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Europa School Careers Department

Half way through the academic year and what a strange and challenging year it has been so far. I hope that you are keeping well and managing through these odd times.

Next week, 1st March to 6th March, is National Careers Week and so this newsletter is packed full of information and opportunities.

You can keep up to date with the Careers Department on twitter @EuropaCareers, on LinkedIn @EuropaCareersDepartment and on the school website <https://europaschooluk.org/careers-education-information-advice-and-guidance-ceiag/>.

Please do follow and connect with us on these platforms.

I'm really looking forward to everyone returning to school and to all of the plans that we have coming up.

Mrs Powell

Careers Department – What have we been up to?

We have continued to be busy since our last update. S6 had their mentoring sessions which you can read about below, S5 had a talk from Ki Kuganesan from London Business School about Employability Skills and have received lots of information about apprenticeships through their RSE lessons. S6 had a session delivered by Trinity College Oxford on Preparing to Apply for Competitive Universities. S1-4 have been receiving their Careers Education through their RSE Lessons and Xello. We are hoping to deliver more for these year groups in the second half of this academic year.

There is still much more to come before the end of the academic year so keep in touch and if you have any ideas for careers related activities or any ways in which you would like to work with the Careers Department please do get in touch.

xello
Complete your
Xello lesson for this
term.

Xello Platform

Xello is being well used throughout our school community and most students have managed to log on during this latest lockdown. I have now set another task for students to work through and further their careers education development and this will be discussed in their RSE lessons.

S5 Skills Week

As we explained in our last newsletter, due to the current circumstances we have taken the decision to cancel work experience this year and we are replacing it with a Skills Week. Over half of the S5 year group have volunteered to take part in setting up this Skills Week and so, following our planning meeting last week, I would like to give you a little insight into our plans.

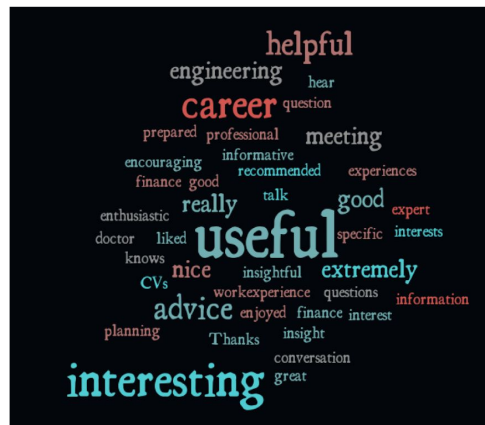
With support from Mrs Powell and Mrs Charalambous, S5 students have set out to create a skills week where different employers will provide interactive half day skills sessions throughout the week. We are hopeful that we will be able to encourage enough employers to work with us that students in S5 will be able to pick a different morning and afternoon session each day which reflects the interests and skills they wish to develop.

Some S5 students have already been lucky enough to gain skills in the planning stage as a group have worked on developing the logo, with Warren Brown from Brown Creative, which you will hopefully start to see in lots of places from next week. Other groups have worked on developing a film with Florence Corvez Curtis, photography with Chaz Snell, The Plastic Goldfish Co, and PR with Catherine Warrilow, The Rank Group. These employer interactions are so vital for the students as they progress to entering the world of work. It boosts the confidence of students when talking to employers, helps them to see the breadth of careers and begins to build a network for them.

We will take our promotional material live next week with the aim of recruiting employers. Please connect with Europa School Careers Department on LinkedIn ready for the launch.

S6 Mentoring

S6 had their first mentoring session before Christmas. We are hopeful of hosting another session before the end of the year and will keep you updated. Below is some of the feedback from the first session.



National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week

These are two weeks which are central to the life of a Careers Department and have unfortunately both fallen in lockdown this year. We were still lucky to be able to arrange a talk for S5 from Mark Massingham of BMW regarding their apprenticeship scheme and we have talks planned for S4 and S5 next week from Amazing Apprenticeships which I am hoping will help to give students a clearer idea of the different post 16 and post 18 options that apprenticeships provide.

There is a zoom session for parents on Tuesday 2nd March from 5:30 – 6pm to provide information on what apprenticeships are and how they are an incredibly interesting option to explore.

This is open to all parents so do please join us.


Amazing
Apprenticeships

*Join the Parent
information zoom
session on
apprenticeships on
Tuesday 2nd March
from 5:30.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86187915910?pwd=eTJUMzBWQkxQT0ZscWVpK0FzRUJOUT09>

Meeting ID: 861 8791 5910 Passcode: 074915

*Please could you
complete the Europa
School Community
Skills Audit by 5th
March?*



Skills Audit 2021 and Careers Champions

As part of developing our Careers Education offering and with it being National Careers Week next week we want to conduct our first Skills Audit of our school community. We are looking to understand what opportunities that we can offer to our students from within our school community. We would be incredibly grateful if you could please complete the questionnaire by the end of next week. We are hoping to conduct this annually as part of our National Careers Week celebrations. <https://forms.gle/5PsQY1ynpy61QJGB6>

Europa School Careers Department are incredibly lucky to have some wonderful volunteers and supporters who regularly offer their time to work with our students and we wanted to recognise this support and spread the word. This has led to the creation of Europa School Careers Champions. These Careers Champions will be celebrated on our CEIAG website page and we will spotlight a different Careers Champion each half term on LinkedIn as well as providing them with the ESUK Careers Champion Logo for them to use as they please.

S4 Study Conference

The whole year group S4 are registered to attend “Study Conference” in April 2021 and we hope to have more information to share with you shortly.

It will be a whole one day online event with the aim of raising attainment in core subjects. The aim include:

- To improve students’ attainment in Science, Maths and English
- To increase students’ confidence at school
- To develop students’ study skills and capacity for academic attainment
- To develop students’ knowledge and awareness of the benefits of higher education
- To raise the aspirations of students in the local community.

S6 ‘Preparing to apply for competitive universities’ webinar



All S6 students were invited to join the webinar led by the Outreach Team of Trinity College Oxford. The feedback showed that the webinar helped students to increase their confidence when applying for university, especially the talk about choosing the course and super-curricular activities were most appreciated. Furthermore, students were briefly introduced to student finance and extended essay as well as they learnt about life at Oxford University. They had an opportunity to speak to current students at the university who answered their inquisitive questions.

UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair



With university open days on hold, our UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair will be returning on **Wednesday March 17th from 12.00 - 18.00** to help students from Years 11, 12 and 13 explore their post 18 options, with **over 100 universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers** from across the UK attending. Students will be able to speak directly with admissions teams and recruitment officers from Russell Group, Red Brick, Modern & Specialist universities, along with higher & degree apprenticeship providers. The event will also feature **virtual campus tours** so students can explore universities from their laptop.

10 live webinars on a range of subjects will run throughout the day such as Choosing a Course, Careers & Employability, Degree Apprenticeships and Student Finance.

Students, teachers and parents can [register now here](https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com).

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Worksheet can be downloaded [here](#)

Chat to students at Trinity College



We have student ambassadors studying a wide range of subjects who talk to students on a daily basis about life at Trinity College, the University of Oxford, and their studies. Feel free to ask them any questions related to Trinity College, the university, academic work, and life as a student. Students can contact them directly [here](#).

<https://www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/chat-to-our-student>

Opportunities

Insight to GSK - Engineering & STEM Event – Young Professionals



- Thursday 4th March, 4:30pm - 5:30pm
- Director keynote talk
- If you are interested in Engineering or Science based career areas then this is for you!
- How to apply / pass GSK's selection process (taking a look at their online tests in more detail)
- Open to all Y11, Y12 & Y13 students
- Get your questions answered by the recruitment team
- Parents are encouraged to join!
- **FREE event** (limited places, first come first serve)

Application Link:

<https://www.research.net/r/GSK-4th-March>

We have very limited places (50 spaces) so if interested please book on ASAP to secure your place.



InvestIn Parent Session

The Power of Networks, Wednesday 3rd March, 7-8pm (GMT)

Expert advice on how your child can build a powerful network, led by Heather White, CEO and founder of Smarter Networking.

https://investin.org/pages/parent-series?mc_cid=ea06a60aa0&mc_eid=16224f10af

UCAS/Discovery

20th - 21st April South East ([event webpage](#))



<https://www.ucas.com/events/ucasdiscovery-388981>

Open your mind to exciting possibilities. Watch. Chat. Be inspired. Discover different paths. Explore universities and apprenticeships. Find the answers to your questions. Hear from students and apprentices. Get ready to find your future and make an impact on the world. Welcome to UCAS/Discovery.

UNIQ Oxford University



Every year, Oxford's flagship access programme, [UNIQ](#), helps students from diverse backgrounds to make successful applications to Oxford. This has been a difficult time for all students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, so we have updated UNIQ to better meet the needs of this year group. **We would welcome even more applications for this year's programme from students in state schools and colleges in Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes.**

This year UNIQ is offering free online support to 2500 UK state school students, starting in April and continuing for several months. UNIQ enables students to explore subjects that interest them and provides help with preparing University applications.

Students on UNIQ are guided by Oxford undergraduates through social, admissions and academic activities. In the summer UNIQ students participate in online lectures and tutorials with Oxford academics and after summer, UNIQ continues to support students as they prepare for and progress through university applications.

We have strong evidence that UNIQ works. **Every year about a third of UNIQ students who apply to Oxford are offered a place.** Last year all UNIQ courses were delivered 100% online and 231 of our online UNIQ students have now received offers from Oxford.

UNIQ is **open to students attending UK state schools who are applying to university next year**. Selection considers students' school grades and their socio-economic and educational background. Find out more about UNIQ at our [website](#).

We know that many students apply to UNIQ on the advice of their teachers. Please make sure your students know about UNIQ - your encouragement could make all the difference. **Applications close on Monday 15 March.** www.uniq.ox.ac.uk #UNIQ2021.

Super-curricular

Trinity Talks: Beyond the Classroom, our series of subject talks by academic experts, launches on Thursday 25 February after half term, and continues through to the end of the academic year, taking place at 4pm on selected Thursdays.

For each talk, a Trinity College academic will deliver an **interactive teaching session online**, pitched at interested school/college students with an age-appropriate approach. The topics covered will be of wide interest both to those who are thinking of further study and those who are merely curious! The Access & Outreach team will also provide a **brief overview of super-curricular enrichment** and how it relates to thinking about Higher Education. Like the academic staff, we look forward to exploring Q&A from participants.

Topics and themes:

11 March: The **History** of 16th-century **Medicine** (for those interested in History and/or Medicine!)

25 March: the relevance of Medieval and Early Modern **French** literature to a modern reader

22 April: Virginia Woolf and modernism in **English** Literature

6 May: Introduction to **Linguistics**, looking at how languages change

20 May: The **History** of ethnic identities through Roman identity in the 10th Century

10 June: Fictional characters in late-18th-century and early-19th-century **English** theatre and what they can tell us about 'fandom' today

24 June: Molecular **Biology**: sequencing the human genome and modern assisted reproductive technologies

8 July: Chemistry: the importance of plastics in our everyday lives, the environmental challenges they present, and how to produce more environmentally-friendly plastics for the future

Students can sign up [here](#). They are very welcome to join us for a thought-provoking journey into the super-curricular!

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/trinity-talks-registration-form-3>

[Digital Resource Hub](#)

Digital resources to support learning and exploration which can help to feed the curiosity of growing minds and inspire them to think broadly.

[Competitions page](#)

Several colleges and departments of the University of Oxford run competitions which are open to students from schools and colleges.

[Outreach Events Calendar](#)

Which currently includes events such as our Oxford Online Maths Club and the Law Faculty's Virtual Taster Day.

We hope these resources and events will help our students to explore the subjects that interest them, and inspire them to keep learning outside of the classroom.

[PwC Virtual Insight Day](#)

<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers/our-programmes/insight-weeks.html>



If you're in Year 12 (Year 13 in NI and S5 in Scotland) and looking to explore career options in the world of business, accounting or technology at PwC, our Virtual Insight Week offers a fantastic opportunity to do just this. During this action packed week they'll choose from a range of sessions focusing on Accounting, Business, Technology and personal career development. They'll also have the chance to connect with our people who joined through apprenticeship programmes and hear their stories.

The programme will run virtually across five days from Monday 26 July - Friday 30 July 2021.

[KS3 Discovery Week](#)



Join us at Discovery Week on 1 March



Information provided by the University of Portsmouth.

In celebration of National Careers Week (1-6 March), we're delighted to announce the launch of Discovery Week for students aged 11-14.

With subjects ranging from Engineering to Astrophysics, Discovery Week provides access to a suite of interactive workshops designed specifically for KS3 students, to help with their GCSE option choices.

Coming up – a look at building skyscrapers, solving humanitarian crises, developing computer games, mastering encryption and more. All accessible around the clock from home or school.

Let's help pupils realise all the amazing things they're capable of, so they can choose the future they want.

Registration is now open

To view the full programme and book a place, simply click the link below.



<https://web-eur.cvent.com/event/930c47d6-c183-4337-b8d6-67dd6c365f73/regProcessStep1>

Oxford and Cambridge Student Conference for S6 students

We are pleased to announce that the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences will be taking place virtually from 15-26 March 2021. To book, please [complete the online booking form](#). For more information click [here](#)

STEM Summer Schools University of Leeds

<https://www.stem.leeds.ac.uk/information-for-prospective-students/summerschools/>

Goldsmiths De:construct 2021. Raising your voice

Each year, DE:CONSTRUCT brings together a range of engaging speakers from humanities, science and creative sectors and this year is no different.

Our keynote speaker will be award-winning British journalist, podcaster and co-author of the 2018 book 'Slay in Your Lane,' Yomi Adegoke. You can find out more about Yomi below.

Other speakers include: [Shout Out UK](#); [Greenpeace](#); [Turner Contemporary Gallery](#); [Young Mayor of Lewisham team](#); [a Fashion and History Curator](#); [EcoActive](#); [Laura Coryton](#) and [Goldsmiths Centre for Contemporary Arts](#).

<https://www.gold.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/deconstruct/>



Oxfordshire Advanced Skills

(Oxfordshire Advanced Skills, Culham.) OAS are hosting a “Meet the Employers” Virtual Careers Matching event which has been scheduled on purpose to coincide with “National Careers Week” on Wednesday the 3rd of March 2021 from 5 - 7pm.

OAS can confirm that several employer partners including UKAEA, STFC, Diamond Light Source, Abbotts, Jacobs, Williams and GKN to name but a few will be attending the event.

The career matching event will be an fantastic opportunity for your students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13 to meet and converse with our employer partners direct and have access to their specific company's virtual 15 minute presentations and ultimately have the opportunity to liaise and speak to them and ask questions regards their company engineering apprenticeships.

<https://www.oas.ukaea.uk/meet-the-employer/>

Parents' and Supporters' Webinar and Q&A

Is your child considering applying to university next year? Not sure where to start? Join **Royal Holloway** at our event for parents and supporters of Year 12 students on **Wednesday, 17 March 2021, 18:00-19:00**.

The evening will consist of a 20 minute presentation on the UCAS process, including the steps of filling in the UCAS form, writing a personal statement, and what happens next with your child's application. The presentation will be followed by a panel Q&A to answer your questions related to university and the application process. The panel will consist of members of our Schools and Colleges Liaison team and a student ambassador who will discuss their personal experiences of applying to Royal Holloway. Space on this event is limited, so tickets are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Abingdon Science Partnership: STEM Learning Science Career Opportunities.....

Free STEM mentoring for 16-18 year olds:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/news-and-views/news/raising-aspirations-through-new-mentoring-programme>

Deadline to register interest is Monday 1 March!

Virtual careers fair with STEM Ambassadors:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/news-and-views/news/stem-ambassadors-help-illuminate-career-paths-virtual-careers-fair>.

1-5 March, free to attend, aimed at students aged 11-19, the fair is fully interactive and can be accessed online at any time.

Useful Links

<https://oxme.info/cms/learn/careers-and-education-information-advice-and-guidance>

<https://www.study.eu>

<https://www.unitasterdays.com>

<https://www.theuniversityguys.com/knowledge/webinars/>