

Hello everyone and welcome to the Term 4 edition of the "Flourish in the Future Newsletter".

This term saw us host our final careers show of the academic year and what an amazing event it was. We've got our usual updates, university information, it's your future plan it and the latest announcements from Unifrog. Happy reading!

If you have any other questions regarding Careers or Personal Development, please feel free to email: hallama@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk or jordance@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk

We hope you find the various links in this newsletter useful, whatever stage you are at regarding your career exploration.

Many thanks as always for your support. The Careers and Personal Development Team



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## **GATSBY CAREER BENCHMARKS**

1	A stable careers programme	Every school and college should have an embedded programme of career education and guidance that is known and understood by students, parents, teachers, <u>governors</u> and employers.
2	Learning from career and labour market information	Every student, and their parents, should have access to good quality information about future study options and labour market opportunities. They will need the support of an informed adviser to make best use of available information.
3	Addressing the needs of each student	Students have different career guidance needs at different stages. Opportunities for advice and support need to be tailored to the needs of each student. A school's careers programme should embed equality and diversity considerations throughout
4	Linking curriculum learning to careers	All teachers should link curriculum learning with careers. STEM subject teachers should highlight the relevance of STEM subjects for a wide range of future career paths.
5	Encounters with employers and employees	Every student should have multiple opportunities to learn from employers about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace. This can be through a range of enrichment activities including visiting speakers, mentoring and enterprise schemes.
6	Experiences of workplaces	Every student should have first-hand experiences of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and/or work experience to help their exploration of career opportunities and expand their networks.
7	Encounters with further and higher education	All students should understand the full range of learning opportunities that are available to them. This includes both academic and vocational routes and learning in schools, colleges, universities and in the workplace.
8	Personal guidance	Every student should have opportunities for guidance interviews with a career adviser, who could be internal (a member of school staff) or external, provided they are trained to an appropriate level. These should be available whenever significant study or career choices are being made.

The Gatsby Benchmarks are a framework of 8 guidelines that define the best careers provision in secondary schools.

Please use the key in the table above to see where we have mapped activities against the Gastby Benchmarks.

Learn more about the Gatsby Benchmarks

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## CAREERS SHOW YEARS 8 - 10







This term, we hosted our final Careers Show of the year for our Year 8-10 students, and what an incredible event it was! Our students had an amazing time exploring a wide range of career paths, apprenticeships, and college opportunities. We were thrilled to welcome many fantastic companies, including LDA Design, GA Interiors, The Royal Navy, Pell Frischmann, HM Prison and Probation Service and Transport for London, alongside many others who shared their expertise and advice. A HUGE thank you to all our external guests who generously gave up their precious time to meet with our students and inspire them for the future. Your support is truly invaluable, and we could not put on these amazing events without you!!



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# CAREERS SHOW

**YEARS 8 - 10** 



















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## **UNIVERSITY** - WHAT'S ON

### Canterbury Christ Church University

We'd love to see you on campus for our Answers Day on Sunday, 9 June, 9am - 3pm, at our Canterbury Campus. At the Answers Day you'll be able to find out more about the courses we offer, speak to our staff and students and of course, explore the local area.

You'll also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have - our staff and students will be happy to help, whatever your query.

You can book your place <u>HERE</u> on our website now.

**University of Hull** - bookings are now open for our Medicine Open Days.

We're delighted to let you know that bookings for Open Days at the University of Hull are NOW OPEN. If you are interested in studying Medicine or just want to find out more about what's involved in a career as a doctor, we'd be delighted to welcome you to our Hull campus! Book now via The University of Hull website <u>HERE</u>.

Hull York Medicine School prospectus for 2026 entry is now available to order the Hull York Medical website <u>HERE</u>.

Remember, you can find lots more detailed information about all aspects of our Medicine and Medicine with a Gateway Year programmes, and the application process, <u>on</u> <u>our website.</u>



## **University of Southampton Residential**

15th - 18th July 2025. Join us on campus for a 4-day, 3-night programme for Year 12.

Our Experience residential is a great opportunity to get a taste of student life and degrees offered at the University of Southampton ahead of university applications. You'll learn in an academic environment and join students from other schools and colleges through a timetable of lectures, practical activities and a variety of fun evening social activities. Find out more <u>HERE</u>.

## Student finance for undergraduates

Students can now make their application for student finance to the Student Loans Company if they're applying to Student Finance England. They do this using the UK Government website. Students apply to Student Finance England if they are domiciled in England - this is where they normally live.

We recommend that students make their student finance application as early as possible. They should avoid waiting until they get their exam results. Applying early allows them to concentrate on their studies in the coming months, knowing when they start university, they'll have their money in time to start their course.

Students should apply for student finance based on their firstchoice (Firm) course and university. They can easily change this before they begin their studies. The most important thing is to get the application in! Click <u>HERE</u> for more information.

## Meet the Russell Group Webinars, 29th April 2025

This is incredibly informative for students considering applying for Russell Group universities such as Cambridge, LSE, Bristol, Glasgow or Cardiff. The webinars will cover topics such as Personal Statements & Applying, Researching University Options and Student life.

Students, teachers and parents can sign up for each webinar via the registration link: <u>www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/russell-group-webinars</u>. You can also sign up to be sent recordings.

# UniTasterDays



### UniTasterDays

**New Podcast: Creative Courses** - Episode 39 is live today! This time, we're exploring creative courses with guests from Norwich University of the Arts and Guildhall School of Music and Drama. <u>Listen now</u>

**The Students' Guide 2025:** now available - Perfect for students thinking about university and including insights from 65+ university experts. It covers the new UCAS personal statement, information on the first tuition fee rise since 2017, and researching universities during a cost-of-living crisis. Plus, student finance tips from Martin Lewis! Take a look <u>HERE</u>.

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## **UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON**

## Upcoming Events with Royal Veterinary College, University of London

E <u>Get Your Grades</u> – A free 6-week online course designed to support Science GCSE students in improving their predicted grades with expert guidance.

<u>Year 10 School</u> – A two-day Easter School at our Camden Campus with lectures, practicals, and Q&As with researchers. Students will gain hands-on experience in labs, the anatomy museum, and with animals, while networking with professionals and like-minded peers.

Vet Nursing Taster Course – A one-day event providing an introduction to veterinary nursing, featuring lectures by RVC experts and the chance to hear from Student Ambassadors about studying this field.

Afternoon Anatomy – Explore comparative physiology with real animal specimens, live calves, and a workshop on disease control. A hands-on and interactive experience for students.

\*\* <u>Farm Vet School</u> – A week-long programme for students aged 16-19 considering a veterinary career. Includes visits to livestock enterprises, hands-on experience at Sparsholt College, and group discussions on industry topics.

Pre-Vet Summer School – A 13-day residential experience at our Hertfordshire Campus, offering students work experience in animal hospitals and handling environments. A fantastic opportunity to gain practical experience towards a veterinary application.

Market Content in the Royal Veterinary College.

These events offer students an invaluable insight into veterinary and animal sciences, allowing them to gain real-world experience and explore career paths.



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## **COLLEGE - WHAT'S ON**

#### **Hadlow College**

Join us for our Open Evening to discover all your options with Hadlow College on 4th June from 3pm to 7pm. Register <u>HERE</u>.

You can explore our wonderful rural and land-based facilities, with the chance to speak to our industry trained lecturers and our current students. You'll get all the information you need to make that all important next-step decision and can even apply on the day!

Hadlow College offers exceptional accommodation for both Further and Higher Education students, with 201 single rooms nestled in the heart of our beautiful grounds. Following our Residential Ofsted inspection in June 2024, we're proud to announce we've been rated Outstanding! This prestigious achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of our team, highlighting the high-quality support we provide to our student which you can be a part of!



Keep up-to-date If you would like to keep up-todate with everything Hadlow fill in the form linked below

Click Here



Full-time Course Guide 25/26 Click the button below to order our Full-time Course Guide for 2025/26

Click Here

#### Are you interested in Horticulture?

Horticulture is the art of cultivating plants to produce food and medicinal ingredients, or for ornamental purposes. Pupils can grow their knowledge of the scientific principles, maintenance and propagation techniques including vitally important sustainable horticulture practices.

#### Is Equine more your style?

Our Equine Unit at Hadlow has extensive facilities including two indoor arenas, a large outdoor arena and stabling for 64 horses. As well as a complete range of show jumps, there are also cross country fences suitable for students training at Level 3 and above. There is an extensive range of practical teaching resources.

**Click Here** 





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## **APPPRENTICESHIPS**

Solicitor apprentice salaries across UK's top law firms revealed

### <u>UK's top 100 universities are falling short on many</u> popular apprenticeship sectors, new research finds

## 5 apprenticeships you might like if a "desk job" fills you with dread

Are you the type of person who dreads the thought of spending your career confined to a desk? Do you crave hands-on experience and a dynamic work environment? If so, these apprenticeships might be the perfect path for you. Read more <u>HERE</u>.

## How to impress in the apprenticeship application process - Recording

Watch this webinar to hear directly from IBM and KPMG, who share their advice on the best ways to impress in the apprenticeship recruitment process. Watch <u>HERE</u>.

## Women at work: The power of apprenticeships -Recording

In this webinar, we heard from organisations who are changing the shape of their workforce through apprenticeships, and are increasing the representation of women into different roles through apprenticeships including engineering, cyber security, policing and more, ensuring that women feel welcomed, valued and supported to enable them to reach their full potential. Watch <u>HERE</u>.

## **Inspiring Future Apprentices with Google**

Check out our latest blog covering this month's National Apprenticeship Week event with Google, featuring LeoStayTrill! We brought together young people, experts, and rising talent to explore opportunities in tech, AI, and beyond—proving that the future is full of possibilities. Read more <u>HERE</u>.

## Your Guide to Apprenticeships 2025

We had talks from different employers, and an exclusive session with Not Going To Uni, and we are really happy with the engagement. If you missed it, click <u>HERE</u> to watch it on demand!

Apprenticeships with the Royal Ballet & Opera

Would you like to earn money while you learn in one of Europe's busiest Opera Houses? Royal Ballet & Opera Apprenticeships are aimed at nurturing the next generation of theatre makers and technicians.

They are currently looking for talented people who would like to start their careers as Stage Technicians, Automation Technicians, Costume Performance Technicians, Scenic Carpenters and Scenic Construction Technicians.

Their apprenticeships are for people at the very start of their career who do not yet hold degree level qualification, or have too much industry experience, and are eager to learn.

Find out more <u>HERE</u>.



## Please see below some exciting opportunities available through Clarion Futures'

Clarion are one of Ebbsfleet Development Corporation's housing associations and developers at Ebbsfleet and work closely with United Living.

- Apprentice Site Manager (Wrotham) with the level 3 or level 4 entry point <u>United Living Group Apprentice Site</u> <u>Manager | SmartRecruiters</u>
- Apprentice Quantity Surveyor (Wrotham) with a level 3 or level 4 entry point <u>United Living Group Apprentice</u> Quantity Surveyor | SmartRecruiters
- Apprentice Administrator (Swanley): <u>https://smrtr.io/pRX3v</u>
- Apprentice Estimator (Swanley): <u>https://smrtr.io/pDM7c</u>

## Browse the latest opportunities on the NGTU website <u>HERE</u>.



https://www.saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk

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## **APPRENTICESHIPS WITH NETWORK RAIL**



Network Rail is offering exciting degree-level apprenticeships, providing a unique opportunity to earn a qualification while gaining hands-on experience in the rail industry.

These apprenticeships allow you to develop valuable skills, work on real-world projects, and build a strong foundation for a successful career—all while getting paid. Don't miss out—apply now and take the first step towards a rewarding future with Network Rail!



Level 6 Digital and Technology Solutions Apprenticeship



<u>Level 6 Rail & Rail Systems</u> Engineer Apprenticeship – Track



Level 6 Rail & Rail Systems Engineer Apprenticeship – Electrical & Mechanical



Level 6 Rail & Rail Systems Engineer Apprenticeship – Civil and Geotechnical Design



## It's Your Future - Plan it !!!

## Webinars, videos, live events and other resources

### Revealed: New entry in top 10 jobs teenagers want

Doctor has topped the list of jobs teenagers want when they're older for the second year running, with vet and police officer moving up in the rankings, according to the annual BBC Bitesize Careers survey.

Read more <u>HERE</u> from the survey of more than 4,000 13-16-year-olds from across the UK!



#### **Personal Branding Recording**

How to make universities and employers absolutely love you! Watch <u>HERE</u>.

#### Apprenticeships in Finance, Banking and Insurance

Our recent webinar about Apprenticeships in Finance, Banking and Insurance.

With Interviews and guidance to help secure a career in Financial Services. Watch <u>HERE</u>.

#### Preparing for Apprenticeship Assessment Centres

Join us to hear directly from the employers about how they work, what they're really looking for and their advice on how students can prepare.

- Date: Thursday 24th April 2025
- Time: 15:30 16:00
- Duration: 30 minutes

Sign up <u>HERE</u>.

### T Levels - Everything you need to know

Hear directly from employers about their T Level programmes. We will hear about the structure and content of an industry placement, how the curriculum is linked to the workplace, the benefits of T Levels and much more.

- Date: Wednesday 29th April 2025
- Time: 15:30 16:15
- Duration: 45 minutes

Sign up <u>HERE</u>.

### ERIC X NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Don't worry! We recorded everything and it's all on YouTube, so you can watch whenever you want! Just click on the links below to be taken to the relevant YouTube playlist.

- MONDAY TALKS Introduction to Careers in the Creative
  Industries
- TUESDAY TALKS Careers in the Screen Industries
- WEDNESDAY TALKS Careers in Media & Comms
- THURSDAY TALKS Careers in Pop Culture
- FRIDAY TALKS Careers in The Arts

### International Law Firm Undergraduate Bursary Programme

If you are in Year 13 and hold an offer to study law at a UK university, you could be eligible to apply for Sidley's Undergraduate Bursary programme!

As part of our commitment to increasing diversity at Sidley and within the legal profession, we are proud to introduce our bursary programme to support talented law students from less advantaged backgrounds.

What the bursary offers:

- $\checkmark$  Financial support throughout your undergraduate law degree
- ✓ Guaranteed work experience at Sidley
- ✓ Mentoring opportunities from legal professionals
- $\checkmark$  A chance to focus on your studies without financial concerns

Don't miss out - applications will close on 17 May 2025! Apply <u>HERE</u>.

**Destination STEM** - one stop destination for all things science, technology, engineering, and maths

- Our free mentoring programme gives your students the tools to explore life after school. Find out more <u>HERE</u>.
- Are your students looking for career advice, inspiration, and insight into what employers are looking for? Find out more <u>HERE</u>.
- Help your students stand out from the crowd with a research placement! Find out more <u>HERE</u>.



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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **BadBear Games CIC**

Game On! Discover Exciting Careers in Gaming From Coding to Storytelling and Beyond.

Application deadline: 3rd June 2025 Ages: 14 - 19 23rd June 2025 - 24th June 2025 - 09:30 - 14:30

Curious about how games are made? This 2-day interactive event takes you behind the scenes of the gaming industry, showing you how your skills and passions could turn into a career. Apply HERE.

### Into Film

Lights, Camera... Who Else? Discover Hidden Film & TV Roles with Into Film

Application deadline: 30th May 2025 Ages: 14 - 19 30th June 2025 - 2nd July 2025 - 10:00 - 15:00

Are you passionate about movies and dreaming of a career behind the scenes? Look no further.

The team from IntoFilm are hosting a 3-day work experience opportunity to uncover hidden jobs within the film industry.

Develop valuable skills, build your network, and unleash your creativity in a supportive environment. Apply <u>HERE</u>.



## Cambridge Unlocked What is it about?

Cambridge Unlocked is an opportunity for students to gain real-world work experience in some of the top companies in Cambridge.

## Who is it for?

Y12 & Y13

## Funded for:

Year 12 and Y13 students, focus on lower social mobility/PP/FSM/ economically disadvantaged.

Sign up <u>HERE</u>.





Free online work experiences from Goldman Sachs to Red Bull. Find out more HERE.

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### Channel 4 Work Experience is now Live - Experience life in the creative industry

Discover the exciting world of creative careers in TV and Broadcasting. Gain unique insights into what it takes to build a successful national broadcaster like Channel 4. This experience will open your eyes to a variety of roles across the industry and provide meaningful work experience, from technical positions to on-camera roles, and introduce you to the talented people who make it all happen. With over 4,200 participants in the UK already gaining valuable industry knowledge, it's your turn to dive in. Ready to explore and build your creative career? Sign up today <u>HERE</u>!



John Lewis Partnership - Virtual Work Experience Whether just starting your career or looking to

change your career direction, everyone is welcome at JLP. Our virtual work experience gives you a taste of just a few careers across the Partnership.

Our organisation is a complex puzzle of amazing people with incredible skills who are pulling together to achieve the John Lewis Partnership vision. It's time to experience that for yourself!

Register your interest <u>HERE</u>.





Awesome April Work Experience Opportunities in Banking/Tech/Real Estate/Law

CLICK HERE

## **Ravensbourne University London**

We are running our Make It! Summer School between 7th-11th July 2025 for current Year 12s and 13s. Registrants and schools can use this Summer School as work experience.

Participants will work in groups to design, develop and pitch a product to industry professionals across the week, learning key creative career skills such as project management, user-centred design and public speaking. Students can register <u>HERE</u>.



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## WORK EXPERIENCE WITH EXPERIAN IN MAY 2025

We're excited to announce our virtual work experience opportunities with Experian, taking place in May for students in year groups 7-9 (First Step) and 10-13 (Next Step). Our events take place outside of school hours, making them easily accessible for all students.

### FIRST STEP - Student year groups 7-9 England & Wales

Tuesday 13th May at 4.30pm (virtual session hosted on MS Teams)

### "Free Skins or Fake Wins? Exposing Fake Gaming Giveaways!"

- A 45-minute briefing with the Experian team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- · Certification awarded on completion
- Register now! (students)

## NEXT STEP - Student year groups 10-13 England & Wales

Wednesday 14th May at 5pm (virtual session hosted on MS Teams)

### "Get Rich Quick... or Get Caught? The Dark Side of Influencer Money Scams!"

- A 45-minute virtual briefing with the Experian team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Certification awarded on completion
- <u>Register now!</u> (students)

# Join our Experian challenges and gain virtual work experience

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM UNIFROG**

#### **Virtual Work Experience Week**

unifrog Students can sign up now for Virtual Work Experience Week 2025 - 30th June to Friday 4th July.

### Meet the employers

Each day will be hosted by a different employer, offering the chance to develop a wide range of employability skills and an introduction to all the different careers in these fields.

The week is aimed at Y10 and Y12 students, but all students from Y10–13 are welcome to take part.

Sign up **HERE** - <u>https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars</u>





## Preview the course HERE.

### New Course - The Complicated Reality of Criminology

Our newest course, written in partnership with Northeastern University London, will investigate how the English and Welsh criminal justice system arrives at the truth during a trial. Y10-13 students will explore some key topics relating to crime and the criminal justice system, eyewitness testimony, and police interview techniques. It's a great one to add to personal statements and CVs!

## A new course for students entering the world of work

Our newest course, written in partnership with EY (a top 4 accountancy firm), walks students through how to land a job by acing interviews, prepping effectively for assessments and standing out at assessment centres.

## Preview the course HERE.



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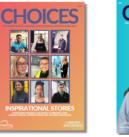
## **PARENTS AND CARERS**

We have included below some information received over the last term. We hope you find it useful.

## Choices Magazine - March and April Parent and Carer Guide

March's Choices Magazine has a SEND focus, featuring inspirational apprentices who have shared stories of how they have overcome different personal challenges. Explore the Tesco Stronger Starts programME, follow a day in the life of a Microsoft apprentice, and much more! Download <u>HERE</u>.

In April's Choices edition, we discover top tips for aspiring apprentices from a top apprentice, explore the process of becoming an apprentice from a parent's perspective, learn about the benefits of Higher Technical Qualifications, follow an apprentice's journey to becoming his own boss, get inspired by apprenticeships in Project Management, Download <u>HERE</u>.





New Parent & Carer Guide to careers in the screen industries

Are you wondering if a career in the UK screen industries could be the right fit for your child, or do you know a young person interested in this exciting sector?

Our FREE Parent and Carer Guide to Careers in the Screen Industries provides valuable insights into the sector and offers practical advice on how to support and encourage their journey. Access the guide <u>HERE</u>.

## Parent Webinar with Lloyds Banking Group

Lloyds Banking Group hosted a 'Guide for parents on apprenticeships – by parents, for parents' webinar, which explored apprenticeships. We heard from speakers from Lloyds Banking Group, AstraZeneca, NHS England and UCAS. The webinar aims to support parents in exploring apprenticeships with their child. To catch up on the recording, please click <u>here</u>.

## **Apprenticeships with The British Army**

You can explore an exciting range of quizzes, booklets, display packs, the parent and carer guide, webinar recordings and posters, which explore the apprenticeship opportunities available with the British Army. Please click <u>here</u> to discover the wide range of resources.



## Witherslack Futures Support Pack

Preparing young people for life beyond the classroom.

We've launched a new support pack filled with top tips and advice for helping young people with the transition into adulthood. In this pack, you will find:

- How to build aspiration
- Industries and career paths
- Strengths and interests
- Tools for success
- Tips from a recruitment expert

Access the pack <u>HERE</u>.

Sign up for their webinar on 30th April 2025 HERE.



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## **ONE FINAL WORD FROM THE CAREERS TEAM**



Thank you to all the employers, parents, staff and students that have supported the events through this term – we appreciate you!

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