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Careers Weekly Newsletter – 16 September 2019

Dear All,

Welcome to this weeks edition of Careers News Weekly.

I hope you have all settled into the new academic year? There is lots going on over the next few months in the careers department so please make sure you look out for information in this newsletter and keep checking Firefly's careers pages. I would hate you to miss out of news of events and how to sign up for them.

The Horse's Mouth!

The University of Bath invite you to follow their [student bloggers](#) – “Our Blogs, written by our current undergraduates, cover a variety of subjects and aim to help students understand what it's like to study at university and what Bath offers. Topics include tips for writing a personal statement, unconditional offers, student finance and budgeting, placement years, and clearing.” says their website. If you are thinking of applying to Bath or any university then head over to these pages for some great advice.

U6th - Still struggling with your personal statement?

Newcastle University have published a really helpful document looking at personal statements and what universities will be looking for in them. The guide is free and well worth a read. Please click [How to write your personal statement](#) to access the whole document or see the attachment to this email.

[This week on Unifrog \(Fifth Year and Sixth Form\)](#)

A new feature this year! Each week I am going to highlight a couple of articles on Unifrog for you to read. Unifrog has so much information on tap that it is sometimes very easy to miss out on



some excellent advice and guidance and I hope that focussing on a couple of subject areas might encourage you to dig a little deeper and find out more. To read these, please click on the links below and log into your account.

[University vs Apprenticeship](#) – a great article comparing the two different routes and the pros and cons associated with each.

[Degree Apprenticeships and why you should love them](#) – five top reasons why every student should research this route alongside the normal university route.

Career Ideas

The Construction Industry

The construction industry can offer hundreds of different job opportunities as this YouTube video, [The Wow Show Construction Special](#), demonstrates. Have a look, even if you think you know all about the industry as I am fairly confident there will be roles talked about that you have never heard of before!

Health Careers

When someone mentions careers in the health profession you would be forgiven for thinking of a doctor or a nurse but if you watch [The Wow Show Health Careers Special](#), you will soon discover that there are many other options to consider. From paramedic, art therapist and dietician to occupational health and radiography, you may find a career that matches your aspirations for the future.

External Opportunities



[Theatre Craft 2019](#) is being held at the Royal Opera House on 11 November and is suitable for pupils aged 16+ who are interested in a career in the theatre that doesn't involve acting. There are lots of stands and workshops to attend including insights into areas such as stage management, producing, sound, set design, props, directing, playwriting, make-up, costume, lighting and many more. Please click [here](#) for more information and to book your free place.

UCAS

Interested in the creative courses and careers fields?

[Create Your Future](#) takes place in London on Monday 30 September and Tuesday 1 October this year and is a must for anyone who is looking at creative courses, traineeships, careers in design, music and the performing arts. It is free to attend but you must register and book your place. The fair is organised by UCAS and held at ExCel London. Topics covered include digital design for fashion, performance and acting, photography, perfecting your portfolio, careers in TV, music production and sound engineering. Click on the [Create Your Future](#) link to find out more and to book.



Chemistry Explored!

The University of Bristol produce an annual magazine celebrating all this chemistry based. It is free and available on their website. Click [Chemistry Explored](#) for a copy. If you are interested in the career paths associated with studying chemistry, then you might also want to have a look at [A Future in Chemistry](#) a really comprehensive website managed by the Royal Society of Chemistry, looking at the various options open to you. For example, do you know what a [Forensic Scientist](#) really does? Or have you ever consider the role of a [Fine Fragrance Evaluator](#)? Well if you haven't and you love chemistry, head of to the links to find out much more about the exciting world of chemistry.



Lancaster University have some interesting taster days coming up. These are generally for students in the Fifth Year and above. [Law and Criminology](#) and [Business](#) taster days are taking place in October.



Work Experience – For ages 15-18

[InvestIn](#) offer some really exciting work experience type placements for students aged 15-18, both this Autumn and also in the Summer 2020. Many of our students have taken part in these programmes and have found them engaging and information so please do have a look. The professions covered

include investment banking, medicine, law, engineering and politics and normally run over two days and are London based.

Step Into Your Future – For ages 12-14

[InvestIn](#) are also running a weekend programme for younger students where they can pick up to four different career areas to hear about – Law, Medicine, Engineering or Investment Banking. This programme takes place in London on 7/8 December. Please click [here](#) for more information and to book.

Need help with SAT admissions tests for American universities?

Below are some organisations that offer admissions test preparation courses that you might be interested in. Listing them does not endorse the content, so please make sure your research what is on offer to see if they might help you.



Based in London this organisations offer a variety of admissions test preparation courses including SAT/ACT required for US applications.



Also endorsed by the Fulbright Commission, the Khan Academy offers a wide range of courses to support students applying to the US.



[CollegeBoard](#), where you have to register to sit your SATs offers several practice tests ad is free to use, but you will need to register.

Work Experience Ideas



[Medical Projects](#) offer a number of one and two week medical work experience programmes in London which are suitable for any students aged 16+ who is seriously considering medicine as a career route. Please click on the [Medical Projects](#) links for more information and costs.

Happy reading!

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