

Dear All,

Deciding what to do when you leave Caterham School can be quite a scary decision to make and there seem to be so many options to choose from. Some of you will know exactly what career path you want to follow, some of you will have some ideas but many of you will have absolutely no idea what the future might be and that is okay too. What is vital is that you look at all the options and decide how you can maximise your chances in order to keep as many paths available as possible. Researching ideas can be tricky – there are so many resources available on the internet, with some being better than others, but this newsletter and the [Careers](#) pages of Firefly are great places to start.

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#### *UCAS updates*

Seventy-seven student university applications have now been sent to UCAS and assorted universities and I am delighted to announce that over seventy-two offers have already been made. This includes one student who has received offers from all five of her choices! Dr Avery and I are really looking forward to receiving all outstanding applications over the next few days. May I remind you that I am available for appointments to talk through any questions you might have. Please email me on [clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:clare.brown@caterhamschool.co.uk) to make an appointment.

Please can I remind you of all the information available to help you make your choices, through the range of links below?

[UCAS Apply 2021 Entry](#) – direct link to the relevant 6<sup>th</sup> Form Firefly pages. Here you will find a list of exam boards, how to complete your application, a recording of the Arts week Apply video and a copy of the Tutor UCAS Apply checklist.

[UCAS](#) – the official UCAS website with lots of information and guidance, including [Study Guides](#), [Open Days](#), [City Guides](#) and [Key Dates](#).

[Unifrog](#) – please make sure you add your personal statement to this platform.

[What Uni](#) – another great resource with lots of advice and guidance on choosing courses and writing personal statements.

[Student Finance](#) – all student loans will be available for application from February 2021. This is the link for information and guidance about what might be available.

#### *Apprenticeships*

### **IBM Gap Year and Degree Apprenticeship Schemes**

[IBM](#) are offering two 12 month gap year roles, Business Futures and Technology Futures and applications are now open. Working for IBM, you will earn a salary of £18,000 and have the opportunity to apply for one of their apprenticeship schemes when you finish, or of course you could go to university! They also offer a choice of two degree apprenticeship routes – a Chartered Business Management degree or a Digital and Technology Solutions degree with a starting salary of £20,000. The degrees are currently offered through with the

University of Exeter or Manchester Metropolitan and are fully funded by IBM. Please click on the link to find out more.

### **The National Apprenticeship Show**

Taking place on 2 December, the [National Apprenticeship Show](#) promises to be an exciting event at which you can do your careers research.

[Police Degree Apprenticeships](#) With a Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) you can earn and learn on the job. You don't need a degree to join but by the end of the programme you'll have gained a degree in Professional Policing Practice. Many forces are recruiting officers in this way right now - you can apply through your chosen force. Salaries start at £18,450.

### *External events and webinars*

### **Yale Young Global Scholars**

[Apply Now](#) for the Yale Young Global Scholars summer programme. This is an enrichment scheme, covering Innovations in Science and Technology, Literature, philosophy and Culture, Politics, Law and economics or Solving Global Challenges, runs next summer. Please click on the link for more information.

### **University of Nottingham Subject Information Sessions**

[Veterinary Science and Medicine](#) - The University of Nottingham is delighted to offer a session for students on Applying to Veterinary Medicine. This session will cover the entry requirements, the application process and an insight into the course content at the University of Nottingham.

[Applying to Medicine](#) - The University of Nottingham is delighted to offer a session for students on Applying to Medicine. This session will cover the entry requirements, the application process and an insight into the course content at the University of Nottingham. Taking place on November 12.

Would you like to study literature from around the world? In how texts, myths and ideas travel across time and space? Attend our [Taster Day](#) on **Wednesday 11 November** to learn why Comparative Literature is the degree for you! Similarly, Queen Mary's Comparative [Literature Forum 2020](#) will be taking place virtually on **Thursday 26 November, 5.30-7pm** (GMT). The event will be an evening of readings and reflections in which poets Momtaza Mehri, Stephen Watts and Belinda Zhawi will share readings and reflections on the diasporic and multilingual poetries of London. If you are interested in multilingual diasporic poetries in London, exploring how local accents and mother tongues interact in writing and spoken word, this is the perfect event for you! This is also a great event for your students who are thinking of studying Comparative Literature, English or are interested in diaspora poetry.

### **Studying Comparative Literature at Queen Mary, University of London**

### **Worlds of possibility: Murder, Mystery and Meaning**

Your chance to play detective! There has been a murder and you have to work out what happened. In this interactive online game, follow the clues to solve the mystery and learn how linguists analyse meaning. Think about the meanings of some familiar little words you may not have thought about before, like 'if', 'must' and 'might', and see how important they actually are for communication. Analyse these words in terms of alternative realities – the kinds of parallel worlds explored in science fiction, or in films like *Sliding Doors* and *Back to the Future*. Solve a murder mystery and find out how language works! This event is aimed at students aged 16-18 and will be a great experience for anyone interested in linguistics. You

will get to play detective and follow clues to solve the mystery, all the while learning how linguists analyse meaning. Taking place on **Thursday 19 November, 10-11am (GMT) and Friday 20 November, 2-3pm (GMT)**. Click [here](#) for more information and bookings.

### *University Virtual Open Days*

#### **University of Edinburgh**

Click [here](#) to follow a wonderful virtual tour of the University of Edinburgh. Whilst you are unable to visit, this is a great starting point, so follow the link and see what you discover. They have also launched a new service called [Unibuddy](#), where you can chat online to current students studying a wide variety of subjects and find out more about what they love.

#### **Ravensbourne**

Taking place on Saturday 14 November, you will be able to attend subject talks and speak to current students about studying here. Please click [here](#) for more information and to book.

#### **Falmouth University**

The short workshop Introduction to Creative Careers is being held on Tuesday 17 November between 1.30-2.30pm and is a great way to challenge some of the stereotypical thinking around creative careers and help you consider the possibilities and pathways available to you if you choose to follow a creative route. Click [here](#) for more detail and to book.

#### **Cardiff University**

Taking place on Wednesday 18 November, click [here](#) for more information and booking details.

### *Careers Resources*

Below are some useful links for anyone researching their future career ideas. These are suitable for all year groups to use.

[Thinking about a Degree Apprenticeship?](#) Then have a look at this handy guide for more information.

[Career in STEM Guide](#) – great reference guide for anyone looking at a career involving science, technology or maths.

[What does an Automotive Engineer do?](#)

[What is a Genetic Counsellor?](#)

[Could I be a Meteorologist?](#)

[What can I do with a degree in Animation?](#)

[iCould](#) is a great careers website for all ages and includes the fun [BUZZ QUIZ](#), which might help guide you to certain careers that suit your strengths.

[Space Engineer Career](#) – short YouTube video looking at the role of a space engineer.

[Research Engineer](#) short YouTube video looking at the role of a research Engineer.

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### **Join the Caterham Connected professional and social network**

Our new Caterham Connected online platform brings together the extended Caterham community (parents/alumni/friends of the school) for mutual benefit - for career networking, for mentoring, to support parents finding placement opportunities for Sixth Form pupils in addition to socialising and support for the school.

**If you've not already joined, please just visit the website:**  
[www.caterhamconnected.co.uk](http://www.caterhamconnected.co.uk) and sign up!

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