



Futures Bulletin

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Welcome back. I hope you had a fantastic break and enjoyed some well-earned rest and relaxation with those closest to you. The theme of this bulletin is 'opportunities', with a varied selection below for you to consider.

Work Experience

What have Kings College Hospital, J P Morgan, HSBC, BBC, Press Association, Fletchers Solicitors, Cap Gemini and Arcadis have in common? Along with many other large organisations, they are offering a range of work experience placements for 5th and 6th Form students. Consider looking at this [website](#) where some of these opportunities are advertised. Please let me know if you need any help with the application process. Additionally, [Springpod](#) is a free to join website advertising a range of opportunities and they have released an excellent newsletter on this topic just this week – [link here](#).

A little insight

- Applications for PwC insight weeks are now open for Lower 6th Students. [Link Here](#)
- Introduction to Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University: this three-day course runs from 6th-8th April for 5th and L6th Formers. More information [here](#).
- US university pre-college programmes: many US colleges run holiday courses to give you a flavour of what studying there is like. They are expensive but can be worthwhile. Check out [Northeastern](#), [Yale](#), [Cornell](#), [Stanford](#) to name a few, list [here](#).

What on earth are Moocs?

Early in January the Lower 6th will attend a presentation entitled 'Applying to University – Where to Start'. Many students in that assembly may be keen to remind Mr Percival and me that they only completed their GCSEs a few months ago, so surely this is a little premature? I am afraid not. Students who are planning to go to university in 2021 now have less than twelve months to apply to meet the school internal deadline and with literally thousands of courses to choose from, research is key. MOOCs can help if you are unsure about what to study at university, as they can provide a taster of a subject area as well as helping provide evidence for personal statements. Read more about them [here](#). The majority are free and are advertised on [Unifrog](#) which the Lower 6th, and from the end of January, the 5th Form have access to.

Upcoming Events

We have a range of activities scheduled for this term, including input into some PSD lessons for 3rd, 4th and 5th Formers. The events outside of the PSD input are detailed [here](#). The biggest one in terms of visitors and participants is the University Fair on Friday 14th February which has fast become one of the largest Higher Education events in the Midlands thanks to the hard work of Mrs Scimia and Mr Percival. This presents a brilliant opportunity to gather information on post 6th Form options, with parents / guardians very welcome to attend too.

Degree Apprenticeships of the week

The increase in this pathway is almost as startling as the variety available. The ones listed provide a small flavor of what is currently being advertised. Please note that some of the positions have deadlines in January.

Company	Opportunity	Entry Requirements.
Capgemini	Business Degree Apprenticeship	3 A* - C at A Level
Unilever	Digital Marketing Degree Apprenticeship	BBC at A Level
BT	Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship	BCC at A Level
Atkins Global Limited	Building Services Design Engineer Degree Apprenticeship	3 A* - C at A Levels, including Maths plus a Science
ARUP	Environmental Consulting Degree Apprenticeship	C grades or higher in A Level Maths, Geography and a Science
GSK	Finance Accounting Apprenticeship	Predicted to achieve 120 UCAS points

Best wishes, Mr Wain