

# Careers Newsletter

13 July 2020

In this final newsletter of the year, we have focused on careers related activities for all year groups, where advice can be found during the summer holidays and an update on Universities. Useful links can be found at the bottom and for advice from the Academy's careers adviser, please email [smg@churchill-academy.org](mailto:smg@churchill-academy.org) and Ms McGonigal will arrange a telephone advice session.

## Careers advice during summer holidays

**Universities and Colleges** will have their own support teams able to provide course specific and careers advice. Go to their website for further information and how to contact them. For independent careers advice, the below organisations offer support and guidance.

**National Careers Service** (must be aged 13 or over). Follow this link for the contact details of this helpline which is open 7 days per week 8am – 10pm. You can also arrange for a Careers Adviser to call you back. <https://www.gov.uk/careers-helpline-for-teenagers>

## Department for Work and Pensions



Do you need any help or support with any of these?

- \* CV's and covering letters
- \* Information about apprenticeships
- \* Interview skills
- \* Information about the world of work

Email Wendy Shambrook and include your name and 'Churchill Academy & Sixth Form' in the subject. For safeguarding reasons, responses to any emails will also be sent to Mr Morgan/Ms McGonigal.

[Wendy.Shambrook@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:Wendy.Shambrook@dwp.gov.uk)

## Careers activities to suit you

### World of Work activities

- Self-awareness – what sort of roles might suit your personality? What sectors might suit you?
- Your skills – what are they and how to describe them in an application.
- What skills are employers looking for?

There are many activities and videos relevant for all year groups in the attached World of Work Week activities document that was produced for year 10s who missed out on their work experience placements.

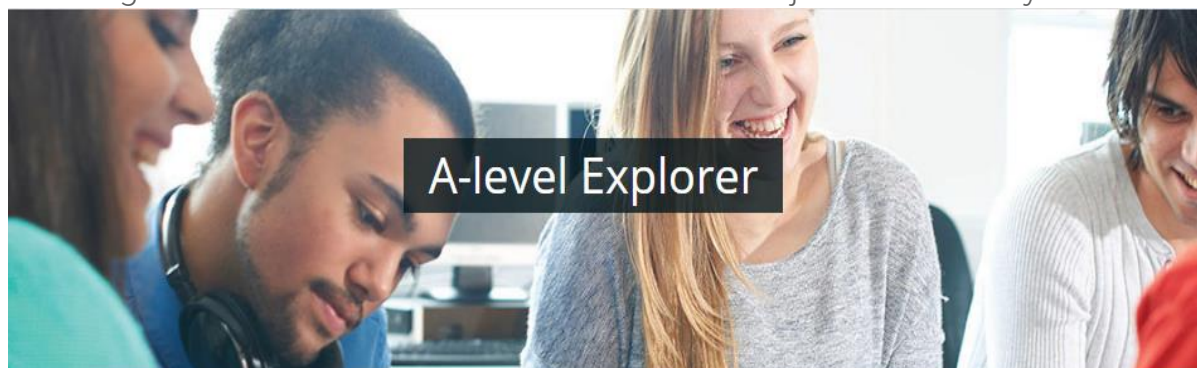
## Careers activities per year group

The below link takes you to activities set per year group relating to your future options and careers.

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/adviser-zone/home-learning-activities-students#link-1>

## A Level Explorer

Considering A levels? Find out where different A Level subjects could take you.



Enter A Level subjects to the below link and it will show what degrees and examples of associated careers students went on to study after taking these/similar A levels. See the 'close matches' and 'unexpected outcomes' as these can give you degree/career ideas you hadn't thought of and reassure you that certain choices of A levels can give you broad options as to what to go on to study. <https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/a-level-explorer>

## Free Online Courses

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are free online courses on 1000s of topics, designed by universities. You do not need qualifications and they are very accessible even if you are not thinking about university. They are for anybody with an interest in the topic and could be a great way to keep in



touch with a course or topic you are interested in, acquire even more knowledge and prepare for your future course at University or for a career. They also look great when you mention them on a personal statement, CV or application! They usually take a few hours a week over 2-4 weeks. The below websites show different courses aimed specifically at year 12/13 students, but parents - MOOCs are for you too!

[https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/study-skills-courses?utm\\_campaign=3300756%3Amooclab.club&utm\\_content=10%3A1&utm\\_medium=Affiliate&utm\\_source=RakutenMarketing&utm\\_term=UKNetwork](https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/study-skills-courses?utm_campaign=3300756%3Amooclab.club&utm_content=10%3A1&utm_medium=Affiliate&utm_source=RakutenMarketing&utm_term=UKNetwork)

[https://www.edx.org/high-school#edx-product-discovery-cards?source=aw&awc=6798\\_1594284301\\_4e83e8504c4da269ce3ef29f05efb36f&utm\\_source=aw&utm\\_medium=affiliate\\_partner&utm\\_content=text-link&utm\\_term=288111\\_MoocLab.club+++A+trading+division+of+Ibis+Capital+Ltd](https://www.edx.org/high-school#edx-product-discovery-cards?source=aw&awc=6798_1594284301_4e83e8504c4da269ce3ef29f05efb36f&utm_source=aw&utm_medium=affiliate_partner&utm_content=text-link&utm_term=288111_MoocLab.club+++A+trading+division+of+Ibis+Capital+Ltd)

## Results Days -Thursday 13 August AS & A Levels and Thursday 20 August GCSEs

Don't forget that you will not be able to come in to school to pick up your results in person. Follow the below link for all information about your results including this year's grading, how results will be issued, queries and advice and ways to share your results celebrations.

[http://www.churchill-academy.org/docs/letters/Exam\\_Results\\_2020\\_letter\\_-\\_06-07-20.pdf](http://www.churchill-academy.org/docs/letters/Exam_Results_2020_letter_-_06-07-20.pdf)



## University update

Local Universities including Bristol, Bath, UWE, Bath Spa and Gloucestershire advised in a webinar this week that it is not the case that more students than normal are deferring their University places this year (as reported in the media). UCAS have also reported this to be the case and in fact the vast majority of Universities on the webinar advised they are seeing an increase in deferrals being withdrawn with the plan to instead commence this year. This means that they are expecting clearing to be a quick process this year – just a couple of days and so make sure you are prepared for clearing so that as soon as you have your grades you can act quickly if you need to.

The vast majority of Universities are preparing for a combination of distance and face to face learning next year. This will be your first year experiencing University teaching and learning and so you don't need to worry about comparing what it used to be like versus what it will be like. Universities are working hard to redesign elements of course content specifically to be delivered online so that this teaching method is just as effective. Most expect large lectures to be online (live streamed or recorded) with face to face sessions for smaller group sessions (which will be held in large spaces to allow for social distancing). University student feedback on distance learning since lockdown has been that they prefer distance learning for large lectures; they can re-watch the entire lecture/return to certain parts online to review if needed. For year one students particularly, it is expected to bring advantages as it can help with note-taking which is often tricky for new students to get to grips with. Students with learning difficulties have also said they prefer online lectures.

Social, sports and support services, accommodation and transport are also all being reviewed to ensure all are available whilst everything is in line with the latest advice and government requirements.

One final piece of advice – do check your final destination University's start dates as some are starting a bit later than originally planned.

## Useful links

Grofar	<a href="https://auth.grofar.com/">https://auth.grofar.com/</a>
Careerpilot	<a href="https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/">https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/</a>
Prospects	<a href="https://www.prospects.ac.uk/">https://www.prospects.ac.uk/</a>
Find an Apprenticeship	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship">https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a>
Not Going to Uni	<a href="https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/">https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/</a>
UCAS	<a href="https://www.ucas.com/">https://www.ucas.com/</a>
Barclays Life Skills	<a href="https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/">https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/</a>

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