

CAREERS TEAM

NEWSLETTER - 2023/2024 TERM 4. ISSUE 15



Hello Saint George's Community

Hello everyone and welcome to the term 4 2023/2024 edition of the Careers Newsletter.

Once again we hope this edition brings you up to date with what has and will be taking place in the world of careers, as well as our regular features such as, "University - what's going on?", "It's Your Future - Plan it !!!"

As usual we have provided lots of information and resources to help students / teaching staff and to help you support your child with their career exploration and in addition we have a feature on Work Experience for Years 10 and 12 and Kent Choices for Year 11.

If you have any other questions regarding Careers, please feel free to email: hallama@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk

We hope you find the various links in this newsletter useful, whatever stage you are at regarding your career exploration.

Many thanks as always for your support.
The Careers Team



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GATSBY CAREER BENCHMARKS

	A stable careers programme	Every school and college should have an embedded programme of career education and guidance that is known and understood by students, parents, teachers, <u>governors</u> and employers.
	Learning from career and labour market information	Every student, and their parents, should have access to good quality information about future study options and labour market opportunities. They will need the support of an informed adviser to make best use of available information.
	Addressing the needs of each student	Students have different career guidance needs at different stages. Opportunities for advice and support need to be tailored to the needs of each student. A school's careers programme should embed equality and diversity considerations throughout
	Linking curriculum learning to careers	All teachers should link curriculum learning with careers. STEM subject teachers should highlight the relevance of STEM subjects for a wide range of future career paths.
	Encounters with employers and employees	Every student should have multiple opportunities to learn from employers about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace. This can be through a range of enrichment activities including visiting speakers, mentoring and enterprise schemes.
	Experiences of workplaces	Every student should have first-hand experiences of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and/or work experience to help their exploration of career opportunities and expand their networks.
	Encounters with further and higher education	All students should understand the full range of learning opportunities that are available to them. This includes both academic and vocational routes and learning in schools, colleges, universities and in the workplace.
	Personal guidance	Every student should have opportunities for guidance interviews with a career adviser, who could be internal (a member of school staff) or external, provided they are trained to an appropriate level. These should be available whenever significant study or career choices are being made.

The Gatsby Benchmarks are a framework of 8 guidelines that define the best careers provision in secondary schools.

Please use the key in the table above to see where we have mapped activities against the Gatsby Benchmarks.

[Learn more about the Gatsby Benchmarks](#)

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HIGHLIGHTS: LOOKING BACK!



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Personal Guidance Meetings

Over 50% of Year 10 students have now attended their one to one career guidance meetings with our independent careers adviser.

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Year 8 - Not just for the boys workshop

As part of **InternationalWomensDay**, Year 8 girls took part in the "Not just for the Boys Workshop". Michelle from Construction Youth Trust helped our students discover the variety of careers available in the construction sector and that they are not just for men and not just building!

Students took part in a range of activities such as researching why there aren't many women in the construction industry and how the construction industry can get more women involved. They then fed their ideas back to the rest of the group.

Thank you to Construction Youth Trust for inspiring our next generation of young women to open their minds to the range of rewarding and meaningful career paths the construction sector can offer.

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Year 9 Futures Day

The theme of the Year 9 Futures Day was "Year 9 Pathways" in order to give students the tools they will need when making the important decisions of choosing which subjects to study at GCSE level. Students took part in several activities including workshops delivered by The Education People; "raising aspirations and exploring GCSE options", and "what are my Skills".

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National Interview Week - Your Game Plan

On Wednesday 28th February, Year 12 students took part in National Interview Week.

National Interview Week is a new initiative put together by Your Game Plan. It is not just an event; it is a platform that will empower interview and public speaking skills.

Each student had the opportunity to attend a 25-minute meeting with a mentor from some of the biggest companies in the world such as: Amazon, Channel 4, Lloyds, BBC. This was a fabulous opportunity for students to showcase and develop their listening, speaking, and aiming high skills to help them flourish in the future.

We have received some wonderful feedback from students:

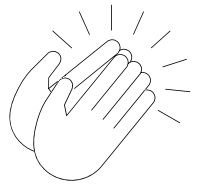
"The interview process was well structured from the school but also the outside agency. I am very grateful for the opportunity that was given to me by the school, I was able to build my interview skills and receive vital feedback that will benefit me in the future."

"My mentor Timothy created a very relaxed and conversational atmosphere which was a great way for me to experience my first interview and what to expect in the future."

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YEAR 8-10 CAREERS SHOW



On Friday 22nd March, we welcomed over 25 businesses and organisations to our Careers Show for students in year groups 8, 9 and 10. The Careers Shows provide valuable insight to help students with their year 9 pathways, choosing their post-16 and post-18 pathways and gives them aspiration as well as inspiration. We also opened the invitation to year 12 students and those in Year 11 and 13 who were looking for additional support for post-16 and post-18 choices.

The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive. One student who attended said, "I enjoyed hearing all of the Information from all the people, I liked how there was a variety of different jobs and career paths to see" Another student commented, "I got to meet loads of different people with different jobs."

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who invested their time in supporting our students with their future choices. We could not have done it without you!

Please enjoy some of the photos from this fantastic day.

JAGS Property Group



Hatten Wyatt



The Royal Air Force



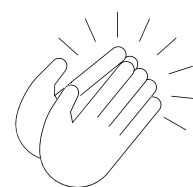
ARES – Association of Retired ESA Staff



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YEAR 8-10 CAREERS SHOW



Zoe Baker - Graphic Designer



D and J Services



Jackson Civil Engineering



North Kent / Hadlow College



London School of hygiene & Tropical Medicine



University for the Creative Arts



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UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE - WHAT'S ON

Get Ahead: Year 11 Summer School - Northeastern University London

We know the jump from GCSE to sixth-form or college can be nerve-racking for many students. Our Year 11 Summer School will give your students the confidence they need to tackle sixth-form or college from their very first day in September.

They will learn study skills, wellbeing tips and how to budget, as well as participating in academic sessions in Law, Computer Science, Psychology, History, English and Philosophy. They will also have the opportunity to experience a taste of university life by spending time at our campus in central London.

The summer school will be running from 30th July - 2nd August, and comes at no cost to the student.

The deadline for applications is 31st May – make sure your students don't miss out! They can find out more [HERE](#).



University Subject Information Guides

Here is a link to a great website that gives you short subject information guides related to university study. If you are considering university, I would encourage you to use these to help you explore different subjects to help you make an informed decision for your post 18 application in September.

[On Demand Webinars](#) | [UniTasterDays](#)

University of Southampton Year 12 Residential

16th -19th July 2024

Join the University of Southampton on campus for a 4-day, 3-night programme. The Experience residential is a great opportunity to get a taste of degrees offered at the University of Southampton and student life ahead of university applications.

Find out more [HERE](#).

Join our MediCafé live webinar: Applying to Medical School

Join us for our 'Applying to Medical School' live MediCafé webinar on Thursday 4 April, 5pm, and learn about:

- The different types of Medicine courses
 - The teaching styles at medical schools, and how to choose which style would suit your students
 - The context around the demand for Medicine places
 - Entry requirements and admissions tests
 - What to consider when shortlisting Medical Schools to apply to
 - How to apply – what your students need to do, and when
- Book [HERE](#)

Future MediCafé webinars

- Tuesday 23 April, 5pm to 6.30pm - [Making the most of work experience](#)
- Thursday 9 May, 5pm to 6.30pm - [Life as a medical student](#)
- Monday 17 June, 5pm to 6.30pm - [Preparing for UCAT](#)



Ravensbourne University London Summer School

4 day hands-on creative summer school designed to mimic a week in a creative agency. Students will work in groups to design a product or service that acts as a solution to an every day problem. Present that solution to a panel of at the end of the week (a bit like that popular TV show) and the best idea wins a prize!

Open to all aged 16+.

Sign up [HERE](#).

Online Applicant drop-in 7th May

Our online drop-in will give your students the chance to discover more about Ravensbourne University London and have any of their burning questions answered.

Register [HERE](#).

Medway School of Arts Open Event

Based in the Historic Dockyard Chatham, we'd love you to join us at our open event on Saturday 20 April 2024 from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm You'll be able to view our facilities and resources, speak to our teaching team, and explore your options for university-level art and design courses starting in September 2024. For more information, click [HERE](#).

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APPRENTICESHIPS



Apprenticeships at 15 top banks

We know that a whole bunch of young people are interested in Higher/Degree Banking Apprenticeships.....so here's a resource that could make life a little bit easier for them.

To download the list of companies and click through links to their websites use this link:

https://ugc.production.linktr.ee/fbd0c46c-dc30-4189-8cbe-4cf65dd1e729_Banking-Apprenticeships.pdf

Royal Mail Apprenticeships

Whether you're interested in engineering, have the skills for sales or are looking to kickstart your career, we've got plenty of opportunities for you to get exposure and experience while working towards reputable qualifications.

- Degree Apprenticeship (Level 6)
- Engineering Degree Apprenticeship (Level 6)
- Engineering Technician Apprenticeship (Level 3)
- Fleet Vehicle Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship (Level 3)
- Project Management Apprenticeship (Level 6)
- Sales Apprenticeship (Level 4)
- Finance Apprenticeship (Level 2 & 4)

Find out more about our apprenticeship programmes and apply [HERE](#).

Tesco Retail Apprenticeships: Programme Opening Soon.

Did you know Tesco launched their Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship programme last month? The programme offers an incredible opportunity for young people to gain skills, a retail qualification, work experience AND kickstart their career - no qualifications needed! Find out more [HERE](#)

Amazing Apprenticeships

Don't worry if you've missed our recent live careers webinars through National Careers Week. If you missed the BBC, the BritishArmy and Try a Trade - you can watch them all again on demand [HERE](#).

If you're looking for live webinars coming up, including how to impress in the application process, search & apply for HTQs & more - check out our [workshops and webinars page](#):



Apprenticeships under the spotlight

Level 4 Data Analyst Apprentice at DISNEY!

During this Apprenticeship at Disney, you will get the chance to work side-by-side with industry leaders while you study towards your apprenticeship qualification – Level 4 Data Analyst Apprentice. You will gain valuable skills working within one of the strongest family of brands on a global scale while building lasting connections. Imagine that!

Apply [HERE](#)

Apprenticeship Weapon Technician at The Royal Air Force

As a Royal Air Force Weapon Technician you will be responsible for arming our aircraft with weapons. You will also make sure all the weapons management and release systems are in full working order. Most weapons technicians spend their first tour of duty on a flying squadron helping with ground handling tasks and preparing the aircraft for the next flight, you could go on to work with ejection seats and rocket launchers, bombs and missiles or to service small arms and automatic weapons.

Apply [HERE](#)

Land Apprentice with Bellway Homes - Kent - West Malling

Our exciting and innovative Apprenticeship Programmes are designed to attract and develop a diverse range of talented individuals who will contribute to the continued growth and success of our business.

Upon completion of the programme, you will qualify as a Land Buyer, and subject to business need and performance you may have the opportunity to continue your future with Bellway.

Career paths for a Land Apprentice may include:

- Land Manager/Senior Land Manager
- Head of Land
- Land Director

Apply [HERE](#)

Content Creator Apprenticeship - Maidstone

Calling all aspiring Content Creators! An award-winning brand development agency based in Maidstone is on the hunt for a Content Creator apprentice to join their team; they are seeking a creative, ambitious Content Creator to help craft compelling content across all social media and branding. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

UCAS points for apprenticeships from September 2024

Good news for students considering apprenticeships! UCAS has announced that apprenticeships will get UCAS points from September 2024.

Read more [HERE](#).

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It's Your Future - Plan it !!!

Do you enjoy Maths?

If you're studying maths and are curious where it could lead you, this might be for you!

The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries are here to discuss maths careers!

Are you considering becoming an actuary? Do you want to learn about the skills you need to succeed?

You won't want to miss out on this series that is jam-packed with everything you need to know about where maths could lead you.

Register Your Interest in the below and we'll send you more details soon!

[Register here!](#)

Russell Group Webinars Fair

UK University Search are excited to be collaborating with the Russell Group once again to bring you our popular, informative and inspiring webinars that cover a range of key topics. Taking place from the 30th April to the 2nd May, we have five 90-minute sessions each featuring five or six expert panellists who will offer clear, impartial guidance for students looking at taking the next step in their educational journey."

Register [HERE!](#)



NHS Health Careers - 350 Careers. One NHS. Your Future.

The NHS has more than 350 different careers so whatever your skills, qualifications and interests, there's a career for you.

You will have heard of doctors, nurses and physiotherapists but we have a team of people, working together to make a difference.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



InvestIN's student event series is designed to give students aged 12-18 a snapshot of what it's like to work in their dream profession. Events are run by leading experts and are free to attend.

To see upcoming events and to register, click [HERE](#).

Unifrog Webinars

Unifrog host webinars every week to help you choose the best next steps and apply successfully. The easiest way to make sure you are seeing the webinars that are most relevant for you, is to get **favouriting and shortlisting!**

Every time you save a career profile, subject guide, university, apprenticeship, college or sixth form, the platform learns more about your intentions and shows you the most useful webinars when you log in to Unifrog.

Webinars coming up soon are:

- [Explore degrees in sustainability](#)
- [What can I do with a degree in Geography or Environmental studies?](#)
- [What can I do with a degree in English literature?](#)
- [What can I do with a degree in Languages or Cultural studies?](#)
- [What can I do with a degree in Computer science and AI?](#)
- [What can I do with a degree in Business or Economics?](#)
- [What can I do with a degree in Sciences?](#)

Countryside Jobs Service

Maybe people don't know what an amazing career working with and for nature can be. Take a look at their stall in the virtual careers fair at <https://c-js.uk/3wAFFKx>

The countryside and conservation sector is really rather large and the range of jobs and careers on offer can seem overwhelming when all you know is that you want to work outside or with animals, you enjoy bird watching and want to help wildlife in some form, you're at home in woodland and think that something to do with trees might be the way to go.

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JD Sports "The Pitch"

The competition is for all students aged 14-19. And we have 100 work experience/internships up for grabs at some of the biggest companies and recognisable brands in the world if they're successful.

The deadline for students to enter this competition is 17th April!

In teams of up to 4 (or as an individual) you need to create an advertising concept and advert(s) for JD Sports' 2024 Christmas advertising campaign.

You will need to create 1,2 or 3 advertising assets, such as:

- A short video
- A social media post
- A billboard/poster

and a supporting media plan to help identify where you'd place your advert(s) and who you'd be targeting.

You'll need to think about paid media: TV, social media, radio, posters, cinema, magazines, etc.), and owned media: JD stores, JD website, JD email database, JD Duffel bags, etc. Your creative execution could be images, drawings, audio, video, however you want to bring your creative idea to life.

There will then be a shortlisting stage to identify the top 25 teams. Then, they're invited to Instagram's headquarters in London on 26th June to pitch their idea, (just like they do in the industry) to a panel of experts. All expenses will be covered.

Students enter [HERE](#).



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It's Your Future - Plan it !!!

Unifrog University Student Ambassador Fair

What is university really like? Current university students are taking over the fair to tell you their honest experiences and things they wish they'd known. Chat to students at 30 universities including Loughborough University, University of Exeter, and SOAS. Get insider tips on extracurricular activities to boost your personal statement, the best student bank accounts, what to pack, and how to prepare for living away from home.

Wednesday 8th May | 4:30pm - 6:30pm BST

Register HERE: <https://unifrogstudentambassadorfair.vfairs.com/en/registration-form>



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WORK EXPERIENCE - YEAR 10 AND 12



**Don't forget the deadline for your work experience agreement form to be handed in is FRIDAY 10TH MAY
IMPORTANT INFORMATION !!!!**

- Without full completion of this form, work experience will not be authorised.
- Completed forms must be given into Mrs Hallam in the careers room (room 14)
- If a student attends a work experience placement without return of a completed form by a deadline, this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.
- We can only approve work experience placements where the employer has Employers' Liability Insurance (even if family members). A copy of Employers' Liability Insurance **must** be either sent by post, email or photocopy handed in by student. We have received many forms where this has been missing.
- We will only approve placements based in the UK.
- Once a work placement has been authorised, student, parent/carer and employer will receive a confirmation email.

How to research

It is really important that students research and find employers to contact either by email or phone or even popping into the establishment. This is part of the process for students to understand the application process of work

Do consider setting your child a target of finding 10 companies contact details and supporting them with writing an email to those companies.



Helpful resources

- Friends and family
- LinkedIn
- Unifrog - <https://www.unifrog.org/>
- Start in Kent - <https://kent.startprofile.com/page/home-page>
- The Gravesham Business Network has local companies many of which are able to support work experience. <https://www.gravesham.gov.uk/support-advice/networking-promotion>
- Find an apprenticeship website, companies that are offering apprenticeships quite often are willing to take on students for work experience placements. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

You should be applying regularly until your placement is secured. Ensure that you are considering transferable skills, not just your dream job!

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WORK EXPERIENCE



Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience

The Only LIVE NHS Healthcare Careers Virtual Work Experience In The UK Run By Healthcare Professionals!

Let us help you to take your first steps into the world of healthcare careers. It is live, giving you the chance to interact with healthcare professionals, but from the comfort and safety of your own home. Join thousands of other students who are exploring healthcare careers with the help of our LIVE simulated high fidelity work experience programme!

7th April: Communication & Fractures

We will be meeting Aizah who is now pregnant and has been diagnosed with Gestational Diabetes. She has some mild Learning Difficulties and is a patient of Asian ethnicity with refugee status. With English as a second language it is causing some difficulties that can be rectified with support when it comes to speaking to understanding the medical advice she is given. She has no extended family here in the UK besides her husband.

Dominic suffered a leg injury while playing football, first responder Kate arrives on the scene to assess the situation and administer primary care. Further assessment confirms a fracture and Dominic will require physiotherapy to recover full mobility.

For more information and to register, click HERE: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>



For the love of animals!

Across three days, Flamingo Land, Edinburgh Zoo, the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland and a final organisation, still to be announced, will take you on a unique virtual journey.

You will hear from industry experts about their roles and the range of job opportunities working with animals, have a virtual tour of their sites, including getting up close with a polar bear and a giraffe as well as learning about behaviour studies and how zoos prepare for new species.

A full immersive experience!

Apply [HERE](#).

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WORK EXPERIENCE - CISCO PATHWAYS



The applications for our July Pathways Work Experience programme for Years 11 & 12 are now open

We have three options to attend. For students who live close enough to travel to our offices in West London or Manchester there is an option of a hybrid week with the Monday and Friday in the office at Bedfont Lakes, Feltham or Didsbury, Manchester. The third option is fully virtual option. We've decided on this approach to ensure we can continue to include students from right across the UK and Ireland. This programme is for Years 11 & 12 (or equivalent) and runs 8-12 July 2024.

This is a weeklong programme with the aim of showing students the range of jobs within a global IT company. Cisco is not a one size fits all organisation and we welcome applications from any year 11 & 12 students from anywhere in the UK & Ireland. We will also be developing presenting, team working, employability skills and building confidence through online modules and interactive sessions. Your passion is our interest.

The programme doesn't require students to choose technical or business as in addition to the mandatory core parts of the programme they will be allowed to select the sessions that are of interest to them.

You can find more information [on the Cisco website](#) or apply using the links below.

How to apply:

Dates: 08-12 July.

Location

- **Option 1** – Hybrid in Feltham, West London or Didsbury near Manchester (2 days in office & 3 days virtual) Follow this [link](#) to apply if you wish to attend the HYBRID format
- **Option 2 – fully virtual** Follow this [link](#) to apply if you wish to attend the VIRTUAL format

Please be careful and make sure you apply for the programme you want to attend. If you intend to attend the hybrid programme you should research where the offices are and make sure that you can get there. Last year we had over 200 applications so may close early this year if we exceed that number. So please apply early and don't leave it to the last minute.

YEAR 11 - KENT CHOICES

Action Needed - Your Plans for September 2024 and KentChoices

It is now time to start confirming your plans and to make sure that you have a backup plan in case you do not get the GCSE grades expected. **The more options you have, the better.**

If you applied to a sixth form or college through KentChoices you now need to log on and put any offers you have received in order of preference **by Monday 1 April 2024**. This is to help schools and colleges get ready for September. There is a forgotten username/password function if you need it and a guide on how to do it at <https://kentchoices.info/March-24>.

If you did not use KentChoices to apply for sixth form or college, have been offered a place and you have accepted it, then no further action is needed, unless you applied to an East Kent Colleges Group College.

East Kent Colleges Group Colleges (Ashford, Broadstairs, Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone, Sheppey and EKC Canterbury Sixth Form)

If you have received any offers of a place at one of East Kent Colleges Group's Colleges, you will receive an email asking you go online and choose the offer you would like to accept. You can only accept one offer from East Kent Colleges Group.

Remember - if you have applied to one of these colleges and have not yet booked an Applicant Day, make sure to log on and do this as soon as you can.



Virtual Apprenticeship Evening, 6 to 7pm, Monday 22 April 2024

If you are interested in apprenticeships, why not attend our virtual apprenticeship evening, and find out more. To book a place use this link <https://kentchoices.info/app-webinar-reg-24> or scan the QR code.



Where Can I Get Help?

- Ask at school.
- Contact the National Careers Service, 0800 100 900.
- Contact the KentChoices Team.

We have recently included a [Cypsy, Roma, Traveller page on KentChoices](#) to support this community with post 16 transition. The page includes two videos, one a general introduction to KentChoices and the other an explanation of why KCC stay in touch with young people for two years after year 11: some general text and a list of useful links/resources.

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PARENTS / CARERS

Dear Parents / Carers

We have included below some information received over the last term. We hope you find it useful.

Parents' & Carers' Pack - Amazing Apprenticeships

The latest apprenticeship information & advice for parents, supported by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Access the February 24 pack [HERE](#) and the March 24 pack [HERE](#).

The Parent Perspective Podcasts

You can access all of the Parent Perspective podcasts [HERE](#).

The Parents' Guide to What my child can do after GCSEs

In some cases, not much thought is given to a teen's choices at 16 – they'll stay in the same school and take qualifications in whatever that school offers at sixth form. For many students, that's a perfect choice and sets them up for the future, but for others it isn't ideal and they would do better considering other alternatives. Things to think about are the subjects they'd like to study, the type of qualification they'd like to obtain, where to study and whether they'd prefer to learn while working or without working. Read on for tips on what might be best for your teen once they finish their GCSE years.

Supporting your child in their journey to university

Join our programme of FREE online webinars designed especially for parents and supporters.

We recognise that parents, guardians, carers, and relatives can all play a vital role in choosing and applying for university. Join us for our online webinars designed to provide a range of information to assist in the process of progressing to university.

- Degree Apprenticeships (17th April 2024)
- Supporting an Application to University (22nd May 2024)
- Applying to the University of Exeter (25th September 2024)
- Thinking of Exeter Q&A (16th October 2024)
- Register [HERE](#).

Support your child to apply for their university funding

Download our guide to student finance and get all the advice and information you need to support your child in applying for their university funding. Download your guide [HERE](#).

Canterbury Christ Church University is hosting a **parent/carer webinar focused on student finance**, taking place on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 6:30pm. This will be an online session hosted on teams and recorded, links will be sent closer to the event.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/4cdPdeX>



Skills Builder

How well do you know your skills? Did you know essential skills highlighted by [The Skills Builder Partnership](#) help you to prepare for your future career. Try to spot opportunities where you have used one of the key skills, e.g. Teamwork, Staying Positive etc. You can also find ways of practising these with your family, using the excellent [Homezone challenges](#)

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PARENTS / CARERS

Virtual Parent & Carer Open Evening to DISCOVER! Creative Careers - 18th April - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Did you know that the British creative industries are booming? We can help your students find creative career opportunities and feel inspired to go after them!

We are delighted to be partnered with the Discover! Creative Careers programme led by ScreenSkills and supported by employers from across the creative sector to deliver a week of FREE virtual sessions, with some in-person opportunities, to state schools and colleges – during Discover! Creative Careers Week 2024, 18th – 22nd November. We'll showcase careers in creative tech, film, animation, design, music, fashion, publishing, architecture, crafts, heritage, museums, galleries and more!

Young people will be able to access 3-5-hour insight days and longer work experience placements, 1-hour industry spotlight career talks and inspirational talks with speakers – all advertised on the Speakers for Schools website.

Click [HERE](#) to book your place.



How do I get my teenager to start talking about careers?

Half term can be a great time to get your teen talking about their future plans, so why not play a board game together? We've created a Monopoly style challenge as a gentle way to start opening up the conversation about their future options and personal development. Download the [14-16 year old board game](#) or the [16-18 year old board game](#). It'll give them chance to learn something about you too.



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ONE FINAL WORD FROM THE CAREERS TEAM



Thank you to all the employers, parents, staff and students that have supported the events through this term – we appreciate you!

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