

Thank you for taking the time to read the first newsletter of the summer term. Last week was a particularly busy one for the Futures Department before the coach weekend, with a range of events and activities taking place across all year groups. Some reflections upon these below, as well as notices regarding forthcoming opportunities.

3rd Form

I hope you enjoyed our inaugural 'Enterprising Futures Conference'. All of the speakers were very complimentary about your efforts and engagement in the different activities. As a follow up, if any of you have any further questions for our facilitators, please send these through to me to pass on to our guests. Additionally, if you have not completed the evaluation form, please do so via this <u>link</u>.

4th Form

On Tuesday 10th May you will be taking part in the National Enterprise Challenge, meaning you will not be in lessons P1 – 7. Instead, you will be working in a team of 5/6 (selected at random) through an engaging challenge, details of which will be confirmed on the morning. By Thursday 5th May you will have received confirmation of your group and other key information. Do look out for this!

Last week we welcomed a talk from OS Jonty on the topic of entrepreneurship. For those tutor groups not able to attend the talk, you can access a recording of it <u>here.</u>

5th Form

Firstly, good luck in your forthcoming examinations, I do hope these go well for you and you are rewarded for the efforts you have put in. From a Futures perspective, our main notice is regarding work experience. Please complete the relevant part of Unifrog as requested by Mr Boyes if you have not done so already, and please let us know if you are struggling to locate something suitable. We are here to help!

L6th Form

A few notices if you are in this year group.

- If you have not done so already, please complete your registration for OS Connect. This is a fantastic resource for you to use, starting now! If you are keen to contact any of the alumni, please visit my office so this can be arranged.
- We will be running some drop in sessions during societies hour on themes that emerged from the interview morning. Starting off, there is a CV drop in in SLT on **Monday 9th May** for anyone who needs some further help with this. Bring your laptop!
- On **Friday 13th May during P5** (which the majority of you are free for) we are welcoming in OS Theo Millward to present on the theme of Creativity & Innovation. Theo is a Shropshire based Entrepreneur and fantastic public speaker. Attendance is **compulsory**, unless you are in a lesson. Venue TBC.
- Unifrog is a platform you should becoming increasingly familiar with, and you may have noticed they are advertising some fantastic paid internships for this summer. Based either in London or remotely, I would strongly urge you to consider applying for one of these and I would be happy to assist with any applications. Full details on this link.

U6th Form

Firstly, please read line one of the 5th form section above, the same message applies!

A couple of other points, for those of you having a gap year but without concrete plans, we are receiving an increasing number of phone calls regarding opportunities at prep schools, including this <u>one</u>. Please alert me if this is of any interest, or if you need help finalizing your ideas.

Secondly, now you are in a position where you are confirming your university offers, do not forget that we can put you in touch with former pupils at universities across the United Kingdom to provide tips on accommodation advice, course content, etc.

Best wishes,

Mr Wain