

CAREERS TEAM

NEWSLETTER - 2022/2023 TERM 4. ISSUE 9



Hello Saint George's Community

Hello everyone and welcome to this edition of the Careers Newsletter.

We hope you are still enjoying the "weekly futures bulletin" and that you are finding it useful. Please do let us know if you would like to see other items on the bulletin.

In this edition we introduce you to Stacey Owen, our new Enterprise Adviser, we are so excited to have her on board.

As always, we are keen to hear your thoughts about our careers programme and any ideas or suggestions you may have about how it could be developed. Please also feel free to get in touch if you would like to support any of our careers events or can offer a work experience placement by completing this short [Google Form](#).

If you have any other questions regarding Careers, please feel free to email:

jordanc@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk (Careers Lead) or hallama@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk (Careers Administration)

Many thanks as always for your support and have a wonderful half term break.

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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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Year 7 - Introduction to University

Year 7 were given an introduction to University from Beth Shelton from The University of Kent. This was a hugely interactive session and Year 7 students asked some fantastic questions.

They heard about a variety of topics, ranging from what you can study at university, where they might live and the different clubs and societies you can join at university.

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Year 8 - Introduction to Higher Education

Year 8 were given an introduction to Higher Education from Canterbury Christ Church University.

They learnt all about what university is, the big differences between school and university, why they would go to university, how they get in to university. They also delved into the other skills they will learn such as cooking, budgeting, confidence and team work.

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Year 9 - Practical Skills Day

We took some of our year 9 students to Canterbury Christ Church for a Practical Skills Day. This trip was designed to give students one to one support in their pathways decisions and Post 16 and 18 choices.

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Daive Pickard Seminar

David Pickard, a Director of the BBC Proms, came in to talk to students about careers in the arts and the range of potential jobs that they may never have considered!

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Personal Guidance Meetings

Year 12 have been attending their one to one career guidance meetings with our independent careers advisers. Please do check your emails for information on your child's booking.

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Year 12 - University of Kent

Year 12 Students had the **University of Kent** come in to talk about applying, and the options surrounding university.

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Year 9 Careers Interventions

To support year 9 pathways, we have been inviting students to attend some small group careers interventions with Ms Jordan, our Careers Lead.

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The Digital Careers Conference

Some of our year 12 students attended the the Digital Careers Conference at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls.

Aspiration Digital is a one-day digital skills conference designed to educate students on the different roles in digital and various career paths. Ideal for media studies, business, computing, IT and marketing students. You can find out more about the conference [here](#).

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The Choices Careers Show

9th March 2023



On Thursday 9th March we held our Careers Show for Years 7 -10 and Year 12 students.

We had a broad range of providers from further and higher education; such as colleges and universities. We also had representatives from employers and local training providers on hand to offer employer insights and advice about careers in their job sectors. We also had representatives from the CXK team.

We had some amazing feedback from the exhibitors / staff and students which will help to improve the Show for next year. Here are some photos and feedback from the event.

Some things the exhibitors said . . .

- "Well organized and controlled, Children were polite and interested. please pass on my thanks to the staff and students for the Coffee's and lunch"
- "A great day, well organised. The students supporting the event were really helpful and attentive."
- "All staff are always super friendly and your helpful students were brilliant offering to help set up and getting me a coffee and even offering breakfast which was so lovely. More than happy to come back anytime!"

Some things the students said . . .

- "I don't really know I think the careers show was awesome"
- "it was perfect in my opinion"



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**Adam & Bowles
Wealth Management**



**University for the
Creative Arts**



**Kent & Medway
Medical School**



Kent Police



Quantum Intelligence



**Kent County Council
Occupational Therapy**

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The Choices Careers Show

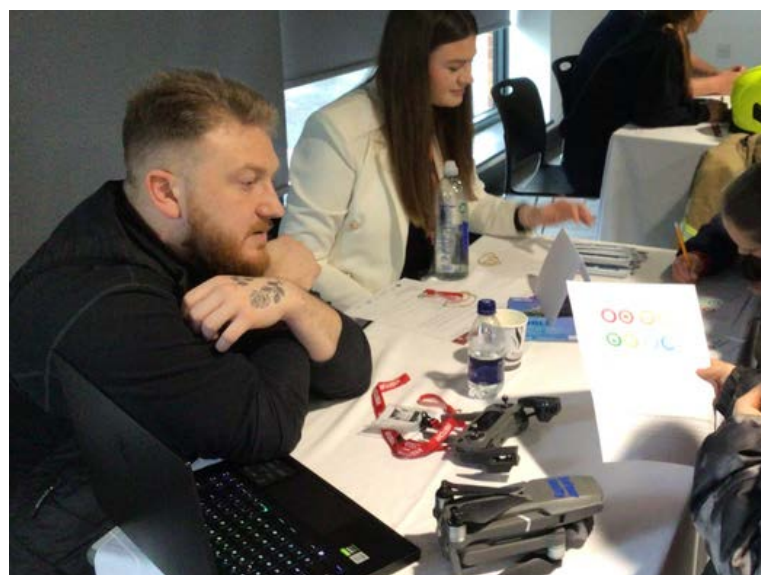
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Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust



**Kent County Council
Occupational Therapy**



Balfour Beatty

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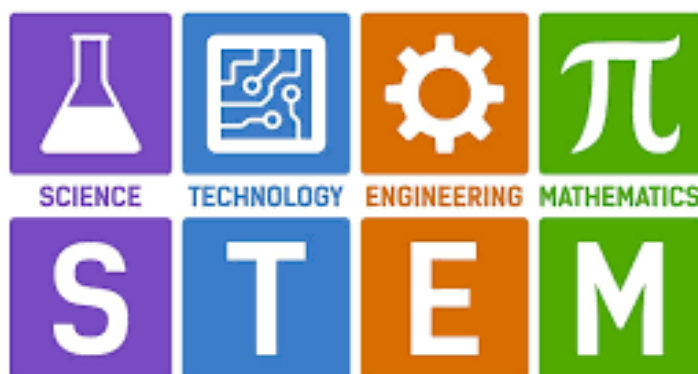
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Year 9 STEM Webinar

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Mr Hargreaves and the maths department hosted a STEM webinar for year 9 girls to celebrate International Women's Day. Our students discovered more about careers that use maths and other STEM subjects.



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Year 12 A-Level Trip to Disney

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Year 12 and 13 Media and Business students were taken to Disney. The trip was designed to reinforce students understanding of the A-Level Media and Business course with a real-life experience.



A-Level Business students await their Business Conference at The Gaumont Cinema Disneyland Paris warmed by a petit déjeuner of croissant, fruit and hot chocolate!



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On Friday 17th March, the careers department put on three different talks to help guide and inform students about their potential future pathways and careers.

Year 8 Students had a talk from **Canterbury Christ Church University, UK**, who gave an introduction on attending University, all in aid of helping the students choose the right options for them.

Year 12 Students had the **University of Kent** come in to talk about applying, and the options surrounding university.

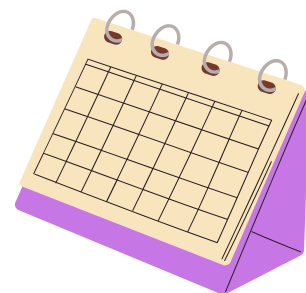
Lastly, but by no means least, **David Pickard, a Director of the BBC Proms**, came in to talk to students about careers in the arts and the range of potential jobs that they may never have considered!



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Year 7

We are **super excited** to have booked a fantastic STEM Roadshow for year 7. This will be delivered jointly by BAE Systems, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. Aligned to the National Curriculum, this roadshow includes a 50-minute performance to inspire and engage students. The theme of the 2023 show is 'From the depths of the oceans to outer space.' Students will examine the engineering challenges that are faced when travelling to the most inhospitable places and discover some of the innovative solutions to these problems.

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North Kent College - Hair And Beauty Taster

We will be rebooking Clare, the Head of Hair and Beauty at NKC to come in and meet some of our year 10 and 11 students. Students will be lucky enough to receive a taster session to give them an idea of the college courses. Unfortunately this had to be postponed due to the snow.

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Year 12 Futures Day

In term 6 we will be hosting our annual *Futures Day* for year 12. We will be inviting in employees from a variety of industries to offer employer insights and advice about careers in their job sectors. Ms Jordan, our Careers Lead will also be providing a workshop around searching and applying for higher level apprenticeships.

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Year 8 - Introduction to Apprenticeships

In term 6 we are planning to have someone come into to speak to year 8 and give them an introduction to the world of apprenticeships.

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University of Kent - World Languages Day

In term 6 some of our year 8 students will have the opportunity to Visit The University of Kent as part of World Languages Day.

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Personal Guidance Meetings

For students in year 9 whose parents/carers completed the google form and requested a meeting, we will be inviting those students to attend their one to one career guidance meetings with our independent careers adviser. Please do check your emails for information on your child's booking. Year 12 will also continue to be invited to their meetings.

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Linking Maths to Careers

In terms 5 and 6, Stacey, from Adam & Bowles Wealth Management, will be hosting several workshops on budgeting with years 7, 8 9 and 10. This hugely links to Gatsby Benchmark 4 - Linking Curriculum Learning to Careers. Stacey is also our new Enterprise Adviser.

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UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON

At **The London Institute of Banking & Finance (LIBF)**, we have over 140 years' experience of providing industry-leading education. Our specialist degrees in banking and finance are designed with employability in mind – meaning that students will be job-ready when they graduate. Not only that, but we provide continuous student support throughout and beyond your degree.

Based in the heart of City of London, we host multiple events throughout the year – what better way to get to know us? Keep reading to find out what we have coming up and make sure to register now to ensure you don't miss out.

Undergraduate Open Day

Feeling unsure about your degree programme choices? Find out more about our banking and finance degrees during our Undergraduate Open Day!

Join us on Saturday 1 July from 11am where you'll get the opportunity to have a look around our campuses, meet our academic teams and talk to current LIBF student.

Summer taster programme

Are you thinking of a career in the financial services but don't know where to start? Our summer taster programme is for you!

Join us over three days where you'll be able to experience a variety of workshops, talks and lectures led by industry experts. You'll also get a sneak peek into student life with LIBF through social activities, networking sessions and a guided tour around the city. There are spaces available for both July and August so make sure to register your place to avoid missing out!

REACH

Our REACH programme focuses on championing diversity and change in the banking and finance sector. We host a variety of events to support the progression of under-represented groups including mature, female and ethnically diverse students.

Join us at our London campus for our next REACH event, 'Diversity in banking and finance' on 27 June. Be a part of the discussion on career journeys, industry challenges and our top tips on succeeding in the banking and finance industry.

At **Writtle University College** we are continuing to offer Open Days and Webinars for students interested in studying with us.

- Our next college course webinar is on 25th April, and the open day is on Saturday 17th June. Details can be found [here](#).
- Our next university course open day is on 22nd April. Students can find out more and book onto this event [here](#).

We are still taking applications for college and university courses across all of our subject areas. If students have any questions regarding our courses, they can email enquire@writtle.ac.uk where one of our friendly advisors will be able to support them.

Prospective university students are now also able to apply for student finance for the 2023/2024 academic year. More guidance on this can be found on the Government website, which can be accessed [here](#).

Swansea University

Open Days are back for Spring. A perfect way for students who have already applied to find out more about the course or for younger students to get an early start thinking about university.

Subjects on offer include Accounting, Finance, Tourism, Business Management and many more.

To book your place, click [here](#).



Getting into Medical School 2024 Entry

The new edition of the annual best seller is available now!

Download this free chapter to:

- Get all the steps required for a successful university application
- Read two case studies from recent graduates
- View the different teaching styles for medical schools in the UK

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Falmouth University

Explore all of the courses at the No.1 Arts University in the UK. The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023.

Get a prospectus and find the right course for you. Click [here](#) to request a printed copy or view on line.



At the **University of Sunderland**, we welcome bright and capable students, whatever their background or circumstances, and help them achieve their potential. Ranked as a top 50 university in the Guardian University Guide 2023, we're proud of our world-leading research, our public and private sector collaborations, and our long-established commitment to widening participation. Our graduates leave equipped with the knowledge, skills, confidence, and connections to move into fulfilling careers.

Sign up for our parents' and supporters' newsletter email and we'll guide you through the university application process. You'll get:

- Deadline reminders
- Open day invites
- Resources and tips

Sign up [here](#)

University of Bath - Autism Summer School

The Autism Summer School is for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who will complete Year 11 in June-July 2023.

This summer school is a free-of-charge, one-night residential summer school that aims to give students with ASD the chance to experience higher education and university life and also equip them with the skills to ease their transition to the next stage of their development.

Click [here](#) for more information.

The University of Surrey invites your Year 12 students to take part in their Summer School residential programme.

The residential summer schools run over five days and four nights on-campus and the virtual summer schools run over five days. For those students who are interested in going to university but want to experience what it is going to be like first then this the perfect opportunity for them.

There are 4 different summer school programmes for eligible participants:

- [Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences \(June 26th-30th\)](#)
- [Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences Residential Summer School \(July 3rd-7th\)](#)
- [Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences \(July 3rd-7th\)](#)
- [Virtual Summer School \(July 17th-21st\)](#)

For the residential summer school ALL expenses are paid for including travel and food. Meaning students from anywhere in the UK can take part. For the virtual summer school any technical equipment needed can be supplied.

University of Surrey Year 12 Residential Summer School (Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences)

This residential summer school will take place Monday 26th June – Sunday 30th June. It is free to attend and you will be provided with free accommodation, refreshments and meals throughout. The University is also able to cover the cost of travel to and from the summer school.

Combining an exciting mix of theory and practical work, our summer school will provide you with the opportunity to explore and develop your knowledge, skills and interests in the following subject areas:

- Biosciences
- Health sciences: nursing, midwifery and paramedic science
- Psychology
- Veterinary medicine

Click [here](#) for more information.



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Newcastle University

Applications for student finance are open in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, with Wales due to open next month.

Support your child's application by downloading our Student Finance: 2023 entry eBook. Find out about the loans and grants they could be eligible for and how they'll repay the money they borrow.

PLUS... get advice on how much university will cost and read about the £1.7million support package we're putting in place to help our students during this cost of living crisis.

Get the eBook [here](#)

Join our parents' and supporters' event

Still got questions about university and the transition to higher education for your child?

Get the answers you need at our Parents' and Supporters' Guide to University (Saturday 15 April, 10am – 2pm) when we'll tackle:

- what happens during the application process?
- what financial support is offered to students?
- what are the career options?

There'll also be information about student life with us, including our accommodation and facilities, plus the chance to take a campus tour.

Find out more and book [here](#).



Complete University Guide

Which universities are in Bristol? Discover location, transport and facility information for each uni in the city.

Guide [here](#)



University for the Creative Arts

Campus Tours

Your students can check out our facilities and the UCA atmosphere on one of our campus tours, every Friday at 1pm or 2.30pm. Our tours are led by one of our student ambassadors, who has unique insight into life at UCA, and they're more than happy to answer any questions.

Share this link with your students to book - www.uca.ac.uk/campuses/campus-tours/

Free Creative Kits

For Year 10-13s and FE equivalents. Free packs of creative materials (pens, paints, sketchbook etc) posted directly to students (see website for full eligibility criteria). More info and to apply [here](#).



UniTasterDays Subject Guide Videos

An impartial guide to university courses - featuring expert speakers.

These impartial videos have one key aim. To support students who are considering university to make informed future subject decisions. They feature guest speakers from a range of different universities, who are always experts in the subject being explored.

Including the UK's first video subject guide!

Different subjects, but the same four themes explored in every single one:

- Why students may wish to consider the subject
- What to expect if they study it
- An overview of the careers it may lead to
- Application tips if they go on to apply

From Accounting to Zoology - and 100's of subjects in between. You can browse the videos below, search by keyword, or filter by subject.

Access the webinars [here](#).



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COLLEGE - WHAT'S ON

Hadlow College

Did you know our Higher Education programmes are delivered in partnership with world-class universities? Many of our students pursuing careers within their specialism or progressing onto postgraduate study with prestigious providers. Find out more on our HE Courses [here](#).

Interested in Floristry? Jo Russel, previous NCFE Creative craft in Floristry student said "My favourite aspect of the course was being encouraged by the tutor with my sometimes different and unconventional ideas. We learnt something different each week and really got to experiment with different designs. Our lecturer really made us think outside the box within the industry. I enjoyed designs where I got to add props - such as a hand-tied bouquet I created in a circus theme." Find out more on our Floristry courses [here](#).



KICKSTART YOUR CAREER! with Forward2Employment

Forward2Employment supports young people, with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND), in Medway, Kent and the South East, to find permanent and purposeful employment.

Our Supported Internships enable young people aged 16-24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), and a real desire to work, to achieve sustainable paid employment by equipping them with the skills they need for work, through learning in the workplace.

Find out more [HERE](#)

MidKent College

MKC posted some fabulous photos recently on Facebook. One post showed a really exciting lesson for their Level 3 Policing students.

They were working towards their Crime Scene Investigation unit, covering fingerprinting, blood samples and drug analysis.

If you're interested in a career in the Police, take a look at their course [here](#).

Another post showed the new training cabin at their Maidstone Campus. We think it looks fab!

The Maidstone Campus is home to a replica air cabin - complete with overhead lockers, tannoy system and reclinable seats - to ensure you receive the very best and most realistic learning experience.

Click [here](#) to take a look at the Level 2 course in Air Cabin Crew.



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It's Your Future - Plan it !!!

Webinars, videos, live events and other resources

Aspire Webinar Series has been created to help you make more informed decisions about your university and post-18 options. Our sessions will provide you with an overview of different career pathways (from Law to Banking), as well as guidance on applying to university, apprenticeships and work experience opportunities.

All sessions are free to attend for UK-based sixth formers at state schools. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Women in Tech: Launching your career with a skills boot-camp

Are you a woman looking to enter the tech world? Look no further for inspiration - as we bring you the ultimate 'Women in Tech' event!

Join us at Microsoft's Experience Centre on Regent's Street on Wednesday 5th April to be inspired and motivated by some amazing guest speakers, including Generation boot camp graduates and women working in exciting roles at Microsoft. Not in London? Join us virtually!

We will also be providing you with all the information you need to apply for Generation UK's free, life-changing skills boot camps that connect you to hiring employers to get your foot in the door of a tech career - without qualifications or experience.

Timings

If you are joining us in person, please arrive between 12.30 - 1.00pm to register and join us for lunch before the talks begin.

Online attendees can join us from 1.00pm.

The event will finish at 4.00pm.

Register [here](#)

Step-Up Expo: Inspiring Teen Choices – FREE EVENT – London Olympia, 1st July 2023

Inspiring young adults to think about their futures.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to reserve your place



Exploring the World of Engineering with Jacobs 30th May to 2nd June 2023

At Jacobs, every day is an opportunity to make a better, more connected, sustainable world. We're always looking for dynamic and engaged people to join our team.

The world needs innovators and problem solvers who turn challenges into greater opportunities. At Jacobs, every day is our opportunity to make the world better, more connected, more sustainable – from cleaner air to connected, resilient cities, cybersecurity to space exploration.

This workshop is your opportunity to get a better insight into Jacobs and the way we work. It will be a chance to build relationships with the company and other applicants. You'll be learning through a series of lectures style presentations and activities before giving a group presentation on your final day to a panel of judges.

Apply [here](#)

Tips and Hints' for those considering a career in Finance 30th May 2023

Welcome! This virtual experience will provide an open and informative forum those keen to find out about key business areas within a leading hedge fund. The aim of the session is to hear from those new to their careers in banking. We will share our experiences, tips for success as well as provide an opportunity to ask questions. Not only will you learn about key business areas within a hedge fund from those who recently started their careers, you will also hear about how they navigated the recruitment processes and the skills necessary for building a career in finance!

Register [here](#).



Join us at Olympia London on 10 & 11 November 2023 to learn more about your options once you leave school or college. More information coming soon. Click [here](#) for more information.

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RMets Careers Day: Interested in a Career in Weather and Climate? 17th June 2023

Are you considering a career in weather, climate or climate change? Maybe you're choosing which A level subjects to take, or starting to look at undergraduate courses, or maybe you're already an undergraduate and wondering what to do next. In this free, online careers day organised by the Royal Meteorological Society, we'll be asking people from UK Universities, the Met Office and other employers of meteorologists to tell you a bit about their current work and how they got there, and we'll explore the best routes into meteorology.

In the course of the event, you'll hear short talks from a broad range of presenters and have an opportunity to ask them questions. Click here to register.

GETTING AHEAD WITH APPRENTICESHIPS, WITH KATIE THISTLETON

Are you thinking about a degree apprenticeship? Discover how to get started and learn more about the journey ahead. Radio 1's Katie Thistleton chats to apprentices and experts from universities and employers about what you need to know. Watch to learn more about the future you could look forward to with a degree apprenticeship.

Watch episodes [here](#).

The Aspire Guide - a 64-page guide providing in-depth information on different career pathways, university options, student finance, gap years and more.

Recording Available: Pathways into Careers with Inspiring the Future.

Access the recording [here](#)

The #NCW2023 recordings are ready to watch on youtube!

MONDAY TALKS - [An overview of the Creative Industries](#)

TUESDAY TALKS - [Careers in the Screen Industries](#)

WEDNESDAY TALKS - [Careers in the Arts & Pop Culture](#)

THURSDAY TALKS - [Careers in the Media](#)

FRIDAY TALKS - [Careers in CreaTech & the future of the Creative Industries](#)



What are your options into 'The World of Work'

I hope our talk was insightful and inspired your students to discover more on options available into the world of work, other than uni.

For those of you who were unable to join, please see the recording below for you to play back at your leisure.

Click [here](#) to access the recording

On Demand Webinars from National Apprenticeship Week

To access the recordings, click [here](#).

"How To Help Your Students Find a Great Work Experience Placement" Meeting Recording is available [here](#).

"HOW TO WRITE A GREAT FIRST CV" Meeting Recording is available [here](#).

We are the NHS. Get your guide to an NHS career. | Health Careers. Register [here](#)

Unifrog's virtual Next Steps Fair - Recording Available

Wednesday 8 March @ 16:30 UK time

Join Sophie Pender, our keynote speaker, Forbes 30 under 30, and founder of the 93% Club at our annual Fair! As well as hearing from her, you'll have the chance to learn about leading employers and universities in live sessions and drop by their virtual booths to chat with them directly.

Access the recording [here](#)

Careers in Racing Podcasts now LIVE!

Careersinracing are happy to announce that our very first series of podcasts are now live. The 'Race to your Career' series provides listeners with a unique insight into the working world of British Racing.

The Race to your Career podcast series is now available to listen to on the following platforms:

- [Amazon Music](#)
- [Anchor FM](#)
- [Apple Podcasts](#)
- [Spotify](#)

The series is also available to watch via the Careersinracing YouTube channel.

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Competition!!!

We want to make sure your students know about our programme and are utilising it! That's where we need your help.

We are running a little competition up until the May half term where we want to give back to your school. We acknowledge those who continue to engage with our programme and get their students on board with us.

This is your chance to represent your school and show us who's best!

Register for an account [here](#) or by using the QR code in the poster

JOIN OUR FREE STUDENT PROGRAMME!

YEAR 9-13 STUDENTS

Scan this QR code to sign up.

WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF IT?

Attend FREE employer events including work experience days.

Apply for apprenticeship and work experience opportunities directly from our website.

1-2-1 mentoring support sessions available for book every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday during term time.

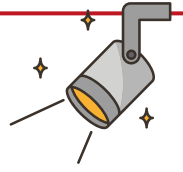
Access to written and video resources.

"It was a great experience going through Pathway CTM, it gave me an insight into my future career providing me with lots of opportunities!"

Just a few of the 50+ employers we work with!

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APPRENTICESHIPS



Not Going to Uni

We have had many employers renew with us in January. All of which have some great opportunities in the early careers space, so if anyone is looking to apply for a role, you have plenty of options to choose from!

Take a look [here](#) at our latest opportunities and see everything currently on offer.



KT&A training is delivered by experts in your chosen industry. We make sure you get the right skills to begin building your career. We help match you to an employer who gives you on-the-job training and pays your wages. Depending on the qualification you are working towards, you may also attend one of our centres each week for additional training.

Click [here](#) to read more and [here](#) to see apprenticeships vacancies.



Inspire my Future

Search for your apprenticeship, traineeship, t-level or retraining opportunity

<https://inspiremyfuture.co.uk/>



Applying For Apprenticeships: The Ultimate Toolkit

There are tons of apprenticeships out there. In lots of different industries too. However, getting your dream role can feel hard. You'll attend interviews, attend assessment centres, do some group work and perform written tasks. All to prove you're the best candidate for the job.

We know how overwhelming it is. With so much competition, you'll want to stand out. But how? Luckily for you, we've put together the ultimate toolkit with lots of goodies and advice to help you nail your application and WOW those judges. Download it [here](#).

Discover software roles at GCHQ

We're GCHQ, the UK's intelligence, cyber and security agency. Working closely with our partners in the intelligence community, we protect the nation's people, interests and businesses from threats including serious and organised crime, terrorism, and cyber-attacks. It's varied, meaningful work that you won't find anywhere else.

Now, we're looking for creative thinkers to join us. You'll apply your expertise to projects unique to our organisation and develop new skills along the way. Your insights will be valued, and your ideas encouraged, as we work together to protect the UK.

To find out more and apply, please visit our [website](#)

Apprenticeship opportunities with Specsavers

At Specsavers, we believe in growing our own. Our apprenticeships provide firm foundations for lifelong careers in Optometry and Audiology. Fields that are dynamic, rewarding and constantly evolving.

In practical terms this means hands-on learning and preparation for those all-important next steps. Something our 600 apprentices certainly appreciate.

Growing our talent.



For further information click [here](#)

Level 2 Building Operations Apprenticeship by The Walt Disney Company

Ready to make magic? We're hiring for our Apprenticeships. During this Apprenticeship, you will get the chance to work side-by-side with industry leaders, supporting the operations of the office buildings in the UK & Ireland (UK&I), while you study towards your apprenticeship qualification - Level 2 Facilities Services Operative Apprentice.

As a Facilities Services Operative Apprentice, you will support the on-site Facilities team with administrative aspects and developments to ensure the smooth running of The Walt Disney Company estates across United Kingdom and Ireland (UK&I). You will have the opportunity to experience how our facilities team are crucial in the running of the services of our estates, property, and management.

Click [here](#) for more information.



OUR ENTERPRISE ADVISER

Stacey works for Adams & Bowles Wealth Management Ltd based in Kings Hill as their Financial Education Specialist for young people aged 5-18 with several different interactive workshops all based around learning about the world of money. Stacey's passion is to help everyone with their financial situation by sharing the knowledge she has and by making a difference to people's physical and mental wellbeing when it comes to their finances. Stacey has quoted *"I feel very proud and honoured to have been asked to be the Enterprise Adviser for Saint George's my Financial Education journey for young people started here and to be able to support the school with their careers means a lot to me. Building brighter futures is at the heart of what I do and if I can change one life, I have changed the world forever"*.

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PARENTS / CARERS

Dear Parent / Carer

Parents' & Carers' Pack January

The latest apprenticeship information & advice for parents, supported by the Education and Skills Funding Agency is now available to access. The March edition includes highlights from national apprenticeship week 2023, takes a look at degree apprenticeships and shares guidance on career starter apprenticeships.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-carers-pack-march-2/>

Talking Futures

Parents / carers, if you'd like to get a career conversation started with your child, why not put yourself in the hot seat?!

Allowing your child to ask you questions about your work, training, skills and experience could inspire them to consider options they haven't thought of before.

For more information on how to start a conversation, visit: <https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/start-talking/>



Downloadable careers eBook for parents

This year's Parents' Guide will be our second edition, and has a skills specific theme. This guide has been designed to help parents support their children in making informed decisions about their future, and develop the correct skills to help them succeed. Parents will benefit from content on topics including:

- Pathways into work, including T-levels, apprenticeships and university
- The importance of employability skills
- The value of work experience placements
- Student finance and choosing student accommodation
- Careers advice dos and don'ts
- 24-day "skills workout" exercises to complete at home, designed to help young people actively develop eight key employability skills
- PLUS interviews and guest content from organisations including PwC, University of Bath, Sky, Institute of Student Employers, Staffordshire University and many more

To access the guides, parents and carers just need to sign up to our special parents' mailing list. Please click this link to a special sign-up form explaining the guides:

<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/parents-careers-guides>

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Recording of the Virtual & Hybrid Work Experience Session for Parents/Carers of 14-19 yr old that took place on 1st March 2023 18:30 - 19:15

Here is the link. <https://vimeo.com/805577782>

It was great to highlight the work of a few of our employers:

- Samantha Sullivan - Pre-Employability and Work Placement Manager at Tesco
- Elizabeth Carter - Transformation Lead, NextGen Nurse at NHS England
- Sophie Baldock - Early Careers Manager at Bentley Motors Ltd

They were able to share their experiences of working with Speakers for Schools on providing FULLY FUNDED Work Experience opportunities to young people in state funded education across the UK.

We know how hard it is to help your child weigh up future career options when the job market has changed so massively, and there are so many different pathways into employment you might not be aware of. Speakers for Schools are a youth charity that offers FULLY FUNDED work experience opportunities with big-name national employers like Tesco, the NHS and Bentley Motors, offering thousands of placements across the whole of the UK.

The Parents Guide To

Take a look at the latest version which can be found [here](#)

As the spring term winds to an end, we've included support for you and your parents on:

1. Stress Awareness Month
2. School membership – summer term offer
3. Spotlight on T Levels
4. The Extended Project Qualification – EPQ
5. Vocational routes to careers
6. Post-16 options and Post-18 options
7. Work experience
8. What's coming up in April



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