

Dear All,

Spring is in the air and it is lovely to see the snowdrops and a few brave daffodils blossoming, so now is the time to brush off those winter icicles and start thinking about how you might develop your knowledge of the sorts of jobs and careers out in the big wide world. Hopefully the careers newsletter will help you with this and I would encourage you to at least scan this email to the end every week. A student told me last week that they never look at the whole thing, which I find very sad. You may find that the one thing that is relevant to you is the last thing on the page and if you don't read to the end, you will miss it! That would be a great shame.

A reminder too, that the careers pages on Firefly are a good place to research your ideas and find out more about university, careers, apprenticeships and much more. I try to update these regularly and I would be delighted if you had any suggestions of articles or information you would like me to include or research.

### **Career Ideas**

Twenty years ago, when I started this job, we used books to research career ideas but these went out of date very quickly. Nowadays, with the internet at our fingertips, we can research a vast array of websites offering the best research and guidance for your chosen subject – the trouble is, it is sometimes difficult to work out what is good and what is bad! Below are some websites that I have found useful and informative and I would recommend you start with these.

[Careers Box](#) have some really informative short videos which look at a huge range of different careers and jobs. Really good tool for First to Third Year pupils to use.

[icould](#) also have some excellent resources looking at the range of careers and professions available.

[futuremorph](#) looks at the options open to students interested in science and maths, breaking careers advice into age ranges.

[Target Careers](#) is another fantastic resources for those wanting to find out about the different career roles available. This is more suited to Fourth year and above.

[Prospects](#) is probably better suited to those in Fifth Year and above. It has some great information about careers as well as company profiles.

### **Internal events**

#### **COMING UP!**

#### **Careers in Science , Engineering, Technology and Maths – Tuesday 25 February at 7pm**

I am delighted to invite you to attend the next careers evening, on Tuesday 25 February at 7pm in the Humphreys Theatre. We have a fabulous line-up of Old Cats and parents joining us and covering a superb range of career paths. Once again, we will be running the evening as a speed career type event where you will choose the speakers you would like to listen to. You will have an opportunity to listen to five fifteen minute sessions across the evening.

Alia is a process engineer in the food industry and is the only student I can remember who received an unconditional offer to study at the University of Cambridge! We have two speakers who are currently working in financial crime – both female, with one being an engineer and the other a bio

scientist. Hannah is an OC who works for Deloitte Digital but studied International Relations with Business and Sustainability, Jonny has a degree in physics and now works for F1 as a data analyst, Jonathan is an engineer with McLaren, Laura works in the oil and gas field and has covered a range of science based roles whilst Wilson works as an industrial scientist looking at cell and gene therapy for GSK.

Please email [clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk) to reserve spaces. Friends and family all welcome.

### **Midwifery Careers – Tuesday 3 March at 4.15pm in H1**

We are delighted to be welcoming back Old Caterhamian, Abi Riches on Tuesday 3 March, to talk about her highly vocational undergraduate course and career path in Midwifery. Please could I ask you to email me on [clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk) and let me know how many people will be attending? We are also very happy for you to bring along friends and family who may also be interested. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about this vocational profession and I look forward to welcoming you all to the session.

### **National Apprenticeship Show School Trip – Wednesday 4 March – Year 12/13 only.**

As part of our Careers and Guidance Program this term, we will be attending The National Apprenticeship Show which is taking place at Sandown Park Racecourse on Wednesday 4 March. We will be travelling by minibus, leaving the front of school at 9.35am and returning in time for afternoon lessons at 2pm. A packed lunch will be provided and the cost of this trip will be funded through the Careers budget.

Apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships in particular are developing at a rapid rate and many of our students are considering this route as a realistic alternative to university. The National Apprenticeship show brings together over one hundred employers and apprenticeship providers, allowing pupils to research the fantastic opportunities available. Exhibitors include:

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| Accenture                      | Canon    | EY              | Deloitte  |
| Lloyds Banking Group           | KPMG     | Maersk          | Schroders |
| Cushman and Wakefield Thornton | Mercedes | Virgin Atlantic | Grant     |
| Turner & Townsend              | Unilever | Met Police      | IBM       |

This will be a great opportunity for pupils to carry out some concentrated research and to speak to the employers face to face. I would like to encourage anyone considering an apprenticeship route to join me for this exciting event.

If you would like to attend, please email me on [clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk) to reserve a place. Numbers are strictly limited to ten pupils and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Reservations will be open until Tuesday 25 February, when I have to confirm the party size with the organisers.

### **Is a (Psychology) Gap Year right for me? - Thursday 12th March 4.30 to 5.30 on in H13.**

Dr Avery will be giving a talk on the worth of taking a psychology specific gap year - for many of you, making the decision between taking a year out and going straight to uni is a complicated one which needs careful consideration. She will be going through the pros and cons and how a gap year can, in the long term, potentially make you a more competitive applicant in the very saturated field of psychology graduates. Joining her will be Jade, an OldCat psychologist who decided to take a year out working in a very challenging educational psychology context, before starting her psychology degree. She will talk over some of her amazing experiences and how all the theory she had learned at A Level came alive through practice! Jade will also talk specifically about her experiences living at home during her gap year while all her friends went off to uni.

Everyone is welcome - this will be a nice opportunity and I will ensure tea and biscuits are available! Do attend if you are keen to study something psychology related after A Levels but finding it hard to make up your mind about courses vs gap years. **If you want to book a place (as places are limited) please respond to [rachel.avery@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:rachel.avery@caterhamschool.co.uk) by Friday 14th this week.**

#### **Study Abroad – Thursday 12 March at 7pm**

This is the rescheduled evening from January and will now take place in the Deayton Theatre. Please see the letter in the parental portal for more information.

#### **Careers in the Charity and Social Responsibility Sectors – Monday 23 March at 7pm**

More details to follow.

#### **Careers in Journalism – Tuesday 24 March at 4.15pm**

Details to follow.

#### **University Fair – Thursday 21 May**

Details to follow.

#### **Work Experience Ideas**

The BBC have a limited number of placements open for applications until February 19. Most of them are only open to students over the age of 18 but there are some available to 16-17 year olds. Click [here](#) for more information and details on how to apply.

#### **Apprenticeships**

Who loves chocolate? [Mondelez](#), who own Cadbury's, are looking for a number of apprentices to join their organisation. Click [here](#) to search for your perfect role!

[Pfizer](#) are currently looking for students studying A level Chemistry to join their Laboratory Scientist degree programme. Click [here](#) for more information and the application details.

[Syneos Health](#) are excited to be launching the recruitment for their UK Apprenticeship Program, starting September 2020. If selected, you will become a [Clinical Trial Specialist Apprentice](#) working at their UK offices in Farnborough and also studying for a BSc Degree.

[Unilever](#) offer a number of apprenticeships covering business and management, technology, research and development, supply chain and engineering.

[The Environment Agency](#) are recruiting for four Environmental Degree Apprenticeship roles. Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

[BP](#) are recruiting for [Human Resources](#), [Upstream Digital Data Scientist](#) and [IT Scientist](#) degree apprenticeships. Alice, who left Caterham School last summer is currently on the HR programme and would be very happy to talk through her experiences of the applications process and the role.

[Airbus](#) are open for applications to their [Business](#) degree apprenticeship until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Interesting Reading?**

[The University of the Future? Changing with the times](#) is an interesting read about what might happen to university education in relation to the changes in the workplace and how companies are changing their recruitment programmes and what they look for in candidates.

[Why UK universities may be bargaining chips in Brexit negotiations](#) looks at how Brexit might affect university programmes where students study for part of their course abroad.

[Martin Lewis](#) offers some great advice on student finance and how the whole applying for students loans system works. He also offers some [excellent tips](#) on how you can make your money go further.

Happy reading!

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