

BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL Careers Newsletter



Dear all,

In this month's careers newsletter, I have included UCAS updates, links to virtual events, webinars and online resources. There is also information about apprenticeships and other careers resources as well as some notable careers-related stories that have made the news.

So far this term we have held several Careers related events including:

- Mock MMI interviews for Year 13 students applying for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Sciences.
- Careers and Study Skills day for Year 8 where they researched different career paths, learnt how to design a CV and considered different notetaking and revision techniques.
- Year 11 Options and Careers evening following a successful Sixth Form experience day.
- Mock interviews for Year 13 students with external interviewers. This was made possible by alumni, governors and parents who volunteered their time and expertise.

UCAS updates

Sixty-five BGS student university applications have already been sent to UCAS and thirteen of these students have received offers from all their choices so far! The Sixth Form team are delighted with the quality of UCAS applications this year and continue to celebrate offers with our students.

University Open Days - Here is a [calendar](#) with all university open days in one place.

Virtual events, webinars and online resources

Early Careers at AVEVA Group (Years 11-13) - This British multinational information technology company is offering [free webinars](#) on HR, Law and apprenticeship opportunities at AVEVA throughout December.

BBC Digital Cities (Years 7-13) – For those interested in a career in the creative industries, the BBC has made available a range of masterclasses. [Here](#) you can learn about the making of '*His Dark Materials*' or how to think like a Digital Entrepreneur with your creative content.

Career for Everyone competition (Years 11-13) – hosted by Access Accountancy. Please follow this [link](#) to find out about the monthly competitions where you can win work experience in an accountancy firm as well as £200 vouchers.



Physics lecture series (Years 12-13) December 2020 to March 2021 - This lecture series is aimed at those in years 12 and 13, and exists to enthuse, stimulate and challenge students and their teachers across the whole broad spectrum of physics-related topics, including engineering and astronomy. Previously a live event at the Cavendish Laboratory, the lectures will be streamed via the [Isaac Physics Website](#) until social distancing measures are relaxed.

Cambridge Sixth Form Law Conference (Year 12) – Applications for the 2021 conference open on 1st December 2020. This [interactive online session](#) is available to Year 12 students. The aim of the conference is to give Year 12 students who may be interested in studying Law at degree level a balanced view of the Law, both as an academic subject and as a profession, and also to offer an insight into life as a Cambridge undergraduate.

EY Follow in their Footsteps competition (Years 12-13) – EY have launched a [competition](#) this month as an opportunity to discover more about EY and their different apprenticeship pathways available. Enter by 14th December and be in with a chance of winning unique prizes including a mentoring session with an EY recruiter and yoga mats!

Army Scholarships, bursaries and apprenticeships (Year 10-13) – Click [here](#) to learn how the Army can play a part in funding university and further studies. From Sixth Form Scholarships, to undergraduate bursaries and nursing degrees, the Army has a range of opportunities for students with varied interests.

BSMS lecture series (Years 7-13) – Ever wondered what it's like to work in the Accident and Emergency department over Christmas? Join Brighton and Sussex Medical School on 7th December for their latest lecture to find out more. Click [here](#) for details of how to book your place.

Learn about opportunities in Law (Years 9-13) – On Monday 7th December there will be an Insight Evening run by CMS, a global top 10 Law firm with offices in London, Bristol, Manchester and Sheffield. Learn about their Work Experience programme, Law Scholarships and Solicitor Apprenticeships on offer. Click [here](#) to register your interest.

Speakers for Schools Video library (Years 7-13) – Make the most of this [video library](#) of inspiring talks from professional across many industries. Hear from a political editor ([Robert Peston](#)), the governor of the Bank of England ([Andrew Bailey](#)) and Oscar-nominated writer and director [Armando Iannucci](#). Learn from Caleb Femi and Zawe Ashton who discuss [the Lit in Colour campaign by Penguin](#). If you are keen to go into publishing, you could try [this talk](#) by Hannah Chukwu and Simon Armitage. This week Gareth Southgate is also leading a talk on pursuing passions and being brave.

A final festive treat – The University of Reading are featuring a short webinar on [More than Meets the Pie: Mince Pies Unwrapped](#) focusing on the world of Food Science.

Apprenticeships

Please follow this link to a [guide to Degree Apprenticeships](#).

National Apprenticeship Show – This online event takes place on 2nd December. In case you miss this event, you can register and review the videos and content during December. Click [here](#) for more details on the exhibitors and how to sign up.

What's on offer – Click here to view the current apprenticeship opportunities and to see a list of the top 100 apprenticeship employers.

Government Economic Service Degree apprenticeships– Applications open on 14th December for 70 apprentice economist roles. You can train to become an Economist whilst earning a tuition-free degree awarded by the University of Kent. This flyer details the key facts and on this [page](#) you can find more information about the programme and further details concerning the application process.

Careers in the news

Rise in number of students applying for competitive courses – UCAS have reported a 12% increase in the number of students applying to undergraduate courses in the UK with the early application deadline of October 15th compared to 2019. [Source: UCAS](#)

Which occupations are seeing a growth in demand? The FE News have released their latest [report](#) labour market information; some of the findings may surprise you!

Will machines take over? A World Economic Forum report has forecast that half of all work tasks will be handled by machines in 2025. What does this mean for the future landscape of careers? The report states that roles that relied on human skills such as advising, decision-making, reasoning, communicating and interacting would rise in demand. They also state there will be a "surge" in demand for workers to fill green economy jobs, and new roles in areas like engineering and cloud computing. [Source: BBC](#)

Are machines the way forward? - The UK lags behind its G7 competitors in its adoption of robots and new technologies says the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Committee in a report published last month. BEIS have urged the UK government to devise a Robot and AI strategy by the end of 2020. Rachel Reeves, Chair of BEIS said: "The switch to automation brings challenges for businesses and for workers, with fears for livelihoods or disruption to job roles coming to the fore. The real danger for the UK economy and for future jobs growth is not that we have too many robots in the workplace but that we have too few. Productivity, economic growth, and ultimately job-creation and higher earnings, will flow to those countries that capitalise on these technologies." Read the report [here](#).

Solicitors Qualifying Exam will replace the Graduate Diploma in Law in 2021 - The Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) is being introduced in 2021 and will replace the traditional Graduate Diploma in Law conversion courses and the Legal Practice

Course (LPC). All solicitors will have to pass the SQE in order to qualify. [Click here](#) find out more about this new qualification.

50% of young people now enter Higher Education 20 years after the then Prime Minister, Tony Blair made a call for half of young people to go into Higher Education the symbolic 50% mark has been reached for the first time. Figures from the Department of Education show that 50.2% of people went into Higher Education in the 2017/2018 intake. The figures are even higher for women, where 57% are now going to university. The figures contrast with those in the 1980s where only 15% stayed in full time education after the age of 18, by 1990 the figure had risen to 25% for all forms of post 18 education. Source: BBC News

Careers Resources

New Creative Careers one stop website - [Creative Careers](#) is a way for young people to discover a range of jobs across all the creative industries. From gaming to museum and heritage, crafts and performing arts, there is information here for whichever pathway interests you.

Careers in Health - Click [here](#) to access six short videos about Careers in the NHs.

Labour Market Information – It is important that we consider Labour Market Information (LMI) when considering future careers and that we understand the Labour Market in our area. Click here for the latest figures for Greater Manchester and Lancashire from the National Careers Service.

If you are researching your future career below are some links suitable for all year groups.

Careers you pursue with any degree - Regardless of what you study at university, there are many career options available that don't specify a particular degree –[here](#) are nine for starters.

Another useful careers website for all ages is [icould](#). Here you can complete the [Buzz quiz](#) to show you careers that suit your strengths and interests.

For more information about [Careers & Options Advice at Bury Grammar Schools](#) please follow the link. Finally, I am available for appointments to talk through any questions you might have, please email me hgreene@burygrammar.com to make an appointment.

It is never too early to start looking ahead!

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