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## Spring Term 2018: Careers Bulletin

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term instalment of the careers bulletin. Below is a range of information about what is coming up for our pupils and indeed their parents and guardians. At the very end is a brief update on the current university application cycle which relates to our U6 pupils.

The careers and higher education market is very fluid and as so much careers information is sent out via Twitter, I would like to encourage students and parents to sign up to the Careers Twitter account, @careerscats. My New Year resolution is to tweet at least one interesting piece of information a day!

Please do take a look and feel free to drop me a line if you have any questions or thoughts, and happy reading!

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### **Future and Ongoing Events**

#### **January 2018**

##### **Introduction to Oxbridge Information Evening – Wednesday 24 January - 7pm**

All parents and pupils (4<sup>th</sup> Year to 6<sup>th</sup> Form) are invited to find out more about all things Oxbridge at an evening hosted by Kim Wells. Two Admissions Tutors from Oxford and Cambridge will talk through the process and bust the myths behind making an application. Further details to follow.

##### **UCAS and Beyond Caterham Information Evening – Monday 29 January - 7pm**

Open to all parents and pupils in Lower Sixth to introduce the UCAS process. Further details to follow

##### **Centigrade Higher Education Questionnaire – Tuesday 30 January - During School Day**

Short online questionnaire for Lower Sixth pupils to help them understand the subject options open to them at university. Letter to follow

#### **February 2018**

**Careers Evening – Entrepreneurship and Starting Your Own Business  
Tuesday 20 February – 7pm**

Open to parents and pupils in 4<sup>th</sup> Year and above. Details to follow

### **March 2018**

#### **Careers Evening – Immerging Technologies and Careers of the Future Tuesday 20 March – 7pm**

Open to all parents and pupils in Lower Sixth to introduce the UCAS process. Further details coming soon.

### **May 2018**

#### **Degree Apprenticeships Evening – Monday 21 May – 7pm**

Talks from organisations offering alternative route to gaining a degree but without the debt!

### **July 2018**

#### **UKCAT Training Day – Monday 2 July – 10am-5pm**

We are delighted to welcome The Medic Portal to run their highly recommend UKCAT preparation day with our potential L6th medics, dentists and vets. This is an exciting addition to the careers timetable and we hope to encourage a high take-up. Cost will be £148.50 per student and we require a minimum of 8 students for the course to run. More detail soon.

#### **University Fair 2018 – 3 July - 3-7pm**

Following on from the hugely successful university fair this summer, we can announce that next year's fair will take place on Tuesday 3 July, running between 3-7pm. We hope this later slot will allow more parents to attend. Details will be sent out in the summer term, but please do put the date in your diary.

### **Summer Courses**

#### **Fashion @CondeNast**

A two day course for 16/17 year olds only looking at the exciting world of fashion. See [Teen Weekend](#) for more details and to book.

#### **Arts University Bournemouth**

AUB offer some fabulous courses to student aged 16+ during the summer holidays. The topics covered include British Architecture and 3D Design, Creative Photography, Degree Portfolio preparation, Creative Arts, Introduction to Fashion Design, Creative Make-up for Stage and Screen, Complete Filmmaking and an Introduction to Animation. Please follow [AUB Summer Courses](#) for more information and to book your place.

#### **Smallpeice Courses**

The Smallpeice Trust offer some superb engineering based residential and day courses for students in Years 8-12. Please see [here](#) for more information and to book.

#### **Debate Chamber – please click on name below**

[Debate Chamber](#) – a fantastic range of courses from art, to architecture, law to history and classics to engineering.

### **Work Expereince Ideas**

Below are some links to organisations that can offer work placements to school aged students. Please contact them directly.

[Williams](#)  
[Rolls Royce](#)  
[East Surrey Hospital](#)  
[Radio Redhill](#)  
[BAE Systems](#)

### **Degree Apprenticeship Update**

Degree apprenticeships offer fantastic opportunities for pupils to obtain a degree whilst being paid to work at the same time. The degree aspect can take between 3-6 years to accomplish but it is sponsored by the company, resulting in a debt free university qualification! In addition to those listed in the autumn bulletin, please look at the list below for some further ideas to research.

[Rolls Royce](#)  
[GSK](#)  
[Goldman Sachs](#)  
[BAE](#)  
[Capgemini](#)  
[Airbus](#)  
[Atkins](#)  
[Unilever](#)  
[McDonalds](#)

### **Careers Ideas**

Finding that perfect job or even understanding the options open to students, can be bewildering so here are some links to the careers I have been asked about recently!

[Actuary](#)  
[Psychologist](#)  
[Physiotherapy](#)  
[Geophysicist](#)

### **University Entry 2019**

Over the next few week and months, the current Lower Sixth students will begin to consider their careers options beyond Caterham School. A report by Which? University last year discovered that over 26,000 students drop out of university within the first year, mainly because the course or university doesn't meet their needs. It is vital that students research the options open to them in order to make the right decisions for them. The [UCAS](#) website has a wealth of information for students and their parents and I would recommend this first class resource.

### **Open Days**

University open days are a great way to research your university options. Traditionally they take place between June and November but some run days at other times of the year too. See [Open Days](#) for more information.

### **University Taster Courses**

The University of London group of universities offer Year 12 students to chance to experience undergraduate study through a number of one day FREE taster courses. Subjects range from Classics, Engineering and History to Nursing, Medicine and English, to name but a few! Please see [Taster Courses](#) for more information and to book.

## **2017-18 university applications: news and information**

### **UCAS**

Monday 15 January marks the final deadline for UCAS applications and I am delighted to announce that 154 students have submitted an application. 19 of these students have already received offers from all of their university choices!

### **Replying to UCAS offers**

Pupils DO NOT have to do anything until they have received ALL of their university decisions. When they have all responses, AND they have received these by 31 March, they will need to make their final Choice Firm (1<sup>st</sup> choice university) and Choice Insurance (2<sup>nd</sup> choice/back up university) decisions through UCAS Track, by 2 May. They will need to log into Track on the UCAS website and follow the instructions to do this. All other offers will be declined at this point. Pupils who do not receive ALL their decisions until 3 May, will need to do as above but by 7 June. If a pupil does not receive ALL their replies until 7 June (and every year there are some!) then they will need to do as above by 21 June.

If I have confused you totally then please refer to the UCAS website, [Replying to your offers](#) for much more succinct information!

### **Student Accommodation**

Students cannot apply for accommodation at their chosen university until they have made their Firm and Insurance choices. Each university can have a different application process, so it is vital that you check individual websites carefully.

For example, Bristol University opens their 2018 accommodation applications on May 1, with all students having to apply by 30 June. They do NOT guarantee an offer of accommodation to first year students, although in 2017 80% were allocated a room. They do not work on a first come first served basis nor do they allocate accommodation until after A levels results are released. Their accommodation web pages state the following:

The University is committed to creating balanced communities in all its residences, reflecting the overall profile of the student body. The selection of residences is managed by the Accommodation Office.

- Selections are randomised within fixed criteria: student preference, gender, nationality, school type, faculty.
- Students with disabilities, health-needs or other special requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Only one offer of accommodation will be made.

Southampton University DO guarantee all first year undergraduates accommodation, provided they apply within their timeframe, but by contrast, they open their applications in February for 2018 entry.

### **Student Finance**

Applications for student loans for the 2018 cycle will open soon. Please click [Student Finance](#) for information and to apply.

Martin Lewis, Founder of MoneySavingExpert.com also offers some very useful advice. Click [Money Saving Expert](#) for more information.