



Careers Newsletter 11 – Early March 2021

Last week's Dukies Careers Week has come and gone – but there are still plenty of ways of engaging with high-quality resources to inform and educate on all matters careers related. Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who got involved last week – it was great to see so many of you engaging and asking brilliant questions.

Firstly, the events from last week are available for all students to view. These can be found by going to the academic cloud → work store → student read → careers, and selecting the individual event. I would particularly recommend, for Year 12 and 13 students, the “Getting Ready for Uni” event, delivered by the Student Recruitment Officer from Cardiff Metropolitan University. During this talk, there is a lot of information offered about the UCAS process, student loans and accommodation, things to consider when choosing universities, etc.

Careers Survey



There is now a short survey available to gauge the effectiveness of our Dukies' Careers Week. Please click [here](#) if you are a student, or [here](#) if you are a parent / guardian. Even if you didn't attend any Careers Week events, I would like you to complete the survey - it will enable me to plan and make next year's event even better.

Stop press news!



*Many of you will know **Chris Targett from CXK Ltd**, one of our independent Careers Advisors. Chris has just been awarded the prestigious 'National Careers Advisor / Coach of the Year' award by the CDI (Careers Development Institute), the professional body for all working in careers education, information, advice and guidance. Many congratulations to Chris – we are certainly lucky having him work with and for our Dukies!*



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National Careers Week

Last week was not only Dukies' Careers Week, but also **National Careers Week (NCW)**. Many of the events for NCW are still available online until Easter, although many include downloadable resources for you to keep permanently.

On Monday 1st March, **NatWest** sponsored events including an insight into their Early Careers programmes, podcasts on overcoming obstacles, interviews with recent graduates on their NatWest careers, and Careers Kickstart brochures on many subjects including planning ahead, writing a good CV, alternatives to University, and advice on how to network. All these can be accessed here:

[VCF: Monday \(ncw2021.co.uk\)](http://ncw2021.co.uk)

On Tuesday, 2nd March, the **Merchant Navy** presented "Careers at Sea" – a full day of events promoting the many variety of opportunities available to help Britain's trade routes rolling. From Leadership, Engineering and Electro-Technical Officers to Ratings, with details of fully sponsored training programmes, explore lots of information to help you investigate a life on the ocean wave:

[VCF: Tuesday \(ncw2021.co.uk\)](http://ncw2021.co.uk)

Wednesday, 3rd March saw NCW handed into the safe and caring hands of the **National Health Service**. "350 careers, one NHS" is one of the slogans of our Health Service, which has played such a decisive part in the nation's life over the last year. *"Whatever your skills, qualifications or interests, there is a career for you in the NHS. You could work directly with patients, in hospitals, an ambulance trust, or in the community. And once you're part of the NHS team, you can develop your career to fulfil your potential."*

With a quick quiz to suggest suitable areas of the NHS that might be of interest (and the quiz works – it suggested from my answers that I should be a Librarian for the NHS!), there is also a short film looking at how the NHS has changed and adapted in the 73 years since it was formed back in 1948. There are careers histories from several different types of NHS workers, and links through to the main NHS careers website.

[VCF: Wednesday \(ncw2021.co.uk\)](http://ncw2021.co.uk)



Thursday, 4th March saw The **Skills Builder Partnership** present their platform designed to help students of all ages with employability skills. *“There are eight essential skills that are critical for success in almost any job. As a student, you can dig into these skills in more detail using the Skills Builder Universal Framework, which is backed by over 120 employers nationally. Plus, if you want to discover your skills strengths and areas for development you can sign up to [Skills Builder Benchmark](#) for free”*. The eight skills – listening, speaking, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership, and teamwork – are all attributes that Dukies excel in. To boost your ‘soft skills’ even further, download work sheets, listen to short podcasts, and earn certificates to put on your CVs to demonstrate your proficiency in these vital areas. All the details can be found here:

[VCF: Thursday \(ncw2021.co.uk\)](https://ncw2021.co.uk)

Friday, 5th March saw a takeover of NCW by another of our national institutions – the BBC. The **British Broadcasting Corporation**, to give its full title, can trace its origins back to 1922, and is now the biggest broadcasting company in the world, with over 35,000 employees.

Many of you will know BBC Bitesize well as a source of online study and revision. However, as the following link shows, there is much more to Bitesize than just school work: Here you will find articles, videoclips and information about many of the careers available, including TV & Film, Radio, Journalism, Performing Arts, Games & Design, and so on. They also highlight other areas, such as Healthcare and ‘Jobs to Protect the Planet’. Could you be the next Sir David Attenborough?

[VCF: Friday \(ncw2021.co.uk\)](https://ncw2021.co.uk)

Work Experience

Every Newsletter has links and suggestions for work experience (WEX), and I cannot overemphasise how important this is for students from Year 10 upwards. Time and again, potential employers and Admissions Tutors have mentioned WEX as one area where students can help their CV, employment or further/higher education application ‘stand out from the crowd’. Face to face WEX has, of course, been difficult over the last year or so, but this has been countered by the growth of innumerable on-line and virtual WEX opportunities, some of which are outlined below. A useful tip for students undertaking WEX is to keep a diary or log of what you encountered – you will then be able to refer to this in years to come when adding the WEX to your application or CV.



Title	Date	Suitable for	Apply by
The Future of Green Careers - SThree	14 April 2021	16 – 19-year-olds keen to find out - how do you turn a passion for the environment into a future career?	19 March 2021
NextGen Nurse - Meet the people behind the masks	29 April 2021	14–19-year-olds interested in helping to save and improve people`s lives.	7 April 2021
Working on HS2 Project - Fusion and EKFB	12 – 16 April 2021	14 – 19-year-olds interested in learning about one of Britain`s largest infrastructure projects.	21 March 2021
Green jobs in the construction industry - Graham Construction	8 April 2021	14 – 19-year-olds interested in a career in the construction industry.	19 March 2021
`App in a Day` Insight Day – Anglian Water	9 April 2021	16–19-year-olds interested in a career in information technology.	23 March 2021
Policy at Ofcom VWEX	6 - 9 April 2021	16 – 19-year-old students keen to learn how to tackle some of the biggest issues within communication and broadcasting.	19 March 2021
Introduction to Careers in Light Rail - Midland Metro Alliance	29 March 2021 (5pm – 6pm)	14 – 19-year-olds keen to learn more about the light rail industry.	19 March 2021

Be a 'Virtual GP' for a day!

The Education Projects organization still have places available on their next 'Virtual GP Course' on April 3rd. This is a full-day course with a full GP Surgery, complete with professional camera crews and to live-stream real patient cases directly to aspiring medical students. The cost for the day is £159, but this immersive day will certainly help with UCAS applications for medicine and allied health professions. For full details, visit: [GP Work Experience | Live Course for Students Aged 15+ | Online Course \(educationprojects.co.uk\)](#)

Dr Bakhtar Ahmad (Founder of The Medic Life) is hosting a **FREE** work experience workshop for all prospective **medical and dental applicants** this Sunday, 14th March, 10am - 5pm.

This will be a hugely beneficial event for Year 11, 12 & 13 students to give further insights into these careers. To book in, visit:

<https://www.themediclife.com/workexperience>



Work Experience - Medicine

Brighton and Sussex Medical School – becoming a Doctor

Have you thought about maybe becoming a Doctor or studying medicine? Work experience is an incredibly important part of this and it is essential that you start preparing yourself early. [Brighton and Sussex Medical School](#) have put together a wonderful opportunity for all who are considering medicine to gain some valuable work experience with them.

Hours: Up to 30 but can have more if needed

Certificate on completion: Yes

Work Experience – Architecture

[Halliday Fraser Munroe](#) This course is suitable for Years 10, 11 and 12 but if in year 10, it would be very beneficial to have a keen interest in architecture. This is a real company, who are running a fantastic work experience programme online. You will complete two tasks including designing a house for a celebrity.

Hours: Recommend 15

Certificate on completion: yes, if you submit your files

Work Experience - Digital Technologies

[Idea.org.uk](#) You can work your way towards various ‘badges’ in IT safety, digital creativity and techniques to gain more knowledge and skills in coding and cyber security. If you complete enough points in the same section, you will obtain an online badge.

Hours: depend on many units you want to complete

Certificate of completion: virtual badge

Work Experience - Environmental Science – Global warming

If you have an interest in the environment and enjoy Science, [this short course](#) will introduce you to the factors which affect climate change.

Hours: 5

Certificate of completion: Yes

Work Experience - Forensic Science and Fingerprints

How do Forensic Scientists operate? What is involved in using fingerprints as evidence? [This course](#) will introduce you to the basic principles of forensic science in the working world.

Hours: 5

Certificate of completion : Yes



Work Experience - Psychology and Health and Social Care

First Aid [Introduction to First Aid](#) - Knowledge in First Aid is useful for all walks of life and different careers. It will obviously also be incredibly useful if you are considering a career in healthcare.

Hours: 1-2

Certificate on Completion: Yes

Psychological Research [Introduction to Psychology](#) - for those who are interested in pursuing a career in any of the caring/social/Mental Health professions

Hours: 5

Certificate of Completion: Yes

Social Work [Interview with a Social Worker](#) - A real life Social worker talks about their job and role, and what is involved in becoming a Social Worker

Hours: 1 hour

Certificate of completion: Yes

Healthcare [Caring in Hospitals](#) - If you are thinking about going into Healthcare, becoming a Nurse or another allied health profession then this is a really great insight into working in a hospital.

Hours: 8

Certificate of Completion: Yes

Work Experience - Construction

Plumbing [Introduction to Plumbing](#)

A great way of gaining some basic Plumbing knowledge if you are considering a career in this industry

Time: 1-2 hours

Certificate on Completion: Yes

Carpentry [Introduction to Carpentry](#)

If you are considering a career as a Carpenter, then this course will introduce to the basic principles of structures and what is involved in being a Carpenter.

Time: 1-2 hours

Certificate on Completion: Yes

Work Experience - Education and Public Services

Teaching [The World of the Primary School](#) Considering becoming a Primary Teacher? This will be a great introductory course about the profession.

Hours: 8

Certificate on completion: Yes

Policing [Sure, I Know How to Talk to People](#) A great introduction to the Police Force using one of the most important skills: communication.

Hours: 4

Certificate on completion: Yes



Work Experience - General Employability

[FreeFormers](#) Provided by Barclays, this is an interactive video of someone on a work experience placement, at a Technology company. You don't need to be interested in Technology to do this virtual work experience, but gives you a great idea of what it would be like to carry out a work experience placement in a real company to give you a 'feel' for going into a new company and meeting new people. You will need to follow the link above and register an account to access the video.

Hours: 1

Certificate of Completion: No

As with all Work Experience, please inform me of what students have been completing, so I may log this down on their records. This tracking is a most important part of our careers provision, so we can demonstrate that all students have had the opportunity to undertake some WEX.

UCAS and University Fairs

Year 11,12 & 13 students:

Next Wednesday afternoon, 17th March (1200-1800hrs), the **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** is being held.

This event will allow you to explore all your post-18 options in one place, with a huge range of exhibitors coming along. Universities will include Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist institutions, as well as colleges and apprenticeship providers. **You'll be able to explore exhibition stands, live chat with admissions officers, student ambassadors, academics and recruitment teams to ask any questions you have, view prospectuses and information, and take part in 10 live and interactive webinars in the auditorium.**

The event is completely free of charge to students, parents and teachers. The events are designed to make researching your post-18 options really engaging, and there will be lots of interactive elements for you to explore virtually whilst at school or at home. The event is ideal for **Year 12s** to explore all the fantastic higher education and career options available, as well as being a fantastic way for **Year 11s** to gain motivation and inspiration. We also recommend attending if you are currently in **Year 13**, as this event will help you to decide upon your firm and insurance choices or explore apprenticeships if you are looking to take that path. (Please be aware that this may clash with lessons: talk to your teachers if you wish to attend this).

To book in, visit [UK University Search Virtual Fair \(vfacts.com\)](http://vfacts.com)

UCAS/Discovery Event

Meanwhile, the annual UCAS/Discovery event, showcasing over 100 Universities, will be held for the South East on April 20 & 21. Full details can be found here: [UCAS/Discovery – South East | Exhibition | UCAS](#). Further details of this important event will be given in our next Newsletter.



DE:CONSTRUCT – Raising Your Voice

Information provided by Goldsmiths, University of London.

Year 12 students can join external speakers and Goldsmiths academics to explore the theme of 'Raising Your Voice' at DE:CONSTRUCT, 23-25 March 2021. Sessions are free and take place online between 4.00pm and 7.15pm. Students can choose how many sessions they attend.

The headline speaker is Yomi Adegoke, a journalist, podcaster and co-author of 'Slay in Your Lane', which has been described as a 'guide to life for a generation of black women.' Yomi currently writes for: The Guardian; I newspaper and British Vogue.

Other speakers include: Shout Out UK; Greenpeace; Turner Contemporary Gallery; Young Mayor of Lewisham team; a Fashion and History Curator; EcoActive; campaigner Laura Coryton and Goldsmiths Centre for Contemporary Arts.

There will also be sessions from academic departments at Goldsmiths including: Anthropology; Law; Media, Communications and Cultural Studies; Politics and International Relations; Psychology, Sociology and Theatre and Performance.

For further information and to book your place, visit: [Session details | Goldsmiths, University of London](#)

Careers in Creative Industries

Do you have a passion for gaming? Are you interested in **VFX, Game Art, Motion Graphics or Animation**? Visit the Escape Studios, part of Pearson College London, for a host of free webinars, open days, blogs and online festivals. Escape Studios are hosting a careers evening on Tuesday, 30th March (1730hrs). For full details, go to: [E_scape hub | Pearson College London](#)

Careers in the Army

After National Careers Week, students may be considering their path to a successful future, including university. The costs of higher education can be daunting, but the Army has many ways to help students get the funding they need.



With over 70 different job roles, there are opportunities for learning and development for everyone in the Army, including degree-level qualifications before or during a career.

To find out more about university funding, the Army is hosting a live webinar on 31st March at 6pm for you and your students. Book your place for free below.

[Fund University with the British Army virtual event - 31st March \(adobeconnect.com\)](https://adobeconnect.com)

Army Bursaries

A bursary is the funding the Army gives to students to cover university fees. You can [watch our new video](#) to discover all of the funding opportunities offered by the Army.

To apply for a bursary students need to join the Army through the online application process. With the Army, students could receive:

- Medical bursaries up to £75,000
- Undergraduate bursaries up to £25,000
- Bursaries for music students up to £27,000
- Fully funded degrees – for those starting officer training as a non-graduate

For full details, visit: [Officer Bursary - British Army Jobs \(mod.uk\)](https://mod.uk)

Kent Police – Recruitment event

Those of you who attended our Kent Police Careers event last week will have met Tanya Clark, the Community Liaison Officer for Dover District. She has just sent through the following details of an event later in the month for students 16 and over who are considering a career in any Police force, not just in Kent:

It's an extremely exciting time to join Kent Police as we continue to recruit for both police officers and police staff roles across the county. Kent Police has numerous specialist teams: targeting county lines drug supply; high volume crime; organised crime; fraud and those who exploit the vulnerable. We have a well-established and effective visible dog/marine and rural crime unit and the nationally recognised Kent Special Constabulary supporting and working alongside regular officers. As the gateway to Europe, Kent Police has a strong working relationship with partner agencies around counter terrorism and intelligence.

On Saturday 20 March, we will be holding a recruitment event where we will highlight all of the amazing opportunities that are available to you and explain, by those actually doing the roles what it is really like. During both events we will cover the eligibility criteria for police officer and police staff roles. You will then have the opportunity to choose from a variety of bespoke sessions led by specialist representatives.

You can join the morning or afternoon session by registering your interest following the links below. Once you have registered your interest, we will email you nearer the time with joining instructions.



Due to limited space for both sessions please register your interest for one event only. Please note this online event will take place via Microsoft Teams.

Please note that this event is open to those aged over 16 years old.

Morning session 9am to 12 midday

<https://www.kent.police.uk/police-forces/kent-police/areas/kent-police/c/careers/recruitment-events-workshops/online-recruitment-event/agenda-20-march-2021--morning/>

Afternoon session 1pm to 4pm

<https://www.kent.police.uk/police-forces/kent-police/areas/kent-police/c/careers/recruitment-events-workshops/online-recruitment-event/agenda-20-march-2021--afternoon/>

Virtual Tour of Canterbury Christ Church University's new Health & Medical Care facility

For students interested in a career in Healthcare or Medicine, this is an excellent opportunity to view the new, state of the art faculty buildings. Watch here: <https://youtu.be/OjMOMxJ9toU>

And finally...

This is probably the longest of our Careers Newsletters so far – a testament to how many opportunities there are for students to explore, investigate and discover their futures. Whether you are a student or a parent, please don't forget to complete the survey on the first page of this newsletter - it will really help me with our future planning of careers events and provision.

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 don't hesitate to email me.

Dukies: see you soon, hopefully!

Best regards

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