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Happening this month...

Monday 1 September

The summer transfer window closes. England's football teams have had since 1 July to refresh their squads for the 2014-2015 season. Some of the summer's biggest deals include Chelsea's £32million signing of Atlético Madrid striker Diego Costa.

Computing and coding becomes a mandatory part of the National Curriculum across all state primary and secondary schools. Children will be taught to write and develop their own computer program from the age of five, while students between 11 and 14 years old will be taught coding.

Thursday 4 September

The Bank of England publishes its latest decision regarding UK interest rates.

President Obama, Chancellor Merkel and President Hollande are among leaders and senior ministers from 60 countries expected to attend the 2014 NATO summit in Wales. It will be the largest gathering of international leaders ever held in Britain.

Sunday 7 September

The Trade Union Congress begins in Liverpool. Held at the BT Convention Centre, it runs until 10 September.

Tuesday 10 September

Abu Hamza al-Masri is due to be sentenced. The judge is expected to hand a life sentence to the radical Muslim cleric, who was found guilty of helping to abduct 16 tourists from Yemen in 1998 and setting up a terrorist training camp in Oregon, US.

The Royal Television Society holds its annual conference in London. This year, RTS's flagship event is titled Power, Politics and the Media.

The shortlist for the 2014 Man Booker Prize is announced. Last year, Eleanor Catton received the prestigious literary prize for her novel *The*

Luminaries. The 2014 winner will be revealed in October.

More than 300 wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women (both serving and veteran) compete in The Invictus Games. Championed by Prince Harry, the international sporting competition takes place at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and runs until 14 September.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders publishes its latest figures concerning mortgage lending, arrears and possessions, payment protection insurance and buy-to-let.



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Friday 12 September

Thousands of opinion formers and industry professionals descend on the capital for one of the most influential and high-profile fashion events in the world. LFW, which features more than 60 official catwalk shows, runs until 16 September.

Tuesday 16 September

The Office for National Statistics publishes its latest figures regarding inflation.

The Office for National Statistics publishes its monthly release concerning average UK house prices. Recently, the average price of a home in London topped £400,000 for the first time.

Wednesday 17 September

The Office for National Statistics publishes its latest figures regarding UK unemployment.

Thursday 18 September

The people of Scotland decide their country's future as voters go to polls to answer the Scottish referendum question: "Should Scotland be an independent country?" The results of the referendum will be announced the following day.

Following a 260-year men-only policy, The Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St Andrews holds a vote on whether it should drop its ban on female members.

Sunday 21 September

Members of the Labour party discuss and debate their party's vision during their annual conference. This year, 10,000 delegates and visitors will meet in Manchester.

Tuesday 23 September

Gleneagles hosts the 40th Ryder Cup. Two years ago, Europe staged a surprising comeback to win the biennial tournament at Medinah. Held on the PGA Centenary Course, the 2014 competition will run until 28 September.

Friday 26 September

Nigel Farage and UKIP meet in Doncaster for the party's biggest-ever annual conference.

Sunday 28 September

Birmingham hosts the 2014 Conservative autumn

conference. Around 14,000 delegates are expected to attend the four-day event held at the ICC.

Michael Ball hosts the 2014 West End Heroes gala concert in which the casts of some of the biggest West End musicals unite with the UK's military bands in aid of charity Help the Heroes. Held at the Dominion Theatre, the event raised £88,000 in 2013.

Tuesday 30 September

The annual exhibition of short-listed artists for the Turner Prize begins at London's Tate Britain. This year's nominated artists are Duncan Campbell, Ciara Phillips, James Richards and Tris Vonna-Michell.



The Scottish referendum