

NEWSLETTER

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Hello Saint George's Community

Hello everyone and welcome to the Term 5 edition of the “**Flourish in the Future Newsletter**”.

It's been a busy and exciting time for the Careers team as we continue to support and inspire students on their future pathways. Behind the scenes, we've been working diligently to prepare for an action-packed Term 6, with major events like the Year 12 Futures Day and the highly anticipated BAE STEM Roadshow. We've also been processing a fantastic number of work experience forms, it's been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and initiative from our students. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to what's ahead!

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 Gatsby Benchmarks.

[Learn more about the Gatsby Benchmarks](#)

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UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON

Durham University Open Day

Our Undergraduate Pre-application Open Days are a great way to explore our university, city, colleges, academic departments, and all the opportunities that we offer our students. Students and their families can join us for one or both of our Open Day dates this summer: Friday 13 June 2025 and Saturday 14 June 2025.

Find out more [HERE](#).



Durham Spotlight: Criminology

Situated within the Department of Sociology, the BA Criminology degree programme involves studying crime, deviance and criminal justice in relation to broader society. Studying at Durham enables students to work with recognised international and national experts within specific criminology fields and develop their wider interest in related sociological fields.

Read more [HERE](#).

London School of Economics & Political Science guided tours

Explore key facilities, soak in the campus atmosphere, and experience what it's like to be a student at LSE! Led by our current students, these guided tours last approximately 40 minutes. Secure your place [HERE](#).

Canterbury Christ Church University Open Day

Open Days at Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) are about more than just taking a look around. Visit us on Sunday 8 June at our Canterbury Campus, from 9:15am - 3pm and we'll show you why CCCU is such a great place to study.

At our Open Day not only can you find your perfect course, but you can also:

- drop in and talk to academics
- go on a tour of the University with one of our friendly student ambassadors
- see where you could be living
- speak to our Student Services
- discover the historic city of Canterbury and wider local area.

We can't wait to welcome you to campus. Book your place today [HERE](#).

Hull York Medical School - MediCafé webinars for 2025

We're excited to launch our brand new MediCafé webinar series for 2025, covering a range of important topics for those considering studying Medicine!

MediCafé is a series of live webinars for prospective medical students.

Our sessions cover essential topics like applying to Medicine, making the most of work experience, and preparing for your UCAT admissions test.

Whether you're just exploring the idea of becoming a doctor or fully committed to that path, MediCafé welcomes all students interested in pursuing a career in medicine.

Register [HERE](#).



East 15 Acting School

East 15 Acting School offers industry-focused training for future theatre and film professionals.

BA Stage Management (with pathways), gives you practical training for production and technical roles in theatre, film, TV, events, and other creative industries.

BA Creative Producing (Theatre & Short Film), is one of the only degrees in the UK which combines producing for both theatre and film, offering practical, hands-on experience in both mediums. Learn creative and business-focused aspects, from directing and screenwriting to marketing, web design and arts management.

At East 15, you'll learn by doing, collaborate with other students and professionals, and build real industry connections. Take a look at all available courses [HERE](#).



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UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE OPEN DAYS 2025

- Friday 20 June
- Saturday 11 October
- Friday 7 November
- Saturday 15 November

For information about our **Open Days**, **Campus Tours** and other ways to visit us, scan the QR code or go to ljmu.ac.uk/opendays



To take a **virtual campus tour**, scan here





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UNIVERSITY - WHAT'S ON



UNIVERSITY OF
SURREY

FILM PRODUCTION & BROADCAST BENG

-ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE IN
VISION AND SOUND

-COMPUTERS AND CODING

-TV PRODUCTION

-FILM MAKING



- Ranked #1* for Cinematography in the UK
- Engineering Council / IET accredited degree
- Maths to A level standard required
- Optional paid professional placement
- Full employment in industry or further study for 100% of recent graduates.

*Guardian University Guide 2024



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APPRENTICESHIPS

Teacher Degree Apprenticeship with University of Brighton webinar

Catch up on this webinar to hear about the new Teacher Degree Apprenticeship (TDA) being launched in England this year. Hear more about:

- The TDA scheme, and how it will work in practice.
- Bursaries available for schools to access (secondary only)
- Entry requirements and eligibility criteria
- The delivery model and duration of programme
- The application and approval process

Click [HERE](#) to access the recording.



Preparing for Apprenticeship Assessment Centres Webinar

Watch this webinar to hear directly from employers about how assessment centres work, what they're really looking for and their advice on how students can prepare. Catch up on the webinar [HERE](#).

Top 30 Accountancy Apprenticeships

We know that a whole bunch of you are interested in Higher/Degree Apprenticeships in Accountancy and Finance.....so here's a resource that could make life a little bit easier for you: Top UK Employers. Find out more [HERE](#).

Apprenticeships at Top 20 Construction companies

We know that a whole bunch of you are interested in Higher/Degree Apprenticeships in Construction.....so here's a resource that could make life a little bit easier for you. Find out more [HERE](#).

Could a legal apprenticeship be for you?

Apprenticeships have been gaining momentum in the legal sector for the past couple of years. You can qualify as a solicitor through the apprenticeship route, meaning that this is a viable alternative to university and its associated tuition fees.

Interested in finding out more about apprenticeships? Check out our [Apprenticeships hub](#), sponsored by Mayer Brown International LLP, for everything you need to know! You can discover:

- what the different kinds of legal apprenticeships are;
- the skills that are required to excel as a legal apprentice;
- how solicitor and graduate apprenticeships differ;
- the pros and cons of an apprenticeship versus the university route; and
- more about life as an apprentice first hand with our Meet the Apprentice profiles.

Plus, for a comprehensive guide to legal apprenticeships, read the online version of our [Law Apprenticeships Guide](#). If you're looking for legal apprenticeship opportunities, use our [vacancies page](#) to start looking!

LawCareers.Net masterclass: legal apprenticeships – what you need to know. Access [HERE](#).



LawCareers.Net™

How students can use the summer to start their apprenticeship research FREE Webinar
19th June - 3.30pm: [BOOK NOW](#)

Understanding the different types of training providers FREE Webinar
26th June - 3.30pm: [BOOK NOW](#)

APPRENTICESHIPS



Ace your Apprenticeship Interview!

Interviews are your chance to showcase your skills and enthusiasm. Here's how to make them count.

Check out the most common apprenticeship interview questions [HERE](#).

Research is Key	Practice, Practice, Practice	Ask Smart Questions	Dress Professionally
Understand the company and the apprenticeship role inside out. Check out their website, social media, and any recent news.	Rehearse your answers aloud, ideally with a friend or family member.	Show your interest by asking thoughtful questions about the role or company culture.	Make sure your clothing is clean and appropriate for the industry.

Assessment Centre Success: Shine Under Pressure!

Everything you need to know down [HERE](#).

Active Participation	Time Management	Be Yourself	Listen Carefully
Contribute to group discussions and demonstrate your teamwork skills.	Stay organised and manage your time effectively during each activity.	Authenticity is key. Let your personality shine through while maintaining professionalism.	Pay close attention to instructions and feedback.

Dealing with Rejection: Turn Setbacks into Stepping Stones!

Rejection is a part of the apprenticeship journey. It doesn't define your worth or potential, so don't take it personally - here's how to handle it constructively. See tips [HERE](#).

Ask for Feedback	Learn from the Experience	Stay Positive and Persistent	Expand your Search
Request feedback to identify areas for improvement.	Reflect on what went well and what you could do differently next time.	Don't let rejection discourage you. Keep applying for opportunities that align with your interests.	Look into different industries and companies.

A Day in the Life of local government apprentices

Watch inspiring stories from councils across the East of England and explore how apprentices can shape your local area. Find out more [HERE](#).

Become a ROYAL Apprentice: Apprenticeships in the Royal Household

Apprenticeships in the Royal Household
From Hospitality to Furniture making.....Butchery to HR
Register For Job Alerts [HERE](#).

New Finance Apprenticeships and Career Pathways Available Now

The finance sector is packed with exciting opportunities, and it's changing faster than ever.

From investment management and fintech to accounting and financial analysis, there's a world of career paths out there for young people with a head for numbers and a sharp eye for detail.

A finance apprenticeship could be the perfect fit if for those who want to hit the ground running. They'll earn, learn, and gain real-world experience, all without the hefty price tag of university.

See live finance roles available [HERE](#).



Launch Your Career with S&W Apprenticeships!

Finishing school, and ready for what's next? See what our school leavers programme can do for you.

At S&W, we can offer:

- Experience at one of the fastest growing top ten accountancy firms in the UK
- A fully sponsored training programme towards a professional qualification
- Training supported by a leading UK training body, rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted
- On-the-job coaching and exposure to a diversity of clientele
- A dedicated L&D team and training contact for your department and office location, to support you throughout your studies
- Your own personal support network, including a buddy to offer first-hand experience
- Interesting and challenging work within a friendly, collaborative and supportive environment

Apply now [HERE](#).

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First Careers - Inspiring and Preparing young people for the world of work

On First Careers you can get behind the scenes of some of the UK's most interesting jobs and find what's right for you. Search through over 150 job profiles and discover career opportunities, inspiration and advice. First Careers offers guidance to primary and secondary school students in making decisions about future careers and professions. Access [HERE](#).



Discover Geography

What Geographers Actually Do - Free Geography Careers webinar. Sign up [HERE](#).



Find your place in space!

A brilliant non-profit supporting students who want to enter the space sector.

SpaceCareers.uk is a leading jobs and advice service for anyone interested in a career in the space sector. Whether you're a student, in the early stages of your career, or have several years of experience, we can help you find your perfect space career.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Young Professionals Summer Conference Work Experience Day in London and the O2! Tuesday 15th July 2025 1:30pm - 5pm

We are incredibly excited to invite you to the Young Professionals Summer Conference at The O2 Arena in London on Tuesday 15th July, 1:30pm - 5pm—our biggest event to date. This is your chance to step inside one of the world's most iconic venues and meet some of the most prestigious employers in business, banking, finance, law, engineering, and technology, all in one place.

All students that attend will get a professional LinkedIn headshot as well as a digital PDF link packed with CV templates, how to start a business, top tips on applying to corporate roles as well as lots of other useful content.

Register [HERE](#).

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

FREE workshop with the National Careers Service

Would you like to:

- Learn how to successfully apply for jobs?
- Improve your cv writing skills
- Prepare for an interview?

This course is for you!

Where: Virtual Online

Date: Wednesday 11th June 2025

Time: 09:30 to 11:30

To book a place please contact 01474 351451 or email northfleetfh@kent.gov.uk



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Ready to ditch the textbooks and **earn while you learn?** A4G offers an incredible opportunity to kick-start a rewarding career in accountancy – no university debt required!

What we offer:

- Salary between £19,500 to £23,850 per year
- Complete study Package for the AAT and ACA/ACCA qualification
- Supportive & friendly working environment





Who we're looking for:

- Motivated young people
- 8 GCSE grades A*-C / Grades 9-4 (incl. Maths and English)
- 3 A Level grades A*-C / Grades 9-4 or school/college equivalent

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Hear from our current trainees about the interview process, day-to-day life, their favourite parts of the job, and the benefits of working here at www.a4g-llp.co.uk/about/join



WORK EXPERIENCE

Finance & Wealth Management Work Experience with St. James's Place!

We have a fantastic virtual work experience day happening with the UK's biggest Wealth Management firm, St James's Place. Taking place on Thursday, 29th May, 10am - 3pm this is a fantastic opportunity for your students to get an insight to wealth management, financial services, investments and funds. St James's Place are a FTSE 100 company and the biggest provider of wealth management services in the UK.

Register [HERE](#).



Work Experience with MHA - Deadline 25th May 2025

MHA, a leading UK accountancy firm and proud member of Baker Tilly International (the 9th largest network globally!), is offering ambitious Year 12 students like you the chance to gain real experience in the world of finance.

Find out more [HERE](#).

Virtual WEX - Beauty Work Experience - Matrix x British Beauty Council

Are you passionate about beauty and dreaming of a career in the industry? Ever wondered how your favourite beauty products are created or what it takes to run a top beauty brand? Join our Virtual Work Experience with the British Beauty Council and Matrix to gain exclusive insights and kickstart your future in beauty! Apply [HERE](#).

CMS Connect: paid legal work experience

During this paid placement, students will develop workplace skills, shadow professionals, and explore legal practice. Participants receive £350 upon completion, plus ongoing mentoring, application support, and event invitations. Opportunities available in Bristol, London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, and Sheffield.

Find out more [HERE](#).



Virtual WEX - goIT Digital Explorers: Discover Technology in Unexpected Ways

Have you ever wondered what it's like to work for a global company and be part of the ever-evolving technology sector?

Are you ready to take your essential skills to the next level and prepare for a successful future?

Do you want to discover what the future of technology will hold, including future job prospects in the industry?

Are you ready to unlock your inner innovator and unleash your creativity and problem-solving skills?

If yes, then this is the work experience for you!

Apply [HERE](#).



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM UNIFROG



A new course for students interested in design engineering Students can sign up now for Virtual Work Our newest course, written in partnership with The Engineering and Design Institute (TEDI) London, is perfect for anyone who loves the idea of mixing creativity with STEM and wants to design awesome solutions for the future!

Students will discover what design engineers really do, the cool industries they work in, and how they solve real-world problems. Plus, they can explore how to kickstart their own career in this exciting field.

Access the course [HERE](#).



Our virtual University fair is on 4 June! It's a great opportunity for any Y10-12s who are interested in studying abroad to learn more about what life is like as a student in different countries around the world, and to meet reps from global universities including Bocconi, Radboud, Butler, Ohio Wesleyan, and more!

We suggest students prepare for the event by taking a look at the universities who are attending via the sign-up link, and jotting down who they'd like to speak to and what questions they'd like to ask. No worries if students can't make it for the whole event, they are welcome to drop in whenever they can! Sign up [HERE](#).

PARENTS AND CARERS

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

Choices Magazine - May Parent and Carer Guide

In May's Choices edition, we hear first-hand experiences from two hairdressing apprentices, find out why it's not too late to secure a role this summer and explore local council apprenticeships. We also share a parent's view of supporting two very different apprentices, highlight the growth of green apprenticeships and bust some common myths about careers in logistics! Please click [here](#) for this month's edition.



The Parents' Guide to What my child can do after GCSEs

In some cases, not much thought is given to a teen's choices at 16 – they'll stay in the same school and take qualifications in whatever that school offers at sixth form. For many students, that's a perfect choice and sets them up for the future, but for others it isn't ideal and they would do better considering other alternatives. Things to think about are the subjects they'd like to study, the type of qualification they'd like to obtain, where to study and whether they'd prefer to learn while working or without working. Read on for tips on what might be best for your teen once they finish their GCSE years. Access the guide [HERE](#).

Help your child prepare for their exams

Supporting your child in the run-up to their exams can be tough, particularly if they're struggling to settle down to some serious revision.

We've come up with 5 top techniques that don't just work, they can also make revision more active and even fun.

Read our blog for:

- tips on using Cornell notes
- memory techniques for retaining important information
- a revision timetable to keep them on track

Find our more [HERE](#).

The right study environment

- Want to help your child focus on their work? Creating the right environment for them to study at home could be key.
- We've taken a look at how they can take control of their study space and stay in control of their workload.

Does your child need to read this? Read more [HERE](#).

What makes a good work placement Guide

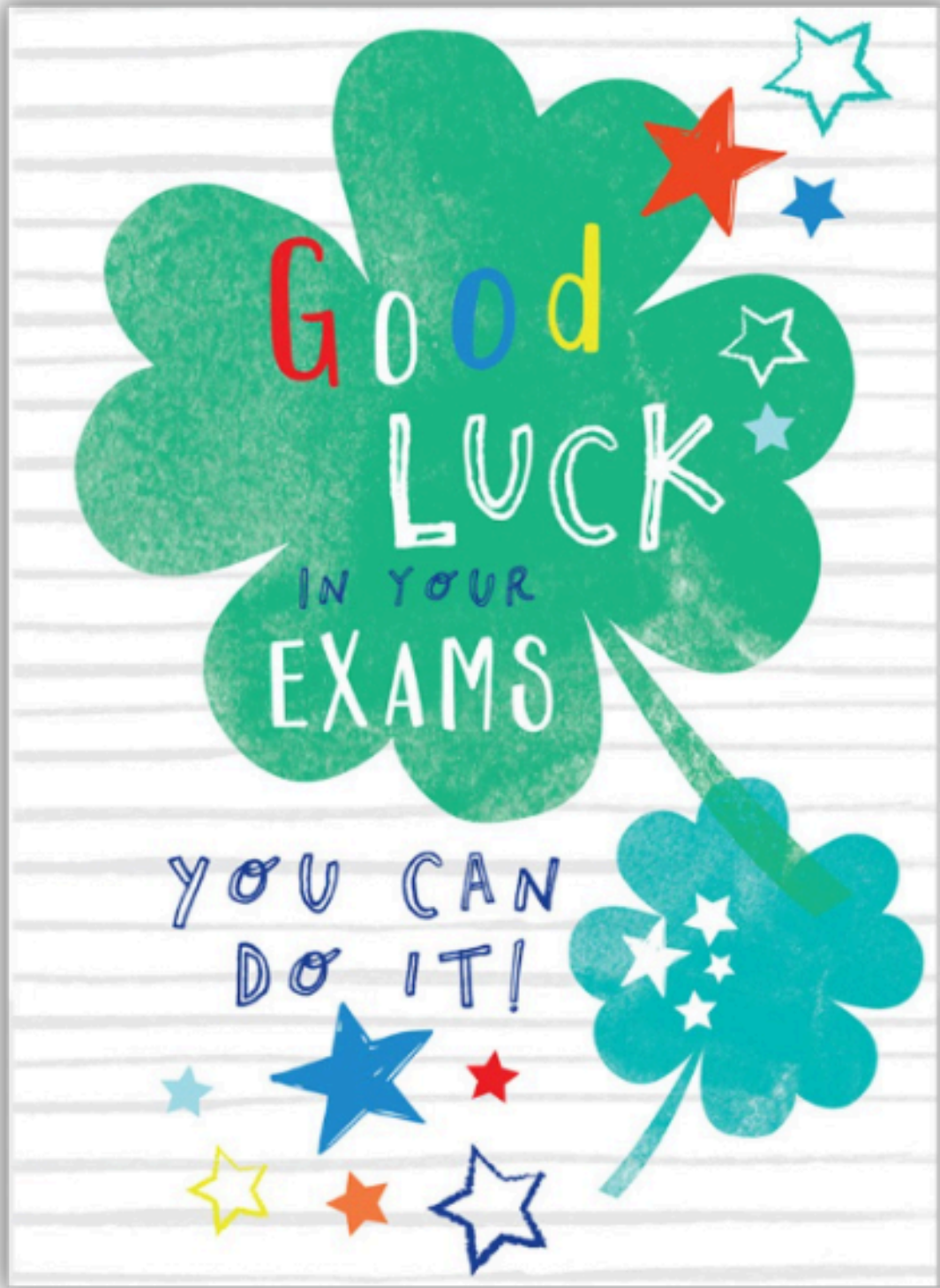
A good work placement can help your child to explore different careers, build essential skills, and feel more confident about their next steps – but finding one isn't always easy!

Our parent guide sets out what a good placement looks like (and what to avoid), together with step-by-step guidance on helping your child to:

- pinpoint their interests and goals
- research sectors and find employers
- apply successfully

Read the guide [HERE](#).





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