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Sixth Form Careers newsletter



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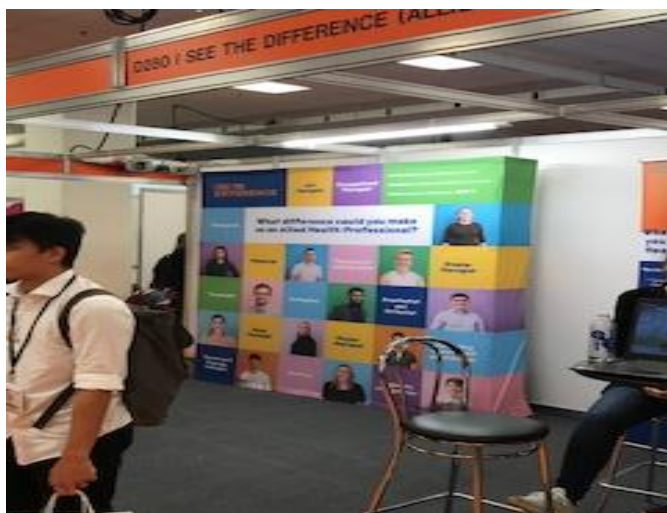
Welcome to the first edition of our Sixth Form Careers newsletter for the 2019/20 academic year!

You will receive three newsletters over the course of the year (one each term), supplemented by our monthly careers bulletins. These will aim to give you updates on what is happening in school to help you make decisions on future pathways as well as useful information on opportunities you can access and general updates and advice. You can access previous newsletters and bulletins in the sixth form area on the school website, or look at the hard copies in the folder outside Mrs Mouncey's office.

After achieving fantastic results in the summer many of our ex-Year 13's have now settled well into University life or their gap year and we look forward to seeing them again at our awards evening in December. Congratulations also go to those students who secured a place on an apprenticeship scheme. We wish everyone all the best in the next stage of their career.

What has been happening?

- On 11th October, 18 students took up the opportunity to travel to Olympia, London, to the 'What Career Live, What University Live' event. This was a busy, informative event and students were able to chat to representatives from many universities and employers such as Unilever, Deloitte, Warner Brothers, Coca-Cola, KPMG, to name just a few.



- Year 13 UCAS applications – we are currently in the middle of sending off applications and expect approximately 170 to be made.
- 1-2-1 business and employment advice from Bob Jordan, former Financial Director of BMW(UK)
- 25 Year 13 students participated in a mock interview to help prepare them for their future careers
- Magistrates in the Community talk to Year 12
- Year 12 have now enrolled onto the futures platform, Unifrog

Work Experience & Enrichment

The purpose of life is to live it... to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt ~



London South Bank University Experience Days

Experience Days are designed to show students the range of courses available to study and help them narrow down their area of interest. Students can visit the LSBU Southwark campus and take part in a day of interactive workshops including subject tasters, student life talks and a campus tour. Experience days are led by outreach staff, student ambassadors and senior academic staff from the area of study. Experience Days are best suited for Y12 students. There are two experience days taking place this term (dates below) with more Experience Days in other subject areas taking place next term.

21 November - Applied Science Experience Day

27 November - Built Environment, Architecture and Engineering Experience Day

www.lsbu.ac.uk

2019 Christmas Lectures at King's College London - 3rd December

These Christmas Lectures for students from the age of 15 – 18 bring a festive twist to teaching and learning in the Faculty of Natural & Mathematical Sciences, across the fields of Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics and General Engineering. There will be lectures and demonstrations from university teaching staff and an opportunity to have a tour of the Strand Campus and meet current students and academics from the faculty. Hot chocolate and ginger bread cookies available to keep everyone warm!

www.kcl.ac.uk

Skills London 2019 – 15th and 16th November 2019 - Excel, London (FREE)

London's biggest jobs and careers event for young people, giving students and their families a chance to discover careers through interactive activities and demonstrations. Bridge the gap between what you enjoy doing and what you could potentially do as a career.



EDT Year in Industry Programme

Placements are available for students aged 17+ in Year 13 (or undergraduates) in top UK companies and organisations every year, including, Rolls-Royce, EDF, Network Rail, Scottish Power and P&G. Typically, the programme lasts between 10-12 months and is a paid placement.

For the duration of the placement you will work on placements that will enable you to gain valuable work experience that employers are looking for. You will receive full support through the year-long mentoring service at the company including on-site visits from the Year In Industry team.

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry>

Parents/Carers: We are always looking to expand the opportunities open to students. If your firm would be willing to offer opportunities for work experience or work shadowing please contact: Kate Mouncey:

kate.mouncey@sandringham.herts.sch.uk

Headstart Programmes now OPEN for applications! (offers will be made in Jan.'20 to those applying before Christmas)



EDT work with over 3,700 industry partners to build links between educators and industry employers. This enhances students understanding of the industry while also helping organisations reach talent and connect with young people across the UK

EDT run successful university taster courses for students aged 16-17 in Year 12 who have an interest in creativity, problem solving, & STEM subjects – for those who want to look at the world, play a part to resolve critical issues to help our environment & create a better world. The courses range from 3-5 days and are designed to increase confidence, help students make well informed decisions about their future & show STEM career paths to be accessible & exciting.

Benefits to students include:-

- *Up to a week-long summer school placement at your choice of top university*
- *Experience the reality of university life*
- *Large choice of science, technology, engineering, arts and maths subjects*
- *Decide if the course is right for you before filling out your UCAS application*
- *Make friends and contacts*
- *Have a clear idea of your preferences*

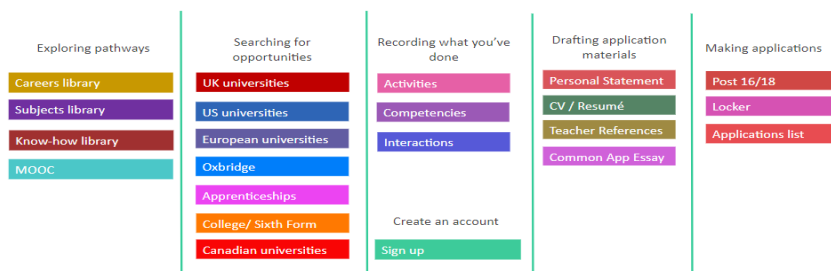
Follow this link to see the type of courses available and to apply:

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart-courses>

Unifrog

Don't forget to use all the careers resources on Unifrog, including: exploring pathways; searching for opportunities; drafting application materials and making applications. Use the Careers Library to explore careers options by using information from a range of sources including interviews from people working within the industry. Search by keyword, subject area, career area, theme, competency.

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Careers library

Find the best careers for you, then save your favourites here.



Click on the heart button on a career to add it to your Careers library dashboard.

Apprenticeships



You will find information about apprenticeships on our display board in S10. If there is anything you would like to find out more about please speak to Mrs Boost.

7 advantages of doing a degree apprenticeship

Degree apprenticeships are a new route into higher education, combining university study with practical skills gained in the workplace and the security of a regular salary. Degree apprentices work towards either a Level 6 (Bachelor's) or Level 7 (Master's) qualification.

1. Your tuition fees are paid

As a degree apprentice, the company that employs you uses their Apprenticeship Levy funds to cover the cost of your degree. This means that the £9,250 annual tuition fees don't have to be covered by you.

2. You will get a degree and work experience

Working alongside learning brings academic theories together with professional work experience.

As a degree apprentice, you will get a rich insight into the modern business world, helping you to challenge ideas and form your own opinions.

3. You will be paid a salary

Apprentices are treated as full-time employees, meaning they are paid a regular wage. Whilst a permanent role is not guaranteed, 90% of apprentices stay with the same employer once they've completed their apprenticeship.

4. Be valued by employers

According to Pearson Business School's regional analysis in the 2018 CBI/Pearson Education & Skills Survey 'Educating for the Modern World', over three quarters (79%) of businesses expect to increase the number of higher-skilled roles over the coming years. The survey also found that businesses look first and foremost for candidates who are **ready for the workplace**, with 81% of employers citing this as one of the three most important considerations when recruiting school and college leavers.

5. Give your CV a boost

Degree apprentices get to work on key projects that can be highlighted on their CV. This means their academic qualifications are supported by relevant work experience.

6. Start networking before you graduate

A degree apprenticeship encourages individuals to network within their chosen industry prior to graduating. Whether it's face-to-face or through LinkedIn, networking is a key skill that will help you get ahead in the workplace. Initiating connections with industry experts is the first step to becoming an expert yourself.

7. Student perks

You still benefit from all the student perks including: UniDays student discounts, student discounts online, student railcard and NUS Apprentice extra discount card.

Exciting new apprenticeship standards

New apprenticeships are being developed and released all the time through The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. The list below shows some of the brilliant new apprenticeship standards available.

- Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care - **Ecologist** - Studying the relationships between living things and their environment to help to resolve potentially conflicting demands between economic development and the environment. Level 7 (Degree)
- Business & Administration - **Dental Practice Manager** - Managing all non-clinical aspects of dental surgery, leading the practice team and achieving excellent patient satisfaction and cost efficiency. Level 4 (Higher)
- Digital - **Data Scientist** - Finding information in diverse data sets to address complex problems and improve organisational process. Level 6 (Degree)
- Construction Building Control – **Surveyor** - Providing an impartial, independent and accountable third-party service to confirm that building work achieves compliance with minimum standards. Level 6 (Degree)
- Health & Science - **Dietitian** - Using advanced communication and behaviour-change skills to enable people to make lifestyle and food choices to improve their health. Level 6 (Degree)

Find out more here: www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards



Rate My Apprenticeship has produced its Top 100 Employers Table for 2019-2020. This is based on 4,367 reviews from young people who have completed an apprenticeship or work experience programme. Follow this link to find out what these companies have to offer.

https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/top-employers/?utm_source=emailCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=int-30102019-schools-t100launch&dm_i=30Z2,YHUP,6M6BMW,3MA8B,1

Youth Voice Census Results 2019 – some interesting data

In May, Youth Employment UK launched the results from the 2019 Youth Voice Census, a survey capturing the experiences of more than 3,000 14-24-year olds as they transition between education and employment.

“Young people are benefitting from developments in careers education policy and knowledge of apprenticeships is on the rise; 83% of respondents reported that they had had apprenticeships discussed with them whilst in secondary school, up from 58% in 2018. However, university remains the option most frequently discussed, and young people’s confidence in pursuing an apprenticeship has some way to go before we see real parity. It is encouraging to see that those young people who do undertake an apprenticeship report high satisfaction levels. More than 83% say that their apprenticeship has prepared them for their next step, with 63% of respondents planning to stay with their current employer”.



Past student Profile

Elliot Brinkworth (left Sandringham 2018)
Retail Assistant
Higher Level Apprenticeship, Harrods



How many apprenticeships did you apply for?

I only applied for one apprenticeship as I felt if I put all my efforts into one application I would stand a higher chance of being successful rather than dividing my attention among multiple applications. However, I became very stressed because of this, as there is always the fear that you have no fall back option if you're unsuccessful, so I wouldn't recommend doing this!

What was the application process like for your apprenticeship?

The application process was long winded. I applied in September and didn't hear I had the job until May. First, I sent off my CV and filled in the online application form. I was then asked to do a video interview, which is like a one-way Skype call. For the final stage I was invited to go to an assessment centre where I had a group and individual interview and completed some team building activities. If you have to do one of these it's nothing to worry about - they're very enjoyable and not worth stressing over.

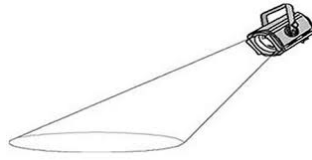
Apprenticeships can sometimes be viewed as an easy route as opposed to studying full-time, for example. Do you think this is the case?

I definitely wouldn't say it's 'easy'. Apprenticeship schemes vary and although my particular apprenticeship doesn't require me to go to lectures or seminars or complete any homework, I'm certainly not viewed as someone on work experience. You will be a full time member of staff and will be relied upon like any adult would be, which is a big step up from being at school, and so although it may not be academically challenging at times, it's certainly not easier.

What would your advice be to other people considering an apprenticeship?

If I had any advice for people considering an apprenticeship it would be "absolutely go for it!!!" They are becoming more and more respected in the world, and even if you're not 100% sure if you want to work in that industry, it's better to spend a few years earning before you decide you want to do something else as opposed to going to uni for three years and possibly wind up £40k+ of debt for a degree that you don't necessarily need! I haven't regretted my decision once and I'm sure you won't either!

Spotlight on TECHNOLOGY



What is it?

The manufacturing of electronics, creation of software, computers or products and services relating to information technology. The Tech Sector is incredibly dynamic and diverse. It is a huge and ever-growing industry, and has a big say in shaping our future.

What skills do you need?

As many as possible of:

analytical mind, attention to detail, coding, communicative, keen problem solver, interaction with computers, methodical thinker.

What qualifications do you need?

One or more of:

- University Degree in Electronic Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Maths or Physics
- Computer Science Degree
- IT/Computing A Level
- Physics and/or Maths A Level
- Software Engineering Degree
- Software Engineering Apprenticeship
- Electrical / Electronic Engineering
- Your own projects (self-taught projects)

Job roles	Companies that offer jobs in Technology
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Analyst• Electrical Engineer• Electronic Engineer• IT Consultant• IT Sales• IT Technician• Software Developer• Software Engineer• Systems Analyst• Validation Engineer• Web Designer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amazon• Apple• Arm• Close Brothers• Facebook• Goldman Sachs• Google• IBM• Oracle• Apple• Samsung

Useful links

<https://www.surrey.ac.uk/features/my-surrey-experience-nicholas-elia-bsc-hons-computer-science>

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2015/may/29/mouthoff-monument-valley-ustwo-apps-fame>

<https://www.goldmansachs.com/careers/students/programs/emea/technology-apprentices.html>

<https://www.closebrothers.com/careers/close-brothers-sme-apprentice-programme>

Events for this term

- Mock Assessment workshop through the Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge Programme
- Year 12 have been planning personalised super-curricular activities for ELD on 12th November