



# CAREERS

# SPOTLIGHT



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 EVENTS

Whether your child is considering pursuing a degree, an apprenticeship, or is still trying to decide between the two, there are a range of virtual events to support you in guiding your child through this decision-making process. Take a look at our top picks below...



The University of Lincoln's Parents' Evening on July 8 provides advice on UCAS and university life <https://tinyurl.com/y7tyl5yw>



PwC's Parent Insight event on 15 July includes information on apprenticeships, sponsored degrees, and other routes for school leavers <https://tinyurl.com/y7owqa4p>



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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?

University of Lancaster Year 12 Virtual Summer Schools

### Where?

<https://tinyurl.com/y7ja83qn>

### Why?

With a course for almost every subject, these Summer Schools provide the opportunity to experience information sessions and live lectures. You can also chat with current students and work on a subject assignment!

### How much?

Free

### Who is it for?

Year 12's who meet the criteria - see link for this

### How long?

23-30 July



CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

KS4

- Gabriel's Angels in Wokingham are looking for a Level 2 Care Support Worker Apprentice <https://tinyurl.com/yblgf8yo>
- L&E Property are offering a Level 3 Letting Administrator Apprenticeship <https://tinyurl.com/yb66c7xm>



VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES

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



Take part in Dentsu Aegis Network's digital marketing competition and win some incredible prizes <https://tinyurl.com/ybvc66ux>



Join in with Basingstoke College of Technology's Apprenticeship Q&A on 14 July <https://bcot.ac.uk/AspiralQA>



Hear about the role of Economics in everyday life and the range of careers linked to this subject with the Chief Economist of the Bank of England on 3 July <https://tinyurl.com/yqsq5toy>



Get some personal statement inspiration at the University of Hertfordshire's virtual Festival of Ideas Reimagined! <https://tinyurl.com/y9tomabn>



## WHO TO FOLLOW

Take a look at the Women's Engineering Society, @WES1919, for regular inspirational webinars and resources on Engineering and the importance of diversity within the industry



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## Spotlight

## On:

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This brand new *Careers Spotlight* feature is designed to raise awareness of the wealth of training and career opportunities within the local labour market and the standout companies and organisations which provide them.

This week we interviewed Kate and Alice from Reading Scientific Services Ltd (RSSL) to find out more about what it is like to be part of the RSSL team...

### RSSL

RSSL has over 30 years' experience of providing research, analysis, and consultancy to the food, life science, and consumer goods sectors. The organisation serves over 3000 clients from 60 countries, with its 300 team members working hard to fulfil their mission of 'Science Enhancing Lives'.



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## A TYPICAL DAY AT RSSL

With such a variety of activities taking place under the RSSL banner, Kate is keen to point out that 'no two days are the same'! A scientist in the

Pharmaceutical department is likely to spend their day testing raw materials and finished items - anything from pharmaceutical drugs to healthcare products - to ensure they meet the high standards specified by their clients. Over in the Food division, items including sweets and dog food are analysed to ensure they meet specifications such as vitamin content or to confirm physical properties, such as the melting point of chocolate.



## WORKING AT RSSL

It is clear that it is not just the science which keeps employees at RSSL, but the workplace culture too. 'There is a really nice family feel about the place', Kate and Alice reflect, 'everyone is really friendly and helpful'. Both stress the role of the Spectrum team which aims to 'celebrate the diversity' within the company and 'raise

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awareness of the many different cultures on site'. It is clear that this positive and supportive climate translates to the organisation's engagement with the local community. In 2018, employees raised an incredible £42,000 worth of funding for the local area and RSSL's CommUnity team works hard to create opportunities for staff to volunteer through activities as diverse as working with animals at Beale Park to painting fences at local primary schools.

## ROUTES INTO RSSL

In addition to recruiting students with relevant Science degrees, RSSL offer a Level 4 Trainee Scientist Apprenticeship for students who have studied Maths and a Science at A Level and have a passion for laboratory work. Apprentices spend four days a week in the lab and one day a week studying, with Alice explaining that this

balance means the course is 'really hands on, and gets the students involved in the world of work from day one'.

Thank you to Kate and Alice for these insights into working at RSSL!

