



Careers Newsletter – Dukies Careers Week 2023 – Monday 20th March

Here is a full round-up of what's been happening during our Careers Week. All our events have been very well attended, and the presenters who have visited us have commented on how well Dukies have listened, engaged, and asked really good questions.



Monday, 6th March: The National Horseracing College.

Ella Gillings looked at how large the horseracing industry is in this country, and how many different careers are available, not just jockeys and stable hands. She presented the College's residential apprenticeship pathways, with guaranteed paid work afterwards, and the 71 students who attended had fun examining a racing saddle, the range of ultra lightweight horseshoes now in use, and practiced their balancing skills on a wobble board. Ella has left with me more copies of the leaflet giving full details of the National Horseracing College's Apprenticeship scheme, and some more general prospectuses on all the College has to offer. For further details, visit:

[National Horseracing College | Horse Racing Courses | Equine Careers | The NHC](#)



Monday, 6th March: Careers in the British Army.

In front of an audience of over 170 Dukies, LCpl Tim Clayton from Canterbury Army Careers, and Mark Hurworth from the Regional Recruitment Office, spoke passionately and at length on the very many different careers and pathways available to join the British Army. Many questions were asked and answered, covering such topics as pay scales, apprenticeships, tours of duty, Reservists, Army scholarships, and fitness requirements. Mr Hurworth has left with me further copies of the University Funding and Bursary leaflet, which are now available from the Library. Full details of Army careers can be found here: [Careers | The British Army \(mod.uk\)](https://www.mod.uk/JoiningtheArmy/Careers)

Monday, 6th March: Life Skills for Leavers



Dukie Andy Black, who is a pilot with British Airways, delivered an inspirational workshop to all Year 13 students on themes of leadership, followship, teamwork and communication skills. Everyone contributed and participated well, and as Andy commented afterwards "...the Dukies were more interactive than people twice their age, when I have run this session in the past."



Tuesday, 7th March: Further Education Workshop with East Kent College



The whole of Year 11 participated in two-hour workshops led by three members of the East Kent (Further Education) College group. Topics covered included life at an FE College, funding and bursary opportunities, some of the over 400 different courses available including apprenticeships, BTECs and T levels, and the differences between FE and 6th Form. Students learnt about CV writing and interview skills, and about how most towns and cities throughout the UK will have similar opportunities. Our three visitors commented afterwards that rarely had they worked with such an engaged and attentive year group in any of the schools they visit.

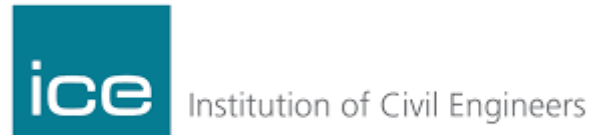
Leaflets about FE college applications, myth-busting, and apprenticeships are available from the Library. [Group - Global Homepage \(ekcgroup.ac.uk\)](http://ekcgroup.ac.uk)

Thursday, 9th March: Government Security and Science session

Dukie Natasha McDonald led a special session with 78 enthralled students about her work for the branch of the MOD dealing with national security, science & technology. She outlined the very many different roles available through the Civil Service website ([Home | Civil Service Careers \(civil-service-careers.gov.uk\)](http://civil-service-careers.gov.uk)) and spent some time talking about her time in Alanbrooke and Marlborough houses, including her appointment as the School's first ever female Colour Ensign.



Friday, 10th March: Engineering with former CSP Megan Woods



On Friday, 85 students from Years 10, 11 & 12 attended an inspirational talk from three young female engineers studying at the University of Sheffield, including Dukie and former CSP Megan Woods. Our students learnt about the many different types of Engineering, from civil to electrical, mechanical, genetic, biomedical and chemical. They heard about the links between civil engineering and architecture, and explored the many different pathways available towards this most rewarding, creative, and vital industry sector. Degree apprenticeships, and the importance of work experience were highlighted at some length, and the Dukies came away enthused by the many different opportunities available to shape the world of the future.

All three students are members of the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), who support and encourage students to explore civil engineering as a career: [The Institution Of Civil Engineers Homepage | Institution of Civil Engineers \(ICE\)](#). Careers Guides for 16-18 year olds, and details of undergraduate scholarships are available from the Library.



Monday, 13th March: Journalism & Publishing with Jon Connell



15 senior students attended a virtual Q & A session with Jon Connell, owner of the award-winning Connell Guides publishing company, and previously a journalist and Deputy Editor of The Sunday Times and Sunday Telegraph. Jon talked about his own path, from reading English at St Andrews University to launching publications such as The Week, Money Week, and his new platform, The Knowledge. He passed on many useful tips on networking, work experience, and strategies for building a career in both publishing and journalism.

The pocket Connell Guides , which support GCSE and A Level studies in English and History, can be accessed online here: [The most intelligent study guides on the market](#)
[| Connell Guides](#) (email Mr King for the School's login details)



Tuesday, 14th March: COLAS Engineering



The final event of this year's Dukies' Careers Week saw the multinational construction and engineering company COLAS present to the whole of Year 10. Specialising in road and infrastructure development, COLAS employ over 55,000 people worldwide, and deliver 60,000 projects per year. Our Year 10 students learnt about the 460+ roles available within the company, discussed employment terms and conditions, looked at apprenticeship opportunities, and enjoyed a fun session on survival techniques in the event of a shipwreck!

Dukies also met two engineers working on the current Dover Fastrack project: the team from COLAS were so impressed with the students' engagement, that they have offered a free one-week work experience placement, assisting with surveying and ground preparation, this coming summer, to a Dukie who lives locally. For more information on this, please contact Mr King. [Colas UK Infrastructure Contractor | Highway & Airport Contractor](#)



The Dukies Careers Week coincides with National Careers Week, and there has been plenty of action online highlighting many different careers paths, and giving tips and advice. Here is just a small selection of what has been made available:

[Law - NCW X LEBC Webinars-20230307_124546-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

[Construction - NCW X LEBC Webinars-20230307_115946-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

[Gaming - NCW X LEBC Webinars-20230306_115946-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

[Fashion & Technology - NCW X LEBC Webinars-20230306_124507-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

[Technology - NCW X LEBC Webinars-20230310_124505-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

[Exploring Your Options - NCW X LEBC Webinars-20230310_120035-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

[Theatre - NCW X LEBC Webinars-20230309_120005-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

[Sports - NCW X LEBC Webinars-20230308_124545-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

[Biomedical Science - NCW X LEBC Webinars-20230308_120008-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

[Engineering - NCW X LEBC Webinars-20230309_124503-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

Our partners in careers delivery, CXK Ltd, offer huge amounts of guidance online – here is just a small selection of what is available:

[CXK - YouTube](#)

[Best Kept Secret of Apprenticeship Hunting - YouTube](#)

[The Ultimate Guide to Finding an Apprenticeship - YouTube](#)

[Introduction to Apprenticeships and Traineeships - YouTube](#)

[Post 16 Choices & Applications Top Tips | Year 11 Advice - YouTube](#)

[Apprenticeships VS University - Why Not Both? - YouTube](#)

[Art Students Considering University, Attend University Exhibitions! - YouTube](#)

[Student Finance UK Explained: 2023 Onwards - YouTube](#)

[Believe in yourself. Believe in your career | Career top tips - YouTube](#)

[Year 9 GCSE Options - YouTube](#)

[Year 12 Research Year - YouTube](#)

[Post 16 Choices & Applications Top Tips | Year 11 Advice - YouTube](#)



The MYPATH organisation produces weekly broadcasts of their 'Job of the Week' – here are just a few of the careers they have highlighted recently:

[The Future Of Careers - YouTube](#)

[MYPATH - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #06 - FIREFIGHTER - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #10 - JOURNALIST - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #16 - PARAMEDIC - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #18 - SPORTS COACH - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #19 - TATTOO ARTIST - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #027 - BARRISTER - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK EPISODE #050 - AIR CABIN CREW - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK EPISODE #051 - BORDER FORCE OFFICER - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK EPISODE #052 - CHEF - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #71 - YOUTUBER - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #73 - BIOTECHNOLOGIST - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #75 - DETECTIVE - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #78 - GRAPHIC DESIGNER - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #84 - NEWSPAPER JOURNALIST - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #89 - SOCIAL WORKER - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #92 - WEB DESIGNER - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #94 - BARISTA - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #97 - ECOLOGIST - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #98 - FOOD TECHNOLOGIST - YouTube](#)

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #104 - LOCKSMITH - YouTube](#)



Meanwhile, the following podcasts are now available from National Careers Week 2023 – each link will take you through to a large selection of videos interviewing people highlighting many different careers paths:

MONDAY TALKS - [An overview of the Creative Industries](#)

TUESDAY TALKS - [Careers in the Screen Industries](#)

WEDNESDAY TALKS - [Careers in the Arts & Pop Culture](#)

THURSDAY TALKS - [Careers in the Media](#)

FRIDAY TALKS - [Careers in CreaTech & the future of the Creative Industries](#)

Finally, for up-to-date Labour Market Information, guidance and advice, scan the below QR code to visit CXK's own Careers Hub on your smartphone:

**CXK Careers
Research Hub**



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Over the next couple of days, I shall be sending out a short careers survey to all students, to gauge how well this year's Careers Week has been received, and to enable me to make Dukies Careers Week 2024 even better. Please take 5 minutes to complete this when you receive it.

If you have any comments or questions about this newsletter or wish to discuss anything concerning our careers provision here at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards

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