



# CAREERS TEAM

NEWSLETTER - 2023/2024 TERM 1. ISSUE 12



## Hello Saint George's Community

Hello everyone and welcome to the term 1 edition of the Careers Newsletter.

This edition of the newsletter will bring 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 included a feature on KentChoices for those in year 11 who will soon be making their post-16 decisions.

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

Students in year 11 and 13 who missed their careers meetings last year were invited to their one to one career guidance meetings.

Year 12 will continue to be invited to their one to one career guidance meetings with our independent careers adviser. Please do check your emails for information on your child's booking.

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### Year 13 - Student Finance Workshop

The University of Kent presented to year 13 on the subject of student finance. Students were able to understand "how they can afford university".

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### Year 11 - Post 16 Options and Applying Assembly

Hayley from The Education People gave an extremely informative assembly to year 11 about all of the post-16 options available and an overview of Kent Choices.

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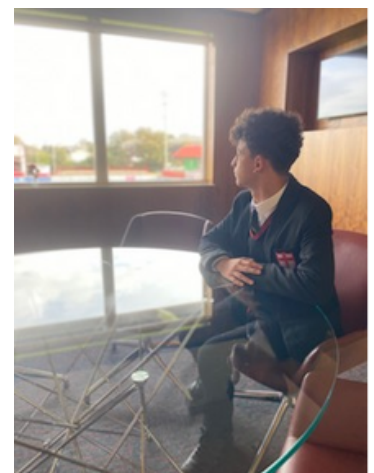
### Year 9 students on the Business taster sessions attended Ebbsfleet Football Club.



Ebbsfleet are working with Saint George's to give the students a real life business briefing and allow them to present their ideas on how to improve their business. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to receive some real world business experience and we are delighted to be working on the pilot scheme.

The trip also included a tour of the stadium and provided an overview of all the different job profiles that are relevant to the industry such as sports journalist, social media manager.

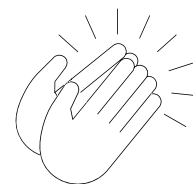
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## YEAR 10-13 CAREERS SHOW



On Thursday 5th October, we welcomed 31 businesses and organisations to our first event of the year, our Careers Show for students in year groups 11, 12 and 13. The Careers Shows provide valuable insight to help students choose their post-16 and post-18 pathways and give them aspiration as well as inspiration.

The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive. One student who attended said, "I enjoyed hearing about the variety of different careers available to me." Another student commented, "The best part was all the information I've been told about different careers."

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.

### Charlton Athletic Community Trust



### Border Force



### Reynolds Training Academy



### The Royal Air Force



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# YEAR 10-13 CAREERS SHOW



North Kent / Hadlow College



The British Army



Kent Police



IPS International Ltd



College of ESPORTS



University of Kent



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# It's Your Future - Plan it !!!

## Things can you do during the half term

### Complete Some Virtual Work Experience



Explore the latest placements on offer from hundreds of employers across a wide range of industries with Speakers for Schools.

Search for a specific employer or use the filters to help you find online placements based on your age or the industry you're interested in. Then simply click on the 'Read more' button to see a more detailed overview and go through to our portal to apply.

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/work-experience/>

### Futures Bulletin

- Review the Futures Bulletin
  - Watch some of the on-demand webinars / videos and podcasts.
  - Look at some of the available apprenticeships
  - Review the upcoming insight events and see if you can attend any or take part
- Click [here](#) to access the bulletin

### Sign up to CareerMap

CareerMap have launched their new website, it hosts an apprenticeship & graduate job board, career advice hub and events.



Springpod provide in-depth, interactive and informative virtual work experiences from industry experts in the world's leading employers.

Click here to find the latest work experience programmes

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>

### Explore Pathways using Unifrog

- Favourite some careers and subjects
- Watch some of the past webinars
- Year 10/12 - update your CV with new skills learnt from work experience
- Year 12 - complete a MOOC

### Apprenticeship Searches

Year 13 use [Get My First Job](#) or [Prospects](#) to search for apprenticeship opportunities

Review the new version of the [Higher and Degree Apprenticeships Listing](#)  
Explore 250+ Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies in the October edition of the Higher & Degree listing 23.



# UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON

## Free UCAS key dates poster

Download the poster [here](#)



## Newcastle University - Could your child get a lower uni offer?

Is your child eligible to join our supported entry programme?

Did you know your child could get a lower conditional offer to study with us through our PARTNERS supported entry programme?

Our PARTNERS students also take part in an Academic Summer School to prepare them for university study and are supported throughout their journey to Newcastle.

**Check your child's eligibility TODAY [HERE!](#)**

## Canterbury Christ Church University Answers Day - 11th November 2023

Going to university open events is useful for you and your child to get a feel for the campus, the course, the lecturing staff and the social atmosphere, as well as seeing facilities and accommodation first hand.

It's always interesting to compare universities as a parent or carer. What impresses or disappoints you will probably be very different to your children.

At CCCU's Answers Day, you and your child will find everything you expect from an Open Day, with the opportunity to explore the university and get those important questions answered.

**Book on to the 11th November Answers Day [here](#)**

## UK map of universities and colleges by region

Download the poster [here](#)

## Where could you study next? UK universities

Whether you want to study around the corner or move miles away, there are over 350 UK universities and colleges to choose from. Head to the UCAS Hub to discover more about different UK cities, regions, universities, and colleges.

Download the poster [here](#)

## University Guide 2023/2024

Our Success at School University Guide 2023-2024 for parents and carers is now available.

Covering everything from UCAS to accommodation to studying abroad, this guide will help you and your child think through everything you need to consider including expert, first-hand advice from universities and employers.

Download your free copy [here](#)

## You're invited to Escape Studios' open day

[Escape Studios](#) has been supplying studio-ready talent in Animation, Games and Visual Effects since 2002. Our aim is to give all our students the practical experience and skills that the creative industry needs.

Want to see for yourself? Book your place at one of their upcoming [open days](#) on Saturday 21st October or 18th November to:

- Explore their [brand-new campus](#) on the Greenwich Peninsula
- Learn more about their courses in Animation, Games and Visual Effects
- Meet their expert tutors and current students
- Check out their motion capture demo and green screen set up

**Book your place [here](#).**

## UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON

### Access to Queen Mary's university mentoring scheme

Queen Mary's (a top university in the country) has just opened their mentoring scheme. You can read more about it and apply here [Access to Queen Mary - Queen Mary University of London \(qmul.ac.uk\)](https://www.qmul.ac.uk). Please note the deadline is the 10th November.



### Sutton Trust Summer School

The Sutton Trust's flagship UK Summer Schools offer you the chance to attend a residential summer school at a leading university and experience student life.

The Apprenticeship Summer School is a three-day residential at the University of Warwick designed to increase awareness of degree-level apprenticeships and equip you with the skills to navigate the apprenticeship landscape.

Costs for both programmes are covered by the Sutton Trust so they are free for you to attend. All students accepted onto a summer school, along with any students who meet our grade threshold and one other criteria, will be offered a place on the Sutton Trust Online Core programme delivered on Sutton Trust Online. This 18-month structured programme will provide support and exclusive content over your last two years of school and help you explore your options, apply to, prepare for and succeed at leading universities.

This is a great opportunity for you to explore a university or apprenticeships during your summer break. You are 4x more likely to be offered a space at a Russell Group university after attending the programme.

**For more information, click [here](#).**

### University for the Creative Arts

#### Saturday Club – UCA Canterbury Years 7-8 and 12-13

Our Saturday Clubs take place between 4th - 18th November and are led by experienced creative practitioners. They give individuals a chance to develop a portfolio of work. The programmes equip students with new skills to help build their confidence and ability to express their ideas and hone their creative practice. Deadline for applications: midnight Wednesday 25th October. Apply [here](#).

#### UCA Open Days - all campuses

Our Open Days give you the opportunity to explore our campuses, meet with our academics and student ambassadors, attend course talks and have your questions answered, as well as finding out useful information about accommodation, fees and funding. Click [here](#) to find the right Open Day for you!

- Saturday 21st October 2023
- Saturday 25th November 2023



#### Degree in magic to be offered at University of Exeter

A degree in magic being offered in 2024 will be one of the first in the UK, the University of Exeter has said. The "innovative" MA in Magic and Occult Science has been created following a "recent surge in interest in magic", the course leader said. It would be offering an opportunity to study the history and impact of witchcraft and magic around the world on society and science, bosses said.

The one-year programme starts in September 2024. Academics with expertise in history, literature, philosophy, archaeology, sociology, psychology, drama, and religion will show the role of magic on the West and the East.

The university said it was one of the only postgraduate courses of its kind in the UK to combine the study of the history of magic with such a wide range of other subjects.



## UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON

**St Mary's University, Twickenham have 2 events and a webinar series coming up, that may be of interest to you**

**Get Ahead: A Masterclass on Applying to University (1st November, at St Mary's, 10:00 - 14:30)**

This event is perfect for students applying to university for either September 2024 or 2025 entry. Year 12s, 13s, level 3 students, and mature learners are all welcome to attend. The day will cover something for everyone, with a range of sessions to help students make an informed and guided decision about their next steps – whether they are planning on applying to SMU, another institution, or are still deciding whether university is the destination for them.

Register here - <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2023/11/get-ahead-a-masterclass-on-applying-to-university>

**Get Ahead: A Webinar Series on Applying to University (Multiple dates, November - July)**

These webinars are suitable for sixth form and college learners who are still considering whether higher education is the right pathway for them, or for students looking for further information on topics such as student finance or seeking support with their personal statement.

Register here - <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/get-ahead-a-webinar-series-on-applying-to-university.aspx>

**St Mary's Parents' Night (10th November)**

This event is aimed at parents and carers, but year 12s and year 13s applying to university for September 2024 or 2025 entries are more than welcome to come along. The evening will consist of presentations as well as an academic drop-in session, in the hope of providing you with an insight into the higher education process to help your child make an informed decision about their next steps. We hope to provide you with useful advice and guidance, as well as to answer any questions you may have.

Register here - <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2023/11/st-marys-universitys-parents-night>



## APPRENTICESHIPS

### Discover Deloitte's apprenticeship opportunities

From Audit & Assurance to Tax Consulting and Enabling Functions to Technology, we're delivering end-to-end programmes across the United Kingdom – turning complex challenges into opportunity and redesigning a more connected future. And you could be part of it.

And you don't need to have it all figured out yet. That's what we're here for.

When your child joins one of our School Leaver Programmes, they'll be connected to inspiring colleagues across the globe. We offer a huge range of opportunities, where your child can choose their own impact and build a future that suits them.

### Our School Leaver Programmes Career Shapers

If your child is in year 10, 11 or 12, this is their chance to spend 2 or 3 days with us to discover more about life at Deloitte and see if we're a good fit for your future career.

### Entry Level Apprenticeship

Get ready to develop your research, administrative and project management skills alongside peers and senior partners.

### Brightstart Apprenticeship

Solving client challenges while studying degree-level and professional.

Visit the careers site [here](#)



### PwC's Flying Start Programme

PwC's Flying Start Programme is for young people that want to go to university but are also ready to begin their career.

Studying at university students will get to experience the full-time student lifestyle but with integrated paid placements at PwC. They'll work with world-class clients and be part of highly skilled teams, gain a degree, and hopefully impress them enough to secure a graduate job with them!

These are degree level apprenticeships that students apply to through UCAS.

Learn more [here](#).

PwC have also opened their higher apprenticeships in the following areas: Compliance Testing, Customer Management, Business Operations, Legal Operations, Financial Crime Operations, Cloud, Digital and Data, Finance and Tax Solutions, Enablement, Change Managed Services, Change Managed Capacity and Supply Chain and Operations, Tax, Consulting.

Many of these have professional qualifications attached to them

- [Operate jobs](#) | [Early Careers](#) | [School and College Leaver jobs](#) | [PwC UK Careers](#)
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# KENT CHOICES

## YEAR 11 - POST-16 OPEN DAYS / EVENINGS

Year 11 don't forget to start thinking about your Post 16 choices by visiting open days / evenings.

Please look on Kent Choices, on the **EVENTS** page, for venues and dates.

<https://www.kentprospectus.co.uk/events>

Please also come and see the display board outside the careers room - room 14.



Check out [this short video guide](#) to support you with the process of adding a personal statement to your KentChoices account.



### KentChoices Parent/Carer Evening Webinar - Tuesday 14th November 2023, 6pm to 7pm (Free to Attend)

We understand that choosing what to do after Year 11 can seem daunting, so we are holding a free parent/carers webinar to explain all the options, how to use the KentChoices website and when you need to act. Register [here](#)

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## NEED HELP CHOOSING YOUR A-LEVEL SUBJECTS?



### Need Help Choosing Your A-Level Subjects?

Which degree courses do your A-Levels suit?



Take our Career Quiz

Discover which subjects open up different degrees - particularly Russell Group



For other useful resources, check out our Careers Hub:



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# WORK EXPERIENCE

## Channel 4 Digital Work Experience Programme for students aged 16+

Over 1000 students around the UK have already signed up to do the Channel 4 Digital Work Experience Programme.

The Programme consists of 5 modules and we predict each module will take about 1 - 2 hours.  
The Students have until 15th Dec to complete it - so plenty of time.

On completion, the Students will get a Digital badge, a Certificate and an invite to a Live Virtual Q&A event with Channel 4 employees.

A superb insight into the Creative Industry from many different angles! Great for Students studying Media, Film, Business, Expressive Arts, Marketing.....

**4 SKILLS**  
WORK EXPERIENCE

POWERED BY GetMyFirstJob

## Experience life in the creative industry

Follow the lifecycle of a TV show in this Virtual Work Experience programme

**You'll experience life in...**

- Consumer Insights**
- 4Studio**
- Legal & Compliance**
- Sales**
- Commissioning**

- Complete tasks based on **real-world** scenarios
- Get **advice** from current Channel 4 employees
- Attend a post programme **virtual Q&A**

**Register now for the Autumn Term programme**

**Starting 4th September 2023**

Programme closes 15th December 2023

**SCAN ME TO SIGN UP**

[www.4skillsworkexperience.com](http://www.4skillsworkexperience.com)

You must be 16 years or older to participate in the programme

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## BAE Systems - Women in Engineering Insight Experience

The four day Programme will be delivered in January 2024 with a mix of virtual and face-to-face delivery at the local site (Electronic Systems) in Rochester. Successful candidates of the programme will then be offered an interview for our Level 3 Advanced Technical Apprenticeship, with roles starting in September 2024.

**Please also note whilst it is aimed at females, it is open for all to apply (inclusive of all genders).  
Application close on Tuesday 31st October 2023**

A four day programme, with opportunities across the Air, Electronic Systems, Land, Maritime Services, Naval Ships and Submarine sectors at BAE Systems, this hybrid event will introduce you to the exciting world of engineering and the vast range of apprenticeships and careers available. You will learn more about what it is like to work for BAE Systems, gain hands on experience in a in an engineering environment and explore the range of career pathways available.

Opportunities are available for school and college leavers, as well as individuals seeking a new challenge. The programme will be delivered as hybrid learning, with some on-site activity and some virtual learning, across four separate dates in January and February 2024. As part of the insight experience, you will interview for one of our engineering apprenticeships and could be offered a full-time position, starting in autumn 2024.



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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.

### The Cheerful Careers

- If your teen is in year 11, then now is the time to get to grips with college applications. If you missed the college options webinar, it will be available in the group until the end of the month and you can find it [here](#) on Facebook.
- Find out about the best questions to ask at college open days in my blog [here](#)



### The Parents Guide To...

- [How to help your child choose the right apprenticeship](#)
- [The A-Z of revision](#)
- [How to help your child with their revision - five proven strategies](#)
- [Revision timetables](#)
- [UCAS Personal statement mindmap](#)



### Parents' & Carers' Pack - Amazing Apprenticeships

The latest apprenticeship information & advice for parents, supported by the Education and Skills Funding Agency is now available to access.

- **Access the September 2023 test pack [here](#).**
- **Access the October 2023 pack [here](#).**

### The Parent Perspective Podcast - Amazing Apprenticeships

[The Parent Perspective Podcast S3 E7: The Options Post-18: the choices facing 18 year olds](#)

University, a gap year, an apprenticeship or maybe a job? Just four of the many options facing 18 year olds leaving college. But how can you help your young people make the right decision?

This episode is the second of three in 'Options October'. Last week we focused on post-16 choices and in the third of the three we'll look at 'retraining', but in this episode, it's all about the options open to young people post-18.

[The Parent Perspective Podcast S3 E6: The Options Post-16](#)

This episode is the first of three in 'Options October'. In later episodes we'll focus on post-18 choices and 'retraining', but in this episode, it's all about the options open to young people post-16, after their GCSEs.

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## ONE FINAL WORD FROM THE CAREERS TEAM



If you own or work for a business that would be happy to accept our students on their work experience placement or perhaps be a guest speaker at one of our career events please see this [google form](#). Thank you for your support.