

Dear Sixth Form Pupil

I'm the new Careers Fellow at School, and I'll be sending you an email two or three times a term to share information about Careers that you might find useful.

WHAT CAN I HELP YOU WITH?

You can sign up for an appointment with me to discuss all sorts of questions you might have about your careers ambitions, your CV, work experience, school leaver programmes, jobs after university and so on. If you want to discuss your UCAS applications, studying in the US, or your gap year, then you should see Mrs Nightingale, but for everything else, come and chat to me.

HOW CAN YOU GET AN APPOINTMENT WITH ME?

If you want to see me, come to the Careers Library and sign up on the sheets on my door. You can also email me at any time on ksdaubney@shrewsbury.org.uk.

POSTORS:

Many of you will be considering applying for the Postors positions, for which you need to write a CV and application statement. For many of you, this will be the first time you have done anything like that, so I have given all Housemasters copies of the CV and Cover Letter guides that I've written especially for the School, and you can collect a copy from them or from the Careers Library. You are welcome to come and chat to me about your CVs if you want to – sign up for a slot either individually or in a small group with your friends. But do read the guide first and prepare a CV that looks right – it will save us all a lot of time if your draft CV looks more or less the way it's supposed to!

WORK EXPERIENCE:

If you want to get some work experience during your summer vacations and gap years – and I strongly recommend you do – then you will also need to write a CV and cover letter for that. If you haven't already got them, you can pick up copies of the CV and Cover Letter guides from the Careers Library. I've also written a new Work Experience guide that comes out next week which will give you guidance on how to choose a good experience and how to get the most out of it. It will also help you interpret what skills you are developing when you engage in other activities, voluntary work and hobbies.

INTERESTED IN GAMING?

BAFTA (the British Academy of Film and Television Arts) are holding a Young Game Designers competition for anyone who is interested in a career in gaming. Find out more at www.bafta.org/ygd.

SCHOOL LEAVER PROGRAMMES:

You may never have heard of a School Leaver Programme before, but essentially it's a professional apprenticeship scheme for sectors like banking, accountancy, retail and industry. It's a growing area for pupils who want an alternative to doing a degree and then getting a graduate trainee job with an employer. It usually means signing up with a company for anything from one to six years after your A Levels, during which you will be paid a proper salary, and get extensive professional workplace training. Some schemes, such as those in accountancy, also offer a degree through an affiliated university and professional qualifications too.

Investment 2020 is a programme organised by 17 of the leading investment management firms with offices in the UK, to offer 12 month paid work experience programmes after school. Trainees are taken into the individual businesses and gain experience in various different areas, including, IT, infrastructure, operations or investment. Companies offer successful candidates a position for a 12 month period, subject to a mid term review. At the end of the contract, trainees will be considered for a permanent position within the firm, subject to their success and the availability of places. For more information, visit <http://www.investment2020.co.uk/>. **Schroders Bank** is just one of the companies involved in Investment 2020, running a School Leaver programme in finance. For more information visit <http://www.schroders.com/global/careers/for-students/trainee-programme>.

Close Brothers is a specialist financial services company that makes loans, trades securities and provides financial and investment management advice. They are running an Open Day on 8th April about their Aspire School Leaver scheme. You can only attend by making a short application, but it's well worth attending this if you are interested in a career in finance. For more information about the scheme visit <http://www.closebrothersaspire.com/the-programme/the-programme> and for more information about the Open Day please email me at ksdaubney@shrewsbury.org.uk.

HSBC Bank are also offering one year Global Market Apprenticeships for students with strong numerical skills. More information at <http://www.hsbc.com/careers/studentsandgraduates/opportunities/global-markets-operations-apprenticeship-programme>.

Aviva, the insurance company, are also offering a scheme with a decent starting salary and professional qualifications: find out more at <http://careers.aviva.co.uk/routes-to-aviva/apprentices>.

In retail, **Tesco** (www.tesco-graduates.com/schoolleavers) and **Boots** (www.boots.jobs/talentprogrammes/apprentices/) are also running schemes.

GCHQ, the government's intelligence gathering agency, is looking for school leavers too. To find out the secrets behind careers in intelligence, visit www.gchq-careers.co.uk.

British Airways are running information technology apprenticeships which will lead to qualifications in IT. Visit www.britishairways.com/careers/it.shtml.

Jaguar LandRover are offering some really exciting looking apprenticeships including university study and incremental salary increases over the course of the scheme. More details at www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com.

In Science and Engineering there is a huge range of schemes on offer. **BAE Systems** offer engineering apprenticeships (www.baesystems.com/apprentices), as do **JCB** (www.jbcareers.com), **Siemens** (www.siemens.co.uk/careers), **Thales** (www.thalesgroup.com/uk), **UK Power Networks** (www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk), **British Gas** (www.britishgasjobs.co.uk) and **National Grid** (www.nationalgridcareers.com/development-opportunities/).

This year the **BBC** ran a scheme for broadcast engineer apprentices, which also supports study towards a BEng degree in broadcast engineering. It is closed for 2014 but may run

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again next year. More details of the scheme can be found at www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes/tech-apprentices.

Again, to discuss any of these schemes, or to just have a chat about your career ideas, come into the Careers Library and make an appointment with me.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes

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