

Pathways

CAREERS BULLETIN

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A warm welcome back to the new School year.

The worlds of careers education, Higher Education, and work have responded very quickly to the changes brought upon us by the global COVID-19 pandemic. I am (pleasantly) astounded by the incredibly rich array of online and virtual events on offer, from webinars to lectures to internships, from advice on getting offers from the top UK and overseas universities to adding depth of knowledge and experience for personal statements. Of course, much is aimed at older students, but there are opportunities for younger students too.

Mayfield too is responding to this changed way of working. Careers events and activities are posted on the new Careers Teams channel for all girls and staff to see, as well as being highlighted, where still current, in this regular half-termly newsletter for parents. Sadly, some previous face-to-face events have had to be postponed or cancelled, but the changes do also give us a new canvas to create an exciting restructured careers education provision. Some of this provision will continue to draw on the skills, experience and goodwill of our parent body and our OCs – just in a virtual, rather than face-to-face, manner. Our online careers platform, Unifrog, will also continue to be accessible for all girls in Year 9 and above.

An online questionnaire will be sent out to parents shortly to assess who would be happy to engage with the School's careers work to support both our current pupils, and our OCs currently at university or recently graduated as they make their first steps in the workplace. Please do complete and return the questionnaire if you would like to get involved.

Amanda Glubb
Head of Careers

PERSONAL STATEMENTS FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

Wednesday 30th September, 19:00

Years 10 to 13

The free webinar entitled The Medical School Personal Statement and hosted by Dr April Diviney is for students aged 15+ who are thinking about or currently applying to medical school. To register/join please use this link: [Personal Statements for Medical School webinar](#)

INTERESTED IN STUDYING IN THE USA?

HOW TO GET INTO THE TOP US UNIVERSITIES

Year 10 upwards

From **Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October**, Crimson Education are running a series of webinars on how to get accepted into top US universities - Harvard, MIT, Yale, Princeton and Stanford. For details on how to register, or to access webinars that may have passed, contact Chloe Godsell directly at c.godsell@crimsoneducation.org

[Crimson Education also have a comprehensive series of videos on YouTube showcasing what it is like to be a student at a broad range of US colleges. For more information, go to: [Crimson Education YouTube channel](#) and [Crimson Education UK](#)]

FULBRIGHT – WHAT UNIVERSITY LIVE

Years 10 to 13

Friday 6th and Saturday 7th November

Fulbright's EducationUSA advisers will be at the What University Live? Fair to answer your questions about studying in the US - choosing, applying, and finding funding. Click on the link to register: <http://www.fulbright.org.uk/events/undergraduate>

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY DAY - EDUCANADA UK VIRTUAL UNDERGRADUATE FAIR

Saturday 3rd October

Years 10 to 13

Study in Canada Presentation: 13:30 - 14:00 BST

University Undergraduate Fair: 14:00 - 18:00 BST

Canadian universities accept A Levels and do not require SAT/ACTs. This event is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about going to university in Canada and to meet virtually with undergraduate recruitment representatives from a variety of Canadian higher education institutions. The event begins with a Study in Canada presentation and is followed by an online exhibition. To find out more information, view a list of exhibitors, and to register, visit the event webpage by clicking the registration button below. Registration is open to students and families from both the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

<https://educanadavirtual.com/uk>

ONLINE CAREERS MAGAZINE

All Year groups (and Parents)

The new edition of Careermag is out now: [CareerMag](#)

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FASHION AND TEXTILES – VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

Years 11 to 13

**Heriot-Watt University – Scottish Borders Campus
Friday 2 October and Friday 6th November**

Heriot-Watt University Virtual Open Day will provide an insight into the Fashion and Textiles programmes they offer and the facilities for students at their Scottish Borders Campus. To register for either date go to: [Heriot-Watt Fashion and Textiles Open Days](#)

GRESHAM COLLEGE LECTURES

All Year groups, but Years 10 to 13 in particular

The Gresham Lectures have been delivered by world-class experts in fields ranging across the arts and sciences since 1597. The 2020/21 programme of free online lectures encompasses topics from Music, Medicine and Mathematics to Astronomy, Classics, English, History and Law. They are an excellent resource for students undertaking EPQ/Erasmus projects or wishing to gain a wider knowledge of a subject for university applications and interviews, or just to broaden the mind. For the full list and details of how to sign up, click here: [Gresham Lectures](#)

NB: They have a searchable back catalogue of 2,500 free digital lectures on their website (organised by school subject at www.gresham.ac.uk/schools).

UNIVERSITY OF LAW MOOC: 'HOW TO BECOME A LAWYER'

All Year groups, but Years 9 to 13 in particular

Legal careers can be both financially and emotionally rewarding, allowing you to build a long-lasting career around helping people in need. The University of Law's new online course 'How to become a lawyer' will help you explore if a career in law is the right fit for you. On this course, you will:

- learn about the nature of the legal sector itself;
- learn about the different routes into law;
- identify the skills needed to succeed as a lawyer and how you can upskill yourself accordingly;
- understand the structures available to support your journey to becoming a lawyer.

You can start the MOOC straight away and learn at your own pace with roughly two hours' study required per week for three weeks. To find out more and sign up for the course visit: [How Do I Become a Lawyer](#)

OXBRIDGE MASTERCLASS - PERSONAL STATEMENT COURSE

Years 12 and 13

Oxbridge Masterclass are offering Year 12 and 13 students free access to their online UCAS Personal Statement course to support their university applications. Students who sign-up will also have access to their "Study Effectively" newsletter to help boost their exam performance so it may be worth interested Year 11 students signing up too.

The course covers the following:

- a **free study effectively newsletter** to boost your exam performance;
- tutorials and templates to take you from **blank page to final draft**;
- **live chat access to admissions specialists** to help you with your application;
- walkthrough videos and **model personal statements**;
- **wider reading recommendations** to kickstart your preparation.

To sign-up, students should go to: [Oxbridge Masterclass Personal Statement course](#)

GETTING INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE

All year groups

For those looking at getting some industry experience or career sector knowledge, InvestIN are running a broad range of programmes starting in October 2020. They include **one and two-day programmes in 20 different industries**, including the launch of brand-new careers - dentistry, veterinary science, international development, music production, art, publishing, management consultancy and fashion design. They will also be delivering **5-day internships during the October half term in nine different industries**. You can download their brochure here: [Autumn/Winter Programmes Brochure](#)

NB: As a partner school, Mayfield students can claim a 10% discount on InvestIN courses by quoting **MAYFIELD10** on the payment page.

PARENTAL ACCESS TO UNIFROG AT MAYFIELD

A reminder that parents of girls in Year 9 and above can see what Unifrog has to offer by signing in at www.unifrog.org/code and using the Parent form code: **parentmayfield**