

Careers Newsletter

Europa School UK



Our Careers Department is made up of:

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Welcome to our first Careers Newsletter of this academic year.

A lot has already happened and we have many plans for the rest of this term and academic year. I thought I would take this opportunity to share all of the exciting projects that we are working on, with you. This is also a really good way to share the different local, careers based activities and opportunities that your children can become involved in.



Combe Mill

S1 took a trip to Combe Mill for the first time this year. They had a wonderful experience learning about the social history of the workers, steam engines, waterwheels and watched blacksmith at work. Afterwards we enjoyed the rainy but beautiful countryside and learned how to measure circumferences of trees to enable carbon calculation. The students enjoyed the day and learned a lot of new things, for example what a "chitty" is and how steam engines work.

Careers Advice and Guidance

I thought it would be a good idea to give Annie Mcleod a chance to introduce herself to you.

I started working with students studying English as a second language in 2002 and have had varied roles in education since then. I worked as part of the International Recruitment team at Oxford Brookes University, advising students on course choices, and decided to retrain as a careers adviser so that I could provide impartial careers guidance and support. I completed a Postgraduate diploma in Careers Guidance in 2008, and started working as a Careers Adviser with Connexions and later at City of

S6 Mentoring

This year, for the first time, we are trialling a mentoring scheme for S6. The aim of this scheme is to invite people from the local community, match them to an S6 student who would like to work in a related field and allow them to chat and work together on ideas for work experience and good ideas for what to add to a personal statement and be someone to provide a different perspective for our students and help the students to make connections into their field of interest. The first of these sessions will take place on Monday 18th November 2019 during P3.

Students wanted for Interact at Europa School! – Information from Isabel S5

The Culham Interact Club is made up of secondary students up to S6. We fundraise for local and international charities that we choose ourselves each year.

Last year, for example we chose to support the charity Irrigasc in Senegal, and we organised the Battle of the Bands to fundraise. So far this year we decided to support Be Free Young Carers (<https://befreeyc.org.uk/>).

Interactors, who are 14 years and older, can do a great course called the Rotary Youth Leadership & Management Programme. It is endorsed by the Institute of Leadership Management and requires the course participants to plan, implement and review an Interact project, complete with full documentation and an official assessment. Participants are provided with a tutor who leads them through the main elements of leadership and project management.

Last year 5 Interactors did this course. They all passed and now they have a certificate from the ILM, which will look great on their CV.

We meet every Wednesday during the morning break in the room at the top of the tower block (Mme Philippot-Gasc’s room). Come and join us!

<https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs>

Interesting opportunities

Opportunity for Young People with University of Oxford:

- Want to help shape future research of importance to young people?
- All S3-S6 students will have received an email explaining the NeurOX Young People’s Advisory Group.
- Applications close 12th November so if this sounds interesting act fast!

Year 11 Inspire Programme

- This is aimed at S5 and again has been emailed out all S5 students and is definitely worth looking at. The deadline for this is 22nd November,

OAS Opening

Mrs Wood and Mrs Powell attended the opening of the new OAS Centre at Culham Science Centre on the Thursday before half-term. It is a brilliant new apprenticeship skills centre and is right on our doorstep. It was fascinating listening to Ross Brawn explain how he started his career and I would definitely urge any budding engineers to consider this route into engineering. They are offering a considerable number of apprenticeships and not just engineering. As our school will continue to build on the information which we provide to students regarding apprenticeship routes.

Work Experience

Mrs Santova has sent out information regarding this years work experience for S5 and S6 in September 2019. S5 will have 2 weeks of work experience (22/6/2020 – 3/7/2020) and S6 one week (22/6/2020 – 26/6/2020). This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain an insight into different areas of work that might be of interest; to develop workplace skills and increase self confidence. Please, bear in mind that the demand for work experience placements is high therefore we urge you to start searching as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment. We also understand that it can be a challenge finding the right placement for your child so please do get in touch if you are struggling. We are starting to build up some community connections within school and may be able to help. Some students left their planning to the last minute last year and we were unable to help as effectively at that point. Please remember that the completed forms are due back on 29/05/2020 and you are very welcome to hand them back as soon as you have completed them and secured your experience. Students can access the forms on google classroom. We encourage students to take responsibility for arranging their work experience themselves, however your supervision is very much appreciated.

Key Dates

Key dates for S7:

Friday 15th November: deadline for first draft of complete UCAS applications incl. Personal Statements. Also deadline for Art Foundation Personal Statements. See your UCAS/HE advisors ASAP!

Wednesday 27th November: Oxbridge style interviews workshop, 9-10.30am, Room 10. Led by Trinity College, Oxford, Access and Outreach officers

Monday 18th November - Friday 6th December: mock interviews. Contact Mrs Simpson to arrange.

Friday 6th December: UCAS applications deadline.

January: Pre-Baccalaureate Examinations

Key dates for S6:

Friday 15th November: S6 BMW Trip - insights into apprenticeships and careers in the car industry

Monday 18th November: introduction to Mentoring

Wednesday 4th December: Exam Study Day

Thursday 5th - Thursday 18th December: S6 Exams

Wednesday 26th January: Parents' Evening

Tuesday 10th March: UCAS Exhibition, Bristol University. Whole S6 visit.

Monday 1st - Friday 12th June: S6 Summer Exams

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June: S6 Work Experience *

1st - 2nd July tbc - Careers/UCAS/HE Days (in school)

S6 should be aware that university open days run throughout the year, and that it is strongly advised for students research these and attend some from March 2020 onwards. Open Day visits are permitted by prior application to teachers and Mrs Simpson. Open Day visits during school days are discouraged in S7. Please note that open day visits are not permitted during S6 school exam weeks.