

A different theme this week, with some feedback from the recent broadcast entitled 'Graduate Careers', now a twice-yearly event, aimed specifically for Lower 6th Formers. It is available to watch via this [link](#) and details some key information which is potentially helpful as you consider more seriously your plans for after Shrewsbury School.

I have watched it through, and I thought it might be helpful to share some of the key points raised.

Key Stats & Facts

- Only 42% of recent graduates managed to find a full-time graduate job fifteen months after completing their studies. The majority who are working are currently doing a job that does not require a degree. This varied significantly based on courses studied, with those taking a more vocational course (e.g., medicine, engineering) generally quicker into graduate based positions.
- Four universities boasted graduate success rates into either highly skilled roles, or further studies, above 90%. These were Imperial College, University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, and the University of Bath.
- Up to 70% of graduate employers will take applicants from any degree discipline.
- There are on average 200,000 graduate jobs available each year, with the number of graduate jobs increasing – a 6% increase expected in 2023.
- In terms of industries, recruitment at accounting and professional services firms is at its' highest level, with over 7,500 graduate opportunities expected to be advertised. This includes opportunities for technology graduates. The public sector has approaching 5,000 opportunities in local and national government. More than 6,500 graduates will start work in engineering fields.
- The smallest graduate recruiters are the chemical and pharmaceutical sector, as well as the property sector. The average starting salary for graduate positions is c£33k. However, this is boosted significantly by the higher wages that those working in finance, consulting and law are likely to attract.
- On average, 'top' companies received 39 applicants per graduate opportunity, with the most sought-after positions receiving over 300!
- Manchester, Nottingham, and Birmingham are the three most targeted universities by the UK's leading graduate recruiters (e.g., site visits, attending careers fairs, posting job opportunities, etc.).
- The top ten graduate employers are, in reverse order, Amazon, Aldi, KPMG, BBC, EY, Google, Deloitte, PWC, NHS, and the Civil Service is number one for the fourth year in a row.
- Degree Apprenticeships are on the rise, with over one hundred different types now available at Level 6 and higher. These are salaried positions, with tuition fees paid for by the employer. Salaries range between £15k – 23K per year.
- The top ten employers for degree apprenticeships (reverse order again) are Fujitsu, Capgemini, Grant Thornton, Rolls Royce, KPMG, Deloitte, EY, PWC, BAE Systems and NHS grabbing the top spot, with over 1000-degree apprenticeships anticipated for 2023.
- The programme concludes with some specific advice about where to start, with looking at courses being the starting point in all circumstances. Sound familiar?!

There is lots of information to digest here and I would encourage you to take a little time to watch the programme when you have opportunity. There's lots of helpful information and advice, for both students and parents. For me, the main takeaways are that though opportunities are now increasing, so is competition. You can get ahead now through research, work experience, utilising your network and genuine hard work. Please make contact if you are keen to discuss your plans further.

Best wishes,

Mr Wain