



# CAREERS UPDATE

Summer 2019

So the Summer Term is here again and so is the termly careers update.

Pupils also receive a weekly careers email, which is sent every Monday during term time. This details updated information about events, careers research ideas, courses, work experience and job alerts. This is also sent to all parents in the weekly School newsletter and can be found on the careers pages of Firefly.

Just a reminder that all careers events, unless otherwise stated, will require booking via [Wise Pay](#).

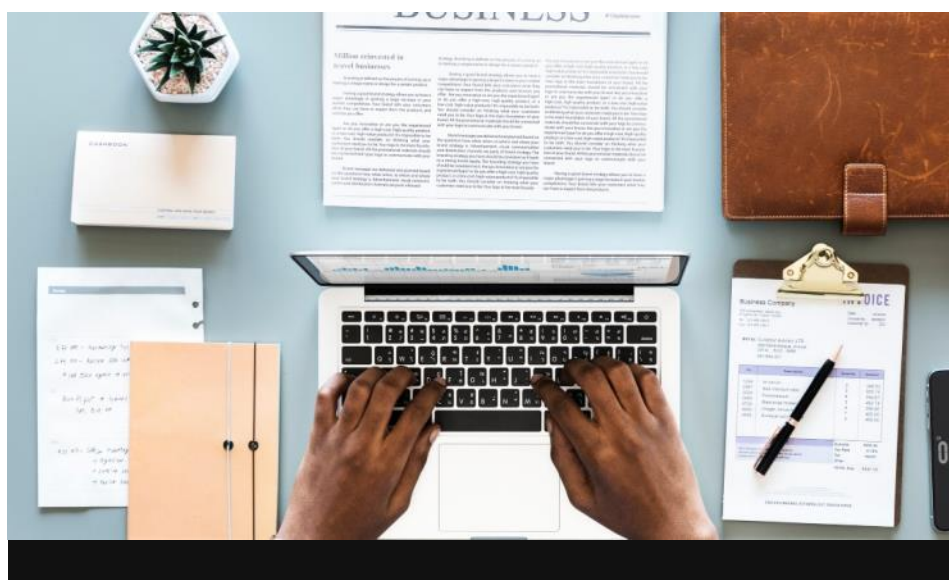
Please do take a look and feel free to drop me a line if you have any questions or thoughts, and happy reading!

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*“The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking. Don’t settle.”*

*Steve Jobs*



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# Reminders - University Applications 2019 Entry: News and Information

## UCAS Update

Across the U6 cohort, a massive 773 university applications were made this year. Currently 82 per cent of these applications have resulted in offers (as at 27 March), which is absolutely fantastic news. Congratulations to all students who have received offers and we keep our fingers crossed for those still waiting for decisions.

## 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 1 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 2 May, will need to do as above but by 6 June. If a pupil does not receive ALL their replies until 6 June (and every year there are some!) then they will need to do as above by 20 June.

Please ask your children to talk through their final two choices with Mr Weiner or Mrs Brown, before they press the UCAS confirmation button. It is really important that they check their final choices with us to make sure they have made sensible decisions.

For more detailed information please refer to the UCAS website, [Replying to your offers](#) .

### Key dates:

You may also find [this section](#) of the UCAS website useful as it lists all the key dates across the application cycle.

## 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. The application deadlines can vary a great deal with some universities guaranteeing accommodation to all first year undergraduate whilst others, where rooms are limited, may operate on a first come first served basis. It is really important that students carry out due diligence to ensure they do not miss out.

## Student Finance

Applications for student loans for the 2019 cycle is now open. 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.

# OPEN DAYS — Lower Sixth Form

Open days are one of the best ways to decide if a university is right for you. All university websites and brochures make the campus and facilities look wonderful and all the photos show happy undergraduates on beautiful sunny days! We know this isn't always the case and would encourage students to visit at least two of their intended universities before they actually apply.

Universities advertise their open days on their websites and via the [UCAS open day](#) search tool. Many are held at the weekend and we strongly recommend you use these opportunities as much as possible, but when it is only possible to take time out of school, we ask you to limit this to two visits to avoid missing too much work.

Here are my top tips for getting the most out of your visit.

- Book early - most universities require a booking and places often fill up fast.
- Plan your journey to make the most of your time.
- Make a list of what you feel is important to you - plan to find out aspects of the campus/course/reputation etc. that can't be found on their website.
- Speak to current students at the uni - you will have lots of opportunity on your visit, so ask lots of questions.
- Were the facilities good, especially if your course features lab work.
- Look at the accommodation. Do the university guarantee halls for all first year students? What happens if you put them as your second choice? What were the costs?
- How do they assess you?
- Were any lectures you attended interesting? Your course is the most important aspect of your degree, so it is vital you are sure this is what you can see yourself studying for the next three or more years!
- How many contact hours will your course give you?
- Can you see yourself there and does the university excite you?





# UNIFROG

## Lower Sixth Students, Parents and Guardians

Unifrog brings into one place every university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK, as well as other opportunities, such as School Leaver Programmes, MOOCs and every college at Oxford and Cambridge. This makes it easy for our pupils to compare and choose the best university courses, apprenticeships or further education courses for them.

### Guidance

Additionally the platform helps pupils write their personal statement, applications and CVs by guiding them through the process and allowing our teachers to give live feedback.

We would encourage you to use the platform with your son or daughter so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step and I am sure this will help to start and develop conversations about appropriate courses and university choices.

### Parent Login

We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to see how the system works and help with your son or daughter's research. The form code you will need is "caterhamparent" and you can sign up at: [www.unifrog.org/code](http://www.unifrog.org/code)

For more information, please go to [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org) or contact Clare Brown on [clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk)

## Graduate Careers 2019

High Fliers have published their latest research on the state of the graduate market. Please follow [The Graduate Market in 2019](#) to find out more. The reports offers some very interesting data and statistics for future career planning.

RIBA   
Architecture.com

**The Royal Institute of British Architects offer some great holiday drop off off days for pupils as well as family run information days. Click the RIBA logo above for more information.**

# What can I do with my degree?

The [Prospects](#) website is a great resource for anyone considering their future career ideas. I particularly like their '[What can I do with my degree?](#)' section which looks at around a hundred degree subjects and links them to potential jobs.

# What do graduates do? 2018/19

Published in October 2018, this report looks at where graduates are working 6 months after leaving their university. As a resource it is invaluable and should be referred to by anyone considering university as a route to further their career plans. Click [here](#) to read the document.

## Careers Courses

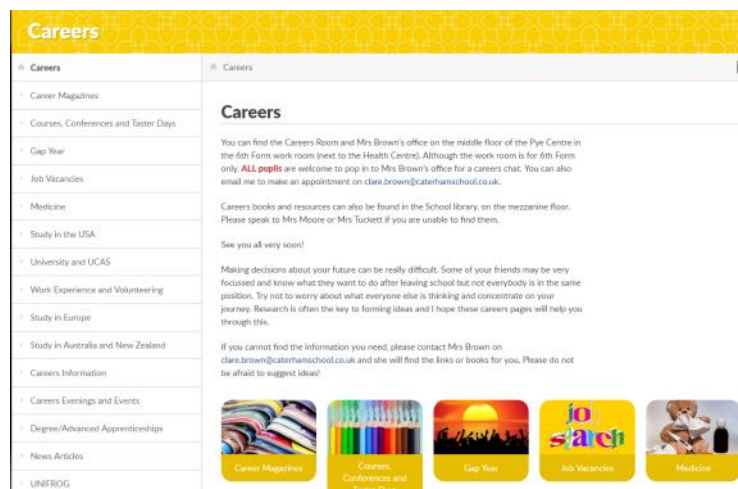
[Debate Chamber](#) – a fantastic range of courses from art, to architecture, law to history and classics to engineering. For all ages.

[The Fulbright Commission](#) run courses in London for anyone interested in applying to study in the USA. They also have some first class resources to help you with your application.

[The University of London](#) run a number of subject specific taster days for Year 12 pupils. These are usually free to attend.

## Firefly Careers

The careers resources on Firefly are varied and comprehensive and I would like to encourage you to log into these pages for lots of advice, guidance and links to useful information. Please do encourage your children to use these pages as a valuable research tool and if you have any feedback, I would love to hear your thoughts.



The screenshot shows the Firefly Careers website. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like Career Magazines, Courses, Conferences and Taster Days, Gap Year, Job Vacancies, Medicine, Study in the USA, University and UCAS, Work Experience and Volunteering, Study in Europe, Study in Australia and New Zealand, Careers Information, Careers Evenings and Events, Degree/Advanced Apprenticeships, News Articles, and UNIFROG. The main content area is titled 'Careers' and contains text about finding the Careers Room and Mrs Brown's office, a note that all pupils are welcome to pop in, and information about careers books and resources in the School Library. At the bottom, there are five icons representing different resources: Career Magazines, Courses, Conferences and Taster Days, Gap Year, Job Vacancies, and Medicine.



# Careers Events

## SUMMER TERM

### Airline Pilot careers talk - Monday 29 April 4.15pm

Please join us in H1 for an informal talk by parent, Mr Peter Statham, on his role as a pilot with British Airways. Please email [clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk) to reserve a space. This talk is open to all pupils in Third Year and above, Parents are also most welcome.

### How the NHS works and the challenges it faces, now and in the future - Tuesday 7 May 4.15pm

Angela Stevenson, Chief Operating Officer at Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust will be talking to all interested pupils about the problems facing the NHS and how it all works. Ideal for aspiring medics and anyone wishing to work in the NHS.

### Caterham School University Fair – Thursday 23 May 2019

The Careers department would like to invite you and all students to the University Fair 2019 which is being held on Thursday 23 May between 3-7pm. We are delighted to be welcoming over thirty five impressive universities to Caterham School, who will be based in the Humphreys Theatre for the duration of the event. This is an ideal opportunity for you to find out more detail about the variety of courses on offer as well as researching entry requirements and types of accommodation.

The universities and organisations represented are:

Aberystwyth University	Arts University Bournemouth
University of Bath	University of Birmingham
University of Bristol	Cardiff University
Royal Central School of Speech and Drama	City University
Durham University	University of Edinburgh
University of Essex	University of Exeter
University of Glasgow	Imperial College, London
The University of Kent	King's College, London
Lancaster University	University of Leeds
University of Liverpool	Loughborough University
University of Manchester	New College of the Humanities
University of New South Wales, Australia	Newcastle University
University of Nottingham	Oxford Brookes University
University of Plymouth	Queen Mary, University of London
University of Reading	Royal Holloway, University of London
University of Salford	University of Sheffield
Soccer Assist	University of Southampton
University of Surrey	University of Sussex
University of East Anglia	University College London
University of Warwick	University of York

A number of university presentations covering a wide range of topics, will also be taking place throughout the event, in the Deayton Theatre,. Please see the detailed letter on the parent portal for more information and finer detail.

### UCAT Admissions test training - Monday 1 July

Following on from a very successful training day last summer, the Medic Portal are returning to run their revamped training day on Monday July 1. All aspiring medics are encouraged to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to boost their chances of being successful in a very competitive market. Cost is £148.50. Please see the letter on the parent portal for more information.

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## SUMMER TERM

### Arts Week - Lower Sixth

1-5 July

A superb programme of UCAS based preparation including the following:

Introduction to UCAS Apply

UCAS Apply - registration and set up

Alumni talks - a number of Old Caterhamians who left in 2018 will be returning to school to talk about their first year at university.

Oxbridge preparation seminars

Medics, Vets and Dentists - targeted programme of enrichment

University – Is it worth the bother and how does it stack up to Degree Apprenticeships? - Talk by Mike Nicholson, Director of Admissions at the University of Bath.

Personal Statements - Presentation by Jane Marshall, former Head of Student recruitment at Imperial College, London.

## AUTUMN TERM

Planning is well underway for careers events during the next academic year and, whilst topics and dates are subject to confirmation, the following programme will give you an idea of what is coming up.

### Degree Apprenticeship preparation

Four workshops, taking place once a month in the Autumn term, will focus on the following:

- Application forms - how to complete them and advice on how to answer the questions.
- Telephone and video interviews - how to prepare.
- Assessment days (problem solving) - what can you expect and how to prepare.
- Assessment days (interviews) - a look at the different interview formats and how to handle them in the best way possible.

Women in Technology - September 2019

BMAT preparation day for medics - September 2019

Advertising, Media and Communication careers - September 2019

US University Fair trip (London) - September 2019

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# Careers Events

## **AUTUMN TERM**

Study Abroad evening - November 2019

PwC workshops - November 2019

Mock Interviews (U6) - November 2019

## **SPRING TERM**

The Exciting World of Technology and Digital careers (Year 7-10) - January 2020

Careers in the City - January 2020

Introduction to Oxbridge - January 2020

UCAS information evening - January 2020

Running your own business - February 2020

Science, Engineering and Maths - March 2020

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