



Career Cats

Dear All

Careers News Weekly – No 8 – 11th November 2019

As the nights draw in and the temperature drops, what could be better than snuggling under the duvet with your weekly careers news so here is edition 8!

This week have had had two very different careers events – Conde Nast College of Fashion and Design came to talk about the plethora of careers paths in the fashion industry and PwC ran a workshop on their graduate and apprenticeship routes.

Conde Nast and Careers in Fashion Talk

Still privately owned, Conde Nast are better known for the publication of fashion magazines such as Love, GQ and Vogue, to name just a few. They are a massive multi-media machine offering a mind blowing range of career opportunities in the field of fashion where one million people are employed in the UK alone and globally the industry is worth in excess of \$3 trillion. Confirming that London is the global capital of fashion, Zoe Souter, our guest speaker is passionate about her career and the opportunities it presents for the future generations and she strongly believes that machines, robots and artificial intelligence are never going to replace human creativity. She describes it as a lifestyle and not a job and encourages students to push the boundaries and be prepared to start at the bottom in order to achieve their goals.

Zoe began her career studying Geography at the University of Cambridge, but transferred to Art History after her first year. She had known for some time that she wanted to work in the creative industries and, after graduating, was offered a job as assistant to Norman Parkinson, which she very nearly turned down! She explains that she felt as a Cambridge graduate she was above merely being a personal assistant and it was only after she spoke to her father about the role, that she decided to say yes. Her father told her that she would not get many opportunities like this in her lifetime and that if she was serious about the fashion industry, then she needed to start at the bottom and earn respect through hard work.

Norman Parkinson, for those too young to know, was probably one of the most celebrated fashion photographers in the world, taking pictures of the Royal Family, the Beatles, David Bowie, the Rolling Stones and Audrey Hepburn to name just a few. He also worked for all the top fashion magazines of the time such as Vogue, Harper's Bazaar and Town and Country. He was and still is, a legend in the industry.

With Parkinson, she spent 3 years getting involved in absolutely everything from organising diaries and answering the phone to travelling all over the world organising fashion photography shoots with celebrities and models. The contacts she made through this role were exceptional and it allowed her to build a network of people who would support her throughout her career. From this role she went on to work for Vogue, working in styling, editorial and fashion shoots followed by being involved in the start-up and launch of a new magazine, Easy Living. In 2013 she was approached to be involved in the marketing and recruitment for Conde Nast College of Fashion and Design and she hasn't looked back since.

The industry is fast paced and constantly evolving. Huge areas of growth currently include digital marketing and social media as well as sustainability and eco-friendly fashion. Fashion is not just about design and creativity - it is about a vast number of people involved in roles such as studio managers, press officers, events co-ordinators, social media influencers, data analysts, copywriters, photographers, sound and lighting engineers, accountants and many, many more. She talked about standing out, being unique and not being afraid to suggest/ask. If you are serious about the profession then organise a fashion show, get work experience, write for the school magazine, start a fashion blog, create a portfolio of ideas, visit exhibitions, take a relevant course and sign up to attend fashion shows. When it comes to looking for work experience, write a list of the ten brands you would like to work with and call them. Calling is always better as emails get forgotten and if a company says no, call them again in a couple of months! Be persistent and tenacious.

Internal events

AUTUMN TERM

- **Degree Apprenticeship Preparation**

Designed to support those pupils in Year 12/13 who are hoping to apply for degree apprenticeship programmes. The careers department will be running a series of four after school sessions, run by companies who offer apprenticeship programmes.

All sessions will start at 4.15pm and finish by 5.45pm and

· Tuesday 19 November - Assessment Days – Group exercises

The fourth session will take place in January 2020.

- **Degree Apprenticeship evening – Thursday 28 November 7pm**

An excellent evening for anyone considering degree apprenticeship routes as an alternative to university. More details to follow shortly.

SPRING AND SUMMER TERM 2020

Blue highlights denote a change in date or topic.

- **Introduction to Oxbridge evening – Wednesday 15 January – 7pm**
- **Sporting Elite USA talk – Thursday 16 January 12.45pm**

A must for anyone looking to apply to university in the USA who is looking at the possibility of sporting scholarships and funding.

- **Degree Apprenticeship Preparation – 4.15-5.45pm**

Tuesday 21 January - Assessment Days – Interviews

This is the final session of the degree apprenticeship preparation programme and we are thrilled to announce that the Nestle recruitment team will be joining us to run this session, which focuses on how to handle different types of interviews and what you can do to prepare. More details to follow.

- **Careers in the City – Tuesday 21 January 7pm**

Date change from 27 January

- **Innovation Day – Thursday 23 January All day**

Year 7 and 8.

- **Study Abroad evening – Thursday 23 January – 7pm**

An excellent opportunity to investigate to myriad of alternatives to studying in the UK. We will be hearing from David Hawkins founder of Hawkins Global Education who will be talking through the vast array of universities and English taught courses around the globe. More details to follow.

- **Music Careers in the Army – Monday 27 January 12.45pm**

We are delighted to be welcoming the Band of the Irish Guards, all 54 of them, to run workshops with our drum corps and marching band culminating in a short joint concert. There will also be a lunchtime opportunity for pupils to find out about the music career opportunities in the Army. More details to follow.

- **UCAS Parental Information evening– Thursday 30 January 7pm**

- **Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) – Tuesday 25 February 7pm**

- **National Apprenticeship Show Visit – Wednesday 4 March**

- **Careers Evening – Careers in the Charity and Social Responsibility sectors – Monday 23 March 7pm**

- **University Fair – Thursday 21 May 3-7pm**

- **UCAT Training Day – Monday 29 June – All day**

- **Arts Week - Lower Sixth**

29 June - 2 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 2019 will be returning to school to talk about their first year at university.
- Oxbridge preparation seminars
- Medics, Vets and Dentists - targeted programme of enrichment
- Personal Statement talk — Jane Marshall, former Imperial College student recruitment manager
- Why Go to University? - Mike Nicholson, Director of Undergraduate Admissions at the University of Bath

External events

Victoria & Albert Museum exhibitions

If you have been inspired by the fashion talk this week, then why not visit the V&A? [Tim Walkers' Wonderful Things](#) is running until March 2020, learn how to design new perfumes at the [Perfume Apprentice](#) workshop or visit the [Mary Quant](#) fashion display.

European University Fair

Hawkins Global Education and Whitgift School have kindly invited any interested students and their families to their European University Fair which takes place at Whitgift on Wednesday 4 December from 1-4.30pm.

The universities attending are:

- Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
- Bocconi University, Milan, Italy
- IE University, Madrid & Segovia, Spain
- Carl Benz School, Karlsruhe, Germany
- Ecole hoteliere de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland
- Modul University, Vienna, Austria
- Vesalius College, Brussels, Belgium

The universities attending all teach in English and have a wide-range of fantastic degrees, from Automotive Engineering to Law, Architecture to Medicine, Hospitality Management to International Relations.

Please let me know if you are interested so I can let them know how many attendees to expect.

Mock Interviews for Medics

Medical school interviews for the next academic year are soon approaching and we know exactly how daunting interviews can be!

This is why our team of qualified doctors and medical students at **Meducators UK** and the **Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust** have carefully designed a **Mock MMI (multiple mini interview)** in order to give students an opportunity to practice their interview skills in a setting that emulates the real experience. The MMI will be held on **Saturday 30th November 2019** and any students in **Year 10 – Year 13 (Aged 14 – 18)** are eligible.

Follow the link for more details: <https://tinyurl.com/meducatorsukinterview>

Student highlights:

1. Invaluable personalised feedback tailored specifically to your performance for each station
2. Group feedback from each examiner at the end of the workshop; highlighting common mistakes and do's/don'ts for each station/topic
3. Opportunity to ask real medical professionals for any further advice/questions
4. A certificate of attendance
5. Opportunity for your personal statement to be reviewed by qualified doctors/senior medical students

Address:

The Royal Surrey County Hospital
St Luke's Cancer Centre
Egerton Rd
Guildford
GU2 7XX

We will be holding two circuits; am and pm.

- AM circuit: Report for registration at 09:30am (prompt start at 10:00am)
- PM circuit: Report for registration at 13:00pm (prompt start at 13:30pm)

No. of places – 20 (maximum).

Cost - **Now £90.00 (Cheapest on the market!)**



[InvestIN](#) provides pre-university students with a 360-degree experience of their dream career, and thereby bridge the gap between school and industry. They run some first class professional careers courses in London, covering a wide range of subject areas. Many Caterham students have attend these programmes over the last couple of years and the feedback has been very positive. As a partner school we are entitled to a **10% discount** on the cost of the courses. When booking a course please make sure you add CATERHAM19 at checkout. We will also be organising some in-house talks and workshops over the academic year and further details will follow in due course. Most courses are run for the 15-18 age group although the [‘Step into Your Future Weekend’](#) being run in December is for age 12-14. Please click on any of the courses below for more information and check out their website for many more.

[The Young Lawyer](#)

[The Young Psychologist](#)

[The Young Journalist](#)

[The Young Investment Banker](#)

[The Young Engineer](#)

[The Young Computer Scientist](#)
[The Young Architect](#)



PwC Insight events

Digital

Join us in London, Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburgh or Belfast for a week-long training programme designed to provide you with the knowledge and experience required to prepare you for work in the Digital World. Technology is changing the way we work, and we're at the forefront – exploring new technologies and trends as they emerge. From Artificial Intelligence to Augmented Reality and 3D Printing to Drones, we're using technology to help our clients work better and prepare for the future. On this programme, you'll take part in interactive and engaging workshops, led by our Technology experts to explore what Digital means to us.

Our Summer 2020 Digital Insight Week vacancies are now open and will close on the 14 February 2020. Click [here](#) for more information and to book.

Accounting

The Accounting Insight Week will give you an insight into our Audit business, and the experiences that you gain should help you understand what we do at PwC, why we do it, and where you might fit.

You'll see how our accountants support household brands, governments, charities and global companies with everything from planning for the future, to how they can make the most of their technology and meet the challenges of the changing world of business. During your Accounting Insight Week, we'll welcome you with a day's training so you can meet other students on the programme and staff at PwC. You will set up your PwC laptop and find out more about what we do, and we'll help you prepare for the rest of your week before you get started with some shadowing and workshops from your second day. You'll have the opportunity to gain lots of valuable skills, build your network and learn more about our **Flying Start Degree** programmes in Accounting. You will also have the opportunity to fast-track your Flying Start application following your week with us.

Our Summer 2020 Accounting Insight Week vacancies are open now and will close on the 14 February 2020. Click [here](#) for more information and to book.

University of Oxford upcoming events.

Philosophy Plus Science Taster Day

Friday 10 January 2020

What is chaos? What is infinity? Can machines think? The links between Science and Philosophy are broad and deep, extending well beyond the obvious overlaps in logic, artificial intelligence, and ethics. Some of the greatest philosophers of the past - from Aristotle to Newton - are now known as scientists. Sir Isaac Newton's book, *Philosophiae naturalis principia mathematica* (Mathematical principles of natural philosophy), outlines this everlasting relationship between science and philosophy which can still be seen today. This taster day provides an opportunity to find out more about how science and philosophy intertwine. More specifically, how Computer Science, Physics, and Mathematics all have one

thing in common: Philosophy. This event is an opportunity for students who are considering applying for a joint degree in these subjects, and want to find out more.

This event is open to high-achieving year 11 and 12 students from UK schools. (Year 13 students taking a gap year, who will be applying for 2021 university admission are also welcome.) Students should be taking, or planning on taking Maths A-level (or equivalent), and expect to receive at least an A grade in it. Students taking Further Maths A-level are particularly welcome, as are those taking Physics A-level. Attendees should be considering applying to university. This event is not designed to be a school trip for classes of Philosophy A-level students. If you have previously attended a Philosophy Plus event, this is not for you, as much of the material will be similar to previous years.

For more information and to book, visit www.cs.ox.ac.uk/philosophyplus

Questions? Email philosophyplus@cs.ox.ac.uk

Dates for your diary

Here are some dates for your diary. More events will be announced as details become available.

- Monday 2 December 2019: applications open for UNIQ 2020
- February to May 2020: [Oxford Pathways Programme: Year 10 Taster Days](#). Booking opening soon.
- Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 February 2020: [Oxford Maths Festival](#) (booking essential for some events: see website)
- Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 July 2020: [Oxford University Open Days](#)
- Friday 18 September 2020: [Oxford University Open Day](#)

Thinking of Computer Science?

Our Computer Science reading list compiles a list of useful books, resources and activities that can help you understand and explore Computer Science.

www.cs.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/why_oxford/background_reading.html for more information.

New College of the Humanities essay competition 2020

Year 12 NCH Essay Competition

NCH is inviting competition essay entries from students who are currently in their penultimate year of secondary education (Y12 equivalent in the UK). Our selection of essay titles engages across a broad range of humanities and social sciences topics and we look forward to receiving entries from talented and intellectually curious students who show passion and academic potential in the humanities and social sciences. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register. The prize is £1,000.

The essay titles are:

Art History:

‘Discuss the potential consequences of de-contextualisation for the art-historical study of a work of art’

Economics:

'Which problems will economists need to solve within the next 20 years and will artificial intelligence help them?'

English:

'We should not judge past literature by the standards of the present'. Discuss.

History:

'How does knowledge of the past help prepare us for the challenges of the twenty-first century?'

Law:

'Should the law allow government to strike special tax deals with certain companies in order to attract foreign investment?'

Philosophy:

'Are we morally responsible for our actions, even if they are ultimately caused by factors beyond our control?'

Politics & International Relations:

'How has warfare changed since WWII?'

Interesting articles**Thinking of Law?**

Law Careers offer some interesting blogs and articles on the various roles and opportunities in the legal profession. If you think you would like to be a lawyer but not sure you want to study law at university for three years, then you might want to read [A non-law degree route to a career in law!](#) For information and guidance about the various routes you can take. If you are unsure of the different types of law firms and what they do, then this article [Types of Law Firm](#) might be the right one for you. [Types of Lawyers](#) also offers some comparisons between the various roles within the profession.

What do graduates do?

If you are considering the route to take after studying your A levels, then you might want to have a look at this useful publication, [What do graduates do?.](#) which looks at the regional employment prospects of recently graduated students.

Happy reading!

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