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Careers and Higher Education Newsletter

Autumn 2018

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our newsletter which is full of information and upcoming activities to help you find, or to get further along, your chosen career pathway. No matter which year group you are in, it's never too early to start! Find out more in the following sections:

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1. What's happening in school

YEAR 13

UCAS - Remember that the deadline for UCAS applications is 15 January 2019 so if you haven't sent it yet make sure you do so as soon as you get back. This includes adding any choices that you haven't already confirmed.

YEARS 12 - 13

Eton College Lecture - we have been personally invited to a lecture by **Peter Williams (Founder and CEO of Jack Wills)** on the evening of Thursday 28 February. Look out for further details.

Medical students - Refer to the 'beyond the curriculum' section for further information on taster courses.

Lunchtime Careers Talks - Listen to professionals talk about a wide range of career paths and university options, tips for success and maybe even obtain a work experience contact. For up and coming lunchtime talks, see the Careers Section.



YEAR 12

This is your year of research to narrow down your higher education choices and places to study. It's also a good time to do some supra curricular activities to boost your applications.

Open days - Start researching early in the year and plan ahead as some events require booking in advance. See section 2 'Open days'



Subject and career choices - don't forget to utilise the online version of your Morrisby report for career and subject advice.

EPQ visit to Middlesex University - EPQ students learn university research skills and attend skills based workshops relevant to the stage that they are in with their projects, before having the opportunity to access the university's library catalogue and resources.

Competitions - have some fun and possibly win a prize whilst also adding to your UCAS application, especially for the more competitive universities - See section 4 'Competitions' for lots of competition links.

Free online training courses - spend a few valuable hours learning new skills or researching a new subject online - see section 2 'MOOCS and TED talks' in the Supra Curricular section.

Holiday courses - use your holiday time in Year 12 to attend a short course or immersion masterclass to help you to find out more about a subject or to help to narrow down your choices. See section 2 - 'holiday courses' in the Supra Curricular section.



1. What's happening in school

YEAR 11

This is the year for you to make your A-level choices. To help you, we have lots of support available;

Careers interview – You will each have a Careers Interview to discuss your career aspirations and study options, using the Morrisby profile report that you completed in Year 10.

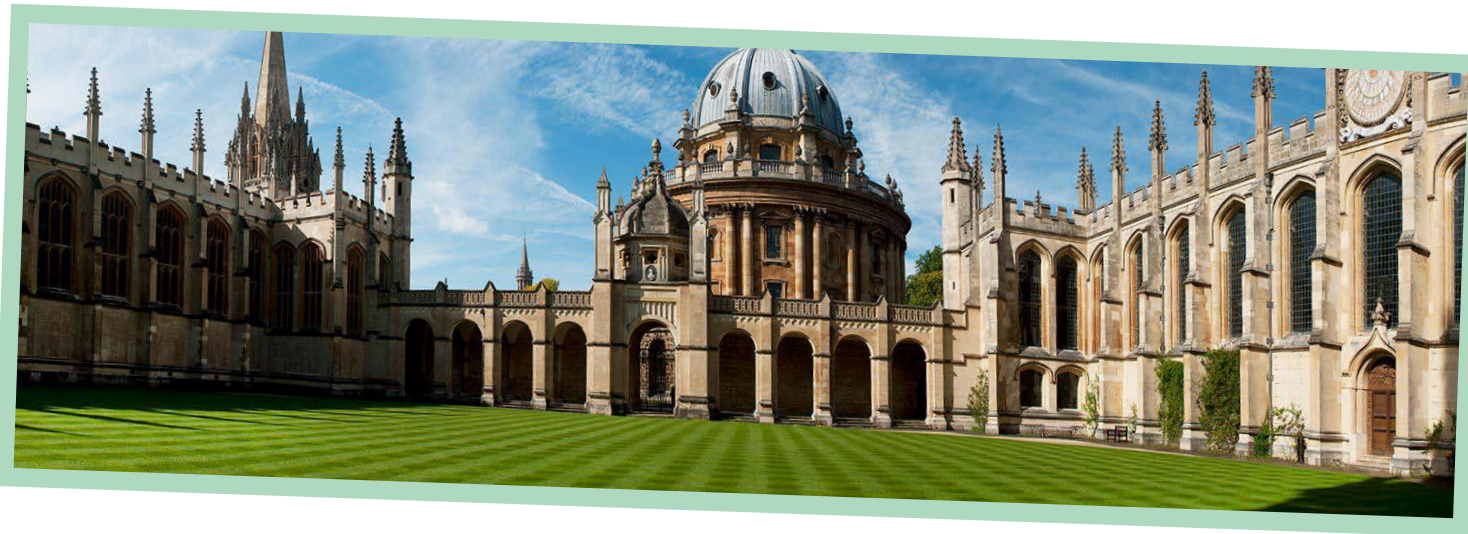
Work experience – you are required to organise work experience for the Summer term, so remember to use the networking tips we provided at the recent PSHE session and start making some enquiries. Also see section 3 'Work Experience' in the Careers activities.

Subject choices – You may have attended the Sixth Form Evening and the Year 11 Subject Fair in the Main Hall during the school day to find out more about A-level or further education subjects.



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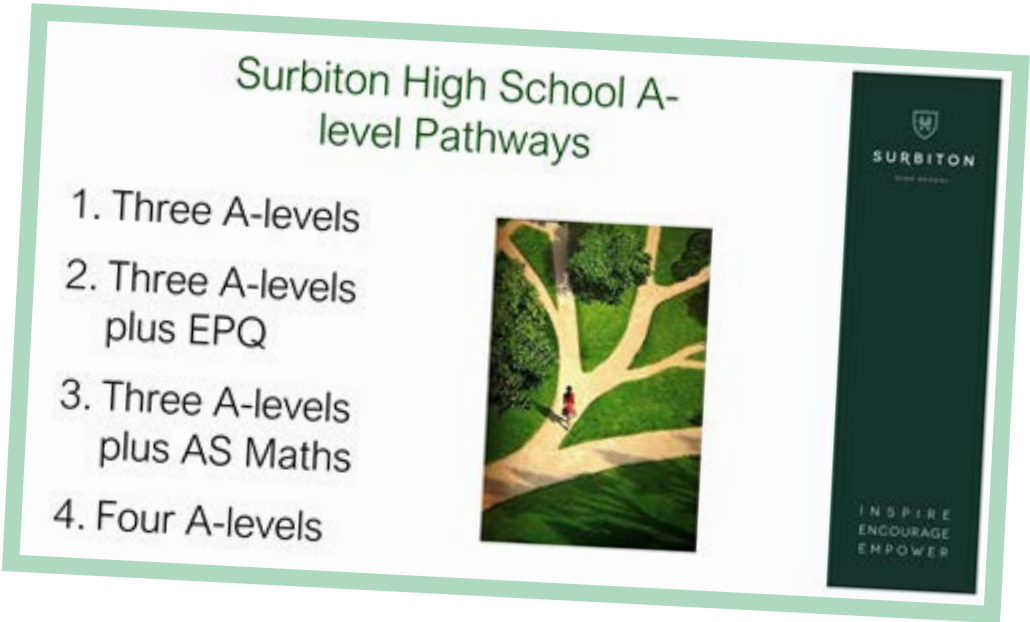
Oxford University trips – we will be making two trips to Oxford University in February, to Somerville College and Pembroke College, where the students will be treated to taster lectures, tours of the colleges and a myth-busting Q&A session.



If you need any further help researching subject and career options then UCAS has a great website <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcse/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs>

Subject Options

During the Spring term you will finalise your chosen Higher Education subjects. Students will meet individually with the Head of Sixth Form team and the Careers team are also available to help if you need any information or have a query.



Remember our general piece of advice:

For many university courses, the admissions departments of top Universities place more emphasis on the grades you achieve rather than the subjects you choose (e.g. what is often to be avoided is dropping a grade in one subject such as AAC since this can affect accessing top universities). Therefore, unless specific A levels are required or preferred for entry, it is important that you select the subjects that you enjoy the most and provide you with the best opportunity to achieve the highest grades.

Actions to consider when finalising your A level choices: (display as a slide or in a box?)

- Speak to the relevant teachers for further information on course content
- Speak to Sixth Form students studying the subject for an insight into the study requirements and to get different points of view
- Choose subjects that you are good at and will enjoy studying in the Sixth Form
- Meet any subject entry requirements for any specialised courses you are considering
- Choose subjects that will give you the option to attain the best grades for university entry – look at your GCSE performance and, potentially, consider other relevant factors such as teacher views on your potential and psychometrics like The Morrisby Profile.
- Think about supporting subjects, particularly in sciences such as physics and chemistry
- Review your GCSE results to confirm your decision
- Always have researched a back-up subject for last minute changes.

1. What's happening in school

YEARS 7-13

Future Factor – this is a new competition from the Careers Department at Surbiton High for all Schools in United Learning. Pupils create an advert and person spec for any degree or career of their choice, being as creative as they like! Don't forget the Deadline of 27 February 2019 to win some great prizes. <https://www.surbitonhigh.com/senior/future-factor>

Future Factor:
The United Learning
Careers and Degree Competition

If I were to ask you to name a job, you might think of a doctor, a shop assistant, a teacher or an accountant. If I asked you to name a degree, you might mention law, medicine, engineering or business. And these are all great options but did you know there are over 12,000 different careers, and almost unlimited higher education choices, open to you?

Here's an amazing opportunity for you to discover unexpected careers and degrees to suit you. Maybe something you know already – does the reality match your ideas? Or maybe something completely new and out-of-the-box. Maybe discover the degree of your dreams!

You can have fun exploring the world of careers and university, develop first class future skills and even win incredible **Amazon Vouchers!**

Interested?
Here's what you need to do:

Create a fun, eye-catching, informative advert promoting a degree, career, or other further education like an apprenticeship.

- be ambitious and don't feel restricted by entry grades or other requirements
- present your advert as creatively as you like, maybe in the form of a leaflet, poster, or even better a video

AND

Create the perfect 'Person Spec' – a one page profile of the kind of person perfectly suited to this career or degree:

- explain the motivations, skills, and qualifications for the job or degree

You can design this individually, or make a team of maximum four people.
Deadline: Wednesday 27 February 2019
Entries by email ONLY (any paper or video entry attached as a file) to: Future.Factor@unitedlearning.org.uk
And remember to include: your name(s), year group, and school!

Why Should I enter?

Because you'll explore exciting opportunities for your future and discover brilliant new opportunities!
And you'll develop skills like team-work, research, creative design, film-making and working to a professional brief which will be awesome for your UCAS personal statement or your CV.
There are also Amazon Vouchers for winners of each category (Year 7-9 and Year 10-11 winning entry)

If you choose to explore a degree, here's something to think about

There are so many degree options that are fascinating and engaging. These fall into two main categories:

1. Academic Degrees
such as English, Maths, Biology and others you know but also more outside the box ideas such as theology, classics, earth science, or even viking studies (yes, this is a real degree at a top university).

2. Vocational degrees
have more of an obvious career path like medicine, law or engineering, but there are many others, from podiatry and orthotics to dental materials and surveying!

Why would I take one of these outside-the-box options instead of a more conventional one?

Often competition can be tight for the more obvious choices (like law or medicine) at top universities, so by applying to a more unique subject, you can really increase your chances of a place!

Since 2/3 of all careers can be entered with any degree, these unique options can open so many doors. You can also learn amazing skills that employers across all career areas will love, and, most importantly, you'll be engaged every day in something that fascinates you.

Remember that many careers such as law, banking, accountancy and IT often do not require you to have a directly related degree (theology, languages, classics or earth science graduates become lawyers, accountants, bankers, teachers – you name it!).

So what are you waiting for?!
Have a look at the [Resources Sheet](#) and some example entries at www.surbitonhigh.com/futurefactor for some ideas about how to get started.



Year 8 NHS competition – in addition to entering Future Factor, Year 8 students choosing to profile an NHS career will be entered in the national Step into the NHS Careers Competition. Hopefully they can retain the School crown as regional winners in 2017-18 www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk

Year 9 Fast Tomato – all Year 9 pupils have completed this online careers guidance questionnaire. It's a fantastic tool to help students to explore the many different career opportunities open to them. Remember you can log into your Fast Tomato webspace to check if any particular GCSEs are required for your career aspirations



YEARS 7-10



Year 7 Modern Foreign Languages options – students will be choosing which two of their four languages they would like to continue to study in Year 8

Year 9 GCSE Options evening, Tuesday 15 January, 6.15pm in the SAR, available for Year 9 parents and pupils



2. Exploring Higher Education & The Supra Curricular

University / College Open days

YEARS 12 - 13

If you haven't already done so, it's a good idea to plan some visits to University or College open days during the next few months. Most of the open days occur between June – September. Each university website will have details of the day and you may need to book a place in advance. But don't worry if you miss one — you can often arrange a visit on a different day, and many course providers make open day podcasts you can listen to. UCAS has lots of information to help you to plan:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/open-days-tips>

Take a look at www.opendays.com/calendar for an overview of open days throughout the UK.

Beyond the curriculum

There are a range of enrichment activities available for all year groups aimed at helping students choose a subject, to develop their skills or knowledge in a particular area or to experience life at a particular institution. Take a look at what's available:

Cambridge University Subject Masterclasses

Year 12

These are subject-specific events that offer academically able students in Year 12 the chance to experience typical undergraduate teaching at the University of Cambridge, and to get a flavour of what it's like to be a student there. The dates are not yet live but masterclasses start in February so register your interest at this link to find out when the masterclass in the subject(s) that interest you are occurring:

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses>



YEARS 11 - 13 University of London Taster Courses

There are a range of 1 day courses in London (mainly in the Easter holidays) including some that may lead to degrees you may never have thought of!

Go to https://london.ac.uk/taster-course-search/taser_course_subject/809 for more courses and information;



YEARS 10 - 13 Free online university courses and related opportunities

There are many free online courses (sometimes known as MOOCs – massive open online courses), lectures, podcasts and much more besides offered by the best universities worldwide. They are not only interesting but can also help you to explore your potential university subject(s) and evidence your interest in your chosen degree in your UCAS personal statement. Portals for exploring what's available include:

- www.mooc.org
- <https://www.futurelearn.com/>
- <https://www.coursera.org/>
- <http://www.openculture.com/freeonlinecourses>
- <https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/>

A selection of Easter Holidays courses – bookings open early January!

A Taste of History	Monday 8 April
A taste of BA English	Monday 8 April
Working in Media and Communications	Monday 8 April
A Taste of Sociology	Monday 8 April
A Taste of Politics / International Politics	Monday 8 April
A Taste of Criminology	Monday 8 April
Speech and Language Therapy	Monday 8 April
Veterinary Medicine	Wednesday 10 April
A Taste of Journalism	Thursday 11 April
Art and Design – creative computing	Thursday 11 April
A Taste of Economics	Thursday 11 April
A Taste of Psychology	Thursday 11 April
Alternatives to Medicine	Friday 12 April
Do you like Chemistry?	Tuesday 16 April

YEARS 11 - 13 Debate Chamber

The Debate Chamber offers a series of fun and challenging winter (see below) and summer programmes. To find out more and to register go to <https://debatechamber.com>

Winter programme, London (fees apply)

Astrophysics masterclass	Y11 - 13	Date tbc
English Literature	Y11 - 13	Saturday 26 January
History	Y11 - 13	Sunday 27 January
International relations	Y11 - 13	Sunday 27 January
Mathematics	Y11 - 13	Date tbc
Medicine weekend	Y11-13	Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3 February
PPE (Philosophy, Politics & Economics) Weekend	Y11 - 13	Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 January

2. Exploring Higher Education & The Supra Curricular

INvestIn Programmes

YEARS 11 - 13

<https://investineducation.co.uk/>

The InvestIN programmes, in collaboration with University College London (UCL), prepare students for the world's most competitive and prestigious careers. They are currently advertising the following events in London (fees apply):

Sunday 10 March	The Young Doctor Programme - UCL
Sunday 17 March	The Young Politician - UCL
Sunday 24 March	The Young Investment Banker Programme - UCL
Sunday 31 March	The Young Lawyer Programme- UCL
Sunday 7 April	The Young Engineer Programme – Imperial

HM Government Cyber Security Programme

YEARS 9 - 13

Think you could stay one step ahead of a cyber criminal? Think you have what it takes to understand how cyber criminals attack systems, write malicious code and steal personal information? Learn how to stop hackers in their tracks through Cyber Discovery – a fun and interactive extracurricular learning programme waiting to find someone like you!

Cyber Discovery is a government funded programme for students aged 14-18. Entry is free and you can participate as an individual or as part of a Cyber Discovery Club. The programme continues every year and you continue where you left off until you exceed the age limit.

<https://www.joincyberdiscovery.com/>

Register by 7 January 2019



ETHOS COLLEGE – USA & Canada University

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP recruiting company

YEARS 11 – 13

Are you considering applying to an American or Canadian university? Are you strong in a particular sport? Then Ethos College may be able to help you find a scholarship at one of the 1,300 colleges and institutions that they work with, including Stanford, Harvard, Brown, and many others. We have a contact who would be happy to meet with you to discuss in more detail. <http://www.ethosrecruiting.com/>



Careers in Medicine

There are several courses provided for students considering a career in medicine all at varying costs and for different age groups.

Debate Chamber

YEARS 11 – 13

Medicine conference – 2 day conference in February 2019 (see above)

<https://debatechamber.com>

Medicine Summer School - You may want to plan ahead and consider their Summer School course, offering 5 separate courses (all different topics) during July and August. Fees will apply. <https://debatechamber.com/project/medicine-summer-school/>

Dentistry Summer School – You may want to plan ahead and consider their 2 day Summer School in London (£195). Courses available 27-28 July and repeated on 24-25 August 2019. <https://debatechamber.com/project/dentistry-summer-school/>



Medsim Intensive

YEARS 12 & 13

Nottingham University offer 2 day courses, at a cost, for Year 12 and 13 students who are interested in medicine or veterinary courses. <https://medlink-uk.net/shop/product/vet-medlink-intensive/>

Medlink Intensive – A 2 day residential course to give you everything you need to improve your application to medical school (£299). <https://medlink-uk.net/shop/product/medlink-intensive/>

Vetsim – A two day residential course to give you everything you need to improve your application to veterinary school (£299). <http://workshop-conferences.com/vet-medlink-intensive/>



Alumnae Q&A, Medical Undergraduate UCL



Nazifa graduated from Surbiton High Sixth Form in 2016 and is now in her third year of studying Medicine at UCL. We asked Nazifa a few questions about her time at Uni...

Where and what are you studying now?

UCL Medicine (3rd Year)

Why did you choose your University?

Ideally I wanted to stay in London. I genuinely think it is one of the best cities in the world and there are so many opportunities in London. Plus, for a 6 year degree, I preferred not being too far from home. Even though I didn't go to the UCL open day, once I had my interview at the university, I knew it was the best place for me,

simply based on the general atmosphere of the university and how diverse and vibrant it seemed to be!

Moreover, another reason why I chose UCL was that I felt that I had a strong chance of getting in based on my academics and extra-curricular activities.

What A-levels did you study?

Chemistry, Biology, Maths (History at AS level)

What would you like to do as a career?

Be a doctor (not sure what I want to specialise in yet).

What's been the most fun part of going to University?

The social aspect and the amazing societies that you can join. University is an amazing bubble to be in. There are so many opportunities beyond just doing your degree at university. There are numerous societies that you can get involved in, incredible events that you can attend and friends you are likely to keep for a lifetime.

Also, I love the independence of university. You are (hopefully) studying what you want, and you can have more control over what you choose to learn - this makes such a difference to your experience!

What has been a surprise to you?

How much I would end up enjoying my course. Before applying for medicine, I had a lot of doubts about whether this was the right career choice for me. Even throughout first year I had the same feelings (as do most medics). But by second year, I knew I made the right choice. So, it is okay to not be 100% sure, as long as you know that it is not something you don't want to do!

What is the social life like?

Incredible. University is an amazing opportunity to meet people from different walks of life, especially at a university like UCL where there are many international students!

Do you have any top tips for surviving freshers' week?

Make the most of your freshers' week and HAVE FUN. Everyone is in the same boat, and everyone is a little bit nervous. But particularly during freshers' week, people make a lot of effort to introduce themselves, so don't be shy and get to know as many people as you can! But most importantly, don't force yourself to do anything you don't want to. People will respect your choices, so stay true to yourself and don't worry about what other people may think.

I wished I relaxed a bit more during my first year. I was anxious about my work because it was such a different way of learning and I wasn't sure what the best way of revising was. But it's important to put things in perspective. First year at medical school does not count towards your final marks for foundation year applications at the end of the 6 years. I wished I remembered that more during my first year instead of worrying too much about my exams!



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MedicMentor

YEARS 10 - 12

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/national-healthcare-weekend/>

National Healthcare Weekend is made up of two days of conferences and lectures, with separate events for medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. Fees may apply for certain courses. Summer courses are also available. The next available dates in London are 30 and 31 March 2019.

NHS Hot Topics to prepare for interview

If you've started your interview preparation, you'll know that NHS hot topics are a key part of a medical school interview. So it's important that you know your news! The link below will recap a few of the key medical hot topics for 2018-19 including the junior doctor contract, the Bawa-Garba case, artificial intelligence in Medicine and the impact of Brexit on healthcare.

<https://www.themedicportal.com/application-guide/medical-school-interview/nhs-hot-topics-2018-19/>

Keble College, Oxford Choral and Organ Open Day

YEARS 9 - 13

Are you a talented musician who might also one day think about applying to the University of Oxford? Keble College is hosting a Choral and Organ Open Day Saturday 9th February from 2-6pm for all school students aged 14 upwards. This is a great opportunity for young people to experience the life of a choral or organ scholar at Oxford. For further information or to reserve a place (by 31 January) please email music@keble.ox.ac.uk



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CAREERS TALKS

YEARS 11 – 13

We have had some great talks already this term including 'Careers in Law and Accountancy', 'High-end Beauty Industry careers', 'Women in the City and Careers in the Financial Markets', Careers in TV and the Media' and 'Marketing...discovering how it works and why this is relevant for you' and a visit from Ed Davey, MP, to talk to our Business and Economics students. We have lots more interesting talks scheduled so keep an eye out for updated posters:

25 January

Spotlight
on STEM careers
with a degree in Maths –
from working at the European
Space Agency to Management
Consultancy.

Presented by Karen Brewer, Head of
Business Management, International
Corporate Banking, Barclays

Sixth Form Centre
12.50pm-1.25pm

31 January

A Career in the
Biological Sciences

Presented by Chelci Squires,
Research Scientist and Assistant
Trial Manager, London School of
Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Sixth Form Centre
1.00pm-1.30pm

7 February

Top tips for
preparing and submitting
an outstanding application to
study Dentistry and Medicine.

Presented by Dr Gary Painter,
Clinical Teacher,
King's College, London

Sixth Form Centre
1.00pm-1.30pm

28 February

Peter Williams,
Founder and CEO
Jack Wills.

Lecture at Eton College

8.15pm-10.00pm

28 February

Top Tips for
Studying Sciences
at University. Presented
by Pippa Sinclair, Oxford
University PhD student

Sixth Form Centre
1.00pm-1.30pm

Look out for more exciting talks in the Spring term!

If you missed some of the talks in Autumn Term (or want a reminder), here are some of the key points covered by our career and university experts...

ECONOMICS

Frances Haque, Chief Economist at Santander



Advice from my colleagues

- ▶ **Reading around the subject** – Degrees and A-levels often good at teaching the theory but understanding how it translates in practice is needed to answer questions in interviews.
- ▶ And helps to have some examples to hand which demonstrates your interest in a job or subject.
- ▶ **Start early looking for internships** – the more you can do the better as they give you both experience and a better understanding of what you might do following a particular career path.
- ▶ **Don't worry if you don't like something or if you want to change focus** – many of us move around and do different jobs as our careers progress.
- ▶ **Make sure you get involved in clubs/groups at uni/school** – You have access to such a variety here but my advice is to keep that going at Uni, it's good to have on applications and also really helps to provide a variety of examples when in competency based interviews.
- ▶ **Most of all BE PROACTIVE, CONFIDENT AND BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.** You will get knocked back it has certainly happened to me, **but be bold; get feedback; and keep pushing.**

"Consider what
you put on
social media as
employers will
check."

"have ambitious aspirations
during the interview –
employers want the best in
their team."

"when preparing for an
interview practise your
story – speak aloud to yourself
in your bedroom, the more
you say it the more confident
you will become."

"typos on your CV will
lose you an interview."

LAW & ACCOUNTANCY

Brian Mulholland,
International Tax Partner

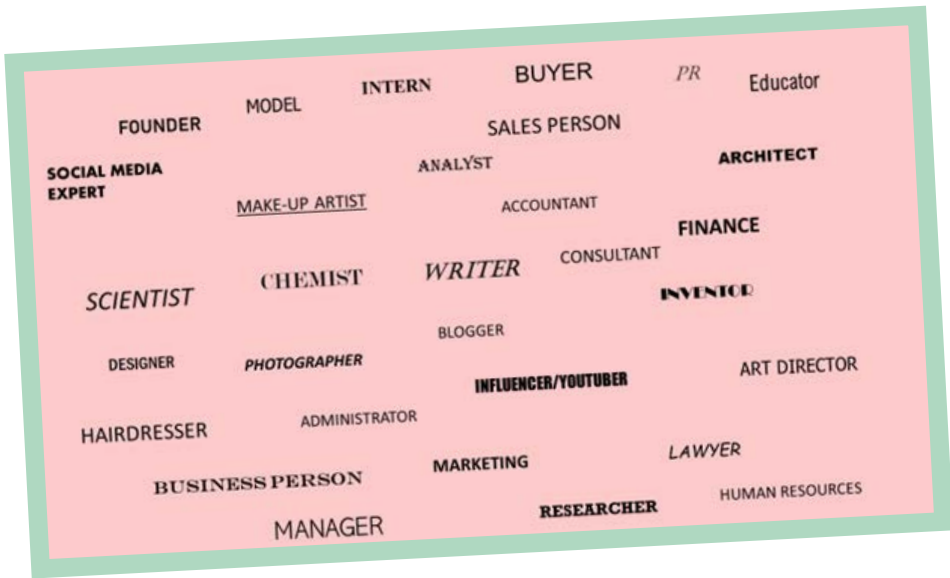
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An example of roles in the Beauty Industry..

"Most organisations have similar structures, find an industry that interests you then find a role."

"Don't just apply for one graduate scheme, apply for lots as the process can take months and the competition is huge."

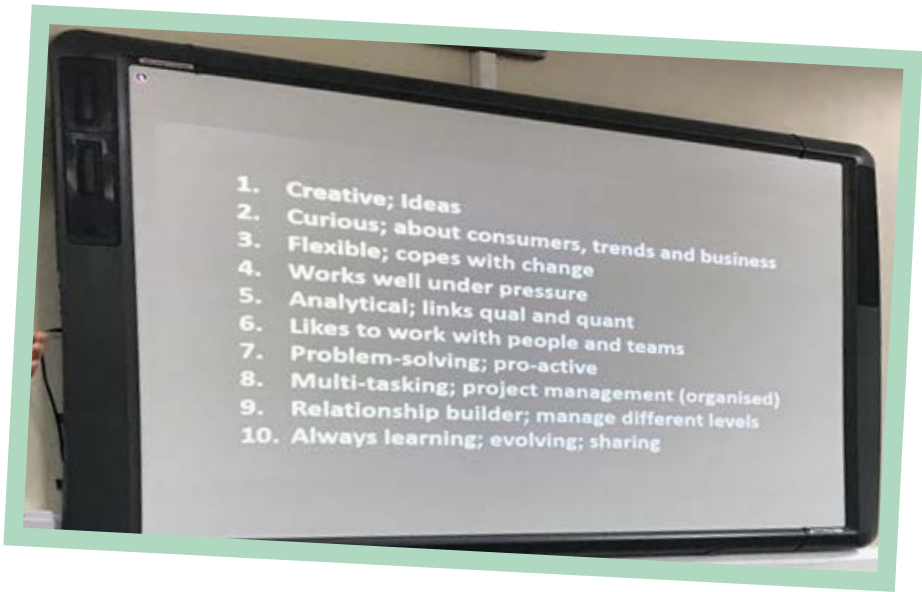
Anna Marcovici, Director, Impact Beauty Consulting



MARKETING

Nicholas Wright, Marketing professional

Top skills in demand for a career in Marketing.



"Consider which area of marketing would suit you, client side or agency, business or creative, PR or media, digital or print?"

CAREERS IN TV AND THE MEDIA

Jamie Munroe, Managing Director, Greenbird Media

"If you are researching Media Production companies then definitely research their programmes first before an interview as you will be asked. They will all be on their websites."

"Get into a company and give a job a go, you never know where it might lead and you might even enjoy it."

"There is a clamour for female writers at the moment."

"No specific degree subject is required for the majority of TV roles. Your degree choice can be linked to the programme you work on eg. A scientist can work on science documentaries, a historian on historical dramas."



STUDYING AND INTERVIEWING AT OXBRIDGE

Pembroke College Oxford, undergraduates Q&A and Oxbridge interview practice



"I never thought I would get into Oxford and I never felt I would fit in, it turns out everybody is like me, pretty normal!"

"Don't be intimidated by other over-confident applicants during your interview process, just focus on being yourself. They are not looking for candidates who already know everything"

"It's not all about studying, the social life is brilliant too and they have clubs for everything"

3. Careers Focus

New degree

BSc Technology, Health and Wellbeing Sciences, Warwick University

Warwick University is introducing a new degree, in recognition of the changing society needs for a new type of health science practitioner – this could be an interesting subject for the Future Factor competition!

<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses-2019/thwsciences>



Law apprenticeship at Dentons for Sixth form leavers

Not sure if university is for you but you are still interested in the legal profession? Consider doing a 6 year paid apprenticeship with a leading law firm and qualifying as a solicitor in the process:

<http://students.dentons.com/opportunities-around-the-globe/united-kingdom/bright-future-apprenticeship-programme/apprenticeship-details/>

BUZZ QUIZ – what is your personality type?



Are you still not sure which career path might suit you? Then why not try this fun UCAS buzz quiz! It is a fun, short quiz (based on the Myers Briggs personality types model) which analyses your personality to see which job areas might suit you. It only takes a few minutes and can be very insightful.

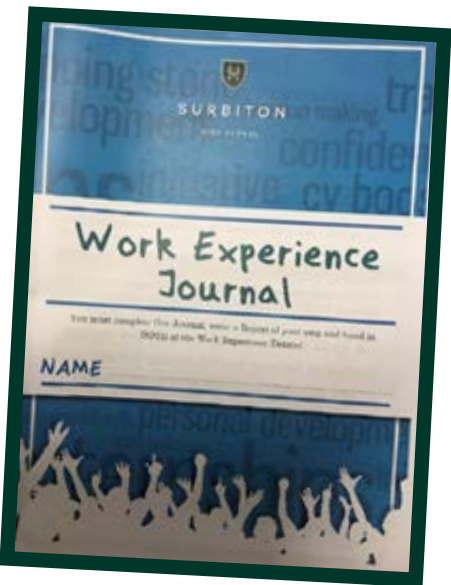
<https://www.ucas.com/careers/buzz-quiz>

Work Experience

Year 11

All year 11 students take part in the work experience programme following the completion of their GSCE exams. This is an exciting time in the Year 11 calendar when students have the opportunity to gain a real insight into the world of work , test out the different career areas and start developing their employability skills. It also provides invaluable information which can be included in CVs and UCAS personal statements for university admission.

As well as the year 11 work experience programme, we are here to support any Sixth Form students looking to engage in further work experience during the school holidays.



VOLUNTEERING

As well as helping others, volunteering is a great way to gain work experience or an insight into a company or career. It's also a part of your DofE programme. There are lots of opportunities available:



Disability Challengers – Volunteers required

Challengers provide inclusive play and leisure activities for disabled children and young people.

<https://disability-challengers.org/>



London Basket Brigade – 23 December

Volunteers are needed on 23 December for another wonderful day of fun and contribution – you'll be packing food hampers and then delivering those hampers as a wonderful Christmas surprise to unsuspecting families in need. It's a great fun and fulfilling day for family and friends!

<http://www.basketbrigade.org.uk/>



Kingston Hospital has a selection of non-clinical volunteering roles available if you fit the following criteria:

- Do you live, work or study within a five mile radius of Kingston Hospital?
- Are you over 16 years of age (18 years of age for some roles, which will be detailed in the role profile)?
- Can you commit to a regular attendance for a minimum of 6 months/30 hours?
- Are you legally eligible to work/volunteer in the UK?
- Do you have an email address?
- Do you enjoy helping people?

<https://kingstonhospital.nhs.uk/get-involved/volunteering.aspx>

4. Competitions

There are a range of competitions available to students which, apart from being fun and interesting and lots offering cash prizes, also look great on a UCAS application form and are particularly helpful in helping you to stand-out if you are applying for highly competitive courses.

If any competition has a limit on the number of applications per school, please let us know your plan to enter before entering. Note carefully any age restrictions.

If you are Years 7 - 11 – let Mr Benyohai know matthew.benyohai@surbitonhigh.com

If you are Years 12 - 13 - let Mr McDermott know terry.mcdermott@surbitonhigh.com

Future Factor - A United Learning Careers and Degree competition

YEARS 7 - 13

Did you know there are over 12,000 different careers and almost unlimited higher education choices open to you? We have an amazing opportunity for you to have fun and explore the world of careers and university and maybe discover the career of your dreams.... and even win some Amazon vouchers too!



Working individually or in a team of up to four you will create a fun, eye-catching advert and person specification in the form of a leaflet, poster or maybe even a video to promote a degree or a career – you can be as creative as you like.

For more information go to <https://www.surbitonhigh.com/senior/future-factor>

Deadline Wednesday 27 February 2019

ENGLISH

BBC Young Reporter Competition

YEARS 7 - 13

Are you aged 11-18 and do you have a story you want to tell people about your life, your family or your friends or community? Is there an issue you feel others should be aware of, which you have experience of or that really matters to you?



The **BBC Young Reporter Competition** gives young people like you a unique chance to tell their story on TV, radio, online or on social media with the help of BBC journalists, producers and programme makers. The most original and interesting stories will be put in front of a panel of presenters, reporters, senior editors and programme makers from programmes and platforms such as **Newsbeat**, **Newsround**, **The One Show** and **BBC Three**. They'll choose the best and most powerful stories - four of which will be made with the winning entrants and will be broadcast by the BBC on either TV, radio, online or social media platforms.

Enter the **BBC Young Reporter Competition** before the closing date (Sunday 6 January 2019). <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/41366824>

Years 10-13

Connell Guides Essay Prize

1000 word essay competition with cash prizes

<https://www.connellguides.com/pages/essayprize2018>

April 2019 tbc

Years 11-13

Christopher Tower Poetry

Competition (run by Christ Church College, Oxford).

<http://www.towerpoetry.org.uk/2019-christopher-tower-poetry-competition-press-release/>

£5000 total prize money to be won! See one of the finalist's poems below. Closing date 1 March 2019

Year 12

Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, Annual Essay Competition

Essays in Ancient World/Classics, Archaeology, Architecture, and Land Economy.

[ps://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/admissions/events-prospective-students/essay-competitions](https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/admissions/events-prospective-students/essay-competitions)

Deadline 8 March; 20 May for Architecture

Year 12

Peterhouse Thomas Campion English Prize (Peterhouse College, Cambridge University)

https://www.pet.cam.ac.uk/sites/www.pet.cam.ac.uk/files/campion_18_0.pdf

March 2019

Years 12-13

Bank of England

500 word blog competition "The Future of Money"

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/education/competitions/school-blog-2018>

Closing date 31 January 2019

Oxbridge colleges frequently run essay competitions. Many of these are not yet published but often deadlines are in March of Year 12. A number of College competitions you may wish to look out for include:

Corpus Christi Cambridge – usually essays in English, history, economics and modern languages but there may be other subjects included

St John's College Oxford – essays include classics and theology

St Hugh's College Oxford - <https://www.st-hughs.ox.ac.uk/currentstudents/awards-prizes/> (Julia Wood Prize – History; Mary Renault Prize – reception of classical antiquity) – contact outreach@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk for more details

4. Competitions

Christopher Tower Poetry Competition Finalist 2018:

Corner table at Tom's Café,

He had only just sat down,
She's late, she was doing her hair
And couldn't decide what to wear.
He says he has to leave town
He doesn't have time to stick around,
She just feels the chill in the air.
She got those falling down the stairs.
He'll stay for half an hour.
She already ate,
He's doing great
She gets a text, from Noone.
"This has been.... fun".
She's sorry she made him wait.
He's going to be late.

By Niranda Green, Wells Cathedral School



HUMANITIES

Year 12

Girton College, Cambridge, Humanities writing competition

Based on 5 objects in the College's antiquities museum

<https://www.girton.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/humanities-writing-competition/>

Closes 15 March 2019



ECONOMICS

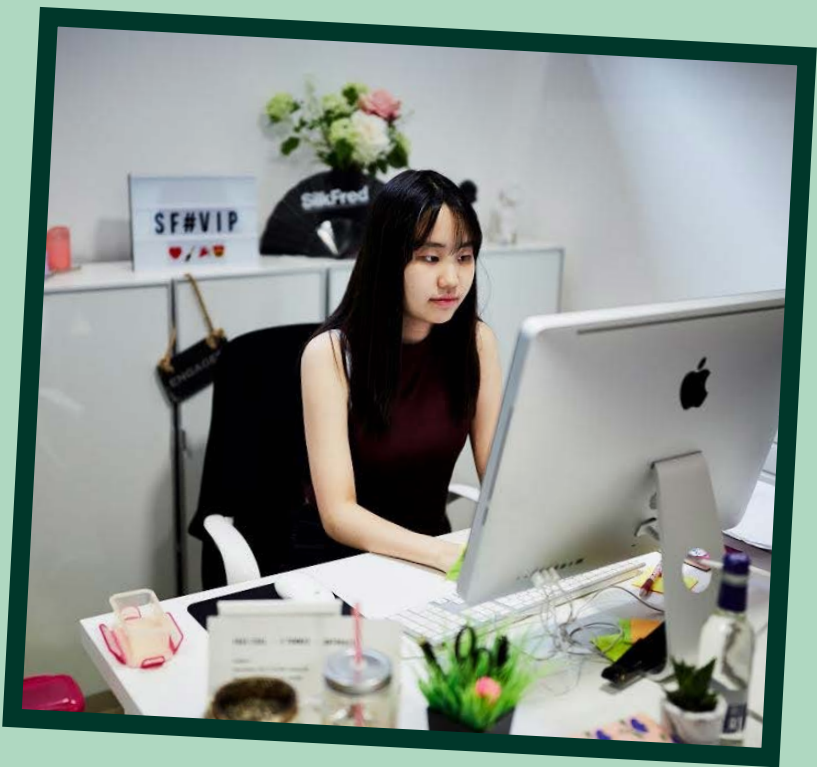
Years 12 - 13

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Closing date 31
January 2019



MATHEMATICS

Years 7 - 13

UK Mathematics Trust Challenge

Individual or team challenges, multiple choice papers - Bronze, Silver and Gold awards available!

<https://www.ukmt.org.uk/individual-competitions/>

Next challenges: 7 February 2019 and 30 April 2019;

Years 7 - 8

National Young Mathematicians Awards (in association with Cambridge University)

Team based Maths competition to tackle a never-before-seen mathematical problem!

<https://www.explorelearning.co.uk/schools-and-community/national-young-mathematicians-awards/>

Years 7 - 13

National Cypher Challenge (organised by University of Southampton)

A nationwide, online code-breaking competition.

<https://www.cipherchallenge.org/>

Ends 9 January 2019

4. Competitions

SCIENCE

Can you answer this question? If so, then why not enter one of the Science competitions below?



Years 9 - 11

Royal Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench competition

Team based competition with regional heats and prizes.

<http://www.rsc.org/news-events/features/2014/jun/top-of-the-bench/>

Years 11 - 12

Schools Science Prize (Biochemistry and Chemistry), Run by Corpus Christi College, Oxford

<https://www.ccc.ox.ac.uk/Schools-Science-Prize/>

2019 details tbc

Year 12

C3L6 Competition – Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

Online challenges: <http://www.c3l6.org/challenges/play/1/15>

School UK Lower 6th competition (summer): <http://www.c3l6.org/about>

Years 11 - 13

RSC Chemistry Olympiad

Compete as a team for the chance to represent the UK in the International Chemistry Olympiad competition.

<http://www.rsc.org/campaigning-outreach/outreach/educators/uk-chemistry-olympiad/#how-does-competition-work>

Register by 21 December 2018

Years 7 - 13

Imperial Faculty of Natural Sciences Schools Science Competition:

Global Goals – what could you do to Change the World? This is a team challenge.

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/natural-sciences/about-us/outreach/schools-science-competition/schools-competition-2019/>

Open: 3 December 2018 – 25 March 2019

Years 7 - 13

Jacobs Foundation – The University of Sheffield

Harry and Margaret Kroto Prize for Innovative use of Technology in Science Learning.

A global competition, entries in the form of a 4 minute video concerning any STEM subject matter.

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/rs/ecr/kri/jacobs>

Register by 31 January 2019, one entry per school

USEFUL WEBSITES

UCAS
(University applications)
<https://www.UCAS.com>

Morrisby Careers Guidance
<https://www.morrisby.com>

Prospects
(Careers Guidance)
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

University open day listings
<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/events-and-open-days>

The Medic Portal
(Advice for aspiring medics)
<https://www.themedicportal.com/>

Surbiton High School digital learning space
<https://learn.surbitonhigh.com/>

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