

BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL Careers Newsletter



Dear all,

For our first Careers lecture of 2022 we were delighted to hear from Dr Roni Wright from the Genomic Regulation in the University of Barcelona. Our students heard about her journey to becoming a cancer research scientist and her life as a female academic. Other careers talk this term included a talk from Russell Balkind, a BGS alumni of the class of 1999 who talked to students about his journey from studying Law at Cambridge University to becoming a successful TV producer. This talk took place on Friday 25th February at 1pm in the Senior Boys' Hall. On Monday 28th February, we welcomed representatives from the RAF to discuss careers and role opportunities.

Previously this term, we held individual meetings with all Year 8 pupils to discuss their GCSE options with a senior member of staff. Pupils in Year 11 met with members of the Sixth Form team for options and careers interviews. Later this half-term, students in Year 12 will also visit a Universities and Higher Education Fair at Old Trafford on Wednesday 9th March.

In this newsletter there are links to virtual careers-related events, information about UCAS, competitions, apprenticeships, and a range of careers-related opportunities.

UCAS

For those in Years 11 and 12 and below who are thinking about their choices, please see below a range of links to information.

UCAS - the official UCAS website of information and guidance which includes City Guides, Key Dates and Subject Guides.

Open days are taking place online this year, UCAS Open Days is one place to start finding information on dates and virtual tours. A good example is The University of Leeds who have a superb virtual tour. If you are looking for an open day, in-person or virtual, you can visit UCAS to search for those you are interested in - <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/type/open-day>

Student Finance - Applications open in 2022, follow this link for information and guidance.

Unifrog - use this platform to record your extra-curricular and super-curricular activities and well as your personal statement. You can also research and compare courses here.



WhatUni? - here there is guidance and advice for students choosing courses and writing personal statements.



Subject Matters – University of Cambridge (Years 10-11) - We are pleased to announce the return of Subject Matters on Thursday 24th February, 17:00 - 18:15. Subject Matters is an information session aimed at Year 10 and Year 11 students (or equivalent) who are considering university and want advice on which subjects to study. The session is free and will now be in a virtual format, find out more [here](#)



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Egyptology workshop (Years 10-13) – If you are interested in learning more about studying Egyptology (part of the archaeology undergraduate course at Cambridge) please [register](#) here. You will have the opportunity to participate in interactive session on ancient Egyptian languages and archaeology with lecture and research staff. The workshop will take place on 10th May at 4pm.

MAT Livestream 2021 (Years 11-13) If you are thinking of applying to study Mathematics at university, Oxford University are running a weekly livestream, talking about maths problems, and discussing problem-solving strategies, with a particular focus on Oxford's Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT). The sessions are free and available for everyone. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Meet the Russell Group – On Wednesday 27th April students and pupils are welcome to attend the virtual event in association with UK university search. This online and interactive experience includes all 24 Russell Group universities. The event is split into two sessions in which there are live webinars, virtual campus tours and the chance to speak directly to representatives and ambassadors from universities. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Competitions

Vodafone: The Future Skills Builder – Vodafone's new competition is open. 12 questions, 6 skills and the opportunity to develop into the professional of the future. Click [here](#) to learn more. Prizes include vouchers and a Samsung S6 Lite table. The competition closes on 14th April 2022.

The Prismatic Jane Eyre Schools Project - Entrants are asked to produce a poem in another language inspired by a selected passage from *Jane Eyre*. The competition accepts submissions in any language, and all entries need to be accompanied by a literal translation into English. The competition deadline is March 2022. For more details please visit this website <https://bookshelf.mml.ox.ac.uk/2021/07/14/prismatic-jane-eyre-schools-project/>

Classics and Ancient History Essay Competition (Year 12)

St John's College Oxford is running its annual Classics and Ancient History Essay competition next year. The competition is open to all students **in Year 12** whether they are currently studying a Classical or Ancient subject. All entrants will be invited to attend a **Study Afternoon at St John's College, Oxford on one of two dates: Thursday 21st April or Friday 29th April 2022**. Each student may submit one essay (only) of up to 2,000 words on any of the following four questions:

1. 'No (wo)man is an island.' How self-sufficient are characters in ancient literature?
2. Was one's community in the ancient world limited to one's city?
3. Many ancient philosophers emphasised the importance of friendship and community in the good life. What place do you think others have in the happy life?
4. Does Greek and/or Roman art ever express notions of community, or is it simply a reflection of wealthy and powerful individuals?



Further information regarding the competition is available [here](#).

Apprenticeships

Maths-related apprenticeships - The apprenticeship guide has compiled a [list](#) of different apprenticeships to consider if your favourite subject is Maths.

New apprenticeship vacancies – Click [here](#) to see some of the newest opportunities including events assistant, landscape gardener, and private detective.

Opportunities at National Highways – With roles ranging from engineers, project managers, procurement to business management there are multiple opportunities to consider, including apprentice programmes. Click [here](#) to see video testimonials from current apprentices at National Highways.

Network rail – Network Rail’s apprenticeship scheme is well-renowned for being one of the best in the UK, particularly for aspiring engineers. They offer a Level 3 in Railway Engineering with a Level 3 in Leadership and Management where you will learn about track, overhead line, signalling, telecoms, distribution, and plant. Register your interest [here](#) for further information about opportunities in the future.

Early Careers at AstraZeneca – There are many degree apprenticeships on offer at AstraZeneca with roles ranging from Automation Engineer, Bioinformatics Scientists as well as apprenticeships in Construction Management, Business Administrator, and Product Development. Click [here](#) for details.



Future of work – A report release by NCW about the Fourth Industrial Revolution and how the future of automation will affect the future of work. Click [here](#) to read the interactive guide.

Four-day working week trial – Three UK firms have become the latest businesses to join a four-day working week trial as scrutiny increases of work/life balance during the pandemic. Click [here](#) to read more from the Guardian.

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.

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