



CAREERS NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015

Dear Sixth Form Pupil

Welcome back! Hopefully you had a restful Christmas vacation and are looking forward to this term. If you are in the Upper Sixth, you are looking ahead to exams now, but many of you will also have had offers for university places or school leaver programmes too, so it's good to have something to work towards.

In the Lower Sixth, you should already be thinking ahead now about what your choices are for next year: do you want to apply to university or a school leaver programme, and if so when? What gap year plans might you investigate? What work experience should you organise for this summer to help you develop skills and explore possible career ideas?

Whatever you want to do, however clear your ideas are, do come and chat to Mrs Nightingale (UCAS, international HE choices and Gap Years) and Dr Daubney (SLPs, work experience, career planning).

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS – SLT AT 7.15PM

Thursday 22 nd January	2.00pm	Visit of Armed Forces Liaison Officers Careers Library
Monday 2 nd February	10.30am (P3)	Lower Sixth Careers Talk: CVs and Work Experience Ashton Theatre
Tuesday 3 rd February	7.00pm	Engineering, Nanotechnology, Climate Science: Careers with Physics Harry Trevor-Jones (OS), Dyson Dr Mike Fay, Nottingham Nanotechnology and Nanoscience Centre Professor Andy Morse, Climate Scientist Science Lecture Theatre
Monday 9 th February	10.30am (P3)	Upper Sixth Careers Talk: Interview Skills Ashton Theatre
Tuesday 10 th February	7.00pm	'Women and Work: What Works for You?' Quod, Lyle Building Classrooms

HIGHER EDUCATION:



UPPER SIXTH! IGNORE THIS AT YOUR PERIL!

UCAS Key dates re OFFERS!

24 March 2015

Applications for some art and design courses should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time) today. (Others have a 15 January deadline – check course details to confirm the correct deadline.) The reference has to be completed before your application can be sent to us.

6 May 2015

If you receive all your uni/college decisions by 31 March you must reply to any offers by this date (except for Extra) or they'll be declined.

7 May 2015

If you applied by the January deadline and you're still waiting, unis will decide whether they're making an offer by now (otherwise those choices are automatically made unsuccessful).

4 June 2015

If you receive all your uni/college decisions by 7 May you must reply to any offers by this date (except for Extra) or they'll be declined.

25 June 2015

If you receive all your uni/college decisions by 4 June you must reply to any offers by this date (unless you applied in Extra) or they'll be declined.

WANT TO TRY A UNIVERSITY COURSE BEFORE APPLYING?

The University Taster Course Programme through the University of London is now open to Lower Sixth pupils. There is a wide range of courses throughout the year that run from half a day to a full week. To find out more look at the poster in Quod, or visit www.london.ac.uk/tasters.

BREAKING NEWS:

New Undergraduate Programme beginning at the Guildhall School on 2015, *BA (Hons) Performance and Creative Enterprise*. The course is aimed at artists from a range of music and theatre backgrounds who want to develop their performance, production, collaboration and leadership skills for employment in the arts industry. Delivered in association with the Barbican Centre, the programme will feature guest artists and tutors across the Barbican and Guildhall School's roster. Applications now open for 2015: students can apply online at gsmd.ac.uk/apply. For further information email pace_applications@gsmd.ac.uk

OPEN DAYS

University of Oxford Faculty of Law – Open Days are on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March 2015. For online booking, the link will be open from Monday 2 February 2015 and will close Friday 20 February 2015, earlier if all places are taken.

www.law.ox.ac.uk/2015-opendays

Cardiff University Open Day is on Wednesday 25th March 2015. For online booking:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/teachers

HUMANITIES RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE: LAMPETER CAMPUS OF UNIVERSITY OF WALES TRINITY SAINT DAVID 9-20 JUNE 2015

This event will be a fantastic opportunity to discover more about range of university subjects which may both support your current studies as well as inspiring you regarding your future. There will also be an opportunity to participate in an archaeological dig. £26.00 per person, cost to cover food and accommodation. If interested collect a form from Mrs Scimia in Careers and return to the university by 1st May. Any further questions, contact the university on 01570 424959 or email Abigail.Jenkins@tsd.uatsd.ac.uk

ROBINSON COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

Robinson College Student residential visits are now open for bookings. Bookings will close approximately 2 weeks before the event so please book early. The link for the booking page is here: <https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/admissions/student-residentials>

This year the dates for the events are:

Arts and Humanities Student Residential: 7th and 8th April

Science and Maths Student Residential: 29th and 30th June.

The student residential visits are split into arts/humanities and sciences/maths with the aim that the two days will help explain the applications process and provide interesting and engaging lectures or seminars on the subject.

CAREERS:

YOUR CAREERS LIBRARY – ONLINE!

The Careers Library has now got a growing presence on the School's Intranet pages. If you go to the main drop down menu and click Academic > Careers, you will find a range of different sections that cover many of the things you need to know. The Universities and Gap Years sections are still under construction, and there are new materials being added all the time. You can already find sections on Careers, including information on [sectors](#) and [employers](#), on [School Leaver Programmes](#) and [how to make good decisions](#). You'll also find downloadable copies of all the School's [Careers Guides](#), and the past [Careers Newsletters](#), and the [presentations](#) that external speakers give when they come to School, like Tom Lewis's brilliant one on the Music Industry earlier this term.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Whether you know what you want to do or not, work experience is a great addition to your CV, and you should be planning ahead now to arrange something for your summer holidays. Whether you volunteer, get a seasonal job in a café or shop, or do some serious work shadowing in a potential career, every experience is useful to help you develop skills and understand what kind of working environment you want to be in. I'll be giving a (compulsory!) presentation to the Lower Sixth on *Work Experience and CVs* on Monday 2nd

February in Period 3, so I'll give you more information than on how to organise something and what you should aim to achieve, but if you want to come and talk to me about your plans in the meantime, or you're in the Upper Sixth and want to think about your summer or gap year plans, then please make an appointment with me to talk about it.

INTERVIEW PRACTICE

Your parents will shortly be receiving a letter from me about arrangements for one-to-one interview practice with external careers consultants Go Action! Upper Sixth pupils will be able to have practice sessions in March and Lower Sixth pupils in June. You'll have the chance to pick one of three typical interview situations to prepare for, and then be video-recorded having a mock interview and getting feedback in a one hour session. This is a great development opportunity for any of you with particular anxiety about interviews, those who want to experience an authentic interview with an interviewer who is not already known to you, and those who want a detailed opportunity to work on interview technique. There will be an additional charge for this service, as it will be more detailed and more enhanced than we can currently offer through the Careers Team.

FIVE CAREERS ARTICLES WORTH READING:

7 Ways to Get a Career in Politics

http://careers.theguardian.com/careers-blog/politics-career-how-to?CMP=new_1194

Career Overview: Asset Management

<http://www.wetfeet.com/articles/career-overview-asset-management>

Working in Luxury Retail Management at Harrods

http://www.theguardian.com/careers-advertisement-features/harrods-retail-management-luxury-customers?CMP=new_1194

How do I become a Forensic Musicologist?

<http://www.theguardian.com/money/2015/jan/20/how-become-forensic-musicologist>

The reality of modern espionage: Fancy a nice sit down? MI5 needs you

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jan/18/mi5-security-service-advert-mobile-surveillance-officer>

As always, if you have any questions or want to discuss anything you have read here, book an appointment with the appropriate member of the Careers Team or drop into the Careers Library for a chat.

Best wishes

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