



Careers Newsletter – January 2021

Welcome to the 8th of our regular Careers Newsletters, offering information on how the School provides ongoing careers information, advice and guidance throughout students' tenure here at The Duke of York's Royal Military School.

As I write, the School is in its third week of the latest lockdown. Whilst students are coping brilliantly with the demands of virtual learning, I would reiterate what Mr Foreman said in his recent online assembly, that time can pass very quickly. Our careers provision is certainly moving on, with almost all Year 11 students now having received their initial group careers session with Mr Targett, one of our independent Careers Advisors from our partners, CXK Ltd. Once these are complete, we will be moving on to more personalised sessions with those Year 11 students who require further help in choosing their post-16 destination, as well as focussing on supporting Year 12 & Year 13 students.

Year 9 students will be asked to make their choices for GCSE subjects during the Easter holidays. For parents wishing to think about this, CXK have produced an excellent article on the subject: [Year 9 Careers Information & Advice: A guide to choosing GCSE options - cxk](#)

Work Experience

During Year 10, it is common for students to get some experience of a workplace for a few days, to get a feel for a particular type of industry or business, or to learn a little about a particular type of organisation. This usually takes place during a holiday period – either a half term break, at Christmas or Easter, or during the summer holidays between years 10 & 11. Whilst you will not be paid for work experience, you may find a type of job or profession that is really interesting, and whatever you do will look good on your CV in years to come.

Work experience is obviously harder to arrange at present because of the COVID restrictions, but below are some ideas that may help you around this. There are plenty of companies that are offering 'virtual work experience', many of which can be completed at your own pace and spread out over several days or weeks.



Firstly, the InvestIN organization are offering a range of weekend online courses aimed specifically to provide virtual work experience opportunities, covering 20 different sectors, including Architecture, Art, Banking, Computer Science, Engineering, Journalism, Law, Medicine, Music Production, and Veterinary Medicine. These courses are not just for Year 10 students, and can for Year 12 students needing work experience to apply for Medicine or Vets entry be a very useful addition to a CV. The courses are not free, although bursaries are available. Details can be found here:

[Choose Your Work Experience - InvestIN Education](#)

Four National construction companies, Amey, Balfour Beatty, Wates and Willmott Dixon are offering a one-week work experience opportunity for anyone aged 14 or above. This will be running on-line from 15th to 19th February, but applications must be received by 31st January. The following is from the Speakers for Schools website, highlighting what an excellent work experience opportunity this is for all students, not just those thinking about a career in Construction Management.

Are you looking for a career in management?

Do you think construction is a dirty, low paid profession?

This Construction Management Careers Virtual Work Experience introduces you to management careers in construction.

- develop your employability skills*
- work with other participants on a group project*
- learn how to pitch, and present your project Dragon's Den style by the end of the week*
- live and pre-recorded sessions provide insight into construction*
- engage with our people and hear about their career journey*
- receive top tips from our recruitment team to improve your CV and interview skills*
- make and deliver a short presentation about yourself*

We are looking for our future leaders. Come along and see if that's you!

This opportunity is free to join. To apply, visit: [ViewOpportunity \(s4snextgen.org\)](http://s4snextgen.org)

Specifically for Year 11, 12 or 13 students thinking of a career as a doctor or in any of the **Medical Sciences**, a 2 hour session with certificate of completion is being offered on 29 March, 1800-2000hrs. For a payment of £25, topics covered will include surgery, specialities, night shifts and work-life balance: clinical examination, the secrets of the stethoscope, ECG interpretation, Chest x-rays and blood sampling will be some of the skills introduced. For further information and to book, visit: [Virtual Career Experience | Doctor Jakes](#)



Year 11 advice on post-16 choices

Parents of all students in Year 11 have been contacted to confirm returning to the Duke of York’s Sixth Form or to outline other plans for post-16 destinations. If any families require further academic advice, please contact the Head of Sixth Form (Hannah.Couves@doyrms.com), or me if you would like to talk about the careers implications of decisions made at this point (stephen.king@doyrms.com)

Armed Forces Careers Interviews

We will soon be offering online contacts and interviews for the Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy / Royal Marines. Please email me (Stephen.king@doyrms.com) to request an interview, stating clearly which branch of the armed forces you are interested in. This will be available for all students from Year 9 upwards.

Apprenticeships

On the afternoons of 3rd & 4th February, **Rate My Apprenticeships** are holding a major online event to support students interested in apprenticeships, higher level and degree apprenticeships. With input from major employers such as PwC, Lloyds Banking, Vodaphone and Aldi, these sessions are free, although pre-registration is required. Suitable for Years 10 up to 13, students would need permission from teachers to attend one of these events, as they may clash with lessons. Details:

[Meet Apprentice Employers at RateMyApprenticeship's Virtual Event](#)

On Thursday 4th February, The Education People's **ApprenticeKent** team will be hosting an information evening for young people and their parents/carers from 4pm to 8pm.

The purpose of the event is to provide key information about apprenticeships and how to search and apply for apprenticeship vacancies.

The event will consist of a series of live webinars hosted by employers and apprenticeship training providers. Alongside these live webinars they will have information pages on the different apprenticeship sectors with videos and resources to help you explore the apprenticeship options available to you. Even if you do not live in Kent, these webinars will be of interest, as much of the information offered will be relevant to other parts of the country. Details:

[KentChoices \(kentprospectus.co.uk\)](http://kentprospectus.co.uk)



The **Kent & Medway Enterprise Adviser Network** are holding a **live stream event**, focusing on apprenticeships and skills employers are looking for in their future employees.

This virtual event is aimed at young people from Years 9 and upwards. Parents, carers and School staff are all welcome to attend.

The My Future Apprenticeship event will be broadcast live on **Wednesday 10th February 12 - 1.35pm** and you be joined by our partners from **Pfizer, Holiday Extras, NHS, the BBC and more**. Attendees can put their questions to the panellists using the live chat function.

To access the live stream you MUST [register HERE for My Future Apprenticeships](#). Before joining, be sure to [check system requirements](#) to avoid any connection issues. A recording of the event will be available afterwards.

The **National Audit Office**, the independent Parliamentary body in the United Kingdom which is responsible for auditing central government departments, government agencies and non-departmental public bodies, are recruiting for students with 3 A levels in any subjects to train to become Chartered Accountants. Over a 5 year fully funded programme, students can achieve their professional qualification, whilst earning over £24,000 pa (based in London), or £18,000 pa (based in Newcastle), and incurring no student debt to pay for tuition fees. Year 13 students have until March 8 to apply: Year 12 students who may be interested should start to look for relevant work experience this coming summer to aid their application next year. Full details can be found here: [Homepage - NAO \(naoaccountancyscheme.co.uk\)](http://naoaccountancyscheme.co.uk)

Pearson Business School London are offering degree level apprenticeships in Business Management, starting in September 2021. They have in the past, offered apprenticeships with such companies as L'Oréal, Tesco, Moët Hennessy, Estée Lauder, Transport for London, BT and the NHS. Their Degree Apprenticeships are an excellent chance to:

- Work with leading companies
- Study a BA(Hons) Business Management degree
- Have tuition fees paid in full
- Earn an annual salary

Entries close on 26th February, so there is still time for Year 13 students to apply. Qualification requirements are flexible, with no specific A levels required (you will need grade 4 or above in GCSE English & Maths). Year 12 students can sign up now for early alerts and pre-information for the September 2022 intake. Full details here: [Degree Apprenticeships \(pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk\)](http://degreeapprenticeships.pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk)

Many of the above events are part of National Apprenticeship Week (8-14 February). For further details, and links through to many other opportunities, go to: [National Apprenticeship Week 2021 | RateMyApprenticeship](#)



Free online courses

There are literally thousands of free **MOOCs** (massive open online courses) available to students of all years. All students, particularly in Years 11 and 12, should be able to find a course that will help with study skills, to raise employability qualities, to gain background knowledge about a particular subject, or to prepare for the next step of education. Visit [MOOC.org](https://www.mooc.org) | [Massive Open Online Courses](https://www.massiveopenonlinecourses.com) | [An edX Site](https://www.edx.org) for more information.

University Taster Days

Most universities are now offering online taster days, and many other virtual events. Year 12 students should be interacting with as many of these as possible, to experience different universities. To see which events are becoming available, see <https://www.unitasterdays.com/>

Students interested in a career within medicine may be interested in the European School of Osteopathy. Based in Maidstone, ESO offer a range of degree level courses, with qualification requirements typically BBC in A level Science subjects. There is a virtual tour available online, and a live event planned for 24th February. For more details, see: [Osteopathy School In Kent - The ESO](https://www.eso.org.uk)

Our next newsletter, scheduled to be sent week commencing 22 February, will have full details of Dukies' first ever Careers Week, to run Monday 1st to Friday 5th March. We will be welcoming a whole range of inspirational speakers from a large variety of different industries, with events tailored to students from all years. Further details, with information on how to book, will be released soon.

If you have any queries about the School's Careers provision, please do not hesitate to contact me. To all students: keep working hard, engage with your lessons, and we will welcome you back to Dover hopefully very soon.

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