



Key Dates:

3rd October – applications for music courses at Conservatoires (most other courses at conservatoires use the same date as other undergraduate courses).

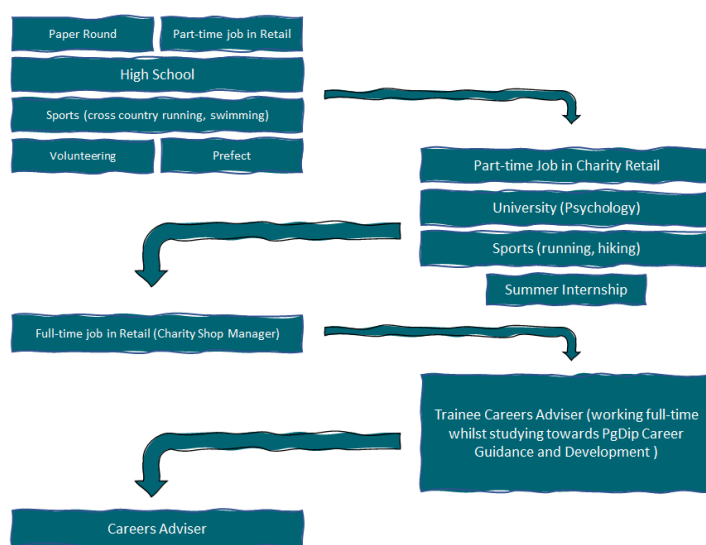
15th October – applications for Oxford, Cambridge and most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science.

No Wrong Path

You will have already received your exam results by now, so I want to say a huge **well done** to you all! However, I also want to remind you that, although your exam results are important, this is just the start of your journey, and they won't define it. There are lots of pathways for you to explore beyond school and there is absolutely #nowrongpath.

It is also a good time to highlight the importance of all the opportunities you take outside of your academic studies!

Have a look at my career journey so far (to the right). My paper round, involvement in sports, and volunteering helped me to develop and demonstrate key skills which led to me successfully applying for a part-time job in Argos during my senior phase of high school. This helped me to gain a part-time job whilst at university which, subsequently, led to my first full-time job after full-time education – as a Charity Shop Manager. This was such a varied role and, due to the skills and experiences I gained, was key to me being offered the position of a Trainee Careers Adviser!



University Open Days

Open days are a great opportunity for you to explore and compare different universities and courses – check university websites for their upcoming dates. You may need to book a place for some open days, so it is important to plan ahead. Before you attend an open day, you may want to think about:

RESEARCH – open days usually have lots of different activities throughout the day so do some research beforehand so you can prioritise the activities which will be most helpful to you. Remember that some campuses are spread across a city so you may need to think about how you will get between talks/tours on time.

QUESTIONS – there are usually staff and current students on hand throughout the day so think about the university, courses, facilities, accommodation, sports clubs, societies etc. and any questions you may have. Here are some examples of questions you could ask:

1. How many teaching hours vs. self-directed study does the course have?
2. How is the course assessed (e.g., coursework, exams, practical's, presentations, groupwork)?
3. What are you looking for in a personal statement?
4. How many modules are compulsory/optional?
5. Are there any opportunities to study abroad or to do a work placement?

Higher Education Exhibition

HE Exhibitions tend to cover:

- Live application clinics and personal statement workshops
- Course and careers taster sessions
- Student talks and Q&As
- Expert advice on how to research and choose what's right for you
- The chance to explore and meet unis, colleges, and employers face-to-face

The Edinburgh HE Exhibition is held at the **Royal Highland Centre on Tuesday 6th September 2022** – sign up [here](#).

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships can be a fantastic opportunity when you leave school to:

- work full time – gaining real life work experience whilst gaining key skills and expanding your networks
- gain a qualification (even up to a university degree for some types of apprenticeships)
- and earn a salary.

To find out more visit [apprenticeships.scot](https://www.apprenticeships.scot). But have a look at the opportunity below for an example:

Service Desk Analyst Apprentice with Baillie Gifford
Starting Salary: £20,000

On this apprenticeship programme you'll gain the skills and knowledge to fix a wide range of IT problems and to succeed as a Service Desk Analyst at Baillie Gifford. They'll also provide a combination of classroom based and on the job training to help you achieve SVQ Information Technology and Telecommunications at SCQF Level 6.

Closing date 26/08/2022 and you can find out more [here](#).

Developing Young Workforce (DYW) Opportunities

A variety of employers offer sessions to allow you to learn about their industry - this could be anything from a one-off presentation to a week-long work experience. Check out the opportunities highlighted by **DYW** this month below:

The Schools' Lecture Series is a three-day event that helps prepare a student for a **future in medicine**. Altogether, the lecture series will detail the process of applying for medical school, highlight various medical specialties, and discuss the ethics of medicine that physicians encounter on a daily basis.

28 September - Becoming A Doctor: 16.30 – 18.00 Great Hall, 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh

3 October - Physician's Pathways: 16.30 – 18.00 Great Hall, 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh

5 October - Ethical Dilemmas in Medicine: 16.30 – 18.00 Great Hall, 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh

Any secondary student who is even the least bit interested in medicine is encouraged to attend. **The event is absolutely free!** Students are encouraged to bring family members, carers, teachers and anyone else who provides support to their future goals. **If you cannot come in person**, lectures will be recorded and posted online shortly thereafter. Be sure to send us your email so we can let you know once the lectures are posted. Send an email to d.davis@rcpe.ac.uk to sign up.



Part-Time Jobs

- [John Lewis](#) – Christmas Temp jobs go live early September
- [KFC](#) – Back of House Team Member at Fort Kinnaird
- [Pets at Home](#) – Store Colleague at Fort Kinnaird
- [Edinburgh Leisure](#) – Lifeguard and Leisure Attendants various locations
- [Camera Obscura](#) – Retail Assistant
- [Tesco](#) – various contracts available
- [Bross Bagels](#) – various positions available
- Trespass – hand CV into store at Ocean Terminal
- Toy Town – email CV to edinburgh@toytownstores.com or hand CV into store at Ocean Terminal