



Flourish In the Future

ISSUE 1 - Welcome to your Termly newsletter all about your opportunities to help you flourish in the future! From work experience, training and knowledge around various careers and to explore the pathways to get there, you'll find details here or directions on how to find them! If you have an interest, be sure to ask and we will point you in the right direction. You can find an electronic version of this newsletter on MS Teams and on the school website. Make sure you share your thoughts, ideas and this newsletter with your parents and family.

Professional visits and careers fair: We're planning to invite a variety of professionals into school to talk to you about their careers and what you can do to prepare for yours. Let us know what careers you are interested in and we can make sure to match that with the people we invite. Email: jordanc@sgsce.co.uk and let Ms Jordan know!

The James Dyson Foundation: If you are looking for an engineering or science challenge here are some you can try at home. Can you skewer a balloon without popping it? Can you fit an egg into a bottle without breaking the egg or the bottle. Get started [here](#)

Key stage 3

Minecraft: Hour of code – Learn different aspect of computer coding in one of four Tutorials: Voyage Aquatic, Hero's Journey, Adventurer and Designer. Get started here: <https://code.org/minecraft>

3D modelling & animation with Blender: If you want to learn animation skills and create a portfolio for yourself, here is a selection of tutorials to get you started. All tutorials use free and open source software tools. Get started [here](#) for absolute beginners. [Here](#) for beginners and intermediate learners.



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Year 7-9

The future computer scientist weekend: The Future Computer Scientist Weekend takes students aged 12-14 on an immersive exploration through the world of a computer scientist. The programme offers an interactive experience with top professionals who will guide you through a series of exciting simulations including, creating your own game, defending your company against hackers and rescuing a sports team from bankruptcy using data science. You can choose to attend the programme either in-person at UCL or 'Live Online'.

Apply [here](#)

iDEA: Develop your talents and gain all-important knowledge and information about the digital world with iDEA. You can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry-recognised Awards that help you stand out from the crowd..


<https://idea.org.uk/about/learner>

YEAR 13

WORK EXPERIENCE WITH GLOBAL FIRMS Entering its eighth year, Big City Bright Future is an annual three-week paid work experience programme created especially to help school leavers who aspire to work within competitive industries. The aim of the programme is to allow students to accelerate their career pathway by providing outstanding work experience before university. Year 13 **Into** University students are encouraged to apply to the Insight Day and Assessment Centre in February 2022 to learn about the programme and interact with representatives from 24 global organisations. Attendees then get the chance to submit their CV and interview for the three week work experience programme in July. You could be gaining valuable experience in areas such as law, asset management or technology whilst getting paid to do it! Apply [here](#)



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Pathways to Banking and Finance: Pathways to Banking and Finance offers you the opportunity to explore a range of careers in the financial sector. The programme, created with our founding corporate partner Deutsche Bank, will help you make an informed decision about your future career. Through work experience, skills workshops and mentoring, and networking opportunities with finance professionals, you'll be able to experience what working in the financial sector is like and decide whether it's the right choice for you. <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-banking-and-finance/>

Pathways to Engineering: Pathways to Engineering provides academic and sector-specific support for students who are interested in pursuing a career in Engineering. You can look forward to skills sessions, project work and mentoring where

you will have the opportunity to explore whether Engineering is the right path for you, and build the essential knowledge, skills and confidence required to go on to higher education and the world of work.

<https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-engineering/>

Pathways to Law: Ever considered a career in law? This two-year programme offers you the opportunity to explore what entering the legal profession might look like. You can look forward to meeting students from across the UK, networking with professionals and developing your skills. Through work experience, skills workshops, mentoring, and networking opportunities with law professionals, you'll be able to experience what working in the law sector is like and decide whether it's the right choice for you. <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-law/>

Year 11 and 13

Looking for an apprenticeship?

Bank of England [click here](#)

Find an apprenticeship [click here](#)

Want to know more about Apprenticeships? [Click here](#)



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Dear Parent/Carer

You can access Unifrog where you can support your child and find out more about the different paths available for the future



If your child has a particular an interest, be sure to ask and we will point you/them in the right direction.

We are looking to get parents and carers more involved and be part of the conversation about Careers and at home. If you can help then

e-mail: jordanc@sgsce.co.uk

For more information on the careers programme do click [here](#)

Three things you can do at home to support your student in their career conversations:

1. Ask them about their Career lessons or guest speakers they have had this term as part of their PSHE curriculum.
Q: What did they find most interesting and why?
Q: What else do they want to find out about?
2. Help them explore using the Unifrog platform, an online platform that allows students to explore different careers, pathways, and helps students keep track of their accomplishments
Complete the interests quiz together
<https://www.unifrog.org/student/interests-profile/quiz>
Complete the personality quiz together
<https://www.unifrog.org/student/personality-profile/quiz>
3. Talk to them about your career and how you got there
i.e. What skills do you need in your career?

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Years 10-13

Graham-Roger Prize for Global Citizenship - [Global Citizen Prize - What's on - University of Kent](#)

There are some fantastic prizes to be won in the Graham-Roger Prize. Secondary school and FE college students in years 10-13 in Kent and Medway are invited to design their own essay, article, poem, speech, or video – full details can be found in the link above.

Last call for Succeed Programme and Virtual Debate Club applications

Applications for both the Succeed Programme and our Virtual Debate clubs close in the coming days. We are still welcoming applications from interested students.

Information about the Succeed Programme (Year 12): <https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/outreach-news/2021/11/04/university-of-kent-succeed-programme-2022/>

Deadline - 23rd January

Virtual Debate Club (Years 9-13): <https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/outreach-news/2021/11/05/virtual-debate-clubs-and-debating-opportunities-for-young-people/>

Deadline - 24th January

Year 10 and 12 If you're interested in a career in law we have our first law focused event of 2022 to share with you and we're starting off with a bang. We recently partnered up with Magic Circle Law firm Linklaters and to kick things off we're going to be hosting their first big insight event taking place on **Wednesday 26th January from 5:00pm - 6:00pm**. Linklaters is a leading global law firm headquartered in London, with revenues upwards of £1.5bn. With leading practices in Corporate, Finance, and Dispute Resolution, they combine legal expertise with a collaborative and innovative approach to help clients navigate constantly evolving markets and regulatory environments, pursuing opportunities and managing risk worldwide.

Taking part in this competition challenge will also of course give you something tremendous to put onto your CV. Sign up here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Linklaters-Event>

All about APPrenticeships

An apprenticeship is a real job where you learn, gain experience and get paid.
You're an employee with a contract of employment and holiday leave.

Apprenticeship benefits:

Gain experience
that is appealing to employers

Meet new



People

Gain a recognised qualification



Receive all employee benefits

Enjoy a salary of at least



the apprentice minimum wage

Intermediate APPrenticeships- Level 2

As an intermediate apprentice, you will work towards qualifications equivalent to five GCSEs, such as NVQ Level 2, and also a knowledge-based qualification, such as a BTEC Diploma and Certificate, which is relevant to the sector and job role. You can advance to advanced and higher apprenticeships.

Advanced APPrenticeships - Level 3

Advanced apprenticeships, also recognised as Level 3 apprenticeships, are commonly considered to be at the same level as two A levels. People with Level 3 qualifications, including A levels, favour the advanced apprenticeship route because it helps to boost work based skills and experience in a given position and sector. As a consequence, some advanced apprenticeships are extremely competitive.

Higher APPrenticeships - Level 4 or above

Higher apprenticeships offer the opportunity to obtain qualifications at the Level 4 or higher level, with the vast bulk of apprentices achieving an NVQ Level 4, HND, or foundation degree. Some also provide opportunity to pursue to Level 7. (which is postgraduate degree level). A higher apprenticeship could last one to five years and involves part-time study at a college, university, or training provider.

Degree APPrenticeships - Level 5-7

Degree apprenticeships are a fresh programme which some universities are providing. As part of their apprenticeship, students earn a full bachelor's or master's degree. Companies, universities, and professional bodies are collaborating to create these programmes. Degree apprenticeships combine work with part-time university study.

Starting an apprenticeship

Requirements change for different apprenticeships, so it is important you research the type of apprenticeship you'd like to apply for.

To start an apprenticeship, you'll need to be:

- 16 or over
- living in England
- not in full-time education





REACHING FOR THE STARS THIS SCHOOL YEAR

LISTEN

Listen to what your teachers tell you and what advice they give you - it is beneficial!



TALK TO SOMEONE

If you are feeling stressed or low, make sure you speak to someone who can help you figure out your issue.



CORRECT EQUIPMENT

Make sure you have the correct equipment for your studies so you don't miss out on important lessons.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Doing an extra-curricular activity can help you mentally and physically - plus they're fun!



REVISE

Revise as early as you can so you have plenty of time to cover your topics.



CATCH THE Z'S

Make sure you have enough sleep! If you are tired, you will not be able to achieve your best.



EXTRA RESEARCH

Take some time to do your own research on your subjects to help consolidate your learning.



TIME FOR YOU

Make sure you take a break for yourself to recharge your batteries - a good balance will work great for you outside and inside school.



USE THIS POSTER TO HELP GUIDE YOU REACH YOUR FULL POTENTIAL THIS ACADEMIC YEAR!