



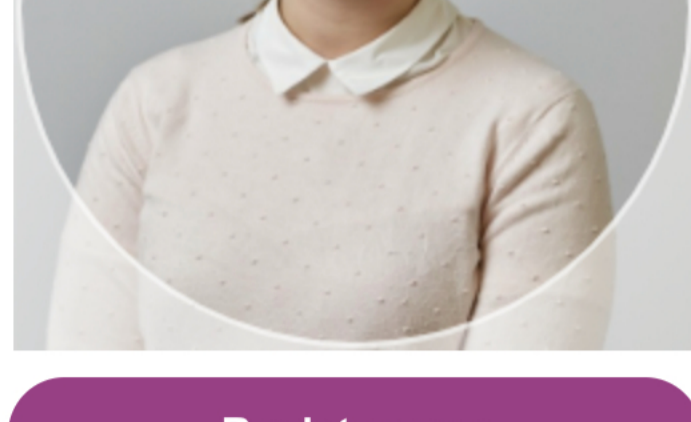
Hi there,

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 are Back!

Our informal webinars focusing on topics that matter to you are back and better than ever. We have joined forces with Study Higher to offer a wider range of topics in partnership.



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### Understanding Contextualised Admissions Webinar

**24th November 3:45 to 4:45 pm**

This session covers contextual admissions policies which are designed to enable students from a wider range of backgrounds to progress to university. Participants will learn how contextual admissions processes work, the sorts of factors which are considered to be 'contextual' and how students can best be supported through the process.

Ella Adlard is a Senior Education Outreach Officer at the University of Leeds and Advancing Access partnership between the 24 Russell Group Universities.



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### Student Finance Webinar

**8th December at 3:45 to 4:45 pm**

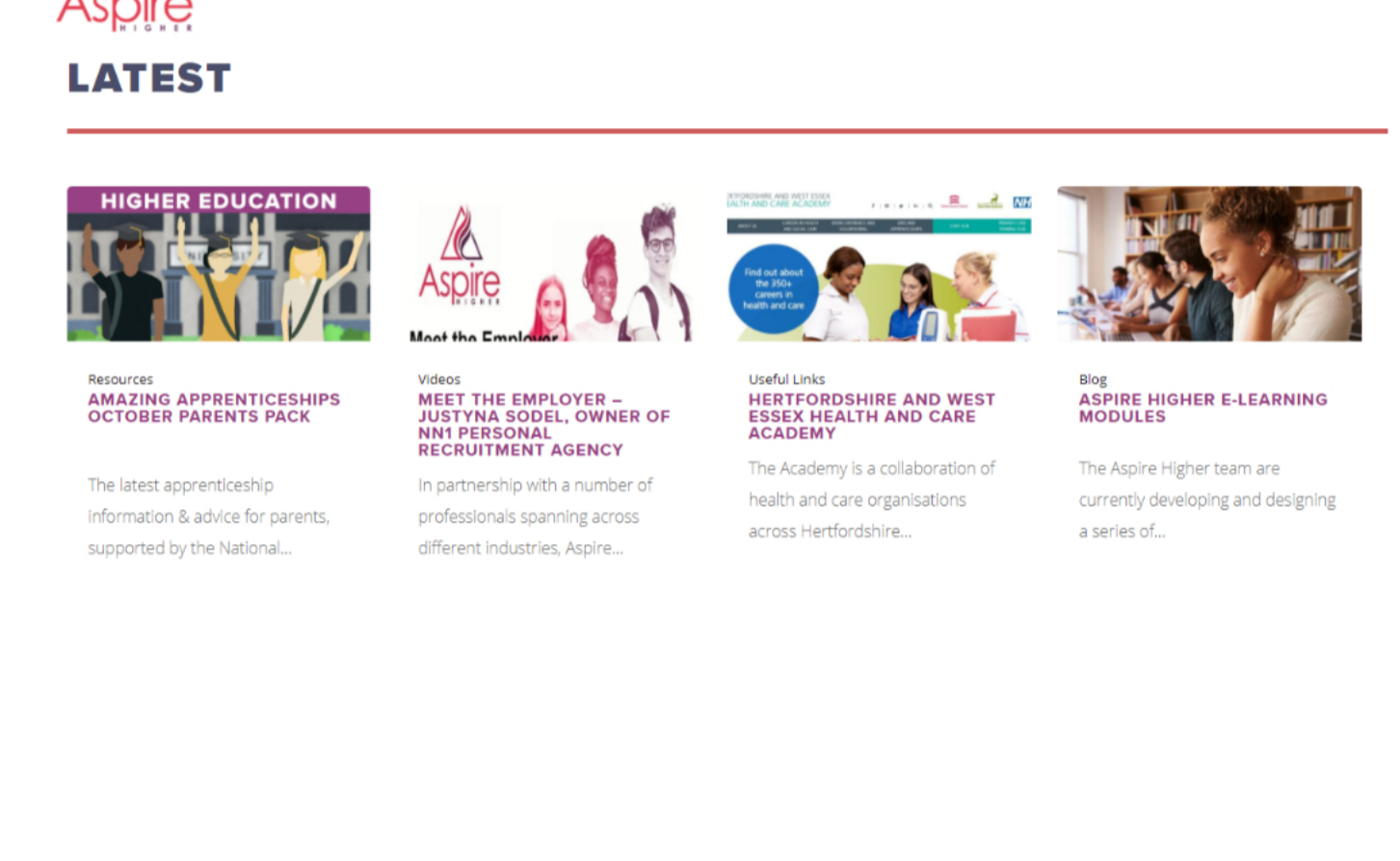
It's never too early to start thinking about student loan applications and what support you can give your students to ensure that they are prepared well in advance. On 8th December at 3:45pm Ahmar Ehsan from the Student Loans Company will be holding an informal online question and answer session to discuss all things student finance.

## New Developments to the Aspire Higher Hub!

You may have noticed we have now added a 'latest' section to our Aspire Higher homepage. This means you'll never miss the latest additions to the website and won't have to go searching through each section to see what's new.

If you missed the **Women into STEAM** event don't worry the content is now uploaded to our website on its own **event page** and available to view and share with your students.

As always we are constantly updating and reviewing the website so if you see any areas for improvement please let us know through the contact us section on the website.



## Events you may have missed

### Back to Your Future

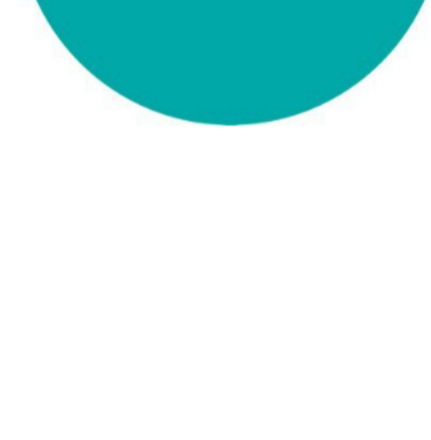
On 11th November we ran an online event aimed at sixth form and college students to explore their Post-18 options. We were pleased to see 253 students from 89 different schools attended and participated with questions on the day. For those who missed the event all presentations and the event page can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

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

### Strategies to future proof our learners - CPD EVENT

On 4th November in partnership with the University of Northampton's Aspire Higher Team, and the Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC), a bespoke online session was held for senior, educational leads to explore the impact of a strategic, embedded and sustainable careers programme in delivering COVID-recovery objectives, and future proofing students for their future journey into a post-Brexit labour market. This session provided the opportunity to hear the national perspective of the CEC framed within the local economic context. The full event is now available to view on demand via the Learnlive website.

<https://learnliveuk.com/strategies-to-future-proof-our-students/>



## Meet the Employer

Justyna Sodel



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 Justyna who came to the UK from Poland at the age of 19, gives an honest account of her education and career pathway to her current job by answering six key questions.

Justyna owns her own Recruitment agency which supplies HGV drivers to local transport and logistic companies in Northampton and in her words, this happened purely by accident. Want to know more?

Click the image above to watch this video now.

## Transition to Higher Education Staff CPD

This [Transition to Higher Education](#) is a copy of a staff face to face CPD training session we offer, however due to the situation with Covid19 we cannot deliver this currently. It can however be used to develop staff confidence and awareness of the higher education landscape, to enable class teachers and form tutors to have more in-depth conversations with KS2, 3 and 4 children. Explanatory notes to support the presentation are available on request to [samantha.mckay@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:samantha.mckay@northampton.ac.uk).



### Student Profile

Rebecca is a third year student studying Molecular Biology at the University of Hertfordshire. Check out her profile on the Aspire Higher website on the [HE Resources page](#) to find out about her experience of living on campus, making friends and getting involved in sports and societies. She also shares her experiences of studying during lockdown.

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

[View Rebecca'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.



### A guide for care leavers applying for university

Going to university can be daunting for anyone, but for someone who is in care, it may add an extra level of anxiety to the process.

Here are some tips to bear in mind if you are a care leaver and are thinking about going to university.

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### Help available for students with disabilities

Over 60,000 students with physical or mental health conditions and learning difficulties apply for university every year.

With a huge variety of support available you can reach your full potential and succeed both at university and in your future career.

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