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To Parents and Guardians of pupils in the Senior School

Dear All

Careers News Weekly – No 16 – 11 February 2019

Welcome to your weekly careers news!

Firefly Careers

Please can I remind you that you and your parents/guardians can find regularly updated information about events, jobs, university, degree apprenticeships, work experience and much more on the Careers pages of Firefly. These are invaluable resources for you to use and I would encourage you to view them regularly.

UCAS information evening – Monday 11 February 2019

The presentations from this evening and an online copy of the Higher Education Guide 2020 entry are all available on the careers pages of Firefly. These are also open to your parents.

Careers Information

Interested in the TV/Screen/Film Industry@

Then [ScreenSkills](#) might be just the right website for you. Offering lots of information about a wide range of careers from animation, games and VFX to directors, script writers, film music composers, props production and costume designers.

BBC Careers

[BBC Bitesize Careers](#) showcases many, many different career paths from Vets, TV Presenters and PR Music Managers to Actors, Music Curators and Journalists. There are also some really handy articles such as [How to get a job you love?](#) and [Setting realistic goals.](#)

Independent Gap Advice

A gap year is an exciting way to set off into the sunset after finishing your A levels and before you start university or work. It can open your mind to so many weird and wonderful things that you would get to experience in your local area or even in the UK. [Independent Gap Advice](#) are a free advisory service offering a wealth of guidance to students considering taking a gappie. There is a great travel advice section plus links to gap year organisations and how to fund your year out.

UK Scholarships

[The Scholarship Hub](#) is a great website to start researching possible scholarships, grants or bursaries to help you with your university education. There is also a great section on [Degree Apprenticeships.](#)

Five ways to start thinking about careers

The [icould](#) website is a really good place to start thinking about what you might want to do in the future. Read this article and take the [Buzz Quiz](#) to see what sort of careers might suit you. This website also allows you to research careers that are associated with the subjects

you might be studying or thinking about studying. There is also a great section giving you ideas on how to [compare universities](#) as well as deciding [is university your next step?](#)

Future Events - Internal

March 2019

The National Apprenticeship Show – Wednesday 6 March – 9.30am- 2pm

I will be taking a small group of Year 12/13 pupils to the National Apprenticeship Show at Sandown Park. Please check the letter on the parent's portal of Firefly and sign up via Wisepay to secure your place. There is no charge for this trip and there are only 4 spaces left!

Careers Evening – Monday 18 March – 7pm

Careers using Languages

Open to parents and pupils in 4th 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.

July 2019

UCAT, BMAT and LNAT Admissions test training

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

External Events

LSE Taster Day

LSE are running a free [Introduction to LSE and Social Policy](#) day on 31 May. This course will fill up very quickly so if you are interested then you need to get on and reserve your place.

University News

University Open Days

Just a reminder to all L6 students, the open day season will soon will in full swing and bookings are now live for many universities. Please make sure you book in plenty of time otherwise you may be disappointed. The best place to search is the UCAS [Open Day](#) page.

Not holding any university offers?

Then you may want to look at UCAS [Extra](#) which opens on February 25. You can only use this route if you have received five rejections or if you have decided to decline any offers you have received. Click on the link above to find out more.

Writing a Personal Statement

The University of Bath offer some excellent advice to students who are beginning to think about their personal statements. Have a look at [Writing a Personal Statement](#) for some really useful tips. You will find that all universities, and often specific departments offer similar guidance on their websites so do use these resources, as they can really help you focus.

Caterham School Society – professional and social network

When you leave Caterham School you will be able to join the fantastic new Caterham School Society. This new online platform brings together the extended Caterham community (parents/alumni/friends of the school) for mutual benefit - for career networking, for mentoring, to support parents finding placement opportunities for pupils, in addition to socialising and support for the school.

Whilst you are not able to join until you are an Old Cat, your parents and guardians can so please pass on this information and encourage them to join via website:

www.caterhamschoolsociety.co.uk.

Happy reading! And have a great half term, when it arrives!

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