

## **Careers News Weekly – No 12 – 14 January 2019**

Dear All

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019!

I do hope you all had a lovely break, although I know many of you were revising for mocks and, if so, I trust your exams are going to plan?

A reminder that this weekly newsletter will be emailed every Monday during term time. It will also be accessible on the careers pages of Firefly and your parents will be sent the link to it in the Friday parent's newsletter too. Please also look at the Firefly careers pages on a regular basis as there is a huge amount of information available, which is updated regularly. Here you can also access the termly careers bulletins, which are sent to your parents at the start of each new term.

### **Careers Social Media**

It seems crazy to think we are now in January, hopefully with lots of really positive New Year resolutions! Mine is to learn more about how you use social media to get information across to you, but being a bit of a dinosaur I find this quite challenging! I am looking for some volunteers who would be prepared to meet up once a week to help me with this. If you would like to find out more or are happy to volunteer, then please either email me or pop into my office for a chat. Ideally I would like someone from each year group so we can make sure we look at what is needed across the school.

### **Events**

#### **January 2019**

##### **Introduction to Oxbridge Information Evening – Thursday 24 January – 7.15pm**

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 next term.

##### **UCAS and Study Abroad Information Evening – Thursday 31 January - 7pm**

Open to all parents and pupils in Lower Sixth to introduce the UCAS process and look at the opportunities to study abroad. Details to follow.

#### **February 2019**

##### **Careers Evening – Monday 4 February – 7pm**

Careers in the Creative Industries

#### **March 2019**

##### **Careers Evening – Monday 18 March – 7pm**

##### **Careers using Languages**

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

## **May 2019**

### **University Fair 2019**

Taking place on Thursday 23 May between 3-7pm, the third Caterham School University Fair will feature stands from over thirty five universities as well as a comprehensive programme of talks. Please put the date in your diary. Open to all year's groups and their parents. Details will be circulated nearer the time.

## **Summer term 2019**

### **UKCAT, BMAT and LNAT Admissions test training**

Following on from a very successful UKCAT training day last summer, the careers department are investigating the opportunities to add similar sessions to this year's programme for UKCAT (Medicine), BMAT (Medicine) and LNAT (Law). More details to follow.

### **Website recommendations**

#### **Law**

For all you budding lawyers and barristers, [Legal Cheek](#) is a law focussed website offering some interesting ideas, blogs, news and events information which is suitable for anyone considering law as a future degree or career choice. It offers some great topical articles and is a must read! It also breaks down all the recruitment details for the top law firms in the UK covering application deadlines, average hours worked, salaries and the number of training contracts on offer. It also shows which universities these firms recruit from.

#### **Chemistry**

Would you like to design perfume or discover the next world famous sweet flavour? Then you might want to take a peek at the five minute video about [A day in the life of a chemical scientist](#) on the [careersbox](#) website, where you can also find lots more industry specific videos.

#### **Tasty Careers**

[Tasty Careers](#) is a fun visual website looking at careers in the food industry. This is not just roles creating food as the website also looks at the back office and support roles from Human Resources, training and retail to the production of our food, buying and logistics.

#### **Want to work with horses?**

Then the [Careers in Racing](#) website might be just what you need. You will find information on the A to Z of jobs in the industry, find out about events in the area and research the myriad of opportunities open to students at all levels.

### **Courses and Careers Taster days**

#### **PwC Digital Insight week**

A reminder that the PwC digital insight placement week closes at the end of January. Head over to the [PwC](#) website if you are interested in applying. This is for students in Year 12/13 only and there are no particular A level requirements needed.

#### **Careers in Accountancy Day**

If you are considering a career in the accountancy profession, then this [Careers in Accountancy](#) event might be just up your street. Held in London on Wednesday 23 January, the event is free to

attend the programme includes apprenticeships, professional qualification route and current trends in the profession. You will hear from current trainees and employers and there is a free lunch!

### **Interested in Health Sciences?**

Are you thinking of studying Psychology, Chiropractic or Sport, Exercise and Health Science? Then you might want to consider AECC University College. A specialist institution based in the glorious seaside town of Bournemouth, the university offers a more focussed approach to their degrees with state of the art facilities. See the [AECC](#) website for more information.

### **Thinking of Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge?**

Then you may want to look at the two day residential course taking place in the Easter holidays. Places are limited and cost £240 and all students must be in line for A\*AA in their A levels and must be studying Chemistry plus one other science minimum. See [here](#) for more details and bookings.

### **InvestIn Summer School programmes – age 15-18**

[InvestIn](#) offer some excellent courses for pupils aged 15-18, mainly in London and covering a range of professions. They do book up very fast so it is worth having a look now and getting your place secured. Careers days on offer include [Investment Banking](#), [Politics](#) and [Journalism](#) plus [many more](#). Just click on the links for more details and to book.

### **Science 5 Day Summer Courses**

[BioGrad](#) hold residential five day courses at their state of the art Liverpool Science Park. Former Head Girl Natalie took part in one of these and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They are aimed at student who are looking at Medicine, Biomedical Sciences and any science based research type career or degree programme. I have several leaflets in the careers room which also include a £10 voucher!

### **Degree Apprenticeships**

#### **Dyson Engineering Degree Apprenticeships**

If you are looking at an engineering degree, then you may just want to look at the brand new [Dyson apprenticeship](#). This is a really exciting new programme, starting this September offering debt free degree education and qualifications through the University of Warwick, alongside a four year paid job role at Dyson. Not only that but you will also be given the opportunity to study for your Masters following the normal four year programme. Please click on the above link to find out all the details.

#### **Surveying Apprenticeships**

One of the world's leading real estate companies are seeking to recruit a number of apprentices for their Building Surveyor degree programme. This is a five year fully funded degree apprenticeship where you will not only gain a real estate degree but also the professional qualifications required to become a chartered surveyor – all debt free! They are holding two degree apprenticeship information evenings in London, on [4 March](#) and [14 March](#), for interested students and their parents/guardians. Please click on the relevant date and book your places. These events are free to attend.

### **Interesting articles**

Goldman Sachs CEO, offers some interesting nuggets of [careers advice](#) to students thinking about their future career path. Worth a read!

[What will the workforce of the future look like?](#) is an article worth reading in the Guardian recently. It looks at some very sensible ideas of how the world of work you enter, might be different to today.

[I gave up my career to try 25 jobs](#) is an interesting article by Emma Rosen about her quest to find the job she really wanted. I have just downloaded her book, The Radical Sabbatical, so I will let you know my thoughts on her ideas when I have read it!

This [BBC](#) article makes interesting reading if you are thinking about whether to go to university or not. It also offers a link, which I shared last year, looking at the degrees that boost your [salary prospects](#) better than others, which I know is important to some of you.

## **Gap Years**

### **Year in Industry**

Getting into the top courses at the top universities can be extremely tough and one of the ways you can boost your chances of success could be with a gap year placement through [YINI](#) (Year in Industry). These are paid placements at companies across the UK, from Shell, Rolls Royce and EDF, to name just three. Aimed at Year 13 leavers, there are placements for students interested in all areas of engineering, science, IT, e-commerce, business, marketing, finance and logistics and these can really help you with your future career planning. And remember, in the [Graduate Market 2018](#) report, it was reported that over a third of recruiting companies would not consider any applicant who had no previous work experience.

Happy reading!

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