

# POST 16 BULLETIN (15)



Week Beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Celebrating the Success of Charley-Anne Gordon – Barnwell Sixth Form 2015-2016

Law student from Hitchin up for national prize (Comet, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019)



A law student from Hitchin has been named as a finalist in the annual Future Legal Mind award.

Charley-Anne Gordon, 21, is in the final year of her law degree at the University of Buckingham and has seen off competition from across the country to be named as one of 10 finalists.

“Being shortlisted has helped me to feel a lot more confident in my academic potential, I'm thrilled,” she said.

“I applied for the competition because I felt that not only would it help fuel my future career, but I believed that – if I was lucky enough to make the shortlist – it would be fantastic for my personal development, particularly my confidence.”

Law students and those in the first two years of their career were invited to write an essay about their legal ambitions to apply for the competition, run by National Accident Helpline.

The 10 finalists were then asked to submit a 10-minute video to back up their essay.

The company's managing director, Tom Fitzgerald, said: “We received some excellent entries from students and trainees who were clearly very passionate about pursuing a career in law.

“Charley-Anne submitted a very clear and impressive essay and video, and we wish her the best of luck in the competition.”

The winner of the Future Legal Mind award – now in its fifth year – will get to meet a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Justice and receive mentorship from experienced lawyers at National Accident Helpline.

They will also star in a showcase film highlighting their skills and receive a prize fund of £2,000, with the winner being announced next month.

According to the National Accident Helpline website, the competition is designed to “give the brightest minds the support they need today to make a difference tomorrow”.

It continues: “Charley-Anne plans to complete a PhD after her Law degree and has her heart set on pursuing an academic career in law, inspiring future students starting out in the legal world.

“One of her long-term aims is to write legal textbooks tailored to the different ways in which students learn.

“Charley has also just completed training so she can volunteer as an advisor for Citizens Advice.”



#### University of Southampton Access to Southampton (A2S) scheme

A2S is a programme of events and activities that gives eligible students in Year 12 an insight into studying at university. The scheme will support a student’s university application and help develop the skills they need to reach their potential as an undergraduate. The programme includes:

- Attendance at a **residential summer school**, where students take part in subject specific lectures, seminars, workshops or labs, and receive advice and guidance about higher education
- Insight into studying at a **Russell Group university**, through completion of an undergraduate style academic assignment
- **Mentoring** support from a current University of Southampton student
- Additional consideration in the admissions process when applying to Southampton
- £1000 **scholarship** in the first year of study.

Applications close on **17 May 2019**.

For more information please visit our website: [www.southampton.ac.uk/a2s](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/a2s)

[Access to Southampton \(A2S\) | University of Southampton](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/a2s)

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A2S is out widening participation programme which includes summer school



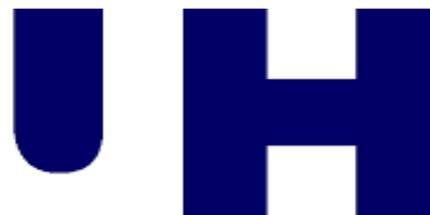
#### University of Suffolk Computer Games and System Taster Day

Year 12 students are invited to attend a Computer Games and System Taster Day at the University of Suffolk on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Please follow the link below to complete the booking form if you are interested in attending:

<https://www.uos.ac.uk/content/computer-games-and-systems-taster>

University of  
Hertfordshire



We have a very exciting, **first ever** opportunity for parents/ carers at your school!

Our **Mid-Week Mixer on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019** is a free opportunity for parents/ carers to find out more about Higher Education.

The link to apply is: <https://bit.ly/2H9wdCr>



**Mid-Week  
MIXER**

Wednesday 22 May  
6:30pm-9:00pm

Supporting **every step** of their journey

The collage features several images: a woman in a purple jacket talking to a student, a man taking a selfie with a student in a graduation cap, and a woman loading a pink suitcase into a car trunk.



University of Hertfordshire **UH**

Find out **more** about  
**Higher Education**  
as a parent/guardian

**Come** and have an **informal chat** with us and **attend** some of our **helpful sessions**. Light refreshments will be provided.

To register your interest please reply via this link  
<https://bit.ly/2H9wdCr>  
or QR code by Wednesday 1 May 2019

**SESSIONS INCLUDE:**

- Student Finance
- Personal Statements
- University Application Process
- Apprenticeships
- Independent Living and Budgeting
- Q&A Panel with Widening Access Staff, Current Students and more!

Supporting **every step** of their journey

The flyer has a purple background with a silhouette of a graduation cap and a person's hands.

If you are unable to attend the event but would still like the opportunity to find out more please email [wideningaccess@herts.ac.uk](mailto:wideningaccess@herts.ac.uk)



## Year 12 Students - Nuffield Placements

Spend your summer holiday developing your research and quantitative skills on a project that will enhance your university application and career prospects.

Nuffield Research Placements take place in your summer holidays after Year 12 (England) or equivalent. Successful applicants will work on a research project that relates to an area of science, quantitative social science, computing, technology, engineering or maths (or a combination of these). Most projects are based in an office, but some include working in a laboratory or fieldwork. The programme is highly competitive, and not all applications will be successful. **We have strict application criteria so check if you are [eligible](#) before submitting an application.**

Find out more information about [Nuffield Research Placements](#) and [why you should apply](#).

### **Eligibility**

In order to apply for a Nuffield Research Placement you **must**:

- Be over 16 years old and in Year 12 (or equivalent).
- Be in full-time, state-funded education in the UK.
- Have at least 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at Level 6 or above, including maths, a science subject and English (or another humanities subject).
- Be studying one or more A-level, Scottish Higher (or equivalent) in science, technology, engineering, economics, geography, geology, psychology, computing, statistics or maths.
- Be able to spend four weeks of your summer holiday working on a research project.

You **must also meet at least one of** the following criteria:

- Your family has a combined household income of below £30,000 a year.
- You are entitled to free schools meals, either now or at any time in the last six years.
- You live, or have lived, in local authority care.
- You will be the [first in your immediate family](#) to participate in higher education (not including any older siblings). This means neither of your parents/carers has participated in higher education, either in the UK or another country. If your siblings have attended higher education, but your parents/carers have not, you are still eligible.

Before you apply, we recommend that you speak with a teacher and your parent/guardian to discuss whether you are eligible for the programme.

### **Bursary**

You may be eligible to receive a bursary if you meet one of the following criteria:

- Are eligible for, or in receipt of, Free School Meals, or have been in the last six years
- Are receiving discretionary payments at school or college (this does not apply to academic scholarships at independent schools).

- Have a total household income below £30,000 (before tax).
- Are living in, or have lived in, local authority care.

### **First in family**

This refers to you if your parents/guardian did not attend University or Higher Education (including institutions outside the UK). If your siblings have attended University or Higher Education (but your parents/guardian have not) you are still eligible to apply.

### **If you are eligible to apply for the programme, read on to find out more about what it involves.**

Nuffield Research Placements take place in your summer holidays after Year 12 or S5. You will work for 4-6 weeks on a project that relates to an area of science, quantitative social science, computing, technology, engineering or maths (or a combination of these). Most projects are based in an office, but some include working in a laboratory or fieldwork.

Placements are typically between 4-6 weeks in length and are available in your local area. Your placement might be in a university, research institute, company or voluntary organisation. You will work alongside professional researchers on a project that is an important part of their business.

Your placement will not cost you or your parents/carers anything. We reimburse travel costs for all students, and depending on your family circumstances, you may also be eligible to receive a [bursary](#) of £100 for each week of your placement.

Your Nuffield Research Placement will be some of the best weeks of your life so far. You will apply skills and knowledge that you've learned at school AND learn so much more from your expert supervisor. The benefits will continue long past the end of the placement.

Nuffield Research Placements are highly valued by universities. UCAS recommends including your Nuffield Research Placement in your personal statement. It doesn't matter if your project is not directly related to what you want to study – admissions tutors will still recognise it as valuable.

You will get the chance to work alongside researchers and industry professionals and can find out about possible higher education and career paths.

You will write a project report, which you can enter for a Gold CREST Award. You can also enter your project in the Big Bang Competition. On completing your placement you will attend a local celebration event, where you will receive a certificate, and have the opportunity to present a poster of your work to other students, parents/carers and industry professionals.

You are eligible to join Nuffield Research Placement's Alumni Network once you have completed a placement. Some students may even become a project provider themselves further down the line!

We strongly recommend that students who fulfil the above criteria apply. As our placement programme is highly competitive and each year we have more applications than there are places to offer, we cannot guarantee you a placement. Please also be aware that more

placements are offered to those students from low-income backgrounds and a smaller number of placements are offered to students who are the First in Family to attend University.

In assessing your application, your regional coordinator will also consider the quality of your personal statement and your teacher reference. We will also consider whether you have participated in other enrichment programmes as part of our application criteria. If you are unsure if you are eligible to apply, please contact your [regional coordinator](#) for more information.

Applications are made via an online application process. You may find it useful to read our [guide to the application process](#) before starting your application.

If you have any questions, see our [Student FAQs](#).



Charlotte Mykura from Esher College at Royal Holloway, University of London  
Check your eligibility before submitting an application.

Have a look at our [case studies](#) to find out what types of project are available.

Find out about [British Science Association CREST awards](#).

Look at our [students' journal articles and NRPs in the media](#).

Register a new application or login to your existing account through the [online application system](#)

### Apprenticeship Opportunities

Amazing Apprenticeships – April's Parent Pack is now available, please follow the link below:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-pack-april-2019/>

Are you the next top future coder or developer? [@Digi SkillsUK](#) Software Development apprenticeship is the perfect starting point to give you the skills and confidence. Don't miss out! Contact them at [info@digitalskillsuk.com](mailto:info@digitalskillsuk.com) or click here [bit.ly/2DGvoxf](https://bit.ly/2DGvoxf) [#goals](#)

Do you have a degree in dance or are interested in perusing the subject? These are all the incredible jobs that you could get into [ow.ly/PkTf50sejtc](https://ow.ly/PkTf50sejtc) [#internationaldanceday](#)

Even if you're no Lord of the Dance you can still get involved in the Arts with a Technical Theatre [#apprenticeship!](#)

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

National Careers Service South East - Get [#advice](#) straight from your device - [#Careers](#) advice at your fingertips. Chat online today: [nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/webchat/chat/](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/webchat/chat/)

### Student Finance England

For students commencing university this year, the deadline to make sure they get your money in time for the start of your course is **24 May 2019**. If your student finance application is late, your money might be too.

The quickest and easiest way for you to apply is online at [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

You don't need to have a confirmed place at uni or college – you can use your preferred choice of course and change it online later if you need to.

If you've already started your application online, log back into your student finance account now and finish it before the deadline.

### **Helpful information on student finance**

Our **practitioner website** has a range of resources and more information about what students can get, how they apply and what evidence you need to complete your application. Why not visit and bookmark the site today?

### Revision Strategy

Create mental associations

Want to know how you can improve your memory for studying? Learn how to make associations. It's the best way to remember anything and it's used by memory champions (yes, they exist).

*Students should try to link new ideas to either very familiar (or very weird!) images, which makes them easier to remember when the exam is on.*

### **Paraic Scanlon, Psychology Lecturer**

A popular way of doing this is to visualise your revision into scenarios, for instance if you do chemistry and you need to remember the chemical name of oxygen you might think of mobile phone salesmen because the answer is O<sub>2</sub>. Another thing to do is to relate topics to things you enjoy, like game characters, movie titles, books or sports players. Having trouble remembering the story of your English text? Imagine it being read out by your favourite football commentator or fictional character.

Video link below:

<https://youtu.be/lt6XyhJlJMI>

### Private Study

All students in private study during am sessions must register with the supervising member of staff in the sixth form study area who will have the signing in sheets.

### Forthcoming Important Dates

Year 12 & 13 Summer Celebration – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 (further details in accompanying letter)

Year 12 Work Experience – week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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