



# CAREERS



TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

In each newsletter, we will be providing advice and guidance for parents and carers on how you can best support your child with preparing for their next steps.

## STEM ACTIVITIES

If you are looking for educational activities for your child to engage with over the summer holidays, then look no further!

STEM Learning have created an amazing range of projects for primary and secondary school students covering Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computing, and Design Technology. Activities include writing codes for computer games, introductions to programming, architectural challenges, investigations into the role of maths in famous artwork, and building models!

Check out their website for the full range of projects!  
<https://tinyurl.com/y7rxm6nr>

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The official newsletter of Careers at Maiden Erlegh Trust, designed to provide you with careers-related information, resources, and opportunities

## ONLINE COURSE OF THE WEEK



### What?

How to Succeed at Interviews

### Where?

<https://tinyurl.com/kqkpt9p>

### Why?

This course from the University of Sheffield is designed to guide you through every aspect of the interview process, from managing pre-interview nerves and researching the company or course thoroughly, to creating a positive impression on the day.

### How much?

Free

### Who is it for?

Students looking to develop their technique for all kinds of interview

### How long?

3 hours over 3 weeks



VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES

Check out these exciting online events...

- Don't miss the University Campus of Football Business' Virtual Open Day on 18 August! <https://tinyurl.com/y9vssyuh>
- Take part in UEA's webinar on getting the most out of the UCAS Clearing process on 18 August <https://tinyurl.com/y9wl9ako>



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Take a look at these exciting current vacancies in the local area...



CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

## KS4 & KS5



The Museum of English Rural Life have vacancies on their Youth Panel! Being a member is a fantastic way to enhance your transferable skills for careers such as marketing, advertising, and promotion, and gain essential experience for a future role in the heritage industry! <https://tinyurl.com/y9ymvdco>



Join Proctor and Gamble and become a Level 3 Laboratory Science Apprentice in Reading. Successful applicants will develop their ability to analyse data and measure product performance through a range of exciting projects! <https://tinyurl.com/y96ryo49>



UK Research and Innovation are recruiting for a Level 4 Associate Project Management Apprentice to work with Rutherford Appleton Laboratories <https://tinyurl.com/ybam2dbb>

## Careers Hubs

Transforming careers education for young people

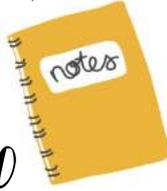
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## A YEAR IN CAREERS

*Review of 2019-20*



With the academic year drawing to a close, we sat down (virtually!) with the Careers Leads at our Trust secondary schools to discuss their Careers-related highlights of the past 12 months...

**MR BUCK  
TRUST LEAD FOR  
CAREERS &  
DESTINATIONS  
AND CAREERS  
LEAD AT MAIDEN  
ERLEGH SCHOOL**



Despite the recent unprecedented times, the Maiden Erlegh School Careers and STEAM provision continues to go from strength to strength.

Our greatest achievement was becoming the first school in Berkshire to secure all Gatsby Benchmarks for effective provision at 100%. We are also proud to have been selected to become a Careers Hub School. We are delighted to be one of the 20 schools involved in the Thames Valley Berkshire Careers Hub.

All our students have had the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of activities and we will build upon this from September 2020. For example, students have participated in our Trust Careers Fair; Year 7 Ozobots, the Year 8 DigiGirlz trip to Microsoft, and the Year 9 People Like Me sessions. Year 11 have participated in Careers interviews, whilst our Year 12 students

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have enjoyed Future Pathways Day and Year 13 have engaged with dedicated apprenticeship workshops. We are proud of the innovative and creative virtual provision we have developed over the Summer Term in response to the COVID-19 restrictions. Students have produced superb work during Year 7 Virtual STEAM Day and Year 9 Virtual Careers Inspiration Day and have thoroughly made the most of these new opportunities.

We are also proud of our Trust-wide newsletter, Careers Spotlight, which has already enabled us to share countless opportunities and resources with students, parents and carers throughout this period of school closure. We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from lots of stakeholders, so watch this space for future editions in the new school year!

As I reflect on the success of this academic year, I also want to formally acknowledge the ongoing help and support from Chloe Bateman and Mickey Sandhu who work tirelessly to make our Careers and Destinations Strategy a reality.

“ Students have thoroughly made the most of the new Careers opportunities ”

Thank you too to our Careers Ambassadors who have supported our students to consider the links between the subjects they study and the workplace skills they develop, as well as raising awareness of the potential career pathways and destinations they can lead to.

We will publish forthcoming provision in due course, but in the meantime please remember to follow us on Twitter @MESCCareersDept to keep abreast of all the work we are doing!



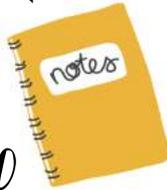
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### MS BLISS LOCAL CAREERS LEAD AT MAIDEN ERLEGH CHILTERN EDGE



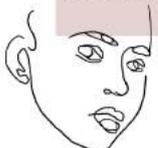
Despite the truncated year, 2019-20 has seen MECE Careers and STEAM provision go from strength to strength - most notably in the recognition that we have met all 8 of the Gatsby Benchmarks.

Back in December, we were very excited to reintroduce Mock Interviews to the Year 11 cohort. We were extremely grateful to colleagues from the Trust for volunteering their time to act as interviewers.

Furthermore, Year 11 benefitted enormously from attending the Trust Careers Fair and a full taster day at Henley College, in addition to receiving support in completing their post-16 applications to providers



Year 11 Mock Interview Day!



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including Maiden Erlegh School, Henley College, and a range of apprenticeship providers.

This year saw us form a partnership with OXLEP who have supported us in many ways, including establishing protocols for Year 10 Work Experience and securing an Enterprise Advisor, Victoria Heath. We are hugely excited to develop this relationship in 2020-21 and know our students will benefit from her wealth of knowledge and network.

Whilst a number of our planned events were scuppered by school closures in March, MECE students have still had lots of opportunities over the last 15 weeks including virtual work experience, Enterprise Day (in partnership with Henley College), and STEAM Day.

A huge thank you to all the MECE staff who have supported Careers events over the year and, in particular, to Mrs Kheti-Heer who works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything runs so smoothly!

Please keep up to date with events and opportunities [@careersMECE](#) on Twitter!

### MR VERSACE LOCAL CAREERS LEAD AT HAMILTON SCHOOL



This academic year will certainly be one that is remembered by all for many years to come. Thankfully for Hamilton's Year 11 students, the opportunity to complete their work experience week was held in November, long before lockdown. Sadly our Year 10 students were not as fortunate, but they will be ready to go in November as plans are already being put in place for them.

We are excited for the Year 11 students leaving us to pursue college and work placements and we wish them every success. Always welcome to come back and say hello, they have expressed their

gratitude to the Outreach team for their overwhelming support during this transition time. Those students remaining with us or starting afresh will have exciting things to look forward to during the coming terms.



MECECareers @CareersMece - 06/02/2020  
Super proud to share that all 8 of the Gatsby benchmarks have been met here @MEChilternEdge showing the strength of the careers education and support on offer! Well done to all involved and thanks to @MESCareersDept for all the support!



Achieving all 8 Gatsby Benchmarks!

Congratulations MECE!

Maiden Erlegh Trust Careers Fair!



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*Our highlights!*

## CAREERS 2019-2020

*Our highlights!*



November 2019  
Year 11 Mock Interview Day



November 2019  
DigiGirls Trip to Microsoft



November 2019  
Lego Mindstorm



November 2019  
Ozobots Challenge



November 2019  
People Like Me



January 2020  
Management Consultancy  
Careers Seminar



February 2020  
Trust Careers Fair

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
FANTASTIC EMPLOYER  
CONTACTS FOR MAKING  
THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE!**



July 2020  
Virtual STEAM Day