

Careers Newsletter

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It's a really busy time of year with year 11 and 13 students making their next steps decisions and submitting applications. Year 10 students are starting to hear live Career Talks during PSHE lessons and many thanks to all parents who volunteered to take part. This month's newsletter includes information relevant to all year groups, with some upcoming large scale virtual careers events listed at the end.

Careers Activities for all

Start here by year group



Follow the below link for careers activities listed specifically per year group. For example, years 7 and 8 may want to take the Job Quiz to see what work sectors might suit them. Years 9 and 10 could take the Pre-16 Skills Quiz. Year 11 and 12 could go to the 'explore your options' area and year 13 could explore free online courses.

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/help-and-support/start-here-by-year-group>

Careers Focus – Law Enforcement and Security

Careers in law enforcement and security include working for the police, armed forces and the prison service but what about being employed by an organisation that protects our nation's security? Do you fancy being a real-life James Bond or M? Well, it might not be quite as dramatic and glamorous as the films, but you can find out more about all of these important and rewarding careers below.

Law enforcement and security sector and role information

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/law-enforcement-and-security>

MI5 – the Security Service

<https://www.mi5.gov.uk/careers>

MI6 – the Secret Intelligence Service

<https://www.sis.gov.uk/explore-careers.html>

GCHQ - Government Communications Headquarters

<https://www.gchq-careers.co.uk/early-careers/early-careers-options.html>



Police Force

- <https://recruit.college.police.uk/Pages/home.aspx>
- <https://www.joiningthepolice.co.uk/why-join>

Armed Forces. Follow this link which also has onward links directly to the careers sections for the Army, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/careers-in-the-armed-forces/>

HM Prison and Probation Service

<https://prisonandprobationjobs.gov.uk/>

Applying for an Apprenticeship Vacancy

Following on from last month's newsletter where we looked at finding an apprenticeship vacancy, the second attachment sent with this newsletter takes you step-by-step through applying for a vacancy on the 'Find an Apprenticeship' website <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>. It includes plenty of tips to help you submit a winning application as, despite Covid-19, vacancies are still being advertised. Also see the below virtual events section for events relevant for those interests in apprenticeships.

Choosing A Levels subjects

See the below links for help with choosing your A Levels.

Advice about how to choose your A Levels and keeping your options open.

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices/six-things-you-need-to-know-before-making-your-a-level-choices>

If you know the degree you want to study, then this link gives information about what A Level subjects are required/preferred/useful for certain degree courses.

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices/what-a-levels-do-you-need-for-the-degree-you-want-to-study>

Churchill Sixth Form – 2021/22 applications are open

In case you missed it, our Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening is now live and can be viewed here along with the prospectus <http://www.churchill-academy.org/Sixth-Form-Open-Evening/>.

Send your application to 6thform@churchill-academy.org as soon as you can as the timetable for next year will be built on applications received before the start of Term 3.

University Considerations

Student Loans – Don't make a decision about University based on concerns about 'student debt' until you fully understand how the loans work and how and when they are paid back. This great article for students and parents explains all, and busts some common myths about student loans, grants and finance.

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/>



League Tables – Are University league tables useful? Follow this link to understand more about league tables and for links to the four main ones available.

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>

University Groups – Want to attend a high ranking University with a reputation for academic success? Or maybe you want a degree that is more practical and vocationally focused? Find out here about the UK University Groups and who is in each.

<https://ukstudyoptions.com/uk-university-groups-a-quick-guide/>

Virtual Careers Events

Please note that you will need to register for most of these events.

WorldSkills UK LIVE - Sat 28 November 10:00 – 13:55

Spotlight talks on careers, apprenticeships and excellence with leading employers.

[WorldSkills Live 2020](#)

On Site Bristol Open Evening - Mon 30 November at 16.30 or 18:00

For those considering an apprenticeship in the construction industry.

[On Site Bristol - Open Evening](#)

National School + College Leaver Show – Tues 1 December 9.30 to 16:30

Over 80 employer and Higher Education institutions - follow the below link for more information and to register.

[National School + College Leaver Show](#)



National Apprenticeship Show – Weds 2 December 09:30 to 16:30

Over 40 exhibitors promoting apprenticeship opportunities – follow the below link for more information and to register.

[National Apprenticeship Show](#)

Somerset Careers Fair - accessible until Tues 8 December

<https://somensetcareersfair.vfairs.com/en/>

This virtual event is still available to 'attend' online, although Q&A sessions are no longer available. With 50 exhibitors including employers, universities, colleges and training providers plus presentations about T-levels, employability, volunteering, apprenticeships and more.

Useful links

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

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