



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.

Teacher and Advisor Webinars

For our next webinar on 20th April we are doing things a bit differently. Instead of a presentation with Q and A we are having a panel of speakers giving information and advice about apprenticeships.

Aspire Higher and Study Higher present a webinar series for **teachers and advisers**

PANEL EVENT!

First-hand Insight and Advice on Being an Apprentice

20 APRIL 3.45-4.45pm

Register your interest

Register now

First-hand Insight and Advice on Being an Apprentice

20th April at 3:45 to 4:45 pm

You will hear first-hand insight and advice on being an apprentice. Amongst the panel Britny Cleary from Ask Delivery Partner, Advisa will give the employers perspective. Aden Rawlings will give insight into doing a degree apprenticeship and Holly Pery will share her experiences of doing a level 2 apprenticeship within event management.



The Pay Index

Following on from launching our My Future University Tool before Christmas, Aspire Higher are pleased to launch our new My Future Apprenticeship Tool, which is available now!

The tool has a range of pages for students to navigate, on a laptop or tablet, and explore different apprenticeships locally and nationally as well as considering the future financial implications of their decisions. In the tool, there are also a range of resources for the students to try, including videos explaining what apprenticeships are, sessions to develop your transferable skills and an interactive Who Wants to be a Millionaire quiz on apprenticeships.

Student Sign Up

Students do need to sign up and verify their account to be able to use the tool but will then be able to access both the My Future University and My Future Apprenticeships tools.

Students can sign up using the link below. Please do share this with them in any way you wish.

Sign up link: <https://www.thepayindex.com/aspire-higher/signup>

Events You Might Have Missed

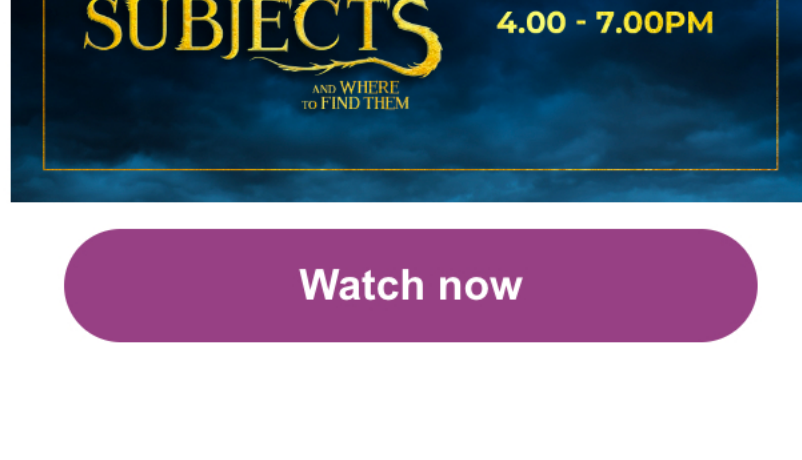


LMI Trends and the Impact of Covid-19

Watch now

For those who missed the Teacher and Adviser webinar on 2nd March. You can still watch this on our Teacher CPD page. Paul Thompson, Employment and Skills Manager for SEMLEP presented a webinar discussing labour market information, current trends and how these have been effected by COVID-19.

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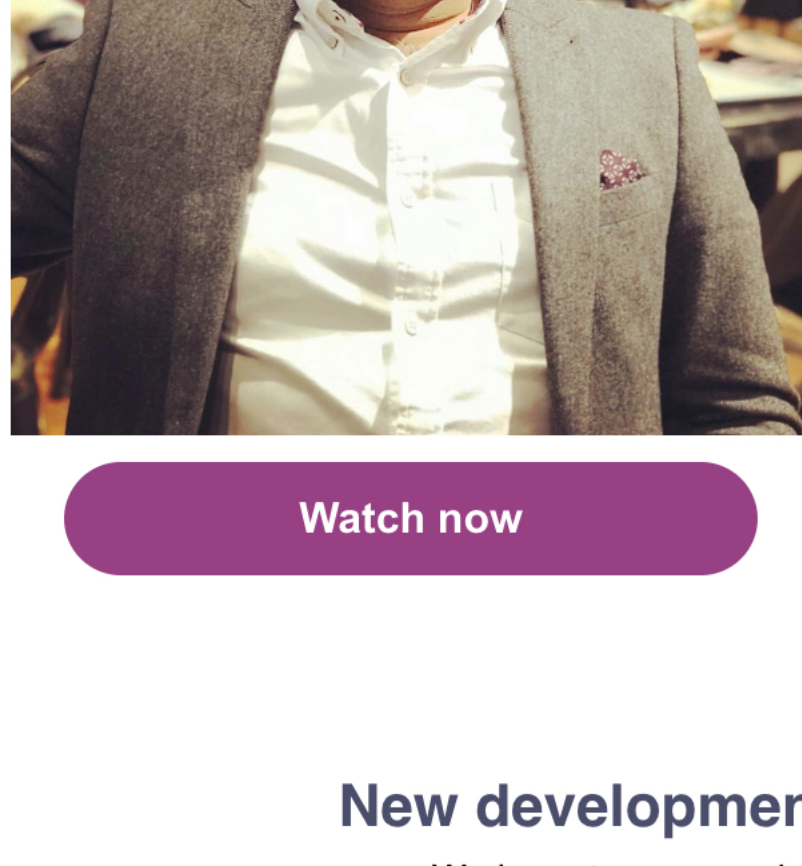


Fantastic Subjects

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On 25th February we held our online event Fantastic Subjects and where to find them for Year 10 and 11 students. We had over 500 students register for this event. The students engaged with academics, Aspire Higher staff and students within the chat function. We received very positive feedback. For any students who were unable to attend they can watch the event here.

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Supporting with the Student Loan Application

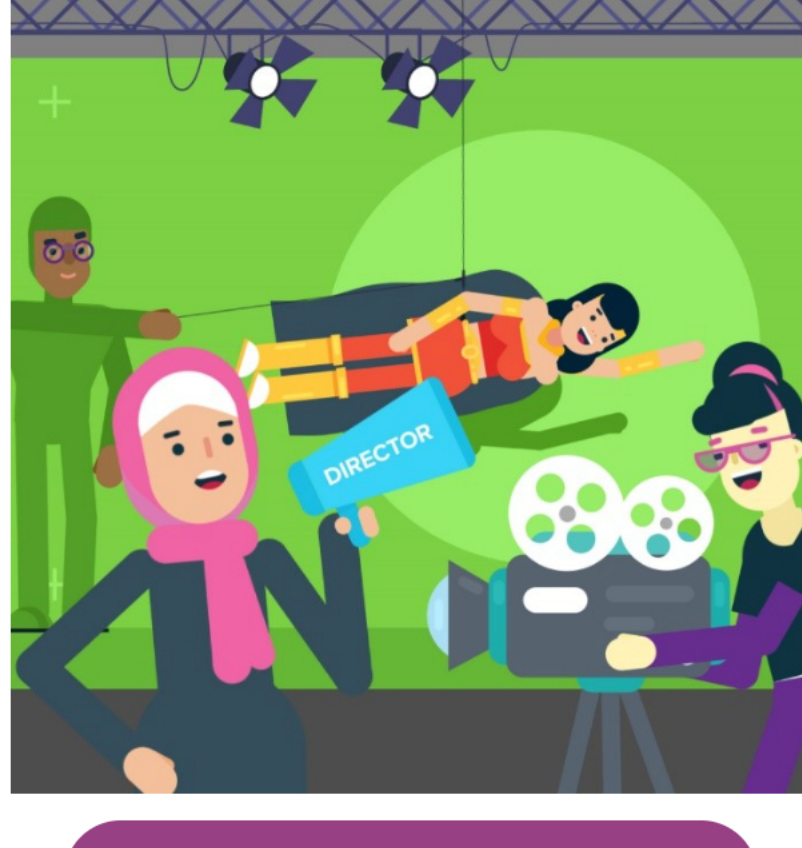
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For those who missed the Teacher and Adviser webinar on 23rd February. You can still watch this on our Teacher CPD page. Ahmar Ehsan from the Student Loans Company delivered a policy update on Student Loan Applications and provided answers to audience questions.

Watch now

New developments on our website

We have two new animations on our website.



Employability Skills Animation

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Our 2 minute Employability Skills animation helps students by introducing employability skills, how to recognise their own and build skills for their future career. Aimed at students in KS3 and above.

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Digital Skills Animation

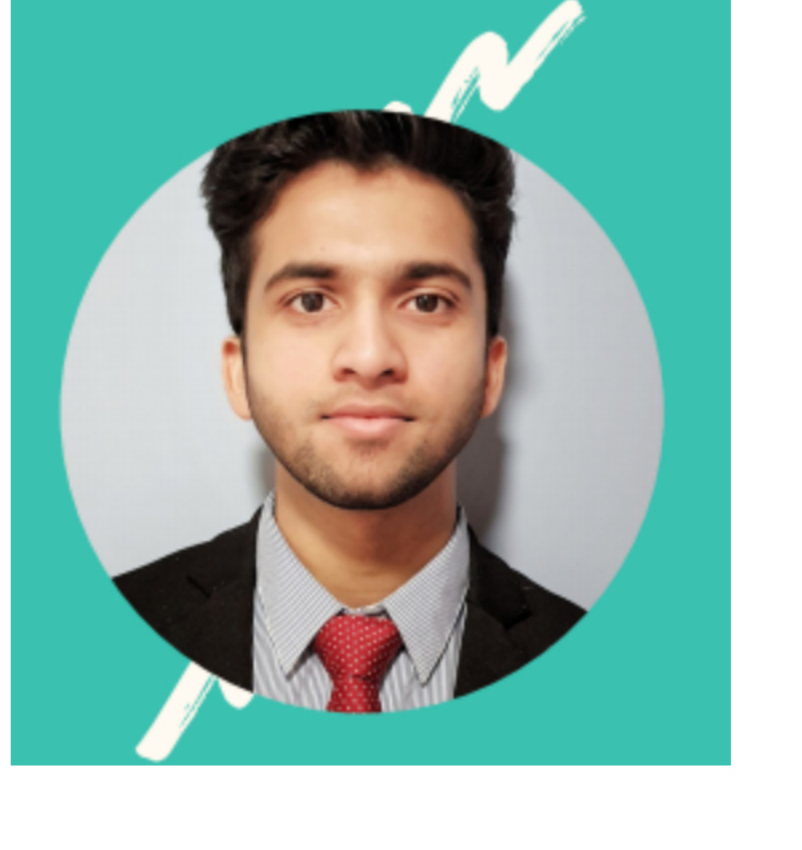
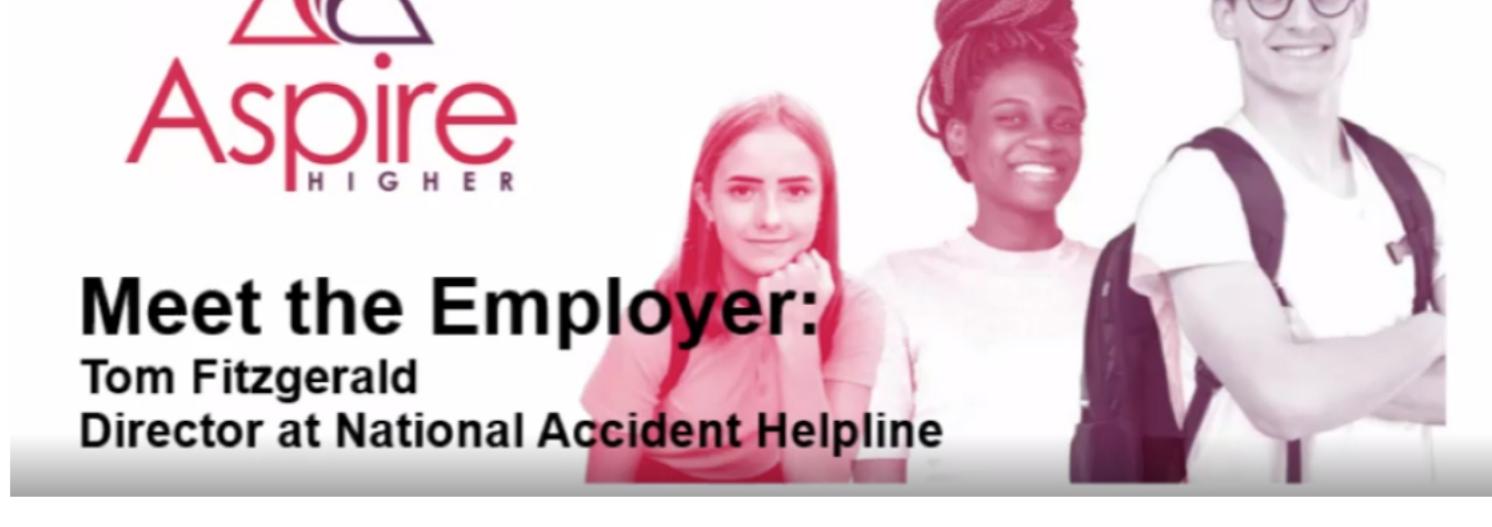
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Our second animation is 'Digital Skills'. This animation is under 4 minutes and explains digital literacy, basic digital skills and advanced digital skills and how they are needed for most careers. It is aimed at students aged 13 and above.

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Meet the Employer

In partnership with a number of professionals spanning across different industries, Aspire Higher have created a series of 'Meet the Employer' videos. In this video, Tom, a Director at National Accident Helpline answers six key questions giving a great insight into his education and career. He outlines his key messages that he put effort into each job to ensure that he could keep progressing. Want to know more? Watch this video now.



Student Profile

Yashas is studying Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies. Check out the student profile on the Aspire Higher website under HE resources. Here Yashar shares how he made friends, life of campus and the importance of higher education.

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

[View Yashas's profile](#)

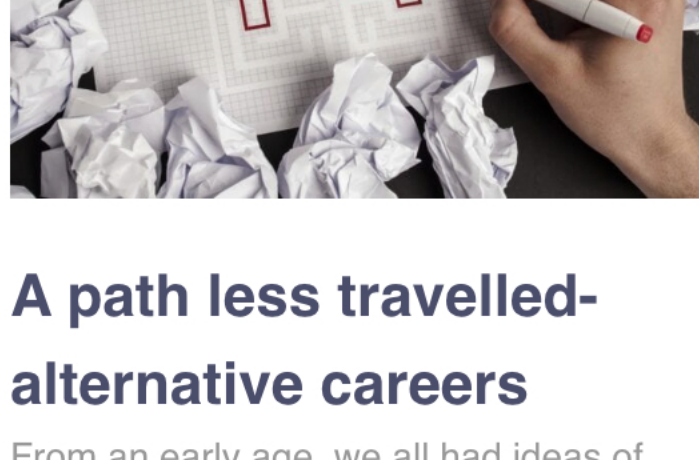
Drop-in Sessions for Care-Experienced Learners

This week University of Bedfordshire have launched drop-in care experienced sessions for anyone post 16 who may be thinking or interested in going to University. These one to one interviews will be open until the end of the summer.

The aim is to support students with specific entry advice and guidance to higher education, support both pastoral and financial available for care experienced students and help understanding the support they are entitled to from their social care provider. Learners can book an online chat and virtual cup of tea by emailing: access@beds.ac.uk

Latest Blog Article

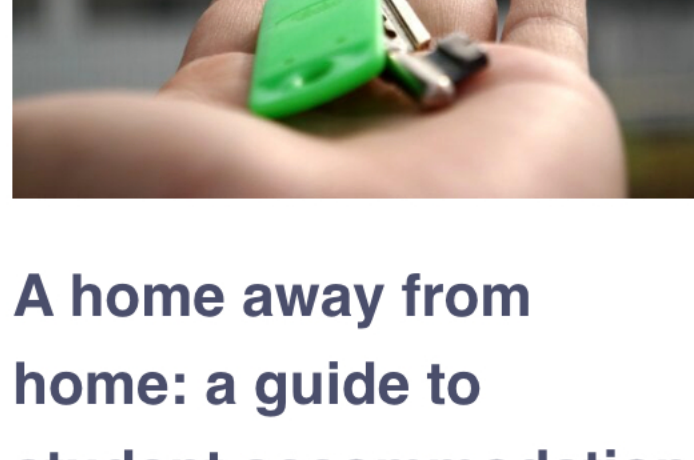
Please share with your students the latest articles which aim to give topical advice and guidance to students in schools and colleges.



A path less travelled - alternative careers

From an early age, we all had ideas of what we wanted to be when we grew up – a vet, a doctor, a police officer, a teacher.

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A home away from home: a guide to student accommodation

Going to university often means leaving home for the first time and moving to a new place.

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