



# 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.

## VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

With COVID-19 continuing to make organising and completing traditional in-person work experience difficult, we are encouraging our Year 12 and 13 students to participate in virtual work experience.

If you are wondering how to best support your child with securing a placement, then take a look at our top tips below...



Have an open conversation with your child about their career aspirations and encourage them to search for virtual work experience which is linked to these



Help your child to be realistic - although there are lots of placements on offer, they may not be able to find one in the exact industry they are interested in. In such cases, look for work experience which will develop strong transferable skills such as research and organisation



Encourage your child to check the opportunities posted on their year group Google Classroom pages and in *Careers Spotlight*

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

## CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES



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

### K S 4

Prospect Street Dental Surgery are advertising for a Level 3 Apprentice Dental Nurse to assist their dentists with all clinical aspects of their practice

<https://tinyurl.com/yy5f4ml4>

### K S 5

This Level 4 apprenticeship in Intelligence Operations with the RAF offers the opportunity to use state of the art technologies to interpret information and work on operations around the world

<https://tinyurl.com/y4anhl4p>



# SPOTLIGHT



#CAREERS WEEK 1

In each Careers Spotlight, we will be sharing the ways in which we are celebrating each calendared #Careers Week across the Trust.

## WHAT ARE #CAREERS WEEKS?

#Careers Weeks are calendared weeks throughout the academic year designed to promote careers and destinations and provide students and staff with the opportunity to explore a range of careers-related questions and issues.

During #Careers Weeks, our Careers Ambassadors in each subject prepare resources to be used in lessons which link the chosen theme to the relevant curriculum area.

## #CAREERS WEEK 1: CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN CAREERS

Research suggests that students need to see people who look like them within organisations to truly believe they can be successful within particular industries. Our Ambassadors have prepared presentations which feature a range of diverse and inspirational figures and their career pathways.

  
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## VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES



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Take a look at these exciting virtual work experience opportunities on offer in a range of industries...



EY are offering virtual work experience on programmes such as EY Business Academy, Black Heritage in Business, Women in Technology, and Women in Business <https://tinyurl.com/y5o26gg3>



InvestIN are providing an online Young Lawyer Programme during the October half term for students aged 15-18. Participants have the opportunity to take part in a murder trial and cross-examine witnesses, as well as meet current corporate lawyers and argue a human rights case <https://tinyurl.com/y2xgn7wo>



Aspiring political leaders can join InvestIN during the October half term to take part in the Young Political Leader Programme for students aged 15-18. The course includes sessions on conflict resolution, a Model UN, a parliamentary question time, and a virtual House of Commons debate <https://tinyurl.com/y63u92mx>

## READING SCHOLARS PROGRAMME 2021



The University of Reading's Reading Scholars programme offers virtual and on-campus events designed to give Year 12 students an insight into the university environment, experience academic sessions, and receive mentoring from current students. Successful applicants not only gain a place on this completely free programme, but will also receive a guaranteed conditional offer at Reading! <https://tinyurl.com/y63ej5z7>

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## VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES



Check out this selection of online opportunities and resources...



The UK University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair on 4 November is a fantastic free opportunity to engage with over 80 universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers all in one place <https://tinyurl.com/yxdo8x7k>



Oxbridge Launchpad are offering free mentoring and academic enrichment for Year 12 and 13 students <https://tinyurl.com/y38ur5zd>



Join HSBC and the London Institute of Banking and Finance on 30 October for their Finance Insight Day. Discover what the financial services industry has to offer and take part in live panel discussions with industry experts <https://tinyurl.com/yyrmzf6f>



Enrich your knowledge of the A Level Geography curriculum with Royal Holloway's Geography for Schools Lecture Series. The 20-30 minute lectures focus on topics from the A Level course and alternate with live Q&A sessions from the lecturers. Follow @RHULGeography on Facebook and Youtube for more details



The National Saturday Club's courses in Art and Design and Fashion and Business are fantastic ways to gain industry

insights and develop a huge range of transferable and practical skills <https://tinyurl.com/yxjqphb6>





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In each *Careers Spotlight* we will be introducing one of our fantastic Careers Ambassadors from across the Trust to raise awareness of the excellent work they are doing to promote Careers within their subject areas.

In this issue, we sat down (virtually!) with Ms Blight, the Careers Ambassador for Computing at Maiden Erlegh School...

## WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR ROLE AS CAREERS AMBASSADOR FOR COMPUTING?

I prepare resources for each of the calendared #Careers Weeks and promote opportunities for students to get involved in extra-

curricular work experience and activities with industry links, either virtually or in person. The careers board in our department reflects the broad range of jobs available in the industry. I also promote technical competitions throughout the year and last summer I created a video to promote STEAM Careers for the Year 7 Virtual STEAM Day.

## WHY WERE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CAREERS AMBASSADOR?

Having enjoyed a career in Technology before becoming a teacher, I am aware of the variety of roles within this industry - there really is a role to suit everyone. However, there are misconceptions about jobs in Computing and I want to challenge these and raise awareness of the opportunities that exist.

Being a Careers Ambassador also allows me to make use of my contacts and increase the links between the school and the industry.

## WHY SHOULD STUDENTS CONSIDER A CAREER IN AN INDUSTRY RELATED TO COMPUTING?

Computing is one of the fastest growing, if not the fastest growing, industry.

The importance of technology in the modern world cannot be denied.

In a Computing career, each day is varied and there is such a range of roles and opportunities. These can include some unexpected aspects such as international travel.

I was lucky enough to work in Silicon Valley in San Francisco for a month with a development team there, which was amazing.

