

### Welcome

This is the first newsletter of this academic year, and the autumn term is always busy, not least where university choices and applications are concerned. In this half termly newsletter you will find information on events that have taken place, dates for your diary and useful links to many opportunities and resources on the final pages.

### Message to the Pupils

Whilst at school, you should start to think about your future, however, career planning isn't just about picking a job, it's discovering what you enjoy and are good at. School is the perfect place to explore your interests and identify your passions. Whether it's art, science, sports, or helping others, your interests can reveal potential careers. Try new things like joining clubs or volunteering.

Stay informed about the evolving job market. Careers like data science, cybersecurity, and green energy are growing rapidly. Employers value a mix of academic knowledge and soft skills like communication and teamwork.

Don't stress about having everything figured out. Your career journey will involve growth and change. Trust that you're building a foundation for a bright future.

### University Applications

The first few weeks back at school are a frenzy of activity for the Upper 6 students who are finalising their UCAS forms, personal statement and international applications. More than half of the UCAS forms have gone off and offers are already coming in.



### L4 Drop Down Day

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 8billionideas joined us to run a City Changers Enterprise Day for the L4 pupils. They learnt about careers involving sustainability and the environment. They looked at ways to shape the cities of the future and were set a task to solve a problem related to environmental and social sustainability in cities. In teams they then created prototypes of their ideas and showcased them to their peers and staff.



### Talk on Applying to University in the USA

On Tuesday, 24th September, Freeman's had the pleasure of welcoming Martine Gagnon, Director of College Counselling at UES Education, for an insightful talk on the USA university application process. If you missed the talk, you can access it [here](#). Anyone considering applying to university in the USA, should make an appointment to see Mrs Ryckaert to discuss it.

The talk provided students and parents with a valuable opportunity to better understand the US application process and learn the best strategies for successfully applying to top American universities. A fact sheet on Applying to University in the USA can be accessed [here](#).

### Careers Panel Event Parents

On Monday 30 September U3 and L4 were joined by eight parents who came to school to speak to them about their jobs and careers. We were joined by parents who work in finance, law, recruitment, IT and Film and TV. The pupils learnt that regardless of the role or industry they entered, employability skills, such as communication, teambuilding, resilience and adaptability are required in them all. They also realised that specific professions are needed in all roles. Thank you to those who volunteered.

### Dates for your Diary for Next Half Term

#### U5 Careers Panel

Monday 4 November

U5 will be joined by Alumni who will speak to them about their roles and careers to date.

#### U6 Assembly on Networking

Monday 18 November

#### Mock Interviews at Epsom College

Tuesday 19 November 6.30 – 8.30pm

Oxbridge applicants will take part in Mock interviews at Epsom College

#### Future Pathways Fair

Thursday 21 November 6.30pm – 8.30pm

More than 55 exhibitors from universities, companies and gap year providers will be in Main House – an event not to be missed!

#### U5 Choices Assembly

Thursday 5 December



### U5 Morrisby Testing

All Upper 5 pupils took their Morrisby tests on the first day of term, the tests give the pupils insight into their strengths, interests and personalities to help them make informed decisions about their future.

All pupils are having 1:1 interviews with Mrs Ryckaert to go through their results, talk about their A level choices and discuss future ambitions. Please click [here](#) for information on this test and its benefits.



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## Useful Links and Opportunities

The following are links to opportunities that have been sent to us that may be of interest. Please note that some may incur a cost and the School is not able to endorse them. Please click on the title to access the webpage.

## Events or Programmes

**Tim Marshall, author of Prisoners of Geography** in conversation with Faye Barker, ITN news presenter, at Ashted Peace Memorial Hall, Ashted – Thursday 7 November. £6.00 for a student ticket email [hello@wordonthestreet.co.uk](mailto:hello@wordonthestreet.co.uk) To apply for one.

**Bloomberg** – As part of the family of City of London Schools, you have the opportunity to have [free training from Bloomberg](#). Bloomberg Finance Fundamentals (BFF) is a self-paced, interactive e-learning course that provides an introduction to the key concepts involved in finance and investment. Throughout the course, you'll explore real-life scenarios through the perspectives of various professionals, helping you to manage your money and build an understanding of the different careers available across the finance sector

**Gresham College Lectures** - provides free educational videos and lectures at university level

**EDT** - stretches learning beyond school, college and university and gives insight into real-life STE(A)M careers

**Graduate Careers Live!** – the new TV programme for students and their parents on the graduate job market and degree apprenticeships is still available to watch.

**Minds Underground** - Are you curious about the world around you? Join an international community of like-minded thinkers, Curious Minds! It is entirely free to join with members receiving resources to support their academic studies, including reading suggestions across STEM and Humanities subjects, an essay competition and academic event recommendations.

**What Next? – 15 – 16 November 2024**, considering your post-school or college choices? If you are aged 15 to 19 and wants to discover the best university or apprenticeship options, this is a truly unmissable event! Tickets are completely free and available now, book yours today for fast-entry access to discover the best school leaver options, all under one roof.

**Future Financial Advisor** - Future Financial Adviser is a community where young people can access career advice and learn about opportunities within the financial advice profession.

**Success at Schools** – watch free webinars across industries such as the Armed Forces, STEM, Digital, Accountancy & Finance.

**The University of Law Virtual Events** – click to access the autumn schedule including the Psychology of Crime – Exploring the Mind on 22 October.

**Get Into Law Conference** - Saturday 11 November, 9.30 – 1.30, £15 entry. The conference will give students insight into what a legal career entails and will provide the building blocks needed to be successful in their application to university. Students will be provided with all the resources and guidance they need to succeed in their law school applications.

**The University of Law** are running essay writing competitions, deadline 15 November 2024 on [Psychology – Mental Health and Digital Technologies](#)

**Thinking Ahead** – The Engineering and Design Institute online engineering taster programme, inviting you to learn more about the world of engineering and take part in a sustainability-themed design challenge. Sign up by 21 October



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## University Events

**Free Interactive University Online Events from Channel Talent** - The sessions, each including either one or two universities, offer enrichment for curriculum themes and support for students considering progression to HE. They aim to be dynamic and participative, encouraging everyone to engage and shape the session but in a way that they are comfortable with.

**UK University Search** – University of Surrey, Tuesday 4 March

**University of Cambridge** - Get free up-to-date application advice on every step of the application process in our Applicant Webinar Series.

**University of Oxford** - What student life here is really like' official guide will take you through everything from how you'll learn to our wide range of clubs and societies.

**University of Manchester** – virtual open days 11 – 15 November

**University of East Anglia** - online taster sessions to discover what it's like to study your chosen subject at university.

**UCAS** – University Open days – use UCAS to search University Open Days

**Complete University Guide** – find virtual events at universities here

## Medics

**Medical Mavericks** – inspiring the next generation of medics and scientists

**Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme** - created and delivered by healthcare professionals. You can select from one day or a full 6 month work experience programme where you will follow patients from admission to discharge in the high fidelity simulation suite, designed to provide you with an immersive experience from the comfort and safety of home.

**Applying to Medicine** - this popular Medic Mind FREE course, will give an insight into the medical application.

**NHS Careers Untapped** - The NHS Careers Untapped NHS Team are pleased to announce upcoming webinars showcasing some more of the great jobs available in the NHS.

**Medic Mentor** – Free virtual live conferences **get into Medicine** – Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 October or **get into Dentistry** – Sunday 10 November

## Other Interesting Links

**British Army Scholarship Scheme** - The Army Officer Scholarship Scheme guarantees them up to £10,000 in financial support, starting in academic year 13. Our scholarship also guarantees them a place at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and a career as an Army Officer when they finish education.



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## Work Experience

**INVESTIN Weekend Career Experiences** - Students will learn directly from some of the world's best professionals - doctors, lawyers, engineers, investment bankers and more - through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made professional experience. **You will be entitled to 10% discount on any bookings through InvestIN if you use the code FREEMENS10.** Some of our pupils took part last year and found the courses really useful.

**Pathway CTM** - Connecting young people, schools & parents with leading global brands. Providing employability skills training, free careers events, and work experience & apprenticeship opportunities!

**Springpod Virtual Work Experience** - In-depth, interactive and informative virtual work experiences from industry experts in the world's leading employers.

**Careers Days** - CareerDays.co.uk is for any student aged 13-18 who wants to experience different careers or gain work experience in their chosen field. From medicine, law, performing arts, psychology, business or becoming a vet, we have a 1-day online event for you, designed to give you an insight into life in your chosen field.

**Prospects** - learn more about internships, online experience, work placements, shadowing, volunteering and part-time work.

## Apprenticeships

### **Apprenticeship Fact sheet**

**The National Apprenticeship Show** - Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 February 2024, at Sandown Racecourse.

The show is the perfect event for School and College leavers, as well as young adults, to discover more about Apprenticeships across the region.

**KPMG** - interested in an apprenticeship at KPMG, click for more information.

**PwC** - Find out more about our School and College Leaver programmes and the career opportunities available to students at PwC.

Accounting Apprenticeships - Thinking of a career in finance? Have you considered an apprenticeship? **AAT** - apprenticeship guide and **ACCA**

**British Airways** - the Emerging Talent team will be virtual 'drop in' sessions for you to ask any questions about our emerging talent programmes and opportunities

**Deloitte** - programmes that have been designed to help you build your career your way, as you develop the skills you'll need to make an impact that matters to you. Find out more about paths with Deloitte that could be right for you.

**Amazing Apprenticeships** - find out more about apprenticeship and their benefits and join virtual events with representatives from many companies including the BBC on 22 October.

**Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers** - Over the summer holidays, the Department for Education launched the new Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers for 2024, during a special live TV programme. Click to watch it.

**Not Going to Uni** - click here to access information about apprenticeships and careers