

Dear All

Welcome to all our new pupils and welcome back to all existing pupils. I have to say I am absolutely thrilled to be back in physical school and looking forward to working with you all again. It has been such a rollercoaster over the last few months so it feels really good to be back.

Welcome to the first edition of Careers News Weekly for the academic year 2020-2021. This is sent to pupils across the senior school on a weekly basis and contains lots of information about events, resources, career courses, competitions, university advice and much more. In each edition, you will find an index of what is included that week so you can scroll to the sections that might be of interest to you. You will also find a copy of the newsletters on the Careers pages of Firefly and a copy is sent to your parents every Friday too.

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## **Careers letters**

Please ask your parents to check the parents area on Firefly for the following letters detailing upcoming careers events:

- Careers in Veterinary Science/Medicine
- Degree Apprenticeship Programme
- Study Abroad evening

## **Internal Events – Autumn Term 2020**

All career events will be held virtually for the time being, using Zoom. Letters will be sent out with full details in advance of the event and students will be asked to sign up to attend. They will then be sent the code and link to join the event. It is really important that you let me know you wish to attend as we are limited to the numbers attending each session. These events are open to all students in the senior school, as well as parents and guardians, unless specified.

### **Want to be a vet?**

#### **Tuesday 15 September – 4.15pm-5.10pm**

On Tuesday 15 September, the Careers department are delighted to be welcoming three Old Caterhamians back to school to talk about their career journeys in the veterinary profession. Anna Knight (OC 2017), is currently studying Veterinary Medicine and Science at the University of Surrey, Lauren Talbot (OC 2015) has just graduated and has just started her first job, as well as Alison Cruthers (OC 1985), who studied at the University of Liverpool and is currently a practising Veterinary Surgeon, will be joining us to talk about their experiences and answer questions from all budding vets.

The event is open to all pupils who are interested in finding out more about the life of a vet, studying Veterinary Medicine, how you can prepare for applying and what work experience might be needed. Parents are very welcome to attend too.

#### **Study Abroad evening (virtual) – Monday 21 September at 7.00pm**

Applying to university abroad, whether in Europe, Asia, the USA or Canada can be a rather daunting process so we are delighted to welcome specialist David Hawkins, from The University Guy, to give us an overview of the various application processes. The above evening, which will take place virtually via Zoom, will commence at 7.00pm on Monday 21 September and will furnish you with the information you need to consider your next steps allowing you to make some informed choices on your future beyond Caterham School. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end too. 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 by 4.00pm on Thursday 17 September so that the meeting code can be forwarded to you in plenty of time.

### **Degree Apprenticeship Programme (U6/L6 only)**

Degree Apprenticeships – Preparation Workshops (virtual)

In the last five years, degree apprenticeships have taken off, with Upper Sixth pupils winning places with some of the top global companies such as BP, EY, Aon, KPMG, PwC and Nestle. The opportunities to study for a degree, which is paid for by the company, whilst working and earning a salary are significant and I would strongly encourage pupils to seriously research this route alongside the more traditional university application path.

Applications for these prestigious roles are akin to the graduate process and requires thought and preparation. Usually the process begins with an online application form followed by online assessment tests. If you get through these then you are often asked to submit a video presentation or take part in Skype type or telephone interview and, if still in the running after these stages, you will invited to an assessment day which can involve group problem solving as well as panel or one to one interviews. These various stages can take place over a number of months and can be challenging to pupils who have possibly never encountered these aspects before.

Last year, the Careers Department set up a programme of four workshops, which ran from 4.15pm until 5.10pm on dates between September and January, and I am delighted to offer a similar programme again this year. These sessions, which will be held virtually until half term, will be run by companies who are experienced in these recruitment methods and are open to all Sixth Form pupils, although priority will be given to those in the Upper Sixth initially.

Details

- Tuesday 22 September - Completing an online application and how to interpret the questions you might be asked. (Fiona Fogelman – Nestle UK Ltd)
- Tuesday 3 November - Telephone and video interviews. How to prepare, what to include and what to avoid. (Alice Locket – BP)
- Tuesday 24 November - Assessment Days – Group problem solving. How to stand out from the crowd in a good way. (Kim Kersey – Group People Director at Aggreko)
- Tuesday 19 January - Interviews – looking at the different types of interview and how you should prepare. (Pearson College – providers of some of the most popular degree apprenticeship programmes at Mondelez, BBC, L’Oreal and many more).

If you would like to take part in the programme, please could I ask you to email me on [clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk) by Friday 11 September. I will then confirm your place by email on Monday 14 September, together with the necessary meeting codes. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email.

### **BMAT Preparation – Monday 24 September All day.**

A reminder to all potential U6 Medics that The Medic Portal will be joining us virtually to run the BMAT preparation day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September. In order to run this we need a minimum of seven students to sign up via Wisepay. If you are planning to take the BMAT, then please make sure you

are signed up for this course by first thing on Monday 14 September. Please email Mrs brown if you have any questions.

#### **Careers in Law**

Monday 28 September at 7pm via Zoom.

Letter will be coming home this Friday. Featuring talks from barristers, corporate lawyers as well as current law students.

#### **Careers in Dentistry**

Tuesday 29 September at 4.15pm via Zoom.

Please see the letter going home this Friday with details.

#### **Medicine Mock Interviews – 1 to 1 (U6 only)**

Monday 5 October at 7pm via Zoom

We are delighted to welcome a number of parents working in the medical profession to offer one to one mock interviews with our potential U6 medics. All potential medics are expected to take part and details will be sent home on Friday 18 September.

#### **A Career in Teaching**

Tuesday 6 October at 4.15pm via Zoom

Details to be sent home on Friday 18 September.

#### **Careers in Sport**

Thursday 15 October at 7pm via Zoom

Details to follow on Friday 25 September

#### **A Career in Journalism**

Tuesday 17 November at 4.15pm via Zoom

Details to follow on Friday 25 September.

#### **Careers in Medicine**

Thursday 26 November at 7pm on Zoom

Detail to follow after half-term.

#### **Medicine MMI Mock Interviews (U6 only)**

Monday 30 November at 7pm via Zoom

All U6 potential medics are expected to attend. Details to follow after half term.

### **Spring Term Events**

All of these events are subject to confirmation but will include:

Careers in the Allied Health Professions, Careers in Psychology, Creative Careers and Careers in the Charity and Social Responsibility Professions. We are also hoping to organise a Mock Trial for budding lawyers. There will be three additional twilight talks, at 4.15pm, although the careers topics are yet to be finalised. If you or your children have any suggestions, please do email me and I will see what I can organise.

### **External events, webinars and podcasts**

### **1. Personal Statement Online Workshops – Royal Holloway, University of London**

Ideal for Year 12 and Year 13 students, this hour long online workshop will advise all students interested in applying to university. Whether you are at the beginning of the planning process or if you are on your final draft, you will leave the workshop with a better idea of what universities are looking for and how to right a standout Personal Statement. The session will include:

- What is a Personal Statement and why do I need to write one?
- How do I plan and write my Personal Statement?
- What type of examples should I use?
- How do I stand out from other applicants?

We are offering the **same workshop four times** to fit around your busy schedules. Please book for the date and time of your choosing below.

[Tuesday 27 October, 10:00 - 11:00](#)

[Tuesday 27 October, 13:00 - 14:00](#)

[Wednesday 28 October, 10:00 - 11:00](#)

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### **2. Preparing for Uni podcast series**

[Preparing for Uni](#) is produced by the Schools and Colleges team at Royal Holloway, these are podcast designed to advise students on their university journey. Topics covered include:

- Exam and revision tips
- How to prepare before starting university
- Clearing and Adjustment
- UCAS process and applying
- Choosing your course

### **3. Meet the Russell Group**

Taking place on Wednesday 7 October, this virtual event will allow pupils in Years 13,12 and 11 the opportunity to meet and explore the 24 Russell Group universities. The event is free of charge and you can find the sign up details [here](#). There are some great [webinars](#) to sign up for too.

### **4. PwC Virtual Classroom**

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### **5. University of Sheffield Virtual Open Days**

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### **6. InvestIN Programmes**

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[autumn programme](#). Sign up using the code CATERHAM19 for a 10% partner school discount.

## News and Updates

### **New Medical School – International Applicants only**

**From September 2021, Brunel, University of London are offering a new 5-year [Medicine MBBS](#) course, for international students only.** Annual tuition is £40,000 for 2021/22 entry. Applicants should normally have, or be expected to achieve, a minimum of grades **AAB** at A-level, to include either Chemistry or Biology, a second science (Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Mathematics) and a third subject (except General Studies). BMAT and UCAT admissions tests **are not** a requirement; however, applicants who have taken such tests may wish to submit their tests as evidence.

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