

CAREERS TEAM

NEWSLETTER - 2023/2024 TERM 6. ISSUE 17



Hello Saint George's Community

As we reach the end of term six and the academic year draws to a close, what a year it's been!

Inside this edition of our careers newsletter, you'll find our usual features, including the "It's Your Future - Plan it", and we have included a whole page dedicated to things you can do over the summer holidays which could boost your CV.

We have packed this issue with essential information regarding GCSE and A-level results days, ensuring you are well-prepared for these pivotal moments.

Additionally in a nod to Marc Guéhi we have included a feature on Jobs in Football!

We hope you find this edition both informative and inspiring as you navigate your career journey.

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

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.

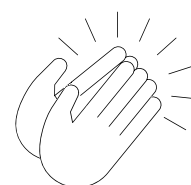
Please use the key in the table above to see where we have mapped activities against the Gatsby Benchmarks.

[Learn more about the Gatsby Benchmarks](#)

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HIGHLIGHTS: LOOKING BACK!



This year has been an incredible journey of events, trips and encounters for our students facilitated by our incredible staff and the careers team. The year started well with our first big event, The Year 11-13 Careers show designed to support our students in their Post 16 and 18 choices through facilitation of meeting for our students with employers and education providers. Shortly after we were visited by Ofsted. We have had wonderful feedback from students, parents and employers but the feedback from Ofsted confirmed that our students are receiving Outstanding Careers Education, Information and Guidance. Although delighted, the Saint George's careers team are consistently reviewing to see how we can further the opportunities to meet our students' aspirations. We know that there is a correlation between finding out about future options and understanding what path to take and the success we achieve in the exams which help to get us there. Our students have embraced the opportunities presented to them and employers frequently feedback how engaged Saint George's students are. Students from Key stage 2 talk about their futures with confidence in the classroom and our secondary phase students are curious about what the future can hold for them in university, apprenticeships and college. Our students are developing as courageous, creative, resilient young people who will contribute positively towards society. Our students are the future of our community and to support them to be the adults who will flourish is an absolute pleasure.

This year, Saint George's students have developed their understanding of what their future could look like from so many different organisations and events including:

- Three Careers Shows
- Three Futures Days
- Work experience for Year 10 and 12
- In school Work Experience Week
- Careers guidance meetings with an independent careers advisor
- Webinars On STEM, Languages, Business and Finance
- Visits to Universities
- Guest speakers including ?
- Financial Education lessons from Adam and Bowles Wealth Management Company for Key stage 2, 3,4 and 5
- LinkedIn Workshops
- CV workshops
- Quantity Surveying Projects
- Trips to Ebbsfleet Football Club

Of course, none of this would be possible without the truly amazing support we have from employers, our alumni and the community. I hope that as we continue to work in partnership with so many great companies and organisations to develop our young people, you have the opportunity of watching them succeed in achieving their goals knowing that you have been an integral part of that growth process. We are of course over whelmed by support from former students who want to give back to our school community. It is truly inspiring for our current students to see the journeys our former students have travelled. If you would like to sign up to our alumni please click on the link [here](#).

Finally, a huge thank you to Saint George's Parents and Staff. Without our wonderful staff going above and beyond, events would never happen. Your flexibility and creativity at adapting your lessons to ensure that students have additional opportunities and learning moments is incredible. Finally, Saint George's parents have supported our work every step of the way. Thank you for your on going kind and complementary words and offers of guest speakers and of course completing feedback forms, your support is invaluable to the team.

Do remember to check the weekly bulletin sent out by Mrs Hallam and our End of Year newsletter is a treasure chest of information and activities that can be done this summer, do try something new!

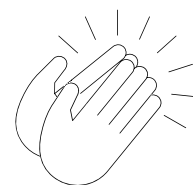
Our careers plan for next year is already jam packed and I look forward to launching in September. You can find the link to our careers plan [here](#) Have a wonderful summer and look out for more careers experiences next year that will help our students flourish in the future!

Best
Ms Jordan

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YEAR 12 FUTURES DAY



On Tuesday 25th June we had Futures Day for year 12 students to support their post 18 decision making and to develop their life skills for leaving home. Through workshops we covered:

- Cooking and Budgeting
- Preparing your CV
- Considering a Gap Year and the value
- How to research degree apprenticeships
- The benefits of volunteering

Students also had a Speed Networking event and met 12 different employers, developing confidence as well researching other industries and what opportunities might be available.

At lunch time, all students enjoyed the fruits of their cooking (some more than others) together.



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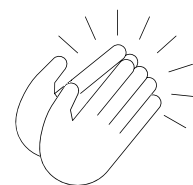
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YEAR 10 AND 12 WORK EXPERIENCE



Year 10 and 12 students completed their work experience placements in July.

Please enjoy some of the fantastic feedback we have received about our students, we are extremely proud of them all.

- Jacie is an asset to St. George's. I would like to add that Jacie has been a superstar this week and we have thoroughly enjoyed having her within the team.
- Ciara has been an absolute pleasure to accommodate. She is a friendly, positive individual who will go far in life and we wish her every success.
- It has been an absolute pleasure having Joe work with us this week, thus far he has been exemplary and showing a real willingness not only to learn but to go above and beyond the expectations we have set. He has been punctual, abided to our smart dress code and has been a joy to work with.
- We thoroughly enjoyed having Antoni with us this week for work experience he was engaged, enthusiastic and put his all into each and every task. He was a great leader and support to his team and should be very proud of himself.
- Wesley showed a real interest in the work he was asked to complete, he asked plenty of questions and showed a keenness to learn.
- Layla is a good communicator and was able to ask staff what needed to be completed. Layla had good relationships with the children and was fun to be around.
- Patrick has been with us this week in Gravesend and has been a superstar. He's taken to it like a duck to water, has got on well with the team, hardworking and is already looking at the apprenticeship options we have available for when he finishes school next year! Thank you for your hard work Patrick, enjoy your summer and we will see you soon.

Click to read
Ciarra's blog



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YEAR 10 AND 12 WORK EXPERIENCE



For Year 10 students who were in school during work experience week, we made sure they didn't miss out on the action. We planned a full week of career related lessons and activities for them.

They tackled a team challenge with the amazing Construction Youth Trust, sharpening their teamwork, problem-solving and presentation skills through developing a design project and presenting their ideas to staff. Additionally, they participated in a virtual work experience program with Springpod, exploring exciting career opportunities.

We were delighted to welcome John from The National Farmers Union who shared his knowledge of careers in farming and agriculture. Our students were curious about the qualifications required to work in farming and agriculture and were fascinated by the freshly cut wheat that John brought with him. John provided some links that might be beneficial for investigating the range of careers in agriculture: Prospects and Agriculture and related sciences (UCAS.com).

On Tuesday, they took part the Make it Make Sense Day with Charlton Athletic where they looked at their futures and the journey that will allow them to flourish.

On Wednesday, we took students to the Creative Careers Festival at Dreamland Margate where they attended workshops by Amazon, Tiktok and other creative professionals in the industry.

On Thursday, students completed a Carbon Footprint Project where they had to devise ways of reducing their carbon footprints and present their project plans to their peers. They also received Science and English linked careers lessons.

On Friday, students were visited by Steve from The Royal Air Force who led them through the Personal Development Training which incorporated leadership, teamwork, integrity and resilience through a range of activities in the sports hall. Students enjoyed the activities and said they were fun and it made sense that you could use these skills in the future.

The feedback from students has been lovely:

- "The ITV talk was brilliant about Covid"
- "I wish we could do this every week"
- "I really liked that I can do different things with English"
- "Our project was sick and I got a postcard from Miss Payne"
- "I loved the wheat lesson. Can I really be a farmer?"
- "I might be a game developer, can you help me find out more"



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EXAM RESULTS DAY

Year 13 - Thursday 15th August – A Level Results

Collection of results 8.30am – 10.30am in the study centre

Staff will be available to support any student to help them obtain a post 18 destination, including using the UCAS clearing process if necessary. We look forward to celebrating your successes with you

Click [here](#) for a video on a guide to clearing

Year 11 - Thursday 22nd August – GCSE Results and enrolment

9am – 10:30am – Internal students collection of results and enrolment in the study centre

Support from The Education People will be available.

****FREE Clearing and Results Day Webinar****

The Clearing and Results Day webinar will see representatives from four universities giving presentations explaining major aspects of the clearing and results day process and answering any questions so students are fully prepared for later that month. **REGISTER [HERE](#).**

What is Clearing?

Clearing is a second chance to get a place at university this year. It is an annual process that begins in July and runs through September where courses reopen applications to fill their available spaces.

Clearing is for students who:

- Didn't receive any offers when they applied earlier in the year.
- Declined all their original offers.
- Don't meet their conditional offers on results day, or do better than expected.
- Late applicants: those who didn't apply or missed the original deadline.

A-Level Results Day 2024 is Thursday 15th August. The status of their firmed choice should update on the UCAS Hub at around 8am.

It will either say: 'Unconditional' if their place is approved, 'Unsuccessful' if they've not met the grades, or 'Unconditional Changed Course' if they've not met the grades, but their uni has suggested a different course with lower requirements.

What to do if your child doesn't get the grades they need:

- If they are still interested in attending university this year, they can log into their UCAS Hub and search for available Clearing courses.
- Encourage them to do their research - don't rush into selecting a new university.
- They should phone places they are interested in, give them their Clearing Number & UCAS ID (available on the UCAS Hub), and confirm they are able to accept your child.
- They can then add a Clearing choice to their online UCAS application. 25th September is the deadline for new 2024 UCAS applications, and 21st October is the deadline to add Clearing choices.



SUPPORTING YOU THROUGH CONFIRMATION AND CLEARING



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GCSE EXAM RESULTS DAY

KENT CHOICES



GCSE Results Day can be a day of celebration or worry. We hope that your child got the grades they expected, is happy with their choice for education or training for the next academic year and has confirmed their place.

Current Saint George's students who wish to join our sixth form will be able to enrol with a member of the sixth form team and take up a confirmed place during results day.

If things haven't gone to plan and they need further support to make their decision or find a suitable course, we have provided some guidance below.

What Should You Do Next?

- Contact the school/college/training or apprenticeship provider who had initially offered your child a place.
- They may still accept them or have an alternative option available.
- Contact your child's current school for support and to discuss alternative options.
- Make direct contact with another school/college/training or apprenticeship provider to see if they have opportunities available.

If You Need Further Help?

- View [GCSE Results Day 2024 – Advice and Guidance](#) on the KentChoices website. You will find information about what to do next, including a list of sixth forms, colleges, and training providers available across Kent. You can also browse courses to see what may still be on offer, as well as search for apprenticeships in a wide range of industries.
- Visit the [KentChoices website](#) and speak with an adviser via live chat.
- Call us on 03301 651 170 or email stayingintouch@theeducationpeople.org (Please include where you live in the email so we can match you with a local adviser)
- You can also speak to the [National Careers Service](#) on 0800 100 900 or find support on their website.

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UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON

The latest version of the **UCAS Tariff Tables** is now available. Points included in the update are applicable to the 2025 application cycle. [Download a copy of the Tariff Tables.](#)

What are the highest paying degrees?

Want to know which degrees can open doors to a high paying career?

We've ranked the top 15 highest paying degrees in the UK to help set you on a path to success.

Read [HERE](#).



UCAT Bookings - Hull York Medical School

At Hull York Medical School, we require applicants to have completed the [University Clinical Aptitude Test \(UCAT\)](#) – the admissions test used by a consortium of UK universities for their medical degree programmes.

The UCAT helps universities to select applicants with the most appropriate skills, attitudes and professional behaviours required to be successful doctors and dentists.

Booking and preparing for your test

UCAT bookings are now open, and tests should be booked through the applicant's [UCAT Account](#). For more information about booking a test, please [visit the UCAT website](#). The UCAT tests run between 18 June and 19 September 2024 (subject to availability), in Pearson Vue testing centres throughout the UK and internationally.

Students can only take the test once, so make sure they allow plenty of time to prepare, using the free Official UCAT [preparation resources](#) and [practice tests](#).

If your students are eligible for the [UCAT bursary](#) to cover their test fee, we recommend they apply for it, as we take this into consideration when scoring applications.

And if they qualify for extra time, rest breaks or any other accommodations in public exams, then make sure to [submit an application for these Access Arrangements](#) before booking their test

[Our step-by-step guide to UCAT](#)

Canterbury Christ Church University - Health Simulation Suite Open Event

If you are looking for a free day out in the school holidays, come and join in the family-friendly activities in our state-of-the-art building where we train future health and social care professionals. We have **simulated hospital wards, an operating theatre, nurses' station, a flat to replicate care in the home and amazing manikins that mimic human bodily functions.**

Booking is essential, you can book either the 10:00am – 12:00pm or 1:00pm – 3:00pm slot. You will be able to book your slot via button below:

[Book your place now!](#)

European School of Osteopathy: entry from September 2024

We are delighted to announce that the European School of Osteopathy in Maidstone will be offering an undergraduate Osteopathy degree from September 2025.

Pupils can visit ESO in Maidstone over the next few weeks and over the summer to learn more about a career as an Osteopath and studying Osteopathy and can book this visit [here](#). Or they can come to our next open day on Thursday 3rd October 5pm -7pm by booking [here](#).

For further information about Osteopathy and a career as an Osteopath click [here](#).

Newcastle University

Explore our PARTNERS 2025 supported entry route

Could your child be eligible for our 2025 PARTNERS supported entry programme and a lower offer from us?

They can find out by registering their interest now.

PARTNERS students receive a lower conditional offer of up to three grades on any undergraduate course. They also attend our Academic Summer School to develop the skills they need for university.

Register interest [HERE](#).



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UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON

University League Tables student -staff ratio 2025

New for 2025! Our league tables rank the best universities in the UK, overall and in 74 subject areas. Knowing how best to choose your future university can be tough. Our league tables can help by showing you the top universities in the UK and allowing you to sort them by what's important to you. See the university rankings for your chosen subject and then filter by region, entry standards, student satisfaction, graduate prospects, and more. By comparing universities using our filters and your chosen metrics, you can start to get a clear picture of which one is the right one for you.

Find the full table here: <https://bit.ly/3WcWLJO>



The Uni Guide Podcast - Tune in to Episode 31 for the second part of a two episode guide to student finance. Joining members of the student panel is Tom from Save the Student. Listen [HERE](#) and on all major podcast platforms.

Subject guide webinars - New this week is an impartial guide to studying Forensic Anthropology at university! Listen to this and 100s of other subjects to help with university subject choices [HERE](#).



Tips on how to research universities

Moving on from sixth form or college is an exciting time for students thinking about university. Yet it can also be quite daunting for students and their parents and supporters to know where to start.

Our tips on how to research universities show how you can help your student through the initial phase of researching universities and courses. We cover the application process, course and university research, and open days and events.

Read our tips [HERE](#).

Get a feel for the University of Sunderland on our 'always on' [virtual experience](#). Explore short films and 360 degree images to find out more about our courses, accommodation, student support, campuses, student life and the city of Sunderland.

VISIT US

[Join us](#) at our next Undergraduate open day, Saturday 17 August 2024, 10am-3:30pm at our City and St Peter's Campuses in Sunderland.

HOW TO APPLY

[Read our guide](#) to the application process. We've broken this down into simple stages with key dates, and outline how you can provide support.

NEED ADVICE?

[Visit our website](#) for guides, resources, videos and tips for parents and supporters. Or, contact our Student Helpline on 0191 515 3000 or by [email](#)



**University of
Sunderland**

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APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships with EDF

Amazing Apprenticeships are excited to partner with EDF, Britain's biggest generator of zero-carbon electricity to promote their apprenticeship opportunities ahead of the 2025 application window opening.

EDF offers various apprenticeships to individuals passionate about tackling climate change and who want to help create a more sustainable energy future.

EDF - Virtual Work Experience Programme

On 10th June, EDF launched a virtual work experience programme for anyone aged 14+ and based in the UK. There are over 6 hours of content including an introduction to EDF, the different energy sources and finding out about the employability skills to make applicants stand out. At the end of the programme, students will receive a certificate of completion.

Find out more information [HERE](#).

Interested in a career with EDF? Find out more [HERE](#).



You don't need a degree to kickstart your career at RSM.

Choosing the right path after school can be confusing, but RSM's early careers programmes are a great way for school leavers to get a head start in their career with on-the-job experience.

RSM is a leading audit, tax and consulting adviser to the middle market, globally. With nearly 5,000 people operating from 30 locations across the UK, we have a culture of understanding what it means to deliver value, and to value what we do.

Our school leaver programmes are designed to challenge, encourage and reward from day one. We support our trainees at every stage, providing them with comprehensive training, hands on experience, access to industry experts and all the resources they'll need to unlock a future packed with opportunities.

Find out more [HERE](#).

KPMG Apprenticeships

If you're currently burning another burger on the BBQ or climbing your third mountain of the year, the last thing you're probably doing is thinking about your future. But if you sign up now, you can enjoy the summer, knowing there's a successful career on the horizon.

At KPMG, we have many bright minds working across specialisms like Audit, Consulting, Deal Advisory, Tax & Law and Technology & Engineering, supporting businesses everywhere to thrive.

Whatever your background, there's a place for you at KPMG. You'll work alongside inspiring people who make up our diverse community and learn from them about making a meaningful difference – all while earning industry-respected qualifications, plus a salary too!

So sign up to our Talent Community and learn more about life at KPMG. You'll also be the first to know about our 2025 Apprenticeship opportunities which will be waiting for you once you've made the most of the temperamental British weather.

You don't have long, join our Talent Community and begin your career now.

Register [HERE](#).

London School of Childcare Studies

This week we're delighted to announce our new [Apprenticeship opportunities](#), with our first vacancy of Apprenticeship Early Years Practitioner.



Apprenticeship Ambassador

We are thrilled to announce that applications to become an Apprenticeship Ambassador are now live!

This is an opportunity for you to boost your social media skills, network with the UK's biggest brands and become part of an exclusive community.

Plus you'll earn £13 an hour, all while you're still at school or college!

For more information and to apply click [HERE](#).

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Careers in Digital

For everything 'Careers in Digital' look no further than www.getintodigital.co.uk

- Apprenticeships
- Careers Quiz
- Careers Leaders Resources
- Industry News and Blogs



News and Resources
available for download on Microsoft Connector

Check out the latest addition to the Microsoft Connector, the News and Resources page!

With insightful blog posts to share, along with informative posters, you can access a wealth of knowledge to help you to help your students in their career journeys.

These are just a few of the amazing resources available for download on Microsoft Connector!

- How AI is being used in the Job Search**
Check out a blog post outlining how AI can be used in the Job Search; this includes insight into the Career Copilot on Connector.
- Careers Leader Resource - Microsoft Learn**
Take a look at an informative poster, outlining the modules available on the Microsoft Learn platform.
- April Roundtable notes - Microsoft Connector**
Read over a comprehensive report of notes taken at the April 2024 roundtable session, focusing on AI. This roundtable community included employers like Disney, Transport for London and BMW.

Register today and get access to a range of digital careers support resources

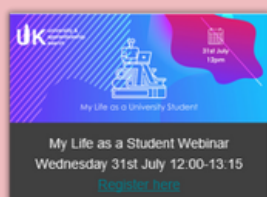
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Check it out!

My Life as a Student Webinar - 31st July 12:00pm

Hear from eight current students from eight different universities (including the universities of Leeds, East Anglia, Keele, Southampton, Glasgow, Cardiff and Stirling) as they give presentations on key aspects of university life including accommodation, money management, campus life and the transition from secondary school to university.

Register [HERE](#)



REGISTER NOW: Watch the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2024

Apprenticeships TV Programme 2pm on Thursday 25th July

I wanted to let you know about a special TV programme announcing the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers for 2024, which may be of interest to sixth form students and those considering their post-16 options.

The live 90-minute programme will include a full countdown of the nation's top apprenticeship employers, interviews with apprenticeship managers and current apprentices, and analysis of the latest apprenticeship opportunities – from entry-level to degree apprenticeships.

The programme will also feature specially-filmed reports on apprentices at employers across the country, including apprentices who worked on the BBC's election night coverage last week.

To watch the programme live, or on catch-up at the beginning of next term, please register here:

[Register to watch the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2024](#)



Space Week 2024 (7th to 11th August) - University of Kent

Join us at the University of Kent on our Canterbury campus for a series of space-based public events.

- **7th August 17:30-19:30:** We are hosting tours of the **space research facilities** including the giant gun used to simulate meteorite strikes at 16,700 mph, and see our **exhibits of space artefacts** (including parts of the Hubble space telescope and Shuttle Columbia, meteorites, aerogels and others).
- **8th August 17:30 – 18:30:** We are running an **"Applying to university"** talk and Q&A – helpful for applications to any university.
- **10th August 19:30 – Late:** We are heading to the observatory site with its three domes and numerous smaller telescopes for our **public observing night** (weather permitting).
- **11th August 10:45 AM:** Join our **rocket launch event** and quiz. We will be launching a number of rockets, designed by our own space week attendees alongside our space quiz - sure to keep people of every age interested.

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It's Your Future - Plan it !!!

Things can you do during the summer holidays

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

Learn a Skill Online

There are loads of free online courses to teach you languages, coding and other great skills to put on your CV and impress employers.

Providers often issue certificates for you to add to your CV – for example, this [marketing on Instagram](#) course on LinkedIn provides a shareable certificate which you can download as a pdf.



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
- Complete a course on the Courses Tool

National Careers Service

Explore some careers on the [National Careers Service website](#).

Find out what a job involves and if it's right for you.

National Citizen Service

The [National Careers Service](#) (NCS) offer great summer programmes designed for students aged 15-17.

Experiences include a five-day residential focused on growing your confidence at an outdoor activity centre, volunteering as part of a social action project, or activities on your smartphone – so there really is something for everyone.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

BCLP - You don't have to be a lawyer to work at a global law firm

Organisation: BCLP

Age: 14 - 16

Duration: 1 day

Industry: Law

Application deadline: 10/07/2024

Dates: 21/08/2024 - 21/08/2024

Timings: 10:00 - 12:30

Type: Virtual insight day



You don't just have to be a lawyer to work at a global law firm. In fact, only half of the colleagues in our London office are lawyers. Non-legal careers at a law firm includes roles in marketing, finance, catering, events, IT and many more.

Join us for a special Virtual Insight Day (10am – 12:30pm) where you can:

- Learn about BCLP - who we are and what we do
- Hear from professionals across the firm, both lawyers and business services colleagues
- Participate in Commercial Café, an interactive session focused on discussing big news stories
- Find out how to excel in interviews

APPLY HERE



Virtual Medical Society (APPLICATIONS OPEN)

I am delighted to announce the launch of our highly anticipated Kent and Medway Medical School Virtual Medical Society Programme, designed specifically for Year 9s, 10s, and 11s. We would like to invite students from your school to be a part of this exciting educational experience.

This FREE programme will provide students with invaluable insights into the medical field, contextualize key concepts from the science curriculum, and offer guidance on pursuing a career in medicine. By interacting with medical professionals and KMMS student ambassadors, students will have the opportunity to ask questions and talk about the realities of studying medicine and working in the NHS.

If students are accepted onto the programme, they will be invited to attend our in-person launch event on Saturday 28th September at our Verena Holmes campus in Canterbury. Following this, the online programme will officially commence on Tuesday 1st October.

Students will have access to bi-weekly sessions alternating between live Zoom sessions and non-live sessions uploaded onto our user-friendly online platform, Thinkific. The online sessions will be based on the KMMS (Kent and Medway Medical School) curriculum and go through topics such as Heart, Lungs and Blood; Health and Disease; Neuroscience and Behaviour; Immune System; and many more.

Please see our Virtual Medical Society promotional video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJYd6aZDuew>

To secure a place on the programme, the deadline for applications is 16th September 2024. Students are encouraged to fill out the application form at their earliest convenience. The application form can be found by scanning the QR code on the poster, or via the website at <https://kmms.ac.uk/about/future-doctors-programme/>

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CAREER ZONE: JOBS IN FOOTBALL



Could I really start a career in football? ⚽

If you've got a flair for the beautiful game – yes! The level 3 sporting excellence professional apprenticeship (equivalent to A-level) is a great way for 16-18 year olds to get into football. Almost half of football apprentices go on to pursue a professional career.

So what is the professional sport apprenticeship?

- How long is it? 18 months - 2 years.
- Who trains me? You will be trained at a club in your chosen sport (such as Football, Rugby, or Equestrianism).
- What qualifications will I get? Sporting excellence professional, BTEC sporting excellence and performance, Functional skills, Certificate in coaching.
- What happens next? In the second half of year two, clubs decide which apprentices to offer contracts to.
- What if I don't get a contract? You will get support to apply for other opportunities, such as placements in the US or Europe.

You can find out more about this course on the government website.

What about other sports jobs?

- Community activator coach: Help keep your community active, fit and healthy – you can train for this role through a level 2 apprenticeship
- Sports coach: You could train and coach sportspeople through a level 4 apprenticeship.
- Sports turf operative: Look after sports grounds, from international stadiums to local clubs, with a level 2 sports turf operative apprenticeship.

Check out the Sport and Fitness Career Zone on Success At School, to explore other roles.

Students – remember to register for a Success at School account and fill out your Career Profile so we can send you tailored opportunities!



You could even end up playing for the England Football Team like our very own Marc Guéhi



PARENTS / CARERS

Dear Parents / Carers

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

Parents' & Carers' Pack - Amazing Apprenticeships

The latest apprenticeship information & advice for parents, supported by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

- Access the June 24 pack [HERE](#)
- Access the July 24 pack [HERE](#)

The Parents' Guide to University 2024-2025

This extract includes the first two chapters, focusing on researching the right course and university. It's perfect for parents of teens applying for 2025 university entry, offering support and guidance on how they can prepare during the summer holidays.

https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/files/ugd/a0f9e4_b6cae17ceb6d4688a8e5dbd5c52a75df.pdf

The guide includes information on:

- Types of universities and courses
- League tables
- Preparing for an open day
- Understanding student finances

From High School to Uni have a range of [free resources](#) that you can take advantage of. They are based around supporting students with the transition to university and include a budget planner, essay planner and workspace checklist.

Success At School - Read our New Parents Guide Now!

The wait is over — you can now access the full findings from our Survey of Parents 2024 by clicking [HERE](#).

We've turned these findings into a handy guide which you can use to better understand the early careers landscape, as well as how other parents are sharing opportunities with their children.

Discover! Creative Careers Week - November 2024!

We are delighted to partner with the Discover! Creative Careers programme, led by ScreenSkills and supported by employers from across the creative sector.

To find out more about the opportunities coming up in the Autumn term, catch up on the recording [HERE](#).



Parents / Carers Career Education Feedback

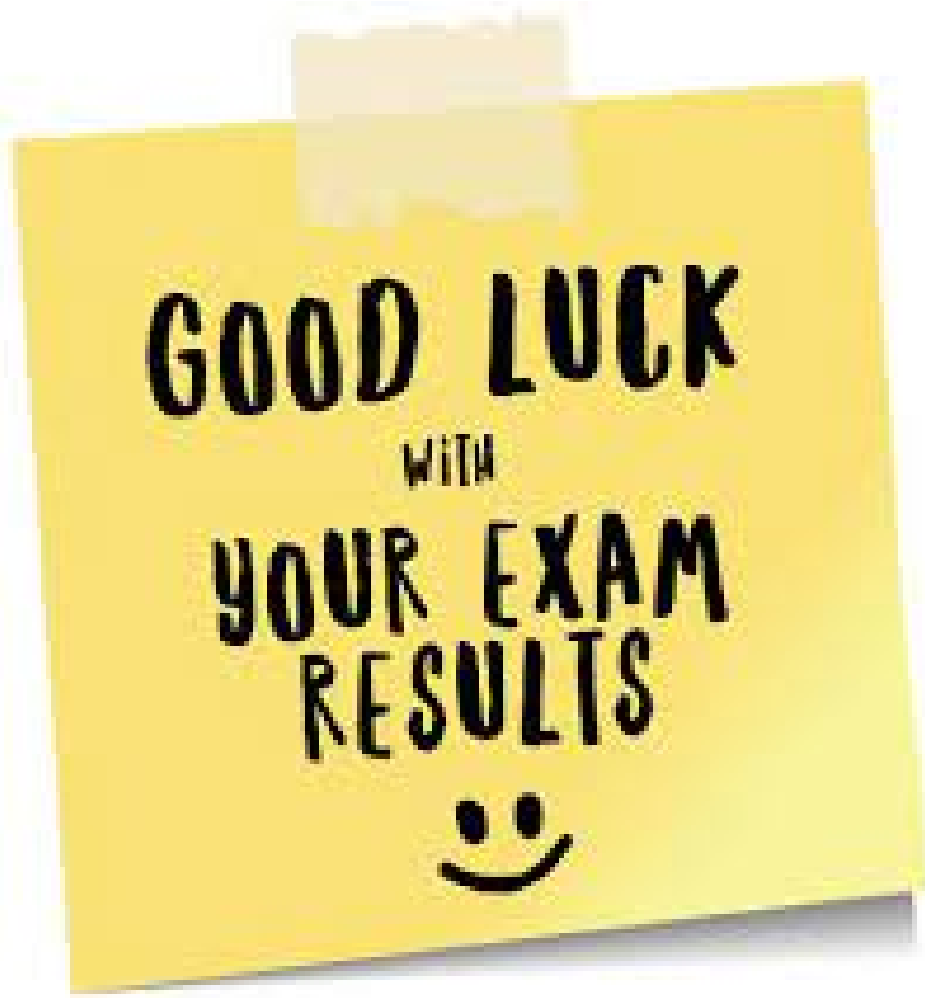
Please you could complete our annual survey regarding our careers education programme. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us improve and tailor our offerings to better support the aspirations and needs of our students.

The survey will only take a few minutes to complete, and your insights will directly contribute to enhancing the quality and relevance of the careers education we provide. We aim to gather a diverse range of perspectives, and your input is crucial.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the survey

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ONE FINAL WORD FROM THE CAREERS TEAM



HAVE A FABULOUS SUMMER!!!

**Thank you to all the employers, staff and students that
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