



HUB NEWSLETTER

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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.



New Online Event for Year 10 and 11 students!

We are excited to announce that Aspire Higher will be running a virtual event for Year 10 and Year 11 students on 25th February from 4:00 to 6:30 pm titled **Fantastic Subjects and Where to Find Them**.

This event will give students an insight into a wide range of different subjects available at university. Whether they are considering university or not, there will be some surprising and interesting subjects they might not have heard of. Watch a selection of short videos, animations and online presentations from academics and students from universities across University of Bedfordshire, University of Hertfordshire and University of Northampton. There will be a live chat where students and their parents can get their questions answered by those who teach and students who are currently studying at university.

This free event is open to students in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire.

[Students can register now](#)

Teacher and Advisor Webinars

Our informal webinars focusing on topics that matter to you are held monthly. We have joined forces with Study Higher to offer a wider range of topics in partnership.



Student Finance Webinar

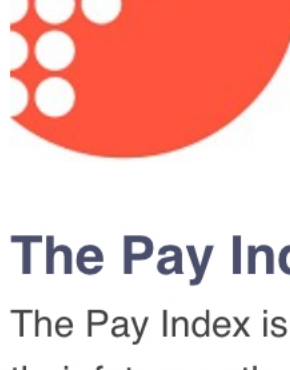
23rd February at 3:45 to 4:45 pm

Ahmar Ehsan from the Student Loans Company is back to give more insight to teachers and advisors about student loan applications. Ahmar will give policy updates to practitioners and will focus on general applications and funding available for students with additional needs. This webinar will include an informal question and answer session to discuss all things student finance.

[Register now](#)

UCAS Update

Students applying to study at a UK university or college in 2021 now have until 6:00 pm (UK time) on Friday 29th January to complete their application, following announcements in the UK to close schools and colleges. The application deadline for equal consideration for conservatoire courses in dance and drama has also been extended to 29th January.



The Pay Index

The Pay Index Drop-in Session 28th Jan. 3:30 to 4:15 pm

The Pay Index is an easy to use informative tool for students to make a decision about their future path. This drop-in session for teachers and advisers will include a generic demonstration of the tools (My Future University, My Future Apprenticeship and My Future Degree). There will be opportunities to ask questions and get them answered.

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89364021597>

Events you may have missed

Back to Your Future

On 11th November we ran an online event aimed at sixth form and college students to explore their Post-18 options. We were pleased to see 253 students from 89 different schools attended and participated with questions on the day. For those who missed the event all presentations and the event page can still be accessed online at:

<https://aspire-higher.co.uk/back-to-your-future/>



Understanding UCAS Data and Developments

On 7th January from 3:45 to 4:45 pm Charlie Smith, Digital Learning Developer from UCAS delivered this webinar. The session covered different resources for teachers to support their students and changes to reference guidance for 21/22. He looked at how COVID continues to impact admissions plus gave teachers and advisers an opportunity to ask UCAS any questions.

<https://aspire-higher.co.uk/video/understanding-latest-ucas-data-for-teachers-and-advisers/>



Skills and Enterprise Week 2021

Week commencing 25th January.

Get your students future-ready with student webinars on the below themes:

- Leadership
- Digital skills
- Problem solving
- Entrepreneurship
- Communication and presenting

These Unifrog webinars will include free resources and lesson plans and a teacher conference on Thursday 28th January.

Click here:

[To register interest](#)

Help Students with Internet Access

Schools, trusts and local authorities can help disadvantaged children get online using free mobile data increases or 4G wireless routers provided by the Department for Education.

You can request this support for children and young people who meet all 3 of these criteria:

- Do not have fixed broadband at home.
- Cannot afford additional data for their devices.
- Are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education.

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/internet-access>.



Student Profile

Kearon has completed his Undergraduate in Business Studies and is currently studying a Masters in Business Law at the University of Hertfordshire. Check out his student profile on the Aspire Higher website under HE resources. Here he shares his educational pathway to university, life on campus and what it's like being the first in his family to go to university.

Find out more from his profile and our **teaching pack** for ideas of how to use these profiles in the classroom.

[View Kearon'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.



Looking after your wellbeing this January

January can be a dreary month and with so much uncertainly floating around, our wellbeing can take a hit.

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Build employability through volunteering

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