

Dear All,

I think Autumn has well and truly arrived. It is getting colder and I even had the log fire on last weekend!

I have had a number of emails telling me how helpful this newsletter is and I am delighted to hear this. It is so important that you have as much information as possible when it comes to your future beyond Caterham School. There is a big wide world out there and lots of professions to choose from, some of which are changing very rapidly. The idea behind this weekly newsletter is to help you investigate and research what is available so that you can make some exciting and informed careers choices.

During Covid restrictions, access to the careers office is limited to Lower Sixth students only. However, I am still available for appointments across the year groups. This can be via Teams or in person in your year zones. Please just email me on clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk to make an appointment.

The Careers pages on Firefly are also a good resource for research and I would recommend spending some time looking through the many sections to see whether they might help you with some decisions or ideas.

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UCAS updates

U6 Drop Ins

Personal Statement and UCAS drop ins take place every Monday between 1-2pm and every Tuesday between 12.30-1.30pm, in the Pye Centre. Please do come and speak to Mrs Brown (UCAS) or Mrs Drummond (personal statements) if you would like some help. There is no need to book a time slot for these sessions. Any other time, please email Mrs Brown to book an appointment during one of your private study periods.

What students should expect at a virtual open day By David Handy, Senior Student Recruitment Manager at Newman University

During the last twelve months, the way in which we have facilitated open days and events has had to shift owing to COVID-19 and the challenges that this has brought about. As universities we have had to adapt rapidly to be able to support your students, their families and yourselves through the journey to higher education. As such, open days transitioned to online events. With continuing uncertainty regarding future events, it may be that events during the 2020 / 2021 academic year remain in the virtual world.

What to expect from a virtual open day? Quite simply, expect for your students to be able to ask all the questions that they would have at a face-to-face event to both staff and students! Different universities will do this through a range of platforms, but there will be the chance to ask course specific questions of academic staff, as well as getting the perspective of current students on their studies and the experience they have had at the university. Not only can your students ask questions of our academic staff and students, but those crucial support services will also be represented – finance, admissions, accommodation, student support, the students’ union etc. We know that your students and their families may have very specific questions relating to their individual circumstances and there will be opportunities throughout events to ask them.

Virtual open days are more than just a chat platform. For many prospective students, participating in presentations during open days is very important, to find out more about the subject area they are interested in or about topics such as student finance and the applicant journey. Universities have also been able to make these available virtually too. There may be live webinars running at specific times during an event or through pre-recorded videos that students can watch at their convenience. Students should make sure they plan their time at the virtual event in order to ensure they can attend all of the sessions they hope to – in the same way they would when attending a campus event. If time is tight, they can always check if the university is running any webinar sessions at a different time.

Students can still see the university and campus. In terms of experiencing the university itself, your students will find virtual tours or campus tour videos available to showcase university facilities. There may also be the opportunity to book campus tours at another point to explore the facilities on offer at the university.

Open Day UCAS Search

To find your perfect virtual open day, head over to the [UCAS website](#) to search your chosen universities.

Apprenticeships

Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship Webinar

Interested in getting a fully-funded degree whilst receiving a salary as you train to be a police officer? No student debt, a mixture of on-the-job training and interactive classroom learning, as well as a guaranteed rewarding job at the end! If so, our Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) could be the right fit for you.

We’re currently open for police officer recruitment, so if you’re interested in applying, or have already applied with us, we are holding an online information webinar on the 7th October. You’ll hear from colleagues around the organisation, as well as from a new recruit who will share their experiences.

You can register for our information evening here:

<https://zoom.us/j/98786776639?pwd=bHJtdjFaaFQyZ1pkYmh0Q2U1Mm5DQT09>



Podcasts

Podcasts can be a great way to enrich your understanding of careers and subjects. Below are some links to some excellent resources for you to try. Universities love applications from students who have developed their understanding beyond their A level subjects and these are great to use in your personal statements too.

[New Scientist](#) – if you are passionate about science and want to fuel your curiosity with the fabulous free New Scientist podcasts, these are just what you need to listen to. Great for any aspiring medic, dentist, vet or scientists.

Webinars

Study Overseas

The University Guys have some really information webinars on their website, looking at a range of study overseas options. Please click [here](#) to access these.

Internal events

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. Details will be emailed to those U6 students taking part by the end of the week.

A Career in Teaching

Tuesday 6 October at 4.15pm via Zoom, as per details below.

Topic: Careers in Teaching

Time: Oct 6, 2020 04:15 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83690507386?pwd=RGJjCHJ0Yk4rbnRNcmpVU01PTIRQZz09>

Meeting ID: 836 9050 7386

Passcode: 52ZiVw

Careers in Sport

Thursday 15 October at 7pm via Zoom

Details to follow on Friday 2 October.

A Career in Journalism

Tuesday 17 November at 4.15pm via Zoom
Details to follow on Friday 16 October.

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

Virtually Orange – The Online Dutch University Festival

If you ever wondered what studying [Study in the Netherlands](#) is all about, then you might be interested in this Dutch university fair being held on Sunday 8 November. Studying in the Netherlands has grown in popularity over the past decade, but we've never been able to bring a 'study in Holland' fair to every single school - until this year! Join us as more than 20 Dutch higher education institutions collaborate to bring you the biggest, undergraduate only, free Study in Holland event this Fall: "Virtually Orange". You can roam around the platform just like you would in a real, in-person fair. Visit booths from different universities, download information materials, watch videos, and, most importantly, chat with uni representatives!

US Universities Admissions Webinar

[UES Education](#) hosting a FREE online US College Panel with admissions officers from some great universities in America! Speakers include:

- New York University
- St John's College
- University of Notre Dame
- Indiana University, Bloomington
- University of Southern California
- University of North Carolina

This event is aimed at students and parents, as well as Overseas University Advisors, Heads of Careers, and Heads of Sixth Form. The event will comprise a panel discussion with representatives of a wide range of US Universities. Topics covered depend on the questions asked, and will likely include:

- Why students choose universities in the USA
- Testing requirements this year and next
- Funding opportunities and options, including sports scholarships
- What qualities colleges look for in students
- Tips on good applications
- Red flags in applications
- Life on a US college campus
- Experiences of UK/EU students at US colleges

Sports at US Universities Webinar

A chance to speak with experts on the complex topic of sports and sports scholarships in the USA. Panellists include Gerry Anderson - NFL Team Liaison & Logistics Manager, Mark Egner - Head Coach (Field Hockey) at Dartmouth College, Rob Thomas - Director of Sporting Elite USA, Holly Cram - Former Scottish national field hockey player and Director of Aspire USA. Click [here](#) to book your place.

Is the West Coast the best coast?

A free Zoom webinar examining options in California with Santa Clara University, Loyola Marymount University and the University of California. Click [here](#) to book for this event taking place on Thursday 8 October.

Mixing the Best of Both Worlds

Taking place on Thursday 15 October, this webinar looks at pursuing an American liberal arts degree in Europe. Please click [here](#) to book.

PPE around the World

Are you looking for a new challenge and would like to study PPE at a university not in the UK? Then this [webinar](#) taking place on Thursday 19 November might be worth a look.

Thinking of Architecture?

Then head over to this [Uni Taster Tuesday](#) session and book for this taster day on December 8 at 2pm.

Courses



[FutureLearn](#) offer a fabulous array of courses, mostly free through universities and industry experts. I have linked some of the current subject areas below but it is well worth looking at all the options they have online.

[Pop Art](#)

Think you know Pop Art? Think again. Pop Art changed the world – influencing fields as diverse as graphic design, philosophy, music, and advertising. But how did Pop Art really begin? And what do we know about its most famous artists? Explore the life and work of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein. Learning alongside top educators and curators from the internationally renowned Centre Pompidou, you'll examine the roots of a movement that went on to shake modern culture – bringing disposable 'low' aesthetics into the realm of 'high' art. You'll get a panoramic view of Pop Art, from its unexpected origins to the lives of its most famous figureheads, including Warhol and Lichtenstein.

[An Introduction to Medical Ethics: The Impact of Disability Screening](#)

Build your confidence to address ethical questions. Ethics play an important role in healthcare, and need to be considered by health professionals and patients alike. On this course, you will get a practical introduction to ethics, and develop the reasoning skills needed to deal with ethical questions. You will build your understanding of these issues by examining the ethics of prenatal screening for disabilities, like Down Syndrome and deafness. You will also gain an introduction to bioethics and the development of medical technologies to use in health services.

[Critical Thinking at University - An Introduction](#)

Critical thinking is a vital skill at university and later in life. University study introduces you to new concepts, ways of learning and requires you to think critically. You need to know how to question information sources and how to evaluate different arguments. Despite critical thinking being so important, students are often unprepared when they start their studies. This course will show you what critical thinking skills you need at university level, how they can be applied to different disciplines and how to use practical strategies to develop these skills for a successful academic life.

[Cultural Diplomacy](#)

What does cultural diplomacy mean? How does it work in practice? What effect does it have in today's world? Get the answers with this introduction to cultural diplomacy. You will explore whether cultural diplomacy is about intercultural dialogue and engagement between different countries or whether it could be understood as one type of public diplomacy. You will consider the role of state actors and international organisations as well as that of non-state actors (including types of cultural and educational institutions). You will also consider the emerging EU strategy of cultural diplomacy.

Happy reading!

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