Careers Information & Opportunities



Dear Parents, Carers & Students

Please find below this week's Careers News.

If you have any career tips, comments, suggestions

– or come across useful resources - feel free to email.

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Apprenticeships

Students with a Unifrog log-in can see all apprenticeship listings, on-demand webinars and more

Students should research the many apprenticeship websites
(Amazing Apprentices, Springpod, Uptree, Success at Schools etc) and
if they haven't already, register with the government website, click here

Here's a flavour of what is available right now:

Amazing Apprentices - Parent Perspective Podcast

Episode 1 of Series 2 is now available. Rachel Burden leads the conversation, kicking things off an episode about workplace opportunities and the options available to school leavers. It's a great introduction to what promises to be a series packed full of useful support and guidance for parents and carers. Listen via your preferred platform now or visit the dedicated podcast page here for more info. The first session will be presented by expert speakers from the National Careers Service. STOP PRESS: Episode 2 also now available, click here

<u>Virtual Police Degree Apprenticeship Panel - 19th October</u>

Join the Virtual Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship Panel on the **19th October 2pm-3pm for** Year 12 and 13 students interested in studying the degree apprenticeship and/or joining the police force, parents welcome too. With police representation from partner forces, hear from a degree apprentice about their journey and why they chose the Policing Constable degree apprenticeship route plus learn how you can apply.

The Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship is part of the new <u>Policing Education Qualifications Framework (PEQF)</u>, which aims to further professionalise policing as a career by raising educational standards.

More information about the Policing Degree Constable Degree Apprenticeship can be found on the website.

Aldi Store – Retail Apprenticeship

Aldi aim to be the cheapest supermarket store on the high street. Here's an opportunity to join as an apprentice. Click here for more information – both retail & management opportunities.

Years 10-13 IBM & PwC Insight Apprenticeship Webinars

Hear from current apprentices, learn more about the organisation and company culture, discover apprenticeship opportunities plus a Q&A session, where you'll be able to ask questions directly to the recruitment teams.

IBM Apprenticeships - 12 October 2022 at 6.30-7.15pm

To book a place, click here

PwC Women in STEM - 19 October 2022 at 6.30-7.15pm

To book a place click here

Upcoming webinars (details to be shared soon): CBRE Real Estate (January 2023), National Audit Office (January 2023), EDF Energy (February 2023) and Lloyds Banking Group (2023)

Opportunities Available via Career Map & Rate My Apprenticeship

Various listings, click here and click here

All You Need To Know About Apprenticeships

Amazing Apprenticeship have a terrific website packed full of facts, information and guidance. Here's the link to explore everything you might need to know, <u>click here</u>. Apprenticeship levels explained in *Rapid Resources*, <u>click here</u>.

What is a Degree Apprenticeship?

The UCAS website has some good information, click here

ASK Apprenticeships Resources For Parents & Guardians

Download resources designed for parents, carers and guardians to help support a young person in making informed career decisions. <u>Learn more</u>

Vacancy Reports

Weekly apprenticeship and traineeship vacancy reports are now available showing all live vacancies broken down by local authority. To sign up to receive the reports, please send an email request to communications.ESFA@education.gov.uk - noting the region you require.

<u>League Table – Apprenticeship Providers</u>

Take a look at the top apprenticeship providers from *Rate My Apprenticeship*. Based on thousands of insightful reviews, the tables reveal which companies are leading the way in offering world-class apprenticeships and training to school and college leavers in the UK. <u>Click here</u>

Apprenticeships - Recruiting Now

Here's a round-up from Success At Schools - many top prestigious employers are listed. Click here

College/University Information

Advance Notice - College Open Events

Please see list below:

Cambridge Regional College -12^{th} October 4.30pm-7pm. Register here Stansted Airport College -15^{th} October 10am-2pm. Registration here Writtle College -15^{th} October 10am-3pm Register here Harlow College -20^{th} October 5pm-8pm. Registration here Hertford Regional College -1^{st} November 5.40pm-8pm. Register here Long Road - Tours available to book from end of September

Fast Forward Vocational Training

Fast Forward are a specialist training provider and have teamed up with TeamSport indoor Karting to offer an opportunity of acquiring skills and qualifications. Starting this autumn, students will study a Level 1 motor Vehicle Studies qualification, providing a stepping stone to more qualifications as well as provide experience to enhance employment prospects. For more information call Callum Thompson at Raceway Training on 077533 28926 or email callumthompson@raceway training.co.uk

Student Life Podcast

From The University of Plymouth, comes a podcast on what student life is really like. Click here

From UCL - Parents' Evening Support - parent/carer online conferences

Various topics including funding, the application process etc. The first one is *Your Child's Journey* From 6th Form to University - 19th October 2022: 6pm – 7pm

Everything You Need To Know About Russell Group Universities

Whether asking what is a *Russell Group* university - or weighing up whether they are worth it - here are some answers. <u>Read More</u>

What's The Point Of Going To University?

If still wondering about university, a recent edition of Radio 4's *You and Yours* focussed on the cost of university and whether it fast tracks your career. For those pondering, it might be worth a listen. <u>Click here</u> but login to *BBC Sounds*.

What Can I Do With My Degree

Not just for graduates, *Prospects* is the ultimate research tool when it comes to subject choice. The 'What can I do with my degree?' tool can be used for students struggling to identify potential career paths from studying particular degree programmes. Click here

UniTasterDays Parents' Guide to University FREE To Download

The Parents' Guide to University has been produced by UniTasterDays.com in collaboration with HELOA - to help parents or guardians support their young person with their higher education decisions. Editorial has been provided by over 40 colleagues at universities and schools and colleges throughout the UK on topics including student finance, university applications, university events, student wellbeing and more. Click here

University College London Parents Guide to University

Starting university is a major turning point in a young person's life. This can be an anxious time for parents and carers. *UCL* have created a guide that aims to answer some questions for parents and carers. <u>Download here</u>

Uni Taster Days - University Event Directory

UniTasterDays are hosting online university events for students and here's a handy one-stop directory where you can search online. There are listings for taster days, masterclasses, workshops and open days in every imaginable subject – some 127 pages – with filters! Additional sessions such as, *Understanding The UCAS Process, UCAS And Personal Statements* and *Student Life*. It's available here. *Special Note:* Workshops can prove useful background research for subjects, EPQs etc. Here's a link to the home page of this terrific directory:

https://www.unitasterdays.com/ The latest bogs featurese an introduction to university widening participation and fair access and a guide to the 2023 student finance changes.

UCAS for Parents

The UCAS website provides a wealth of information geared towards parents including a guide that you can download and information on financial support and budgeting, <u>click here</u>

Years 11-12 – Have you Considered All The Options?

University is a great choice for many students but if you're not sure, there are other options. <u>Click here</u> for an overview from *Success At Schools*. For the pros and cons of university, <u>click here</u>. Which university and what degree to choose? There's some help <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>. Finally, here's some general information on open days and how to make the most of them, click here

Work Experience

Please ensure you speak with your Head of Year before attending sessions that fall on a school day

<u>Years 7-13 Engineering Work Experience – October Half Term</u>

The virtual work experience from WSP in Hertford takes place during October half-term (24th-28th October). Students complete various modules throughout the week run by engineers and consultants. Presenters will introduce

students to their field of expertise (structures, environment, flood risk, drainage etc), talk about their role, their routes into industry plus real-world project experiences to be followed by an interactive activity. Sign up via https://forms.office.com/r/fQtdwz5gJ3 or use the QR code on posters on Head of Year noticeboards.

<u>Years 10-13 Virtual Work Experience – Springpod – October Half-Term</u>

New programmes have been added such as <u>LNER</u>, <u>Direct Line</u> and <u>Specsavers</u> plus there are opportunities in a wide range of careers such as Journalism, TV and Film and Marketing. For a full list of the programmes offered, <u>please</u> <u>click here</u>. You can create a *Springpod* account by going to https://www.springpod.co.uk/ and clicking 'get started'.

Here's a PDF overview of what's on offer in sectors. All take place in half-term - register by 19th October. Click here

Year 12 - Uptree - ARM Work Experience - October Half-Term

Students may like to know of this fantastic and reasonably local opportunity on Tuesday 25th October – <u>click here for more info</u>. Also another opportunity to carry out work experience on 15th December- <u>click here</u>. Don't be put off by the location of ARM as they run a shuttle bus between Cambridge station and their premises in Cherry Hinton.

<u>Uptree – Regularly Refreshed</u>

Register for work experience days (*ARM, GCHQ, JP Morgan, Shawbrook Bank* and *Ogilvy* amongst others) in creative, finance, accounting, tech and more. Lots of new opportunities now available. Click here

<u>CareerDays – Online Work Experience</u>

CareerDays.co.uk is for any student aged 14-17 who wants to experience different careers or gain work experience in their chosen field. From medicine, law, performing arts, psychology, business or becoming a vet, we have a 1-day online event for you, designed to give you an insight into life in your chosen field. Visit www.careerdays.co.uk to enrol on any course.

Years 10-13 Work Experience via Speakers For Schools

There are **dozens of opportunities** available via the *Speakers For* Schools website. Do sign up so that you are able to view them – many are virtual so even more of a reason to sign up. To sign up, <u>click here</u>

Careers

Check out the TBSHS careers website where you'll find previous bulletins plus information including quizzes and research tools

Home page: https://tbshs.org/careers/

Space Week 4th-10th October

There are two fairly local observatories, *Putteridge Bury Observatory* in Luton and *Bayfordbury* at the University of Hertfordshire. See their websites for special events as well as events taking place throughout the year. <u>Click here</u> and <u>here</u>.

Maritime Careers Week 10th-16th October

For an introduction into the sector and the many opportunities available within it, you could sign up for the Speakers For Schools 'Welcome to Maritime Q&A'? Or dig a little deeper and join the 'Marine Archaeology Careers Q&A' to hear from specialists within the field. Lots of events and info here

Years 7-13 Free Webinars For Parents

From *InvestIn*, these are live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential. The events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.

12th October: Making it in Medicine - Expert advice on how to get into medical school 16th November: Future-Proofing Students - Preparing students for the jobs of the future 30th November: Finding a Future in Finance - Gaining the skills for a career in Finance Click here to register

PwC Flying Start

The prestigious programme from *PwC* is now open for applications for the 2023 intake. The *Flying Start* degree programmes offer you the chance to go to university and start your career at the same time. You can join in Accounting, Business Management or Technology, where you can earn a salary and while studying for your chosen subject. Studying at university you'll get to experience the full-time student lifestyle but with integrated paid placements at PwC, meaning you'll have some money to enjoy it too. You'll gain a degree, and hopefully impress enough to secure a graduate job with PwC after you graduate. To find out more please visit the website, or you can apply here.

Free Careers Guides for Parents/Carers

From university and apprenticeships to work experience, *Success at School's 2022/2023 Careers Guides* are packed full of advice to help support your child in making the best career choices for them. <u>Click here</u> to register and obtain direct.

Introduction To Careers In PR

The Introduction to PR Careers course from Your Game Plan is the ultimate guide to the wide range of opportunities in PR. Whether you're just starting your journey, or are still deciding if it's right for you, this course provides a detailed portrait of the industry by working through two modules. <u>Click here</u> to find out more.

Years 8-9 Fire Cadet Unit, Harlow

The Fire Cadet Unit is re-opening this Autumn at Harlow Fire Station. Learn about firefighting techniques, basic first aid, fire safety at home, fundraise – and support your Fire & Rescue. Find out more at Fire Cadets (essex-fire.gov.uk) Send applications to Essex-fire.gov.uk

Careers In Chemistry - Inspiring Chemistry Career Profiles

Case studies are a brilliant way of illustrating how students can apply what they learn to the real world. As part of the *Chemistry: Making the Difference* campaign, *The Royal Society of Chemistry* have produced a new collection of case studies promoting the vast range of different career paths that open up to students who choose to study chemistry. See where chemistry can take students in their future – as well as the difference they could make to the world. Click here

Engineering Case Studies

Discover new case studies; Nargiza and Matt show us how maths can help make more comfortable shoes, and how engineering and creativity can lead to something magical.

Meet Nargiza - a researcher working in medical imaging. She uses maths and computing skills to help doctors look after our health and wellbeing.

Meet Matt - a systems engineer who works on submarines, but in his spare time he also works with his friends to create *The3Engineers* storybooks.

Discover more careers inspiration on Neon.

Careers & Enterprise - Webinars Return - Careers In Event Planning

The Careers Webinars kick off tomorrow, Thursday (29th September), with a focus on Careers in Event Planning. This webinar will feature <u>Tinnique Hay</u> – now a freelance Event Planner working with private clients and corporate organisations to meet all their events needs. Tinnique is a self-motivated, highly personable Event Professional with 8+ years of experience established within the meeting, conference and private event sector. Driven by the love and passion of working within the Event Industry alongside building an everlasting family legacy led to the birth of Tinique's Events Management company **Hay Events**.

Registrations are now available on HOP by following this link

Year 8-13 Insights: Your Guide To Careers In STEM - Thursday, October 13th 2022 5.30pm-7pm (Virtual)

This event has been designed to showcase the huge range of careers within STEM in the region. Staff will give you a real understanding about the environmental and technological challenges that we face, and the solutions they are coming up with to tackle them. The volunteers from a range of different companies, will give an excellent insight into their work and pathways. This virtual event is open to all students from Years 8 and above and is designed to allow students to:

Interact and connect with some of the region's leading STEM sector employers

Learn about pathways available to a career in the STEM sector, including apprenticeships and graduate opportunities Find out about different jobs and opportunities

In order to register a place, please click on the following link: bit.ly/FtFInsightSTEM

Cambridge University Hospitals - Open Event - Saturday 15th October

Nursing, Midwifery & Healthcare Support Worker – Register here https://bit.ly/3AhZs13

CUH are hosting a nursing, midwifery and healthcare support worker open day on Saturday 15

October 2022, 10:00am - 15:00pm Learn about the different roles and areas within Cambridge University Hospitals and Royal Papworth NHS Foundation Trusts.

Stansted Airport Jobs Fair

The event will be held between 11am and 2pm on **Tuesday 4th October**, at the Radisson Blu Hotel, London Stansted Airport. Guests can book a place to attend via this link

BBC Bitesize

BBC Bitesize have some great advice from leading careers experts and over 350 job case studies from people who've found the right path for them. <u>Click here</u> for the home page. Check out Where could your favourite subject take you? Explore careers by job sectors and Careers A-Z – Find your Perfect Job.

Find Out More About Individual Jobs

For snapshots into the world of work, visit the *icould* website to explore hundreds of videos about different jobs - search by filters such as job type and school subject. <u>Click here</u>

Live & On-Demand Careers Videos

Find out about different career sectors and employers with these live and on-demand sessions from *Learn Live*. Recent broadcasts include construction giants *Balfour Beatty*, a focus on the hospitality industry and apprenticeship insights. https://learnliveuk.com/channel/

UCAS Careers Advice

Explore job roles and take the careers quiz. Click here

Careers Sessions With Speakers For Schools

Upcoming live broadcasts schedule: Live broadcasts are a great way for students to hear directly from leading figures from a range of industries, and have the opportunity to ask questions via a moderated Q&A.

UPCOMING TALKS

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Thursday 29th September 2-3pm	Pietro Ponti and Emily Shordon, Industrial Light & Magic For KS4-5/S4-6	Join Industrial Light & Magic for an insightful webinar about all the different careers you can have in the visual effects industry. We'll be joined by Pietro Ponti (Visual Effects Supervisor) as well as Junior Artists to talk about the magic of having a rewarding career in Film and TV! Click here to register
Thursday 6 th October 10- 10:45am	Black History Month: Deborah Williams OBE, Chief Executive, Creative Diversity Network For students aged 14+	Join us and Deborah Williams OBE, Chief Executive, Creative Diversity Network, for an exciting broadcast that is part of this year's Black History Month - Time for Change: Action Not Words.' More details to follow. Click here to register
Tuesday 11 th October 2- 2:45pm	Black History Month: Discover Economics For students aged 14+	DETAILS TBC Click <u>here</u> to register
Friday 14 th October 10- 10:45am	Black History Month: Hilary Carty, Director, Clore Leadership For students aged 13+	Join us and Hilary Carty, Director, Clore Leadership for an exciting broadcast that is part of this year's Black History Month - Time for Change: Action Not Words.' More details to follow. Click here to register

Tuesday 18th October 10
10:45am

Black History Month: Oluchi Ikechi, Partner, Head of Strategy & Transactions APAC, Capital Markets, Ernst & Young Parthenon. Founder of 'Fully Bossed' For KS4-5/S4-6 Join us and Oluchi Ikechi, Partner, Head of Strategy & Transactions APAC, Capital Markets, Ernst & Young Parthenon. Founder of 'Fully Bossed for an exciting broadcast that is part of this year Black History Month - Time for Change: Action Not Words.' More details to follow. Click here to register

HOW TO JOIN THE LIVE BROADCASTS

Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready You can join without needing an account – Watch how here Watch pre-recorded broadcasts from their library here.

Resources

Why Does Maths Make Me Anxious?

Last week's BBC Radio 4 episode of *Bringing Up Britain* examined maths anxiety – something that could quietly impact 20% of the country. If asked to quickly divide a bill or publicly calculate a percentage, does your mind go blank? This programme helps us understand maths anxiety and what we can do about it. <u>Click here</u>
There are more episodes in the series that parents/carers might find interesting such as *How Should I Talk to my Children About Climate Change?*, *How Should I Prepare my Son for Adolescence? How Can I Help my Son's Anxiety with Body Image?* <u>Click here</u> for other episode titles.

Years 7-11 Simon Singh's Parallel

Parallel is a home for curious mathematical minds. For ages 10-16, sign up is free and is best-selling maths author Dr Simon Singh's mission to increase the number and diversity of excellent mathematicians. Stretch your brain every week! Click here https://parallel.org.uk/

Note Taking/Revision

From Lancaster University comes this handy guide on note taking and finding a method that works for students. Whilst designed for Lancaster students, the guide suggest some handy digital learning tools that could work well for school students, click here

Study Tips

When asked to offer study tips, Lancaster students were quick to recommend *Quizlet* for studying actively rather than passively. <u>Click here</u> for link to *Quizlet*.

Encouraging Students To Stay Focussed

When Lancaster University spoke to students about time management and studying effectively, they recommended the *Pomodoro Technique* (click here):

Set an alarm and work for 25 minutes

Take a 5 minute break

After 4 work periods, take a longer 15-30 minute break

To avoid distractions, they recommend the *Forest* app - a productivity app which helps to manage time whilst earning credits to plant trees around the world! Read more about the Forest app here

Years 9-13 Cyber Centurion & Cyber Challenge

14 to 19 year olds are invited to take part in a series of online cybersecurity challenges. <u>Find out more here</u> Don't forget the government initiative *Cyber Challenge*, sign up to be sure of competition deadlines etc. <u>Click here</u>

Resources from UCL

Year 12 - UCL's <u>Target Law</u> is a two-year mentoring programme for those who aspire to enter a top law school. UCL has launched a new <u>Future Learn course</u> focused on supporting young people to engage with STEM subjects in an inclusive way.

Year 10-11 Find free <u>resources for students in Year 11</u> to prepare for the future and make informed decisions about where to go next.

Find out more about the work of UCL's Access and Widening Participation team by visiting the website.

Prospective Geographers

Speakers for Schools, have these two broadcasts which might prove to be useful background reading/research. Watch Paul Williams, talk about working on the BBC Series Green Planet.

Or watch Hugo Tagholm discuss his work for Surfers Against Sewage.

EDT/Industrial Cadets

To learn more about all the *EDT* Programmes and Industrial Cadets levels and have a look at this year's programme please <u>click here</u>. For more information on the STEM programmes see the Home page, <u>please click here</u>

HSBC Monthly Webinars

A taste of success – Bite-sized virtual events_The Early Careers team at *HSBC* have created a series of bite-sized virtual events and supporting material, all designed with the aim of developing soft skills. These are all geared to give confidence on current and future employment prospects, myth bust common recruitment misconceptions and target key employability skills to give you an advantage when looking for a career. The zoom webinars are free to attend - spaces are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

October:

Thursday 13th October 2022 17:30 - 18:30pm *Do I need a degree to succeed?*

Cick here for the registration link

November: Tuesday 15th November 17:30 - 18:30pm

When I grow up I'm going to be... Cick here for the registration link

To register for future upcoming opportunities, please click here

Free Resources From STEM Learning

To support parents and carers, our subject experts have put together a selection of activities and materials, which are free for everyone to access. Click here

General

HOP into TikTok

Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal (HOP) is the #1 website for Hertfordshire residents looking for careers advice, sector information and local jobs, apprenticeships and courses. With its #HOPintoTikTok competition, HOP is challenging Year 12 students to come up with the most unique, engaging and creative *TikTok* videos to help promote the website to other young people, for the chance to win £1,500 for their school and a £100 voucher for themselves. The competition will run from now until 28 October and is open to Year 12 students aged 16 and above from Hertfordshire schools. See links above for details of entry.

Codebreaking & Cryptography Club - Every Monday 13:20-14:00, Room 18, Years 9-13

This is your chance to learn about the mysterious world of secret messages! How did Julius Caesar keep his military secrets safe from enemies? How did Britain crack the German's enigma code, which helped us win the war? Why can I not read your WhatsApp messages, even though you send them through the internet? The answers all lie in the study of codebreaking and cryptography. Attendees of the club will take part in the National Cipher Challenge (https://www.cipherchallenge.org/). This competition consists of 10 mini challenges taking place between October and December. You will get plenty of chance to practice your deciphering skills and compete against teams all over the country.

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