

Europa School Careers Department

Welcome back and I hope that you had a lovely Summer. Following the development of the Careers Department Newsletter last year I wanted to build on that further. Below you will find an update on the staff in the Careers Department, information on our new Careers Platform, Xello, and links to useful resources.

All the best for the new school year and I will keep you updated on all of the information from the Careers Department.

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Careers Department 2020-21

There have been some changes in the Careers Department over the summer. Mrs Simpson has taken on the interim Deputy Head role and IB Coordination, so Mrs Charalambous is taking over as UCAS Co-ordinator, with support from Mrs Lloyd, alongside her role as Work Experience Co-Ordinator. Annie McLeod is in her second year with us and will now be in school once a week rather than once a fortnight, she will be seeing all S5 students and all S6 students with some availability for referrals. Referrals will mostly be managed by Class Teachers and Senior Leadership Team but should students or parents feel that they would like to seek support from Annie please do get in touch and we will do our best to accommodate this.

Xello Platform

An exciting development for the Careers Department and Europa School as a whole is that we now have an online careers program which is accessible for every student. This has been generously funded for the year by the PTA. I have spent the summer learning how it works and I have included below a link to a how-to guide for using Xello. The log on will be for all secondary students and I very much recommend that you spend some time looking through this with your children as they explore their different career ambitions.

Xello can be accessed by students using the Google Single Sign on. If they go to their emails, click on the 9 dots in the top right-hand corner to access the apps and the scrolling down to find the Xello app.

Work Experience

Every year students of year S5 have two weeks of work experience taking place in the last two weeks of the academic year. We are very sorry but at the moment we cannot guarantee that this will go ahead as we are facing a period of uncertainty and challenges to deal with. We will inform you of this after the Christmas holidays as we will have more knowledge to assess the situation. We might consider different types of work experience, such as virtual if an

Make sure you log on to Xello, have a look around and complete the 'About Me' section questionnaires.

opportunity arises. Our current S5 students are at an advantage as they were able to take part in the virtual work experience in May 2020 which was a huge success and the students thoroughly enjoyed it.

InvestIN Education

At the end of last academic year Mrs Simpson arranged for us to be a partner school of InvestIN Education. As a partner school our students receive 15% of their programmes. I know that some of you took advantage of this last year but here is the information, as taken from their website, for those of you who are new to Europa or may have missed it.

On our InvestIN Education programmes we aim to create the 'ultimate work experience' for students aged 12-18. Our purpose is to give them the knowledge, experience, advantage and network they need to have a head-start in their dream career.

Our programmes contain a blend of interactive simulations, company visits, seminars, networking sessions and career coaching advice, all carefully curated and delivered by experts from those industries who want to help the next generation of talent succeed.

We offer experiences in: Architecture, Art, Computer Science, Dentistry, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Fashion Design, Filmmaking, International Development, Investment Banking, Journalism, Law, Management Consultancy, Marketing, Music, Politics, Psychology, Publishing & Veterinary Science

<https://investin.org>

UCAS

We would like to address all S7 students as they are about to make a decision of great significance which will impact their future professional life. We are here to support them but I must remind you that it is up to them to take an active role in the research and development of their personal statements. They are expected to contact their subject advisors and ask for a consultation. We will push them to complete their UCAS application before the Christmas holidays in order to allow them enough time for Prebac revision.

Those considering applying for a course at Cambridge or Oxford, or for a course in medicine, dentistry or vet must apply before 15th October 2020. Also they should not delay preparations for the admission tests and interviews. We will try to run mock tests if we have a qualified teacher who is able to provide appropriate feedback as well as doing a few practice interviews with the students.

We have not forgotten our students in year S6 and we plan to provide them with the support earlier, identifying those aspiring to apply to a course at a leading university and to allow them enough time to prepare academically and to increase the chance of a successful application. Therefore, start thinking about your future studies now.

This academic year Mrs Charalambous was appointed as a UCAS advisor. Should you need to contact her, please use the email: i.charalambous@europaschool.uk.

Engagement Events

I am very passionate about the importance of employer engagement in helping students to choose their future careers. The more employers they can meet, the more jobs they are aware of and the more confident they can become in networking then the easier they will find it to choose and enter a career. With the issues that Covid-19 brought into our lives many activities were cancelled last year. I am working hard with our advisors at OxLEP and making lots of fantastic connections throughout Oxfordshire businesses with the aim of finding innovative ways to deliver fun engagement activities for our students. I will keep you up to date as these events develop. If you do have any ideas or events that you or your company might like to help us to deliver then please do get in touch.

Opportunities

USA College Day 2020

USA College Day is the largest US university fair in Europe. The 43rd year of College Day will see a wide variety of US universities exhibit at this virtual event for prospective undergraduates, parents and teachers.

The fair will take place online and is expected to bring in visitors from across the UK. Attendance at the fair is free, but you must register in advance.

- **Date:** Saturday 26th September 2020
- **Time (BST):** 1pm-7pm
- **Location:** Online <http://www.fulbright.org.uk/events/usa-college-day-2020>

Oxford Brookes University.

Undergraduate Virtual Open Days - 3rd October and 21st November 2020

Our Virtual Open Days start next month and offer your students & their parents and carers the perfect opportunity to find out more about what it's like to be a student here, as well as giving insight into our courses and the support we offer. We will be releasing the full programme in a few weeks, with sessions running from 10:00-19:00. In the meantime, please ask your students to [register their interest](#) to receive further updates about the event.

Your students will be able to join us virtually for the following:

- Subject taster sessions
- Live Q&A sessions with our academics and support staff
- Online chat with current students
- Webinars from our central services including admissions, finance, wellbeing and accommodation
- [Virtual tour](#)

University of Southampton. Virtual Open Days.

Our Virtual Open Days for undergraduate courses based in Southampton and Winchester will allow attendees to see footage of our beautiful campuses, our range of accommodation, and explore courses of interest.

Students will have the opportunity to chat live to our students and staff, ask questions, and get access to an exciting range of on demand content. **Our next Virtual Open Days will take place on the following dates:**

- Wednesday 7th October and Thursday 8th October 2020
- Monday 12th October and Tuesday 13th October 2020

All our Open Days in 2020 will be held online to replace physical visits and for students to attend, places must be booked in advance. Students can click here to [book a place](#) so please do circulate this link.

The University Guys

Join us as we host a fantastic range of international art & design universities for two days of events this October, all free-of-charge.

On 1st October 2020, counsellors, students and parents can attend hour-long webinars with the four world-class institutions to learn more about your opportunities in the USA and Europe. Register for each session here:

- [2.00 pm BST: Polimoda](#)
- [3.30 pm BST: Parsons](#)
- [5.00 pm BST: MICA](#)
- [6.30 pm BST: RISD](#)



On 2nd October 2020, students are invited to sign up for a 15-minute portfolio review slot, where you can upload a PDF of your portfolio and receive live feedback from an international admissions officer. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Participating institutions:

- [Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore](#)
- [Parsons School of Design, New York & Paris](#)
- [Polimoda, Florence](#)
- [Rhode Island School of Design, Providence](#)



OxLEP Skills

OxLEP Skills are hosting a webinar on 8th October 5-7pm for all S5, 6 and 7 students and their parents. They are bringing together local businesses to help young people better understand their career options and the essential skills employers are looking for.

Please click on this link to register:

<https://learnliveuk.com/partner/oxfordshire-local-enterprise-partnership/>

Useful Links

- <https://oxme.info/cms/learn/careers-and-education-information-advice-and-guidance>
- <https://www.study.eu>
- <https://www.unitasterdays.com>

A blue rectangular banner for a virtual fair. On the left, the text 'Meet the' is in white. In the center is a white speaker icon with sound waves. To the right of the speaker, the words 'RUSSELL GROUP' are written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. Below the speaker icon, there are three white icons: a calendar, a clock, and a globe. Underneath these icons, the text '7 October', '12.00 -18.00', and 'russellgroup.vfairs.com' is written in white.