



Y12 Summer Schemes

What could you be doing during Summer 2021?

Some schemes may be different this summer due to the pandemic

Your summer activities could include:

- **Workwise Engineering Summer Camp**
Build employability skills, meet engineering employers and develop experience of work on this Sheffield-based scheme: <https://work-wise.co.uk/for-young-people>.
See also:
 - **Sheffield Theatres Summer School:**
www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk (search for summer school)
 - **Museum Youth** (ongoing activities with Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust)
<http://www.simt.co.uk/get-involved/museum-youth>
 - **St Luke's Hospice Summer School:**
Enquire in Careers Office from spring onwards (TBC)
 - **Site Gallery Society of Explorers** (ongoing activities with artists and creatives)
www.sitegallery.org/projects/young-producers-programme/
 - **AMRC Manufacturing Camp:**
<https://amrctraining.co.uk/whats-on>
 - **BFI Film Academy (ongoing activities)**
<https://www.bfi.org.uk/bfi-film-academy-opportunities-young-creatives>
- **PWC Business Insight Week**
Paid one-week work experience working on business-related projects with PWC.
www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers/our-programmes/insight-weeks.html
See also schemes with firms like Grant Thornton, C4 or City law firms like BLP Law
- **Nuffield Research Placements**
Work on a project alongside scientists and other STEM professionals for 4-6 weeks in the summer holidays.
www.nuffieldfoundation.org/nuffield-research-placements
See also EDT's Headstart, Engineering Education Scheme or Exscitec
- **Sutton Trust US Programme**
The Sutton Trust US programme gives bright, state school students a taste of life at an American university.
<https://us.suttontrust.com/>
Sutton Trust also offer UK-based summer programmes.

What are your choices?

Academic summer schools or university taster days

More in-depth than an open day, these should give you the chance to experience a little of university study and university life. Use search websites like www.mystudentevents.com or www.summer-schools.info. Most of these websites aren't exhaustive, so use more than one to make sure you're not missing out on opportunities. You should also search on the websites of universities you are interested in finding out more about.

Work-based summer experiences

Where to find opportunities?

- Check the websites of royal societies or professional bodies for your area of interest eg Royal Society of Chemistry or RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects).
- If you are interested in working for a large company, check their website or approach them direct. Smaller firms are less likely to have a formal scheme, but might offer you work shadowing or work experience if you approach them direct.
- Try <http://studentladder.co.uk/Work-Experience/work-experience.html> and www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk.
- Search online for insight days and insight weeks, as well as work experience or summer placements.

Other options

Other ideas to explore include part-time work or volunteering (www.vinspired.com, www.do-it.org, NHS volunteering: <https://www.sth.nhs.uk/work-for-us/volunteering> or www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/about-us/careers-and-opportunities/volunteering), entering competitions (<http://studentladder.co.uk/Competition/competitions.html>) or attending university or Royal Society public lectures or masterclasses. If you want to build even more experience, you could consider a gap-year scheme like Year in Industry (www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry)

Check the details

You'll need to pay close attention to

- entry criteria
- closing dates
- length of programme
- where it is based.

Check whether it is a residential or day scheme, and check any additional costs.

Even if there is an advertised cost, there may be bursaries available for some students, particularly if you are eligible for free school meals or you're the first in your family to go to university. If you are applying to a non-traditional option eg women into engineering; first in family to go to university, there may be specialist schemes you can apply for, or additional financial support you might be eligible for.

Some of the bigger schemes can be highly competitive with closing dates around the New Year or early spring, so start early to avoid missing out.

The benefits

Experiences like these should give you the chance to learn something new; test out your career and university ideas; develop your skills; meet like-minded people; build your CV and make yourself stand out.

Ask in the Careers Office if you want to find out more