



Next Steps Newsletter

Current opportunities

Ashford School Careers Fair



Wye School students are invited to Ashford School's Careers Evening, which takes place on Monday 13 March from 4 – 7pm. They will be joined by some of their alumni, parents and recruiters from different career fields (including law, accountancy, architecture, the armed forces, airline industry, healthcare, marketing and content creation) who will tell students about their own careers and the opportunities in their industries. A representative from CXK will also be present to give advice on apprenticeships.

This is not intended solely as a recruitment event; it is a showcase of the variety of careers and opportunities in different industry sectors, routes into them and the skills students will require. We hope it will therefore be a valuable experience for students from Year 9 upwards.

To register attendance, contact Kirsten Dickers (dickersk@ashfordschool.co.uk). Please note that students will need to be accompanied by a parent/carer.

The North School Careers Fair



On Thursday 16th March 15.30 to 16.30 (Essella Rd, Ashford TN24 8AL)

The North School will be holding its yearly careers fair. This event is suitable for all ages, particularly young people from age 11 upwards and their parents/carers.

You can speak to various professionals in attendance to explore different industries and the opportunities available.

Free to attend.

Work Experience/Work Experience Finder



We are delighted to announce that we are trialling a brand-new work experience (WEX) opportunities area on the KentChoices website, which we hope to develop with your input over the coming months.

The platform has been designed to take the hard work out of searching for WX opportunities, by providing one place to browse a range of both virtual and face to face placements.

Please note it is a signposting platform, so the 'Apply Now' button will direct users to the company's website to find out more and apply. There is also a cost involved in some of the opportunities and this has been clearly labelled where applicable.

<https://www.kentprospectus.co.uk/courses/work-experience-search>

HSBC UK Work Experience Programme 2023



Apply now so that you don't miss out on this unique opportunity!

Applications are now open for our HSBC UK Work Experience Programme 2023.

The programme is designed for students in full-time school/college education, within years 9-13.

Students will gain real life hands-on experience of the world of work, develop a deeper understanding of the finance industry and receive some recruitment tips to help them in the future!

HSBC UK Work Experience Programme 2023 dates:

- Week A: 10th-15th July 2023
- Week B: 7th-11th August 2023

The programme is hybrid (2 days placement in-person and 3 days of virtual employability and skills workshops).

A 2022 HSBC Work Experience student said:

"During my work experience I gained a huge range of knowledge, I learnt a lot about various areas of the bank that I otherwise would not have thought about. I learnt about the vast number of opportunities and jobs at HSBC and how people of many different skillsets can easily find a job suitable for them. In addition to this, I gained a lot of useful advice on personal branding and the

way I present myself to potential employers. It was the best work experience I have completed so far”.

Application process:

- Submit an online application form
- Complete a values-based online assessment
- Participate in a strengths-based interview with one of our HSBC Recruitment team

How to apply:

Please <https://hsbcearlycareers.groupgti.com/Account/Register> to apply to the programme.

Contact work.experience@hsbc.com if you have any questions about the application process.

A Career in Economics and Business



Do you study business or economics? Are you interested in learning about the way imports and exports of goods work on a global scale? If so, we might have a virtual careers event just for you.

With over 74,000 employees at 1,400 locations in over 100 countries and global revenues of \$20 billion, the Kuehne+Nagel Group is one of the world's leading logistics companies.

They provide logistics services to virtually all key industry sectors including Aerospace, Automotive, High Tech, Drinks, Event and Hotel logistics, Forest Products, Marine logistics and Food services as well as Industry.

Some of their recent apprentices now work in New York City and Hong Kong with management roles. Kuehne+Nagel have a huge variety of opportunities for school-leavers across the country. Join us to find out where a career within this exciting business could take you.

<https://jobs.kuehne-nagel.com/uk/en>

Be Inspired' Enrichment Days



Hosted on our beautiful Brayford Pool Campus, our 'Be Inspired' Enrichment Days allow Post-16 year one and two students to explore an array of courses and related career paths via practical and

interactive sessions. Places for groups from schools and colleges are limited and we recommend booking as early as possible.

Zoology, Bio-veterinary Science, and Animal Behaviour and Welfare

- 15 March 2023

Social Policy, International Relations, Politics, Sociology, and Criminology

- 22 March 2023 - Rescheduled, new date TBC
- 12 July 2023

And many more. Look up further dates and interest at the link below.

<https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/portals/teacherszone/beinspired/>

Build Your Portfolio Course, Arts University Plymouth



It's back! Our FREE Build Your Portfolio course aims to help students create a dynamic portfolio that can be used for their college and university applications. This 3-day course for 15-18 year olds runs from Monday 3 April to Wednesday 5 April, and guides students through a range of workshops, from life drawing to 3D sculpture.

This will then help them create a diverse body of work that they can be proud of - including digital photography, illustration, costume, ceramics and more. We'll also teach students how to present and discuss their work confidently, and with a little extra work they can gain an Arts Award Bronze. The deadline to apply is 9am on Monday 20 March

<https://www.aup.ac.uk/courses/short-courses-and-masterclasses/build-your-portfolio-course>

KPMG's 2023 Apprenticeship Programmes



At KPMG, we're seeking young talent to join us in Audit, Consulting, KPMG Business Services and Tax & Law. But we'll need your help to spread the word, as your guidance can help make a difference.

In our nationwide apprenticeships, candidates will have the opportunity to be empowered and make a positive difference to the businesses and communities we serve.

We'll offer them training and qualifications – including degrees and work experience that gives them the opportunity to grow in their own way and gain skills that will last them a lifetime. Our supportive community consists of inspiring and innovative colleagues, and working alongside them is rewarding in ways that go far beyond our competitive salary and broad range of employee benefits.

Guide the next generation towards a career at KPMG, and we'll give them the support to grow, thrive and start making a meaningful difference.

<https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice/>

Bird & Bird Law Work Experience

Bird & Bird

Whether you're studying your GCSEs or A-Levels, completing your undergraduate or postgraduate degree, or considering changing to a career in law, we have opportunities for you.

Bird & Bird is an international law firm with 31 offices across Europe, North America, the Middle East, and the Asia-Pacific region. We're one firm internationally, which is something our clients value because it brings consistency, collaboration, and clarity. Our approachable culture and inclusive working environment set us apart from the crowd. We pride ourselves in providing an inspiring, supportive, and professional environment where quality, innovation, and collaboration play a key role.

<https://www.twobirds.com/en/careers/united-kingdom/early-careers>

Bellway's Career Readiness Programme



We've just launched Bellway's Career Readiness Programme and it's available to your students at wyeschool.org.uk. The best part is that it's FREE but for a limited time only.

Bellway is committed to investing in its people and offering rewarding careers, with opportunities for progression, and wherever possible they try to develop and promote from within the company.

They are currently on the hunt for new talent to join their apprenticeship programme. Give your students the best chance possible to get a job with them by entering them into their Careers Readiness Programme.

<https://go.shortlister.com/j/bbac9>

UCL Sutton Trust Summer Schools

ACCESS AND WIDENING PARTICIPATION



This year we will be running our summer schools in person at UCL during July and August 2023.

Students can expect to learn more about their subject, take part in social activities and stay overnight in university accommodation! Subjects range from Languages & Cultures, History to Archaeology and Statistics plus lots more.

We are running summer schools in the following subjects:

Week 1: Monday, 24 to Friday, 28 July 2023

- Crime and Forensic Science
- Languages and Cultures
- Psychology with Education
- Laws

Week 2: Monday, 7 August to Friday, 11 August 2023

- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Pharmacy & Pharmacology
- Geography
- Statistics

Week 3: Monday, 21 August to Friday, 25 August 2023

- Natural Sciences
- Chemical Engineering
- History
- Fine Art
- Economics

Applications are open until 10 March 2023.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/year-12-and-13/year-12-sutton-trust-summer-schools>

Outreach Opportunities from the University of Oxford



Large amount of great Outreach Opportunities from the University of Oxford. The [Outreach Calendar](#) is updated regularly and worth checking. Opportunities for the following areas are currently available:

- History
- Essay Writing
- Skills Workshops, Languages
- Law
- Medicine
- Taster Days
- Science

Nuffield Research Placements



Nuffield Research Placements (NRP) are engaging, real-life research or development projects, where talented year 12 (or equivalent) students are placed at the heart of a UK host organisation.

They are a fantastic opportunity for students to apply skills and knowledge learned at school while providing a meaningful contribution to the work of researchers and industry professionals.

A widely recognised programme, Nuffield Research Placements offer students the opportunity to be matched to a placement in line with their subject interests and future career.

Fully funded placements take place during the school summer holidays before Year 13, offering students the chance to gain real-life career experience, networking opportunities and receive accreditation to add to their personal statement/UCAS/etc.

With a 31st March deadline, now is a great time for students to apply.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/research-placements>

MedStart4U: Work Experience Programme



East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHFT) with their MedStart4U programme for 2023 is series of work experience events is aimed at encouraging and supporting school pupils in East Kent to train to be doctors.

MedStart4U has been running for over 10 years but with the recent opening of the Kent and Medway Medical School, we are even more keen to open our doors to pupils in years 11 and 12 to show them what training to be a doctor is really like.

We do hope this is of interest. Please note, as part of our widening participation approach, we particularly welcome applications from school students from less affluent backgrounds, and black and ethnic minority groups, who are currently underrepresented in medical careers.

Applications should be made using the link in the additional information, and must be submitted by 12:00 noon on Wednesday 22nd March 2023. Places are limited on each day, and we limit the number of places per school to 10, to ensure we can support as many pupils and schools as possible.

<https://kmms.ac.uk/>

HSBC Foundation Apprenticeships are now open for applications



HSBC's Foundation Apprenticeships provide you with a permanent contract entry-level role, giving the opportunity to gain working experience whilst studying towards professional qualifications. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package, as well as support and encouragement to develop and progress your career within HSBC

Applications are now open across various locations and areas across the bank, all with an expected start date of July 2023!

Early Careers - Foundation Apprenticeship Programme 2022-2023 – Branch Network (UK – UK locations)

Early Careers – Foundation Apprenticeship Programme 2022-2023 – Customer Services (UK – UK locations)

Early Careers – Foundation Apprenticeship Programme 2022-2023 – M&S Bank (UK – UK locations)

<https://www.hsbc.com/careers/students-and-graduates/student-opportunities/uk-apprenticeship>