

Careers Newsletter

28 September 2020

Welcome to all newcomers to Churchill Academy! This month we are mainly focusing on the upper year groups and the sixth form due to events and choices being made at this time of the year. Useful links for all can be found at the bottom and for advice from the Academy's careers adviser for any year group, please email Ms McGonigal on smg@churchill-academy.org.

Work Experience

Virtual Work Experience opportunities below for ages 14+. You will need to apply as soon as possible.

5 day virtual WEX during half term with The Office of Communications - Ofcom
<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/846>

Online One-Day Insight with Santander – 7 October
<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/824>

Virtual Insight Evening with Top International Law Firm Reed Smith LLP – 14 October
<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/840>

The Nine To Five With Stacey Dooley

Stacey takes five 16-18 year olds into industries crying out for young workers to give them the ultimate work experience.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p06zhf9j/the-nine-to-five-with-stacey-dooley>



Virtual WEX for medical school applicants

The below have both been specifically recommended by Bristol University and the first site includes lots of information about medical school application expectations during Covid-19.

- <https://www.rcgp.org.uk/training-exams/discover-general-practice/observe-gp.aspx>
- <https://bsmsoutreach.thinkific.com/courses/VWE>

An integral part of the PSHE curriculum at Churchill Academy is Careers Education and we would love parents to get involved. As work experience for Year 10 is unlikely to go ahead this year, we are looking to develop work experience conversations within the PSHE classroom via Zoom/Teams.

We are looking for parents who would be happy to share experience about their job/profession. Students would love to hear about what the job entails, whether any particular training is needed, what skills and attributes are needed for the job and what a typical day looks like in that job.

We are looking for a wide variety of vocations/professions, parents who may be self-employed, freelance, working for large corporations, local companies etc.

Ideally, we are looking for at least 30 parents to take part in this. All we ask is for 20 mins. of your time between 12:20 and 1:20 on a Tuesday.

Please contact Suzie McGonigal on smg@churchill-academy.org or on 01934 852 771 Ext 244 if you think you can help.

What is an apprenticeship?



Did you know that sixth form or college aren't your only options after year 11?

Did you know that you can do a degree with no student loan via an apprenticeship?

Read on if you're interested.

An apprenticeship is a paid training programme for those aged 16 or over. They combine paid working with learning that leads to a nationally-recognised qualification. They suit students who know what they want to do for a career/job. Apprenticeships last a minimum of a year, and can last up to four years depending on the nature of the apprenticeship. They are currently available in all the main business areas. Follow this link for further information. <https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/apprenticeships/what-is-an-apprenticeship>

Churchill's Futures Programme

Are you in year 11 and have high aspirations? Maybe you want to be an architect, physicist or doctor. Or do you want to go to a top UK University such as Oxford or Cambridge?



Applications are now open to join our Futures Programme which includes providing learning visits to high profile businesses, key information about applying for Russell Group

Universities, participation in small tutorials to learn how to achieve your goals and links to other students with similar aspirations and those who've been on the programme.

A Careers Adviser explains what and who the Russell Group of Universities are here:

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/choosing-a-course/what-is-the-russell-group>

Apply by Thursday 15th October - forms available at reception from Mrs Shipway

[The application form can also be accessed here.](#)

Struggling to choose between courses and Universities?

The UCAS links below explain what types of courses you can study at 19 and provide tips on what to consider when choosing between degree courses and which University to apply to.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/ucas-undergraduate-what-study>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/choosing-course/how-choose-between-undergraduate-courses-and-unis>



Open days and virtual events

To support Covid-19 restrictions, many events are being provided virtually this year. See the below list for useful/local events and check if you need to register to access them.

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form

Sixth Form Open Evening Weds 11th November – save the date! Further details will follow.

Weston College

'What's Next' event - 28 September to 2 October. Discover different careers, hear from local employers and learn how to reach your goals in a week-long virtual showcase to help you decide 'what's next' after finishing school and education.

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/what-next-careers-showcase>

Virtual open evenings – 7 to 21 October. Follow the below link and look for the open evenings which are listed per campus.

https://www.weston.ac.uk/news-and-events/events?utm_source=main-menu&utm_medium=main-menu&utm_campaign=main-menu

Bridgwater & Taunton College

'Virtual Showcase' event in place of the usual Open Evening - Tues 13 October, 18:00 to 20:00. This event is aimed at Year 11s starting to research the subjects and courses offered, and those in Years 9 and 10 who are starting to think about their journey to college.

<https://www.btc.ac.uk/events/oct-open-evening-bridgwater-campus-4/>



City of Bristol College

Open event 14 October - 16:30 to 19:30

<https://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/events/digital-open-event/>

SGS College

Virtual open day - 10 October and future dates

<https://www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/open-events>

UK University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual fair – Weds 21st October 12:00-18:00

'Visit' exhibition stands and chat to representatives, view information and videos, download prospectuses and take part in live webinars. With representatives from universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers across the UK.

<https://ukunisearch-west.vfairs.com/>

UCAS - University open days (or go to individual University websites)

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find?keywords=open+days>

Meet the Russell Group - Weds 7 October 12:00 - 18:00 (more info on Russell group 'Churchill's Futures Programme' above)

<https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/>

Applying for Russell Group Universities - Weds 30 September 12:00

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZqKX6bp4SkafoMES9DnUAQ

Churchill Sixth Form

Applications are still welcome and the application form, prospectus and option blocks are easy to find on our [website](#) and if you need advice about applying or what subjects to choose you can arrange a telephone call with Mr Morgan (rm@churchill-academy.org) or Mrs Thompson (ret@churchill-academy.org) by emailing a request to them.

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/>

The Academy's careers adviser is Ms McGonigal, email: smg@churchill-academy.org