



# Futures Bulletin

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I was delighted to learn on Monday that the return to school site is imminent and wanted to thank you for your engagement in the wide range of online activities that we arranged for you during the first half of this term. As is traditional for these bulletins, a host of diverse opportunities for you to consider are detailed below.

## Higher Education

Thank you to Mr Percival who arranged for some excellent presentations to both fifth formers and lower sixth before exeat around post sixth form opportunities. I personally found the US & Canada Conference fascinating, and you can access recordings of this, along with other talks on this [page](#).

## Study Abroad

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, there is the chance for both parents and pupils to find out more about studying abroad, with an emphasis on European opportunities. Full details on this [link](#) and I would recommend you spend a little time exploring the website prior to the event to help increase your understanding of these options.

## Unifrog Webinars

Commencing from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Unifrog are advertising a range of webinars where you can learn more about different universities in United Kingdom, based on their location. You can sign up for these presentations via this [link](#).

## Gap Year Opportunities

Specifically for upper sixth formers, Mr Nicholas and I have been in discussion with a number of Prep Schools this week regarding taking on a gap year student for either part or all of the academic year. Further details have been sent out about this, but as reminder, do make contact with me if you are interested to find out more information.

## National Careers Week

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March also sees the commencement of National Careers Week, which marks this ten year weekly celebration of careers related activity. Due to the lockdown restrictions we bought forward many of the planned activities for this week to the first part of term (e.g. national enterprise challenge) but there will be daily bulletins sent out around this theme and there are activities planned for both fifth and fourth form during tutor time. Additionally, I'll be visiting the virtual careers fair that is taking place throughout next week, and I would encourage you to attend too, via this [link](#).

## Recorded Careers Insight Talks

Since the first lockdown was announced in March 2020, I have been overwhelmed with the support our alumni network has provided in terms of participating in a wide range of careers insight talks. Interviews have taken place with journalists, doctors, lawyers, investment bankers, politicians, scientists, entrepreneurs, to name just a few and many of you have attended and participated in these talks. These have all been recorded and offer a fantastic resource that you can access at any point to learn more about the journeys into different professions. You can locate the recordings [here](#).

## Financial Times

Two of our current lower sixth formers applied this year to be ambassadors for the Financial Times, an opportunity which they are wholeheartedly embracing. I would agree with that publication's claim that '*reading the FT can help you make more informed choices about your future, whether university, a job or starting a business*' as it regularly produces articles around these themes. I would also like to highlight that you can access the Financial Times completely free if you are in the sixth form, by visiting this web [page](#).

## Hot off the press

AstraZeneca is ranked tenth in Science & Pharmaceuticals Top 100 Employers 2020 – 2021. Just as interestingly, they have recently announced a wide range of opportunities, which you can find out about [here](#).

Keep well and best wishes,

Mr Wain