

February 2023 National Apprenticeship

Week

Europa School Careers Department



Opening the minds of all students to know their skills and value their opportunities

Welcome to our National Apprenticeship Week edition of the Careers Newsletter. National Apprenticeship Week runs from 6th - 10th Feb and there are so many opportunities for everyone to explore.



I have also included updates on the new government regulations for Careers Education which came into force from January. I am also excited to introduce you to what I hope will be a fun new feature - 'Ask the Adviser'. We have a questionnaire for you to complete if you feel you can support any of our activities or have any ideas.

<https://forms.gle/pdaYociYfCxPkHZX9>

I hope you enjoy exploring the different post 16 opportunities highlighted through apprenticeship week.

Mrs Powell

As always, you can keep in touch with the Careers Department through our website page and our social media:

<https://europaschooluk.org/careers-education-advice/>

Twitter [@EuropaCareers](https://twitter.com/EuropaCareers)

Instagram [@Europa.careers](https://www.instagram.com/Europa.careers)

LinkedIn [@Europa Careers Department](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Europa-Careers-Department)

National Apprenticeship Week Activities

On Wednesday 8th February we will be hosting an Apprenticeship Fair. S4 will be visiting during period 4, S5 during period 5 and we will open up to any other year groups and interested parents during lunchtime. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of different providers into school to discuss with our students the different levels of apprenticeships but are still looking for more businesses to join us.

We have arranged for every year group to be able to explore apprenticeships this week. Some year groups will have talks during their PCD lessons. I look forward to sharing the feedback from these sessions with you in our next newsletter.

The plan for the talks next week is:

S5 Monday P1 - Ellie Knight, Oxford University and Matt Goddard Thirty-six Twenty-six.

S3 Thursday P1 - Liz Banks, Thames Water and Evie Bennett, OCC Adult Social Care

S2 Thursday P3 - TBC (Volunteers needed)

S1 Thursday P4 - Jake Motion, House of Fun

S4 Thursday P5 - Carrie Stewart, National Trust

Students can explore apprenticeships using the link to some games

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeship-arc-ade/>

Green Careers Week and Maths Week

The start of November was Green Careers Week and with the help of Hannah Scott at Bioregional we had 3 wonderful videos made for us to share with our students in class and through social media. Thank you so much to James Pritchett at Greencore Construction, Time Rose and Jim Hall for these videos.

Following hot on the heels of Green Careers Week we had Maths Week. Some of our wonderful alumni completed posters to tell current students about how they use their Maths and Problem Solving Skills and we will turn this into a display near the maths classrooms.

Support for parents

This OxLEP Skills webinar aims to give parents/carers an insight into apprenticeships and equip them with information and resources to support their child (who is welcome to attend with them!) with choosing their next step.

There are two dates to choose from:-

- Tuesday 7 February, 18:00-19:00 [Register Here](#)
- Wednesday 8 February, 18:00-19:00 [Register Here](#)

There is a new parent perspective podcast.
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>

The Higher and Degree apprenticeship listing has been released and you can find it here
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/>

<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk>

Ask an Adviser

As you will have seen in our first newsletter of the year, Chaz Snell has joined us as our new Enterprise Adviser. We are also very lucky to have a wonderful Careers Adviser, Annie McLeod.

Given the response to the announcement of Chaz joining us we thought that maybe we could introduce an Ask the Advisers section to the newsletter.

So we have a few thoughts and pointers which came to Chaz from the last newsletter and we will answer those this half term but to submit some new thoughts / questions for next half term please either email enterpriseadviser@europaschool.uk or careesguidance@europaschool.uk and we will try to answer as many as we can in the next edition.

Q. Have you explored the Young Enterprise Scheme?

I have previously supported schools with the Young Enterprise Scheme and we would like to look into whether as a community we can do something similar ourselves. We have drawn up a Google form for you to express interest in being involved in this project at Europa School. (Form at start of the newsletter)

Q. Have you seen <https://kids.frontiersin.org/>?

This looks really interesting and we would really like to find a way to offer this to the students. Maybe we could explore if, as a community, we could build a STEM club, maybe with the support of S6 students as part of their CAS (Careers Activity and Service) element of their IB? There is also space on the Google form to indicate that you would be willing to discuss how you could support a STEM club.



S7 UCAS Update

S7 students can now relax a little but not too much as they now have to prepare for the **next stage** of the application process.

Once you've made your application and received all of your offers on Ucas Track, **you'll need to pick your top two university options: these are your firm choice and your insurance choice.**

Your firm choice is your preferred university and course, while your insurance choice is there as back-up in case you don't get the grades you need for your firm.

The specific deadline that you'll need to respond by will depend on when all your decisions come through, but it probably won't be before May at the earliest. **For most 2023 applicants, the deadline is 8th June.**

Don't feel rushed into choosing right away – even if you think you're sure about your choices, it's a good idea to leave replying to your offers on Track until April or May. And **some advice** when it comes to settling on your firm choice university:

- *It's best to see your Uni before making it your firm choice*, either at an Open Day before you applied or an Applicant Visit Day which many Unis offer once you have applied or been made an offer.
- *Don't base your decision purely on reputation, prestige or League Tables.* Everyone has different needs and interests – and a different sense of what they want in a Uni – so trust your own instincts about what feels 'right'.
- Make sure you *check out the student union website* to find out all about the university's clubs and societies, as well as the student support offering.
- Finally, *think about cost.*

Trinity College Visit for S6

12 students from the year group S6 visited Trinity College Oxford on **Wednesday 11th January 2023**.

Students found out about life at a world leading university, met some current undergraduate students, had lunch in the dining hall and explored college life.

S6 'Preparing to apply to competitive universities'

On **23rd March 2023** outreach team from the Oxford University will join us to talk to S6 students about the application process to competitive universities.

University Fair S6

On Wednesday **19th April 2023** students in the year group S6 will attend a University Fair at Winchester University, which will allow them to meet a host of universities, HE institutions and apprenticeship providers from all over the UK. It is an opportunity for our students to gain information and guidance so they can make the right decisions about their future.

Free virtual Get into Medicine conference for students in year S4, S5 and S6

Getting to grips with the UCAS application process is as crucial to getting into medicine as excellent grades.

The Get into Medicine conference is a full guide to the UCAS application process from doctors and medical school students.

The next conferences are on:

Saturday 4th February (10am - 3pm)

Sunday 5th February (10am - 3pm)

The conference will cover:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Medical Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities that medical school love
- Work experience
- Building a medical CV
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine

We will be taking questions throughout the conference, so if your students have any questions about the application process or day-to-day life as a doctor, next week is their chance to ask them!

Applying to medicine is as much about working tactically as it is about working hard. I encourage all aspiring doctors to register here:

<https://airtable.com/shr66li3bqG3ZpkPM>

NHS work experience

This is a reminder that the **NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience** begins this **Sunday 5th February**.

We strongly encourage students in years S4, S5 and S6 considering healthcare to register ahead of this weekend. A strong record of work experience is crucial to all allied health careers, so we would be very grateful if you could forward this to your students.

Registration Link:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>.

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team. This includes:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make informed career decisions and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 5-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs!

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Free virtual Get into Dentistry conference for students in year S4, S5 and S6

Virtual Get into Dentistry conference on **Saturday 18th February (10am - 3pm)**. I will lead your students step-by-step through the entire UCAS application process to maximise their chances of getting into dental school.

All aspiring dentists and students still thinking about their career paths are welcome!

Registration link

<https://airtable.com/shr7JL0vaCAzEYUo1>

We have also put together a Get into Dentistry conference brochure for your school. Please feel free to distribute it among your students. They'll just need to scan the QR code to register:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Updated-GID-Brochure.pdf>

The conference will cover:

- How to get dental work experience
- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Dental Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Interviews
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- UCAT and BMAT - Entrance Exams to Dental School
- Accessing Scholarships

All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for safeguarding purposes.



Our [Think Cambridge](#) programme starts at the end of January, so now's a great time for your students to find out more and book their place. Students in **Years 11 and 12** will have the opportunity to hear from our students, learn more about our courses, and discover the next steps in the application process. In week 1, there's also a webinar aimed at teachers and advisers, offering the support you'll need to guide students in their journey to university.

Discover Think Cambridge >

S4 Work Experience Dates and Early Information

Dates for the S4 work experience are:
19th June to 30th June 2023

Documents and Deadlines:

Risk assessment form to be completed by the employer. You give it to them - shared on google classroom.

Returned to school before **Friday 12th May 2023**.

Employer Liability Insurances - this must be valid during your work experience placement. Ask the employer for a copy and hand it in before **Friday 12th May 2023**.

Contact details. Once you're fixed up, we need to know where you are - google form to be completed on google classroom by **Friday 12th May 2023**.

Should you have any questions or concerns please come and see Mrs Charalambous.

Remember, I cannot help if you do not ask!

Google Classroom support

Two new Google Classrooms have been created to support potential medics and apprentices. Please ask your S5, S6 and S7 child if they have joined if you think this might apply to them. For more information they can speak to Mrs Powell.

Government Legislation has changed

Please have a look at our updated careers policy and proper access legislation on the school website.

Coming Soon

If you would like to get involved with any of the upcoming events which we are hoping to run, please do get in touch.

National Careers Week. 6th -11th March 2023.

British Science Week. 10th - 19th March with the focus topic being 'Connections'.

S4 Careers Fest at Kassam Stadium - 22nd March (details will be emailed to S4 parents shortly)

Creative Arts Week. (Europa's own). TBC

S6 Mentoring - TBC

S2 Human Library - Tuesday 25th April 2023 1pm - 3pm.

S3 Project with OAS - TBC

S4 Work experience - 19th June to 30th June 2023

S5 Mock interviews - Tuesday 7th March 2023 10am - 12pm

If you think you might be able to support any of these activities or have any ideas please do get in touch with Mrs Powell. l.powell@europaschool.uk

Opportunities



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rutherford-appleton-laboratory-apprenticeship-open-evening-2023-tickets-482430662097>

Biggest Business event of the year from Young Professionals

On the 6th of February between 5pm – 8pm we are going to be joined by 8 of the world's biggest finance, accounting, and consulting firms in existence. We have two of the Big 4 Firms PwC and KPMG, world renowned Goldman Sachs, Global Asset Management Firms Legal & General and Fidelity International, Mid-tier Accounting Giants Mazars and Grant Thornton as well as CIMA.

Throughout the evening we will have lots of opportunities for networking where you can go in and out of different exhibition booths, ask questions directly to business, accounting, finance, and asset management professionals whilst hearing all about the different routes into the industry including work experience placements and apprenticeship programs.

This event is going to give any student a wealth of knowledge, a load of connections from the business profession like no other as well as giving you a huge advantage in securing some work experience or a degree apprenticeship opportunity.

If you'd like to secure your place to this virtual one-of-a-kind event, please use the link below to sign up!

Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-NAW>

CMS launched their Solicitor Apprenticeship Scheme five years ago and now offer opportunities in London, Bristol and Manchester. Successful applicants will earn while they learn, gaining valuable experience from day one with no university fees to pay.

Join the Early Talent Team during National Apprenticeship Week for their two-part, virtual series and hear all about the CMS Solicitor Apprenticeship first hand.

1. Solicitor Apprenticeships: the Low Down 7 February 16:30 - 17:30

Come and hear from current Apprentices about what life is really like at a global law firm. Hear all about the two qualifications you will gain during your apprenticeship and how you will balance work and study during the fully-funded programme.

2. Solicitor Apprenticeships: Secrets to Success 9 February 16:30 - 17:30

Interested in applying but don't know where to start? Come and hear from the Early Talent Team about how to stand out from the crowd or quiz current apprentices on how they secured their dream job at CMS.

<https://meetandengage.com/cmsearlytalent>

Get into Law Insight event - Young Professionals

On the 7th of February between 5pm – 8pm we are going to be joined by 8 of the world's biggest law firms / institutions. We have two Magic Circle Law Firms Clifford Chance and Linklaters joining us as well as internationally recognised firms: Browne Jacobson, Freeths, Farrer & Co, Charles Russell Speechlys, Fragomen and the University of Law! This is such a fantastic line up and students from across the country will have the opportunity to hear from and take part in

workshops led by some of the biggest players within the legal industry!

Throughout the evening we will have lots of opportunities for networking where you can go in and out of different exhibition booths, ask questions directly to solicitors and legal professionals whilst hearing all about the different routes into the industry including work experience placements and solicitor apprenticeship programs.

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Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Law-Event>

A promotional poster for the 'SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL' event. The top half has a dark blue background with the title 'SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL' in large, bold, white and yellow capital letters. Below the title is a photo of a young woman wearing headphones and working at a desk with multiple computer monitors. To the right of the photo, white text reads 'Expert advice for parents in how to guide teenagers towards a successful career'. Below this, in yellow, it says 'February & March 2023' and 'FREE TO ATTEND'. At the bottom right, the 'INVESTIN' logo is visible. A small Trustpilot badge in the bottom left corner shows a 4.9/5 rating from 1,200+ reviews.

[sign up here](#)

babcockTM

Insight to Babcock International - A World Leader in Engineering - Thursday 9th February, 5pm - 6:30pm

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Babcock-NAW>



On **Monday 6th February** from **5pm - 8pm** students from across the nation will have access to the UK's biggest **Virtual Apprenticeship, Work Experience & Careers Expo** with over 30 of the world's biggest employers in attendance!

This will take place under one huge Webinar 'Expo' on Zoom, where students can drop in and out of multiple different workshop sessions, keynote presentations, panel discussions and employer networking booths throughout the night. So if you're already certain on your career path and want to gain more opportunities, or maybe a little unsure about what to do in the future - you don't want to miss this event!

Employers will be sharing insights into their respective industries through workshops and interactive networking sessions in the virtual expo booth areas as well as offering a variety of apprenticeship and work experience opportunities.

Below you will see the current full line-up of employers, we are so excited to have all these huge global brands joining us on one platform for this event. We hope you are as excited too, and who knows, you could even network your way to a job or some work experience!

Technology Employers:

- Capgemini
- IBM
- Experian
- World Wide Technology
- BT Group
- Willis Towers Watson
- Version 1

Business, Accounting & Finance Employers:

- Goldman Sachs

- PwC
- KPMG
- CIMA
- Mazars
- Grant Thornton
- Fidelity International
- Marsh McLennan
- Kuehne Nagel
- Legal & General

Engineering, Property Development & Construction Employers:

- Berkeley Group
- Babcock
- British Airways
- Spectris
- Mott MacDonald
- AWE
- Veolia

If you are interested hearing from any of these employers, please use the main registration link below and select which industry sector you'd like to be part of during the evening (don't worry if you are interested in more than one, you will be able to join other industries throughout the evening).

Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-NAW>

Diamond

Unsure whether University or an Apprenticeship may be the next best step for your future career? Find out more about apprenticeships and the opportunities in Engineering we have available at Diamond by visiting our website where we also have lots of information to help you with your application.

<https://www.diamond.ac.uk/Careers/Apprenticeships.html>

If you'd like more information we will be holding virtual open evenings in the New Year and will send out details nearer the time.

We are excited that this year we have two apprenticeship opportunities which are both now open for applications:

- Level 3 Engineering Technician (multiskilled)
- Level 3 Engineering Technician Electrician

Abingdon & Witney College Open Day

[Click Here](#)

OAS Open Evening

[Click Here](#)

JTL Open Evening

[Click Here](#)

UKAEA Open Evening

[Click Here](#)

