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Careers Information Sheet for Year 12

Year 12 – “The Research Year”

Students in Year 12 have the option of a 1-2-1 careers interview with one of our independent Careers Advisors from CXK Ltd. You will hear that Year 12 is often referred to as “The Research Year”.

To explain what we mean by The Research Year, Mr Chris Targett from CXK has produced the following vlog (it’s about 6 minutes long). Do have a look at it, to start to get some ideas of what you should be doing **this year**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgTZAXPbLxU&t=6s>

To help you, I’ve listed below some weblinks through to some of the organisations and events that Chris has mentioned:

To look at virtual work experience:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-internships/virtual-work-experience>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmjhm39>

(or google ‘virtual work experience’ and the industry or employment sector you are interested in)

Open public lectures

<https://www.open-lectures.co.uk/>

<https://www.ted.com/talks> - free online lectures by experts in every field imaginable. For example, search “Science” for over 180 lectures, some 5 minutes, some 1 hour. All free.

or search on Universities individual websites, narrowing your search by subject



Insight weeks

<https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/insights>

<https://www.allaboutfinancecareers.co.uk/finance-news/insight-days-spring-weeks>

<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/showthread.php?t=5905978>

or choose a company that you are interested in, go on to their website and search “insight week”. Many global organizations run these: some are offering virtual insight weeks.

Apprenticeships (including degree apprenticeships)

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>

or, once again, choose the company or organization you are interested in, and contact them direct. This is quite often the best way, and it’s never too early to start a conversation.

MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses)

<https://www.mooc.org/> - over 3000 courses listed, some free, some you have to pay for. Doing one of these during a holiday period looks really good on CVs, job applications, and UCAS applications.

<https://www.coursera.org/> - again, a huge number of courses listed. One free course for every student, every year.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/> - free from the Open University. Over 1000 courses, interactives, videos, and more.

Online University lectures

<https://www.youtube.com/?gl=GB&hl=en-GB> – narrow your search by putting in subjects or names of individual universities, also “first year” to get a flavour of what you might be doing in less than 2 years time. Also good to see student made content, to find out about what the universities don’t tell you.

Armed Forces

On our own School website, I have produced information sheets with links through to the main MOD sites for the Army, Royal Navy / Royal Marines, and Royal Air Force, including details of bursaries, scholarships and military based apprenticeships & degree apprenticeships:

<https://www.doyrms.com/careers>



University guides

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/>

<https://www.whatuni.com/>

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/courses>

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-universities-uk>

<https://www.which.co.uk/money/university-and-student-finance/getting-into-uni/how-to-write-a-personal-statement-a3bfp7h4yv7s>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/choosing-course/how-choose-between-undergraduate-courses-and-unis>

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2020/sep/05/the-best-uk-universities-2021-league-table>

Remember, most universities now make their own prospectuses available online through their own websites.

General research websites

<https://www.cxk.org/> - for lots more tips, ideas, help and resources.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/> - the government run careers service, with careers advisors available online and by phone

<https://www.ucas.com/> - start looking at courses now

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance> - for details of student loans, etc

<https://www.gapyear.com/>

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

<https://www.savethestudent.org/> - lots of advice on finance, student jobs, accommodation, etc.

As always, if you are stuck, need help, or need someone to talk to about careers, email me, talk to your subject teachers, Miss Couves, or Miss Watson.

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