



Careers Newsletter 14 – October 2021

Welcome to the first Careers newsletter of the new academic year. Here you will find plenty of ideas for work experience opportunities, some good links to apprenticeship options, and details of university open days, both in person and virtual.

Year 12 – The Research Year

Following on from the careers seminars that all Year 12 students attended earlier this term, our friends at CXK Ltd (our independent careers advisors) have produced this useful video to highlight why we call Year 12 “The Research Year”. Much of this content will be familiar to Year 12 students, and I would encourage all parents to take some time to look at this - it illustrates how important preparation is for students planning their next steps post-18.

[Year 12 Research Year - YouTube](#)

For parents and students considering Higher Education (Universities), there are lots of resources available at: [Higher Education: Useful Websites - CXK](#)

Students considering university after their A levels or BTECs should be looking to visit, whether in person or virtually, at least two or three different universities, to be able to compare different institutions. Details of many different Open Days can be found here: [Search university and higher education recruitment, outreach and widening participation events | University events \(unitasterdays.com\)](#)

Advice for students in Year 9

Towards Easter, students in Year 9 will be asked to make their GCSE options. All students will continue to study English, Maths, and Science, but will be able to choose which other subjects they wish to take. There will be plenty of help and support given by the School in the next few months, but for parents wishing to start exploring these options now, the Careerpilot website has plenty of resources available: [Careerpilot : Parent zone : Choices at 14 : How can I help my child make their option choices in Year 9 \(some schools make option choices in Y8\)](#)

Year 7 or 8? Find out what sort of a career animal you are!

This fun quiz will help you to discover your strengths and what makes you tick, understand how others may see you, and let you explore subject choices and jobs that could suit you. By the way, according to this quiz, I'm a panda! [Buzz quiz - icould](#)



Work Experience & Insights into Industries

Work experience is vital for students to gain an insight into different types of employment and industry sector. Evidence of work experience can be vital in applying for courses in further or higher education, particularly in areas such as medicine and associated healthcare areas. Ideally, all students should have completed some work experience by the end of Year 11, with further placements during 6th form. It is important that once work experience is completed, you let the School know (ideally, by email to Mr King) so this can be logged onto your records. Keeping a diary or journal of what you have done during work experience is a good idea, so you can refer to it at a later date.

- Many students who are interested in a career in **healthcare** can struggle to find relevant work experience. The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) are now offering, for students aged 16+, “Observe GP”, an interactive video platform designed to offer a suitable element of relevant experience to help prepare applications to medical school. To access this, go to: [Observe GP - Interactive video platform | RCGP](#)
- Brighton & Sussex Medical School (BSMS) also offers virtual work experience for students interested in **medicine**. Details here: [BSMS Virtual Work Experience \(thinkific.com\)](#)
- The NHS has a host of resources available to all those interested in careers in **healthcare**: [Explore roles | Health Careers](#). On 14th December, there is a 1-day virtual work experience event for students interested in **Nursing** as a profession. Log into the Speakers for Schools website here: <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2303> for further details. Applications close on 23rd November.
- UK New Artists have a raft of resources available to young people interested in careers in **creative arts** (music, dance, fine art, graphics, theatres, etc) - [Resources — UK New Artists](#)
- “The Industry” [THE INDUSTRY \(the-industry.co.uk\)](#) has lots of tips, workshops, documentaries and pathways for those interested in becoming **hairdressers**.
- The Wow Show ([Construction Special - The WOW Show](#)) highlights resources, interviews and pathways into the world of **construction**.



- Kainos.com, a leading **IT and Digital Technology** company, are offering a 3 day virtual work experience event from 14-16 December. Meet members of staff, learn how to develop websites and software, and experience working in IT. This is available to anyone aged 14 and over, and can be accessed through the Speakers for Schools website: [Experience > View Opportunity Details \(s4snextgen.org\)](https://www.s4snextgen.org). At the end of the sessions, you'll not only have become a Coding hero, you will receive a Kainos branded certificate for your CV.
- For students interested in **Engineering** as a career, the annual ENGREC (Engineering Recruitment) virtual fair is being held next week, on Friday, 29th October. A number of universities will be promoting their engineering degrees, alongside companies such as National Grid, BAE Systems, and the Royal Air Force Engineering division. To register, visit <https://engrec2021.vfairs.com/>
- **Unilever** plc, the British-based multinational consumer goods company behind such brand names as Persil, Wall's and Ben and Jerry's ice cream, Hellmann's mayonnaise, and Lynx body spray, are offering the chance to win free work experience through their virtual event on 28 October. For further details, and how to book, visit: [Our World, Your Future | Schools Event - Unilever \(ratemyplacement.co.uk\)](https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/our-world-your-future-schools-event). The event will include:
 - A focus on Unilever's apprenticeship and school leaver programmes*
 - Insights from their current apprenticeship candidates*
 - A closer look at how Unilever champions sustainability*
 - How Unilever employee networks drive the company forward*
 - Exclusive teaser of the "Our World, Your Future" competition launching in November 2021 and how you could WIN work experience*
- The **Investin organisation** continues to offer immersive weekend and summer school experiences for students aged 12-14 and 15-18. Usually based in London, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester or Edinburgh, the programmes offer hands-on simulations, and exposure to top-class individuals already working in their chosen area of expertise. These sessions are not free, but offer excellent opportunities to gain experience, and to make your CV, job or university application stand out. Investin covers many different sectors, including (but not restricted to) Law, Accountancy, Architecture, Fashion, Forensic Science, Journalism, Music Production, Politics, Software Engineering, Video Game Design, and Veterinary Science. For the full list, and details of their courses, visit: <https://investin.org/pages/choose-your-career>



Apprenticeships

- **IBM**, the multi-national technology corporation with a presence in 171 countries worldwide, has a full range of apprenticeships (post-16), degree and higher-level apprenticeships (post-18), school-leaver and work placement schemes available. Full details can be found here: [IBM Careers - School Leaver - United Kingdom](#)

- **BT** are running a free student insight webinar on November 11th, 1630-1700hrs, for students who may be interested in apprenticeships within the organisation. To book a place, visit: [Webinar \(microsoft.com\)](#) Hear directly from both a BT recruiter and current apprentice on:

Apprenticeships at BT and the different roles available

What to expect from an apprenticeship

Progression opportunities

Tips on how to apply and make sure your application stands out from the crowd

PLUS a Q and A session, so you can get all of your burning questions answered

- **Jaguar Land Rover** offer apprenticeships throughout their 200+ retail outlets throughout the UK. For school leavers aged 16 and over, four different apprenticeships are available: Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair, Vehicle Sales, Customer Service, and Vehicle Parts. Students should be projected to achieve at least Grade 4 in English, Maths and two other subjects. Full details can be found here: [Apprenticeship Programme | Jaguar Land Rover Apprenticeship Programme \(jaguarlandroverretailerapprenticeships.co.uk\)](#)
- **The Volkswagen Group**, which includes Seat, Audi, Skoda, Bentley, and Cupra, are also recruiting for apprentices. If you are interested in becoming a Service Technician, Parts or Service Advisor, and are predicted to gain at least a grade 4 in English, Maths and Science, apprenticeships from summer 2022 will be available throughout the UK – but you can apply now. For full details, visit [Homepage - VW Apprenticeship Programme \(volkswagen-apprentice.co.uk\)](#)
- For comprehensive details about how apprenticeships work, how they can be a real alternative to university or post-16 study, visit [Apprenticeship resources for schools, teachers, parents \(amazingapprenticeships.com\)](#). To search for apprenticeships, visit <https://www.kentprospectus.co.uk/courses/employer-apprenticeship-search> and enter any UK postcode. CXK also have details designed to help: [CXK Resources: How To Find An Apprenticeship](#)



Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst

- The Speakers for Schools organisation is advertising an online **Leadership Insight Session** on Wednesday, 15th December. Suitable for anyone from age 11 upwards, and starting at 1000hrs, the Youth Engagement Team at RMAS are hosting a one-hour virtual leadership session with Q&A, to help you develop life skills in teamwork and leadership - which will be useful to all young people in any role, along any path you want to pursue in the future. Learn some lifelong transferable skills, and gain insight into self-awareness and personal values to help you achieve your goals. You will need to create an account on the Speakers for Schools platform using the “Young People” function, and be prepared to answer the following questions:
 1. What do you already know about the Royal Military Academy and what do you think Leadership means?
 2. What are your values and standards, and why are they important? (think of the six core values of our School)
 3. Do you want to be the best you can be, and how will you make a difference?



Full details can be found here: [Experience > View Opportunity Details \(s4snextgen.org\)](https://www.s4snextgen.org). The closing date for applications is 9th December.

And finally...

Throughout the rest of this term, and into next term, all Year 11 students will have the opportunity to meet one of our **independent careers advisors** to discuss their post-16 options. We will also be offering appointments to Years 10, 12 & 13 students, working with Year 9 students to help with their GCSE choices, and embedding careers into Years 7 & 8 lessons.

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 email me.

Best regards

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