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To Parents and Guardians of Senior School Pupils

Dear Parents and Guardians

#### Careers News Weekly - No 25

Here is this week's careers newsletter for you perusal. You will also be able to fine this on the Careers pages of Firefly as well as on the University and Careers pages of the School website.

# **Careers and university Taster Days and Courses**

# Thinking about studying Business?

Then register to attend the Cardiff University Business Studies masterclass course being held in July.

# Thinking about studying Actuarial Science?

The Cass Business School at City University, London are holding an actuarial science taster half day on 12 July. This taster course is open to year Lower Sixth pupils who are thinking of starting their undergraduate studies in September 2020. You must be looking to achieve 3 A levels at AAA including Mathematics.

When applying to this taster course you will be asked to submit in no more than 150 words why you are interested in studying this subject. You will be selected for this event based on your answer. You will be informed within 10 working days of the outcome of your application.

#### Fashion based courses for 14-18 year old students

A wide variety of exciting <u>fashion based courses</u> are being held at the University of the Arts, London over the next few months. Ranging from fashion design, pattern cutting, fashion drawing, fashion photography and fashion styling to fashion journalism, fashion buying, special effects makeup for film and TV and fashion history. If you are interested in any of these areas and many more, then please have a look.

#### Want to get into Props Making for the film industry?

Then this <u>Props Making</u> course, being run at Pinewood Studios in July and again in August, might be just the thing for you. It is a three day course and is open to anyone aged 14 - 18 years.

# Would you like to find out more about Directing, Producing and Screenwriting in the film industry?

Creative Media Skills are running an excellent three days course, either in July or August, this summer introducing you to the basics of these professions. As above, the course is open to pupils aged 14 – 18 years who are interested in this very competitive industry. Click here for more detail and to book.

# Does creating a Zombie appeal to you?

A three day starter course, Creature Makeup, suitable for 14 - 18 year olds takes place this summer and will allow you to do just that plus a whole lot more! Click <a href="here">here</a> for more details and to apply.

# Your Future in Psychology London 2019

Aimed at 16 - 18 year old pupils, this careers day being held in London takes place in September 2019. Click <u>here</u> to find out more and register your interest.

## Summer School in Homer 2019



# University College London Monday 22 July to Friday 26 July 2019

The Summer School offers five days of intensive teaching in Homer. There are five language and literature classes each day (between 10.30am and 3.30.m) as well as lectures and other events after the classes. The fee is £130. The course is not residential. Bursaries and travel grants may be available for certain categories of students

Students will be assigned to teaching groups of normally not more than 15 - 20 people. As far as possible, groups comprise students of roughly the same level of experience (beginners, intermediate or advanced). The style of teaching is friendly, but demanding: a lot of work is expected from students during the School, and they will find the whole experience both stimulating and valuable. Some classes concentrate chiefly on reading texts, while others offer a mixture of grammar and translation or commentary practice. Our tutors include some of the most experienced and talented teachers of Homer in the London area and beyond.

The Summer School in Homer will cater to a wide range of interests. It is expected that a substantial number of students from both schools and universities will apply, but also mature students who wish to learn Homeric Greek or learn more about the Homeric world. Our principal concern is to provide a thorough programme of language and literature learning in a lively university environment. For application forms and other enquiries, please email the Director of the Summer School:

homersummerschool@ucl.ac.uk

#### **University Questions**

# Psychology and/with another subject

Several of you have asked about the possibility of studying Psychology with another subject at university recently. The answer is definitely yes, but you must check that the psychology part of the course is accredited if you want to feel you might want to follow psychology as a career path. The British Psychological Society (BPS) has a fantastic research tool for you to check any course you are interested in to make sure it has the required accreditation. Please find the tool <a href="here">here</a>. The <a href="here">BPS</a> also has a wealth of information about psychology and the various career paths available.

# **Topical News!**

## For aspiring Barristers!

If you are thinking of a career as a barrister, then you will know how expensive and competitive training can be. There are plans afoot to introduce a new two part bar professional training course from September 2020 which should make routes to the profession less costly. This <u>article</u> in the Guardian explains more.

# Coping with a law degree!

Some really interesting advice about how to cope with the overwhelming amount of work associated with a law degree, this <u>article</u> tackles the issues of how to manage your time alongside the need to be proactive in your career planning right from the start of your degree.

#### Should I take a Gap Year?

If you want to do something different between school and going to university, then you might want to consider taking a <u>Gap Year</u>. It isn't for everyone but it can be an exciting opportunity to go on a new adventure or work in the real world before committing to three plus years at university. This <u>article</u> gives some sound advice and guidance.

## **Shark and Marine Research Volunteering**

Working with the Shark Marine Research Institute and based in South Africa, this is an ideal opportunity for anyone aged 16+ with an interest in marine and shark conservation to gain hands on experience.

- Volunteer with one of the few Conservation-Focused Shark Diving Companies in SA.
- Be trained as a marine research assistant, interact with sharks and gain essential skills for your future career.
- Students, Post-Graduates, Early-Career Scientists and Marine Biologists are encouraged to apply.
- We have a 100% safety record in the 20 years we have been operating.

Click here for more details and to apply.

#### University tuition fee cuts?

As you will probably know, there is an ongoing battle for the government to consider lowering tuition fees for university education. Click <a href="here">here</a> to find out more and see if you will be affected.

#### Careers lessons push up GCSE grades.

Published this week, a charity study found a direct link between students achieving better grades at GCSE if they also had careers lessons and the opportunities to listen to employers about how their education will impact the future plans. See what you think <u>here</u>.

# Running to relieve exam stress.

Read this interesting <u>article</u> about how you can help your stress levels during the exam season by running. Might be worth a try?

Happy reading!

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