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### Careers Activities at School

With March showcasing National Careers Week and International Women's Day, girls across the School are busy engaging in a wide range of career-related activities, a summary of which is below:

#### **Year 12/13 – Careers and Cake**

Sixth formers attended a drop-in session with Old Corneliens for an informal chat over a cup of tea and cake about their career journeys. Careers included inventor, vet, engineering, food safety inspector and A&E medicine.

#### **Year 12 – Apprenticeships, Applications and Interviews**

As part of the My Professional Future strand of the Life Skills programme, Year 12 girls have been learning about higher and degree-level apprenticeships, finding out what makes a stand-out application and what recruitment methods organisations use to select their employees. With external speakers leading the workshops, these sessions will be useful for any future application, even if they're not planning to take the apprenticeship route.

#### **Year 12 – Visit to Brighton Magistrates' Court**

Next month a group of Year 12 girls will visit Brighton Magistrates' Court where they will sit in on cases and find out about the procedures from serving magistrates. If any other Year 12s would like to join this free trip, parents can give consent via this link: [Year 12 visit to Brighton Magistrates' Court](#)

#### **Year 11 – Introduction to NCS**

NCS came into School on 11<sup>th</sup> March to talk to the Year 11 girls about the National Citizen Service programme.

#### **Year 10 – Enterprise Competition**

Six Year 10 girls represented Mayfield in the Gildredge House Inter-School Enterprise Competition on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **Year 9 – Mayfield Tenner Challenge**

The Year 9s have formed businesses as part of the Life Skills My Professional Future lessons. Supported by Young Enterprise, the aim is to see how much profit they can generate from their businesses from just a £10 start-up.

#### **Year 8 - STEAM Day - National Careers Week**

The girls designed and built bridges and then used their knowledge about the strength of triangles and tetrahedrons to construct a group shelter, big enough to house their whole team, and suitable for use in either the Arctic, rainforest or desert. This was a real test of team-working and creativity as well as their engineering know-how. In the afternoon the focus was health and medicine, and the girls drew blood from a fake arm, used an ultrasound to view growth plates in their wrists, had a go at suturing, practised key-hole surgery, got a close-up of their cuticles and veins under a capillary microscope and looked at the back of their retina.

#### **Year 7 - STEM workshops - International Women's Day**

Year 7s, together with Year 6 pupils from local primary and prep schools, enjoyed a day of workshops run by OCs where they encountered an inventor, a vet, a food quality manager, an A&E doctor, and an engineer from Land Rover.

### CIVIL ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

#### **Year 13**

The Institute of Chartered Engineers offers undergraduate scholarships to students due to start the first year of a JBM accredited full-time civil engineering degree course in the UK. The scholarship is worth up to £8,000 plus early links to potential employers. The current application period opened on 9<sup>th</sup> March and closes on 20<sup>th</sup> April. For more information go to:

<https://www.ice.org.uk/careers-and-training/quest-scholarships>

### ACCOUNTANCY CAREERS EVENT

#### **Year 10 and upwards**

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales is holding interactive events around the country about school leaver, apprenticeship, work experience and graduate opportunities. Attendees will have the chance to learn about the career, gain tips on how to succeed in the recruitment process and network with business professionals. The London event is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. To find out more and register on the ICAEW website:

<https://careers.icaew.com/>

### SUMMER PRE-UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC COURSES and MEDICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **Year 11 upwards**

The Education Projects Group's mission is to deliver award-winning academic courses, through immersive learning. Its residential and single day courses cover several major career pathways such as Medicine, Business, Finance & Economics, Law, Engineering and Veterinary Medicine. The **Medical Work Experience course is on 5<sup>th</sup> April**. The free resources on the medicine part of the site advise students on how to secure hospital work experience:

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

### STEM EASTER RESIDENTIAL COURSES

#### **Year 8 upwards**

The Smallpeice Trust has a range of Easter residential courses for Years 8-12. Courses include engineering, off-road vehicle engineering, introduction to cyber-security, and physics in engineering. For more information or to book go to:

<https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/events>

### FINANCE, ECONOMICS AND LAW

#### **Years 11 to 13**

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Prospects and Shaw Trust are offering students in Years 11 to 13 the opportunity to take part in two-day intensive courses covering careers in the Finance and Economics sectors or the Legal profession. The programmes give students the opportunity to learn first-hand about careers and gain practical experience to improve their knowledge and take place in the City of London.

**Cost:** £225 per course.

For more details about courses and bookings please contact Lesley Margiotta at [Lesley.margiotta@prospects.co.uk](mailto:Lesley.margiotta@prospects.co.uk)

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Details of two preparation courses for aspiring Year 12 medics are below:

#### UCAT PREPARATION COURSE

##### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Benenden School

Focusing purely on UCAT, the course will be delivered by experienced tutors from [Medic Portal](#) and supervised by Benenden School staff.

**Cost:** £160, which includes lunch and refreshments.

For more information: contact Jane Gerrard, the Benenden School Careers and Higher Education Coordinator on:

[jag@benenden.school](mailto:jag@benenden.school)

#### MEDI-REDI MEDICAL SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PREPARATION COURSE

##### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Tonbridge School

The course includes: a talk from a senior medical professional with Q&A; an in-depth look at each of the components of UCAT and BMAT, including worked examples and timed question practice; expert advice about writing a Personal Statement, interviews and the BMAT essay on ethics; and tips on making smart applications - knowing what your scores mean and where to apply to maximise your chances. All participants take home the Medi-Redi Student Workbook which contains a suggested reading list with link.

**Cost:** £145

For more information visit: <https://www.medi-redi.org/>

*For younger medics ...*

#### KENT MEDICAL CAREERS DAY

##### Years 9 to 11

##### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

The Kent Medical Careers Day takes place on Monday 13th July at the European School of Osteopathy, Boxley House Campus, near Maidstone. The event is for young people who are interested in a career in medicine, and will involve medical students sharing their experiences and leading activities such as Diagnostics and Emergency Medical Assistance. A practising medic will also speak about their work.

**Cost:** £37

For more information email:

[john.waterworth@mcsprojectsLtd.co.uk](mailto:john.waterworth@mcsprojectsLtd.co.uk)

*And hospital work experience (see also Page 1) ...*

#### HEALTHCARE

##### Years 9 to 13

Premed Projects arranges hospital work experience for aspiring healthcare students aged 14+ in UK and Thailand hospitals. Students can join a one or two-week hospital work experience, or one-day or weekend projects shadowing doctors in a variety of hospital departments, visiting medical schools and learning about life as a healthcare professional.

<https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/>

### DANCE CAREERS

#### All years

The One Dance UK 'Guide to Careers in Dance' publication is aimed at anyone wishing to find out more about the possible career opportunities which stem from a passion for dance. It is available for download from the One Dance website:

<https://www.onedanceuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Careers-Guide-Digital-version.pdf>

### OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERING

#### Year 12 and 13 (some opportunities for younger people too)

Pod Volunteer is a well-established, award-winning non-profit organisation arranging ethical and supported volunteering opportunities around the world. Volunteers are needed from one week to one year for animal, conservation, education, building and community volunteering projects in Africa, Asia and Central and South America. Full support is given, including helping participants to prepare for travelling overseas and providing 24/7 back up while away. For more information visit [www.podvolunteer.org](http://www.podvolunteer.org)

### FASHION OPEN DAYS

#### Years 11 to 13

If you are interested in a career in fashion, the next Open Days at the Condé Nast College of Fashion and Design are on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** and **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June**.

The Condé Nast College of Fashion and Design provides students with a world-class fashion education in the heart of London. The purpose of its courses is to prepare students for a multitude of jobs: styling, journalism, fashion buying, marketing, branding, graphic design, PR, digital strategy, business, events, entrepreneurship, e-commerce and numerous other career paths into this exciting, fast-paced industry.

For more information about the college and the courses they run, or to book onto an Open Day, go to:

<https://www.condenastcollege.ac.uk/news-events/open-days/>

### NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

#### Year 11

NCS came to Mayfield on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March to give a talk to Year 11s about an alternative way to spend some of their post-GCSE "Summer of Freedom". With exams over and twelve weeks to fill, NCS is a fantastic solution that helps participants meet new people, gain independence, improve confidence and help their communities. Doing NCS can boost CVs and UCAS statements, showing that you have a wider range of skills and experience. The programme is designed for 16 and 17 year olds, but as long as you turn 16 by 31 August 2020, you can sign up. The initiative is government-funded so the cost is just £50 for the whole scheme.

Mayfield's NCS team will be back at the start of the Summer Term for a lunchtime visit, but to find out more or sign up now, you can visit <https://wearencs.com/>. Alternatively you can call NCS on 0800 197 8010 or email them at [asknscs@ingeus.co.uk](mailto:asknscs@ingeus.co.uk)

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### A LOOK AT APPRENTICESHIPS

National Apprenticeship Week may have been in February, but there are plenty of interesting degree level apprenticeships available across the UK throughout the year. Here are some examples of companies currently advertising degree level apprenticeship vacancies.

Army - [Apprenticeships in the Army](#)

KPMG – <https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice/>

PwC - <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/school-jobs/jobs.html>

BMW (Engineering) - [BMW Apprenticeship Opportunities](#)

Costain (Civil Engineering, Quantity Surveyor) - [Routes into Costain - apprenticeships](#)

Amazon (Various) - [Amazon jobs - Apprentices](#)

GCHQ – [CyberFirst Degree Apprenticeship in Cyber Security](#)

For degree apprenticeships in the Police, please refer to individual forces.

UCAS also lists current apprenticeship roles too ([UCAS alternatives - degree apprenticeships](#)) and remember that you can apply for degree apprenticeships alongside your UCAS university applications – it's not a case of either/or.

### MEDIA TRAINING SCHEMES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS

#### Year 12

Whether you want to work in television and film production, or to learn more about the business side of media, never before have there been so many opportunities to kick-start your career in the media industry. Taking part in an industry scheme or training programme is a great way to take that first step and gives you the opportunity to learn key skills and gain vital first-hand experience. Some of the industry schemes and training opportunities available across the UK are listed on the Pact Trade Association website.

<http://diversity.pact.co.uk/tool-kit/schemes.html>

### MANAGEMENT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

#### Years 12 and 13

Hanson UK is offering a Higher Apprenticeship in mineral extractives progressing to an honours degree in mineral extractives management. The programme enables school leavers to earn while they learn to be a future supervisor or manager.

<https://www.hanson-careers.co.uk/en/apprenticeships>

### AEROSPACE RESIDENCY

#### Year 10

Summer Time Advanced Aerospace Residency (STAAR) is designed for Year 10 students who demonstrate an interest or aptitude for one or more STEM subjects. It is a fully-funded immersive week-long, hands-on residential camp at RAF Cosford, and each day of the course is delivered at the RAF Museum or on base at RAF Cosford by RAF Museum STEM Ambassadors and industry experts. Recruits will also work towards a CREST Award and an Industrial Cadet Award during the programme. For details see: <https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/cosford/schools-and-colleges/staar.aspx>

### ALL AT SEA?

#### Years 10 to 13

Careers At Sea is the national promotional body for the Merchant Navy and offers the most up to date source of unbiased information about the range of career opportunities available to people in the Merchant Navy. Career areas include engineering and technology with a range of university or college study options available and of course, lots of travel. More details are available at: <http://www.careersatsea.org/>