

Pathways

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It has been a busy term for Careers and this is a bumper edition of Pathways. I am always amazed by the sheer amount of opportunities, events, courses and activities available to our young people to help them make their future decisions and add weight to their applications. I wish it had been so when I was making these choices! I do hope our girls take advantage of what is on offer.

Thank you to parents who responded to our Careers Education survey. This survey is now closed for parent replies and I have started the process of reviewing and analysing the returns. We are very pleased to be able to draw on your very varied experiences and accumulated expertise and knowledge, and I will be contacting parents who have kindly offered to support our Mayfield Careers activities shortly.

Our first online Careers talk, as part of the Cornelian Lecture programme, took place in November, replacing our annual Careers Information Evening. Our guest speaker, Emma Rosen, spoke about her experiences of work experience. Her entertaining and informative talk left the girls with some excellent "takeaways" and is available to parents and OCs via this link: [Emma Rosen "25Before25" Cornelian Lecture](#)

*Year 9 pupils are now enrolled on Unifrog, Mayfield's careers platform of choice, and are learning about its incredible range and breadth of resources in their Careers Life Skills lesson this half term. Any parent can experience Unifrog for themselves by going to www.unifrog.org/code and entering the parent form code: **parentmayfield**.*

Finally, for pupils and parents who are overseas, please note that all times given in this bulletin are GMT.

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UNI TASTER DAYS

Years 12 and 13

UniTaster Days is delivering free weekly online university guidance webinars at 12:00 and 14:00 every Tuesday to help students make informed decisions about university. These events provide an opportunity to ensure students are up-to-date with all aspects of university guidance and include presentations from different universities and Q&A opportunities. To book a place and browse previous events visit: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>

For information about online university Open Days visit: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/search.aspx?LID=true>

UNIVERSITY DEGREE COURSE TASTER SESSIONS ...

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

Year 13

Sheffield University is offering free taster sessions throughout November and December for Year 13 pupils who have not yet submitted their UCAS form, and are therefore not holding any offers with the University of Sheffield. Included are the following subject areas: Engineering, Geography, Urban Planning, Psychology, Architecture, Robotics, Ophthalmology, Law, Economics and Bio-medical Science. For more details and to apply please go to [Taster sessions](#) | [Undergraduate study](#) | [The University of Sheffield](#)

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Year 12

The University of London are running free virtual taster courses from a range of universities in and around London. They are designed for school students, usually in Year 12, to get an insight into studying a particular subject or subject area at university.

Subjects covered are broad-ranging and include Theology, Drama, Criminology, Law, Script-writing, Social Work, Biomedical Engineering, Sports Science, Classics and Pharmacy.

More details about these courses and how to book can be found at <https://london.ac.uk/ways-study/study-campus-london/university-taster-courses>

CAREERS IN BUSINESS: GET INTO ACCOUNTING

Years 12 and 13

Wednesday 2nd December, 17:00-18:30

If you have ever wanted to find out more about careers in accounting or business, the forthcoming webinar hosted by Young Professionals is worth attending. As well as keynote speakers from partners at EY and PwC - two of the "Big 4" accountancy firms - and the VP of CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants), the largest accounting qualification body, there will be audit and accounting mini exercises and workshops as well as a recruitment panel to talk through all the opportunities. Capacity is limited to 100. To register click the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-Accounting>

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INVITATION FOR PARENTS: SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL

Parents of Years 8 to 13

Thursday 10th December

InvestIN offers students aged 12-18 the opportunity to work alongside top professionals in some of the world's most competitive careers. They are now offering parents an opportunity to register for a free 'Live Online' event where top executives and recruitment experts will share their knowledge on how to support your child towards a successful career. The event will cover:

- the most in-demand skills top employers are looking for, and how to get them;
- the role parents can play in helping them achieve their aims;
- guidance on work experience, interview techniques, LinkedIn profiles and more;
- why your child's career starts at school.

To register go to: [Success Beyond School - InvestIN Education](#)

CAREER TASTER DAYS

Years 10 to 13

CareerDays is currently offering virtual day courses for students aged 14 to 17 in a variety of professions with a fact-finding session in the morning and work experience in the afternoon. These sessions all take place online and run until January. Courses on offer include: Midwifery, Law, Dentistry, Psychology, Medicine, Aviation, Business, Performing Arts, Veterinary Science.

There is also a Career Choices Day on **Saturday 12th December**.

For more details of the schedule and costs visit <https://www.careerdays.co.uk/>

OXFORD SCHOLASTICA ONLINE CONFERENCES

Years 12 and 13

Oxford Scholastica is offering two online conferences for students interested in studying Law, Economics or Business at university.

BIZCON 2020 - *Disrupted: How 2020 Will Change Business Forever*

Saturday 12th + Sunday 13th December, 11:00-16:30

The Business & Economics Conference, BizCon 2020, offers two days of interactive lectures, panel discussions and workshops giving students an insight into the effects that 2020 will have on the business sector. More details are available from [Oxford Scholastica BizCon 2020](#).

LAWCON 2020 - *Breaking the Rules: Everything You Never Knew About Law*

Saturday 19th + Sunday 20th December

This online Law Conference offers two days of interactive lectures, hands-on workshops and seminars about Law. More details are available from [Oxford Scholastica LawCon 2020](#).

INSIGHT INTO THE ARTS

Years 11 to 13

The University of the Arts London (UAL) is offering a range of Insight programmes for students aged 16+ who are studying art and design subjects at school to help them develop as a young creative and to kickstart the journey to university. More details from [UAL Insight into the Arts](#)

DEGREE IN THE ART OF VIDEO GAMES

Years 9 to 13

Pearson College London are offering a BA/MA in The Art of Video Games. This degree is perfect for students wanting to become a Games Artist, providing the professional skills and knowledge the industry needs through practical tutorials with industry-trained tutors and practising professionals. The degree is validated by the University of Kent. More details can be found at: [Pearson College The Art of Video Games BA/MA](#)

WINTER SCHOOL AT KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON

Year 11 upwards

King's College London has launched its King's Winter School programme which will start in February and applications are now open. This is for students aged 15 to 17 who will soon be making decisions around higher education. The one-week programme is an intensive introduction to undergraduate level study, allowing students to explore different subjects within a wider academic discipline. More details from:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/summer/summerschools/pr-e-university/winter-school/at-a-glance-winter-school>

OXFORD POETRY COMPETITION

Years 11 to 13

The annual Christopher Tower Poetry Competition is run by Christ Church, University of Oxford. This year they are looking for entries of a poem of no more than 48 lines on the theme of "The Key". Entrants must be 16-19 years old and the first prize is £3,000.

The closing date is **1st March 2021**. For more information see: [Enter Tower Poetry Competition](#)

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COURSES TO ENHANCE YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Years 10 to 12

FutureLearn offer free courses in a broad range of subjects to enhance learning and widen your interest in a range of subjects. Courses vary in length but there are some great two to three-week courses, comprising three hours learning a week at a time to suit you. These courses are perfect to help give you a better understanding of a subject area and help you explore subjects you might want to consider studying at university. You can learn by watching videos, listening to audio and reading articles. Many of these steps are followed by short quizzes to help you check you have understood and there is an online forum to discuss your subject with other learners. Subject areas include Literature, IT and Computer Science, Nature and Environment, Religion, History, Politics and Society and Criminology. FutureLearn courses are endorsed by leading UK universities and would be ideal to add to your UCAS application in the future. More details from <https://www.futurelearn.com/using-futurelearn>

PEOPLE LIKE ME – MAYFIELD CAREERS EVENT

Years 7 and 8

Tuesday 26th January

Organised by Mrs Mahon, this popular biennial event created by WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) is going virtual. Run with the support of our OCs, the event is focused on encouraging girls to consider and explore the wide range of roles in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) careers by connecting with past Mayfield pupils currently working in these areas. The Year 7 and 8s have already completed their questionnaires to discover where their interests lie and in January will attend three interactive virtual talks during the Activity 2 slot, via Teams.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

PRE-UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Years 11 and 12

6th to 21st July

In Summer 2021, the University of Warwick is offering two programmes for 16 to 18 year olds: 'Introduction to Economics and Finance', and 'A Taste of Social Sciences' which includes Law, Education Studies, Philosophy and Psychology. Both also have sessions on important skills such as effective listening and delivering presentations as well as guest lectures, and dedicated sessions on applying to university. See: [Pre-University Summer School | Warwick in London](#)

They also run a Summer School later in the year. For more details of this go to [Warwick Summer School | Warwick in London](#)