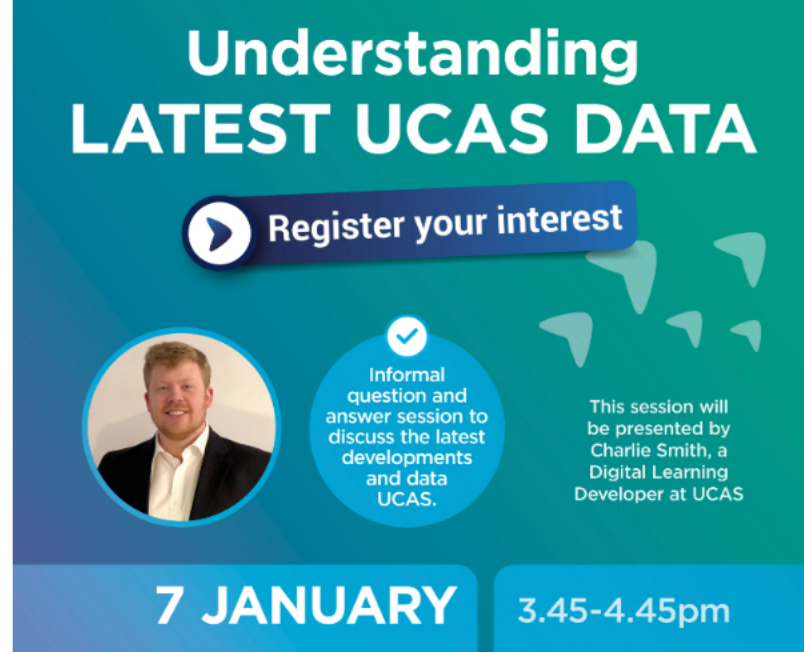
### Coming Soon



#### Fantastic Subjects - Virtual Event

We are excited to announce that in the new year we will be running our next virtual event, this time for year 10 and 11 students.

Keep an eye on your inboxes as we will be sending out more information next term!



#### Understanding UCAS Data and Developments - Webinar for teachers and advisers

Join Charlie Smith, Digital Learning Developer from UCAS on 7th January 2021 for an update on all things UCAS and a chance to get your questions answered.

The session will cover different resources for teachers to support their students and changes to reference guidance for 21/22. We will also be taking a look at how COVID continues to impact admissions.

7 JANUARY 3.45-4.45pm

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Learn more

### The Pay Index

Aspire Higher have signed up with The Pay Index to offer an exciting tool called 'My Future University.' This tool enables students to:

- Compare courses of study and the locations they are available in;
- Explore their earning potential, 1, 3, 5 or 10 years after graduation based on location;
- Understand what student loan repayments would look like after completion of study;
- Question the gender pay gap and empower females entering the workplace;
- Open a wider dialogue with teachers, careers advisers and parents about university.

For more, watch this 2-minute video about the tool: [My Future University Introduction Video](#)



#### Give it a Try Yourself

If you want to sign up yourselves, please do using here, [The Pay Index Sign-up Link](#) or scanning QR code.

On the Additional Resources page, you will also find a demonstration video and links to other Aspire Higher university-based resources.

### Teacher & Adviser Webinars

Did you miss one of our teacher and adviser webinars this term? Not to worry, both sessions have been recorded and you can catch-up on our newly created [Teacher CPD page](#). Here you can find out about all upcoming CPD opportunities and book your place, as well as watch recordings of any of the webinar sessions you missed.



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### Changes to UCAS Key Dates

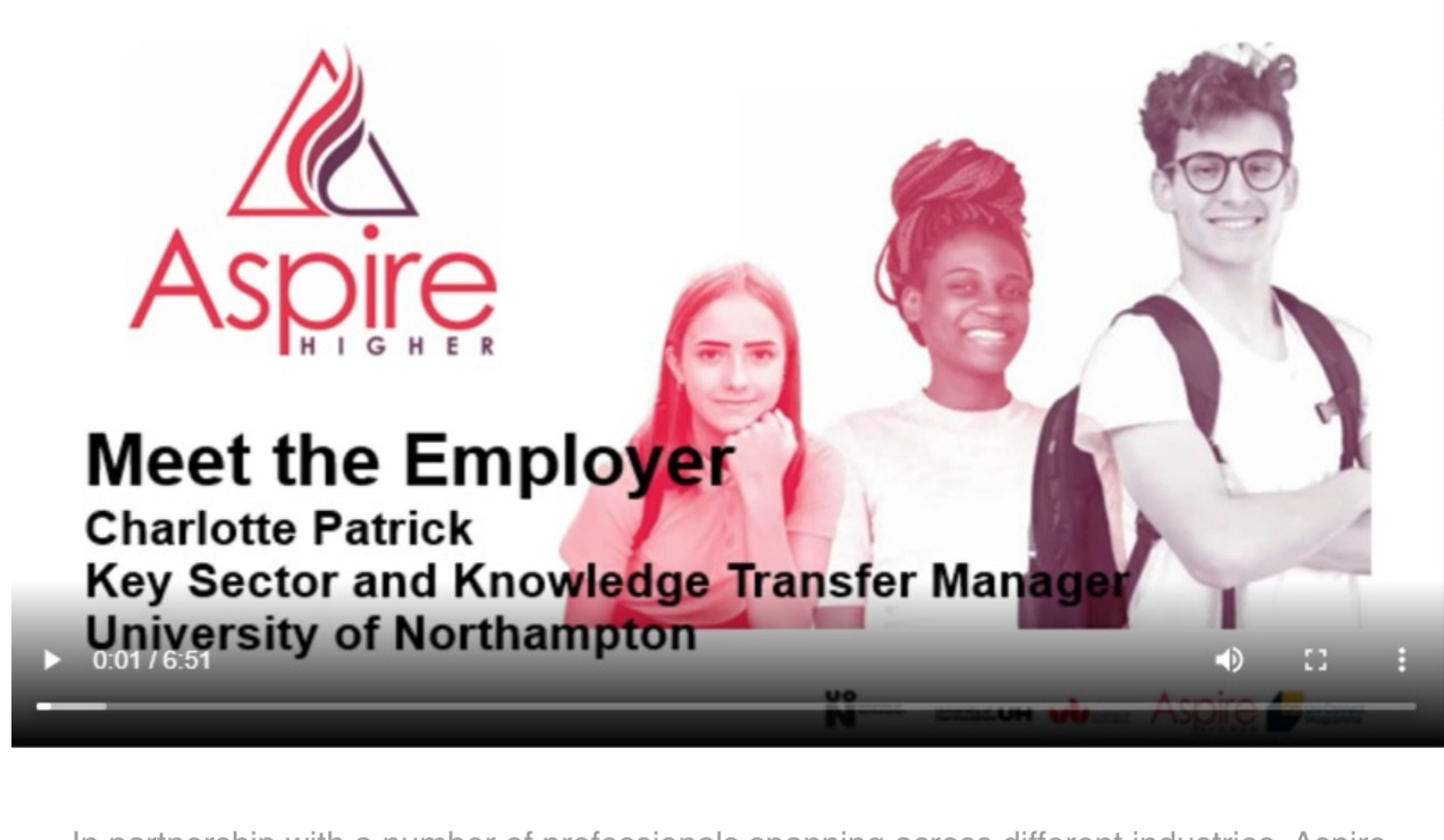
UCAS have now confirmed the following revised key dates which have been put in place to support applications applying to university in 2021.

- **15 January 2021**: this equal consideration date remains the same.
- **Extra opens on 11 February**: students who are eligible to use Extra can add another choice (originally 25 February).
- **University and college decisions**: for students who applied by 15 January, the decisions deadline for provides will be **20 May** (originally 6 May)
- **Student replies**: students who receive all their decisions by 3 June, will have until **10 June** to reply (was 17 June).

The latest cycle key dates can be viewed on the [UCAS website](#) and the [2021 adviser guide](#).

### Meet the Employer

CHARLOTTE PATRICK



In partnership with a number of professionals spanning across different industries, Aspire Higher have created a series of 'Meet the Employer' videos. In this second video Charlotte gives an insight into her education and her career pathway to her current job now by answering five key questions. Want to know what a Key Sector and Knowledge Transfer Manager is and how Charlotte got to be one?

*Click the image above to watch this video now.*



#### Student Profile

Merrey is in her third year studying an Adult Nursing degree at University of Hertfordshire. Check out her student profile on the aspire higher website under HE resources. Here she shares her favourite aspect of her course and what it has been like studying during lockdown. Share this profile and others with your students to help give them insight into student life at university.

Find out more from his profile and our [teaching pack](#) for idea of how to use these profiles in the classroom.

View Merrey's profile

### Latest Blog Articles

Please share with your students the latest themed articles which aim to give topical advice and guidance to students in schools and colleges.



#### Charities and Volunteering

Christmas is just around the corner, and although things may be a bit different this year, the festive spirit is as strong as ever.

If you can give some of your time towards helping others, this is the perfect time to get involved with volunteering and charity work.

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#### Careers in Wellbeing

This year has really highlighted the importance of physical and mental wellbeing. With more of us becoming aware of our own wellbeing, there is no better time to consider a career as an Allied Health Professional, or AHP. AHPs make up the third-largest clinical workforce in the NHS.

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