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Dear Parents and Guardians of Senior School Pupils

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Careers Weekly Newsletter – No 27

Mr Jones (languages department) told me about the advice he gave to his Lower Sixth tutor group this week and I thought it would be worthwhile passing his wisdom on. They had been discussing the weekly careers newsletter and some of his tutees commented that they didn't read it because it never included anything they were interested in.

His response to their comments was fabulous. He advised all pupils to look at the newsletter, even if just a quick scan through, because whilst there might be nothing of interest for six, seven or more weeks, at some point there will be an article or a link or an event listed that could influence your ideas or change the direction of your career or university research for the better.

Of course, if you really don't think there is anything relevant to you, then pop up to my office or send me an email and tell me what you would like to see included. Together we can make this an unmissable publication.

Internal Events

UCAT Training Day – Monday 1 July

Twelve Lower Sixth pupils have signed up for the above training session on Monday 1 July. This will take place in Mr Bovet-White's lab and run from 9.00am – 4.00pm. A letter will be sent home this week but you will need to bring a basic calculator and pencil with you please. Please make sure you arrive in time for a prompt start at 9.00am.

Careers Workshop for Third Year Pupils

We have been offered a fantastic last minute opportunity to take part in a two hour workshop helping Third Year pupils focus on employability skills and how choosing their GCSE/A level subjects might have an impact on their future at university and in the world of work. The session is run by senior managers from major worldwide companies such as John Lewis and Waitrose, Nestle and Sainsbury's.

We have 25 places on this workshop, which will look at the following:

- Careers available in the food industry – from management and business, IT, food science research, product development, buying, advertising, marketing, retail sales and staff recruitment and training – to name just a few.
- What subjects will help your career journey – not just in this industry sector but in employment generally.
- How do your subjects relate to employment?
- What skills are companies looking for?
- How can you develop these skills whilst you are still at school?

This is a really exciting offer and we would really encourage you to sign up as it will really help you look into the future and consider your next steps wisely. And you get to miss two lessons!

This will take place on Monday 17 June between 11.00am - 1.00pm, in the Deayton Theatre. Attendees will be based on a first come, first served basis. Once the 25 places are filled, there will then be a reserve list. If 25 spaces are not filled, then you may be selected to take part in this workshop regardless.

Miss Hart emailed you with instructions last week so please see her email for more detail.

A level Choices

Starting next week, for the next two weeks, all Fourth Year pupils will be receiving advice and guidance about their A level choices and how they might go about choosing them. These two lessons will be delivered by Mrs Brown through the timetabled Wellbeing programme.

External events

Women in Engineering

Being held in London on the evening of 19 June, Ramboll are holding a celebration of the careers available in the engineering world. The event will include a discussion on what it means to be a female engineer in the 21st century as well as a look at the careers opportunities available. The event is free and open to parents and pupils, male or female. Please see the attached for details and contact for bookings.

Are you interested in architecture?

Then you may want to look at the [London Festival of Architecture](#) website to find out about what is happening all across London this June. From walks and talks to exhibitions and studio visits, this is an ideal opportunity to find out what the career has to offer.

Want to become a commercial airline pilot?

Following on from the previously advertised L3 Airline Academy's open day in Southampton last Saturday, the next event is being held much closer to home, at their brand new Gatwick Airport training centre. Taking place on Saturday 13 July this is the perfect opportunity to see what they offer and find out more about the path to this sort after and very competitive career. Click [here](#) for more information and bookings.

Thinking about a career in Food Science?

There are some really great summer schools taking part at a number of universities (Leeds and Reading are two of the universities) this summer which focus on how important science is in the growing, producing, preserving and development of our food. This is an area that is often overlooked by young people and these summer schools are an ideal opportunity for Lower Sixth pupils to look further into the careers open to them. See [Food Science Summer Schools](#) for more information and to book.

Going places with Geography

The above event takes place at the Royal Geographical Society on 4 July and is aimed at Lower Sixth pupils who are interested in geography as a careers option. Click [here](#) for more information and booking details.

The British Library

The British Library run some superb events for students, families as well as exhibitions and workshops. Please see their [website](#) for more information and to search the programme.

Dior in Detail – Designing Dreams

The Victoria and Albert museum are running a lecture on Friday 5 July looking at the history of the fashion house Dior. Delve deeper into the world of Dior in the company of fashion historians, curators, conservators and designers. From Dior's dresses for Princess Margaret to accessories and underwear, talks will explore objects on display but also those in the V&A archive. You will gain a closer look at Dior's use of textiles, his detailing and collaborations, and the conservation work undertaken for the exhibition. Click [here](#) to book.

They also offer some great opportunities to attend some top notch free lectures covering a wide range of options, see [here](#) for details and booking.

Topical news articles and links

Sport can help you achieve better grades!

The University of Cambridge have just released a really interesting report on how sport has an impact of the academic achievement of their undergraduates. They found that students who take part in competitive sport were more likely to achieve better degree results and improve their mental health. I know the School and the sport department at Caterham have long pushed this theory, but here is some concrete evidence to prove this. Click [here](#) to find out more.

University Clearing

Clearing is where all universities in the UK publish places they still have available. This is the route that you might use if your exams did not go to plan and you do not achieve the grades required for your first and second choice universities. UCAS Clearing opens on 5 July and allows you to start researching university course vacancies in advance of results day. If you feel that your exams have not gone to plan, then please come and see me and I will talk though how we can support you. Please do read through the [UCAS Clearing](#) pages for more information about how it works.

Happy reading!

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