



Careers Newsletter 15 – February 2022

Welcome to the first Careers newsletter of 2022. Here you will find some good links to apprenticeship options, details of university open days, both in person and virtual, and details of the School's ongoing careers programmes.

Important information for parents of Year 11 students

- The requirements for students to enter **6th Form** (Year 12) here at The Duke of York's Royal Military School are: four GCSE grades at 6, and a further two at 5, these are to include English and Mathematics. Most subjects to be taken at A level would require a 6 at GCSE, (7 for sciences or Maths). Subjects offered at A level which are not taught at GCSE have equivalent requirements – for instance, to take Psychology at A level would require a 6 in both English and Maths. For further details, please contact the Admissions Department (admissions@doyrms.com). Year 11 progress reports and predicted grades are currently being released: if these do not meet the above requirements to enter 6th form, we recommend that parents should now be looking for alternative provisions.
- Sixth Form academic **scholarships** with an 80% reduction in fees may be offered to students who achieve a minimum of three grade 8 & three grade 7 GCSE results. Sports scholarships may also be available. For further details, please contact the Admissions Department.

Option choices for Year 9 & Year 11 students

- We will soon be commencing our Year 9 options programme, to choose GCSE subjects, and looking at A level and BTEC options for Year 11 students to enter 6th form. More details will be available in the forthcoming Parent Bulletin.

Opportunities available for parental involvement

- **Google**, one of the largest tech companies in the world, are offering parents of students in years 10-13 the opportunity to learn about apprenticeship pathways. This free online seminar will be held on Wednesday, 9th March at 1830hrs. Full details on how to book can be found here: [Google Apprenticeships Parents' Insight Webinar Tickets, Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)





- **IBM**, the American multi-national technology company with over 300,000 employees worldwide, are offering a number of online seminars to coincide with National Apprenticeship week: on Monday, 7th February at 1100hrs, an event entitled 'Build the Future – a session to explore IBM Apprenticeship schemes'. Wednesday, 9th February (1500hrs) sees a session entitled 'Debunking Apprenticeships', which would be interesting for anyone interested in apprenticeships in general: finally, on Thursday, 10th February (1100hrs), an event looking at where qualified apprenticeships can lead. All these events are free to attend, but need to be pre-booked using the links below.



[IBM Application Workshop - helping you accelerate your application for IBM! Tickets, Mon 7 Feb 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

[Apprentice Debunk - considering your apprenticeship myths ! Tickets, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 15:00 | Eventbrite](#)

[Your questions answered! - Life as a qualified Apprentice Tickets, Thu 10 Feb 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

- **GT Scholars** are offering a free webinar on Thursday, 10th February, at 1930hrs, entitled '**How to Inspire Authentic Conversations with Your Teen**'. Delivered by Rosanna Sheehan, a renowned expert in mental health & wellbeing, listening and conversation skills, this 90 minute session offers advice and guidance on communication strategies, how to foster respectful conversations, and how to create active listening spaces. Full details at: [Free Webinar for Parents - How to Inspire Authentic Conversations with Your Teen \(page.co\)](#)



Post – 16 opportunities

- The Central College of Animal Studies (CCOAS), with centres in Kent, Suffolk and Devon, have places available for their 2022 intake to train as a **Veterinary Nurse**. If you have an interest in the care of animals, there are open days planned over the next few months, where you can find out more about this most rewarding of careers. Entry requirements for the Diploma for Veterinary Nursing Assistant are four GCSEs at grade 4 and above, including English Language and Maths. For full details, visit [Central College of Animal Studies \(ccoas.org.uk\)](#)





- **Marks and Spencer Ltd** are looking for school leavers throughout the country to join their comprehensive training and opportunities schemes. For full details, visit: [Retail Management School Leaver Programme 2022 at MARKS & SPENCER COMPANY \(marksandspencer.com\)](https://www.marksandspencer.com/retail-management-school-leaver-programme-2022)

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- The **Civil Service** Apprenticeship Scheme are holding an online event on Tuesday, 8th February, to allow parents to find out more about opportunities in this area. Visit [Civil Service Apprenticeships - An Event for School & College Staff Tickets, Tue 8 Feb 2022 at 15:30 | Eventbrite](https://www.civilservice.gov.uk/civil-service-apprenticeships) to book a place.

- **Severn Trent Water Authority**, with operational bases throughout the Midlands and Wales, are recruiting for a number of apprenticeships to start in September 2022, both in operations (network engineering, water production, and waste management), and office-based (human resources, technology, finance, and project management). For full details, visit [Apprenticeships | Graduates, Undergraduates and Apprentices | Careers | Severn Trent Plc](https://www.severntrent.co.uk/careers)



- As mentioned above, next week is **National Apprenticeship Week** – there are lots of resources available to explore apprenticeships, but perhaps one of the better ones has been produced by the ‘Make the Future Yours!’ organisation. Here you will find full details on all different types of apprenticeships, what they are, how to find them, what benefits they offer, and so on. There are useful links through to the government FAA (Find an apprenticeship) website, and articles on opportunities in many different fields, including engineering, law, the NHS, management degree apprenticeships restaurant leadership, the AA – the list goes on and on. For full details, see [National Apprenticeship Week 2022 — Make The Future Yours!](https://www.nationalapprenticeshipweek.gov.uk). The official National Apprenticeship Week website is: [National Apprenticeship Week 2022 | RateMyApprenticeship](https://www.nationalapprenticeshipweek.gov.uk)



- **Amazon** are offering a range of apprenticeships suitable for both 16 and 18 year olds, based throughout the country. To learn more, visit: [Apprenticeships with Amazon | Amazon.jobs](https://www.amazon.jobs)

- For more general information about apprenticeships, including closing dates, visit: [Time to Apply - Vacancy Snapshot \(amazingapprenticeships.com\)](https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com)



Year 12 information

- Throughout Year 12 careers seminars and meetings, it has been impressed on students how important research into future career options can be. If considering university after Year 13, **open days** are a good way of getting a feel for surroundings and courses. Many universities are starting to plan in person open days again, and there are still plenty of virtual events. Details can be found on the following pages:

[UniTasterDays - University events for schools and students](#)

[Opendays.com - university and college open days - home page](#)

[UCAS University open days - explore unis before you apply](#)



Students should be looking to undertake at least two visits, either virtually or in person, before commencing the UCAS application process during the autumn term of Year 13.

- Whatever subject students may be considering at university, or even if applying for a higher level or degree apprenticeship or other work-based learning, it is vitally important to be able to demonstrate thorough background knowledge, and a passion for a particular area of study. In the library, I am currently compiling a '**Read Around Your Subject**' reading list, with plenty of titles available to give students that extra edge whilst writing their UCAS personal statements. This should be released before half term and will be posted on the careers section of the School website.



Post – 18 opportunities

- PwC**, one of the 'Big Five' multi-national **accountancy and finance** organisations, have opened their application process for their Year 12 Virtual Insight Week in July. Last year, over 2000 students attended these sessions, run over five consecutive days. This would be an excellent opportunity for any student considering finance, accountancy, management or business technology as a career, either at university or via a higher or degree level apprenticeship, and would certainly count as part of work experience. To find out more and to apply, visit [Virtual Insight Week, National, 2022 - PwC](#)



- The **InvestIN** organisation continue to offer their immersive weekends for students aged 15-18 in areas such as law, finance, politics, international development, entrepreneurship and investment banking. These sessions are not free, but offer real insights into a number of different industry sectors, and deliver invaluable work experience opportunities, and are available throughout the year. For further details, visit: [Law, Finance & Politics Weekends \(Ages 15-18\) \(investin.org\)](#)





- Fancy working for **MI5, MI6 or GCHQ**, the government's security and surveillance services? British citizens who have grade 4 or above in English Language and Maths, and are expected to have earned at least 72 UCAS points (the equivalent of 3 'D' grades at A level) by September 2022, are invited to



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apply for **software engineering** apprenticeships based in either London or Manchester. You will, of course, have an interest in programming and technology, but do not necessarily need to have

studied IT or Computing at A level. The starting salary is currently £24,385 pa if based in London (£22,889 in Manchester), and you would be working towards a BSc Honours Degree in Digital and Technology Solutions – with no student loan to pay back. Full details: [Software Engineering Apprenticeship Ref. 2447 - Recruitment Services \(applicationtrack.com\)](https://www.applicationtrack.com)

- For students interested in a career in the **gaming / design** industry, the **Into Games Career Festival 2022** will be held (online, of course) from Thursday 10th – Saturday 12th March. This is during term time, and permission to attend would need to be granted by the Head of 6th Form, Mrs Towers. To book a place, visit: [Into Games Career Festival 2022 Tickets, Thu 10 Mar 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)



- The annual **VFX festival** is being held on Tuesday, 8th March, 1000-1600hrs. The



festival features professional insights into award-winning productions, inspiring expert-led presentations and careers advice, as well as the latest trends, technology, and innovation from around the world. Of course, as this is during term time, you would need permission to attend this virtually: please talk to your tutor if you feel this would be

of interest to you. For full details & to book an online ticket, visit: [The VFX Festival 2022 - EDU Tickets, Tue 8 Mar 2022 at 10:45 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

- An excellent blog from a world-renowned careers professional and ex-UCAS employee, Alan Bullock, is available here: [Alan's blog – Alan Bullock Careers](https://www.alanbullockcareers.com). Alan writes regularly on higher and degree level apprenticeships, UCAS applications, and many other careers related topics.



- The government has just announced a new degree-level apprenticeship in **Economics** – the first of its kind. The Government Economic Service Degree Apprenticeship is a



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unique opportunity to work on important issues our country faces, whilst studying for an economics degree at the **University of Kent**. A projected minimum of 96 UCAS points would be required (equivalent to CCC at A level), along with a grade 6 at Maths GCSE. Full details can be found here: [The Government Economic Service Degree Level Apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) – applications to join in September 2022

close on **Monday, 14th February**.

