

As I write this, storm Christophe is howling outside the window... I hope that some of these exciting careers and futures opportunities bring a little light to you through the January darkness! We know that supporting our students to keep focused on their goals is extremely beneficial for their mental health right now. As always, and especially during this time of College Closure, please get in touch on with Fiona Bennett on Fiona.Bennett@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk if you need more info about anything you read below. Please also let us know if you think you may be able to support with some of the careers work we do in college.



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Our College Website

Parents and Carers – please be aware that we are constantly updating the Careers section of our website with relevant and useful information.

Follow this link to see the careers guidance currently available:

<https://www.kingsbridgecollege.org.uk/599/careers-education>



UCAS Update

Year 13 students have been busy preparing their UCAS applications with their subject teachers and Tutors. At the time of writing, 96/105 applications have been submitted with a handful due to be sent off before the extended deadline of 29th January. Many have already received offers and we look forward to hearing from more of the students as they receive offers and/or interviews from their chosen establishments. The 'tracking' page on the UCAS site is a brilliant tool for supporting applicants through the next stages of their progress towards Higher Education.

Cardiff University Presents on 'Making Applications' and 'University life': Friday 29th January

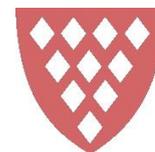


We are looking forward to presentations from the Schools' Engagement Team from Cardiff University who will present a bespoke session to each 6th Form year group. It is important to note that, despite the presenter being from Cardiff University, the information shared will be generic and applicable to all Universities.

Year 12 will hear about exploring university options from home, choosing a university and a course as well as an overview of the UCAS application process and the importance of a personal statement.

Year 13 will receive a presentation on Student Finance and University Life

There will be an opportunity for students to ask questions.



@KCC6thToday *What a Tweet!*

@KCC6thToday is the new Twitter handle being run by the 6th Form Team to share information on work experience, enrichment, apprenticeship, FE, HE and career opportunities. The posts will give a brief outline of current opportunities and will direct you to a link or website to find out more. Many of these have upcoming deadlines for registration or application so it's important to keep up to date with any posts.

Any questions regarding anything you see, please email fiona.bennett@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk.

Please follow us!

Exeter University Webinars

A programme of webinars about **University Life** for students as well as at parents and carers are being offered by Exeter University. Again, whilst these presentations come from Exeter, they will offer generic information. Please see below for programme details and follow the links to those that appeal.

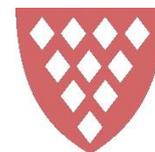


Aimed at Students

Date	Session Name	Time	Register
Tuesday 19 January	Choosing a University Course	6 - 7 pm	www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity
Thursday 21 January	Living on a Budget at University	6 - 7 pm	www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity
Tuesday 26 January	Applying to Universities in a Virtual World	6 - 7 pm	www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity
Thursday 28 January	Researching Higher Education options online	6 - 7 pm	www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity
Tuesday 2 February	Why Study at a Russell Group University?	6 - 7 pm	www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity
Tuesday 9 February	Spotlight on: Our Penryn Campus	6 - 7 pm	www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity
Thursday 11 February	Studying a Degree Apprenticeship	6 - 7 pm	www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity
Tuesday 23 February	How to choose a course without attending an Open Day	6 - 7 pm	www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity
Thursday 25 February	Financing your University experience	6 - 7 pm	www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity

Aimed at Parents/Carers

Date	Session name	Time	
Wednesday 10 February	Understanding how to finance Higher Education	6 - 7 pm	Register here
Wednesday 24 February	Supporting your child's decision making – location, course, employability	6 - 7 pm	Register here



Career Sector Presentations:

FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY



Are you interested in pursuing a career in healthcare, sport or media arts? Maybe it's law, IT, art & design, the performing arts, architecture or engineering that appeal to you?

On **Friday, 5th February** during Tutorial, all Year 12 students will be able to join a presentation from experts from one of these career sectors – all via TEAMS. All sessions will be presented live and will allow time for some Q & A! These specialists are either currently working in, or have direct experience of, the world of work in these areas. Maybe you are not sure what your goals are yet? That's fine! You can select an area you know nothing about and join that presentation; if the career doesn't sound interesting to you at all, you know you can discount it – sometimes this is as important as knowing definitely what career path you want to follow. More information and the sign-up form will be sent to all Year 12 students by Friday 22nd January, so look out for this invite coming soon by email to students.

Year 13 – we don't want to leave you out! So, if you are free P3 on Friday 5th February and would like to join one of the sessions, please email Fiona no later than 29th January.

SPEAKERS for schools EXPERIENCE Virtual Work Experience Opportunities for Year 12: Coming Soon!

In a “normal” year, the 6th Form Team would have launched a work experience initiative with all Year 12 students at the beginning of January; but as we are all aware, nothing right now is normal! However, we have been working hard behind the scenes to enable students to take up some of the fantastic Virtual Work experiences now available - to secure work experience placements in real companies, remotely. We have teamed up with “Speakers for Schools,” a charity that coordinates work experience placements offered by national companies (think HSBC & M&S!) with schools. We will be launching this programme in the next few weeks; rest assured, Year 12 will not miss out on experiencing quality placements to help move forward with their next steps.

KCC Apprenticeship Focus Week: 22th- 26th February 2021



Last year we launched this programme at KCC – feedback was so positive that we have decided to organise another focussed week this year. There will be Assemblies and Tutor activities for all year groups throughout the week but with a greater emphasis on Years 10 – 13. Over the week we will share information about the range of apprenticeships available (Zoo Keeper Apprenticeship anyone?!), the different levels of apprenticeships that can be studied, how an apprenticeship works using on-the-job experience and study modules, the benefits of taking on an apprenticeship as well as hearing from current apprentices about how they are finding their programmes. Further details to follow in February.