

Careers Café...

In this section of the newsletter, we bring students, parents and carers information on careers and the world of work.

Monthly Key Skills Focus

Each month this year, we will focus on a different employability skill. These are the skills that you need for the world of work – and they are pretty important for life as well! By developing employability skills, you will improve your chances of getting a job and thriving in your career. There are lots of different ways to develop them – including in lessons or extracurricular activities at school, in a Saturday or holiday job, doing projects in your own time or work experience.

This Month's Skill: Teamworking

Most employers expect candidates to be able to work as part of a team. Regardless of what job you do, there will always be a time when you need to work closely with other people to achieve a common goal. The chances are that you already have really good teamworking skills that you've developed at school. Some examples of how you might currently use your teamworking abilities include:

- Group activities in the classroom
- Sports clubs
- Extra-curricular activities like clubs etc
- Group presentations/projects.



Churchill College Cambridge Outreach Support

Key Stage 4 sessions – Choosing Subjects at A Level

Churchill College are now able to confirm dates, times and sign-up details for sessions focussing on subject choice for A Levels for Key Stage 4 students. As subject choice can limit the options of students in terms of the universities/courses that they can apply to, we are keen to provide opportunities to ensure that students, teachers and parents can feel supported and secure that the correct advice is being given and followed at this vital decision point. To sign up to these sessions, students/parents/teachers will need to register at: https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1XjbA7RixgcpbE2

The details for these sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday 11th January, 5pm - 6:30pm
- Wednesday 19th January, 7:30pm - 9pm

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KS4 Q&A

A pair of Q&A sessions with Lead Admissions Tutor Dr. Jonathan Padley and Widening Participation Officer Sandy Mill aimed at Key Stage 4 students.

- Tuesday 25th January 5pm - 6:30pm (students)
- Tuesday 25th January 7:30pm - 9pm (parents and teachers)

Links to each of these sessions will be sent out to those that have signed up at the above link 24 hours in advance.

Dare to Dream



On Thursday 11th November the Year 9 students all attended a specially designed presentation for them from Jack Hayes and the Dare to Dream project. The purpose of the presentation was to inspire our students to think of their futures and to aspire to work hard to achieve their goals. Jack's core themes were about employability, motivation, and aspiration. He is a local radio presenter and has a way with words which captivated the audience for an entire hour, quite a feat. Jack was funny but warm, knowledgeable, experienced, and honest – all the Year 9s we spoke to afterwards enjoyed the session and gained something from his words. We have two further sessions during the next two terms which we are all looking forward to. As part of the project, 5 members of staff from Gatwick Airport including the Retail Manager, Fire Officer, Operations Manager, Engineer, and Incident Manager also joined us. They carried out some one-to-one mentoring sessions to work with students to discuss careers and future plans based on Jack's messages.

Miss Block

Here are some quotes from Year 9 students following the first session:

"I got taught that even if you don't have the best start in life, you can still be anything if you put in the work."

"It was good, and it was funny. I learned that it doesn't matter where you come from you can still succeed in life."

"I liked how funny the presenter was. I learnt never to judge someone by how they look because you never know what their situation is at home."

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LMI Focus On: Careers to Tackle Climate Change

Environmental Consultant

Environmental consultants are paid to give advice to businesses, local councils or central government about how best to navigate environmental issues. They are generally employed by consultancy firms, which are then hired by clients.

Energy Engineer

Energy engineers work on the research, design and construction of power generation plants. Some are involved in drilling for gas and oil, but you could choose to specialise in renewable energy and be involved in developing cleaner and more efficient industrial processes which reduce greenhouse emissions.

Climate Change Analyst

Climate change analysts (as you might have guessed from the name) are right at the heart of tackling climate change. The job encompasses a vast number of different activities but, in general, they research and analyse developments related to climate change and propose changes that should be made, based on that research.

Recycling Officer

Recycling officers oversee the collection and disposal of recyclable waste from households and businesses. They promote recycling in the community and run local recycling schemes.

Working for an Environmental Charity

There are many different roles within a charity. You could support a cause as a fundraiser, volunteer organiser, or even charity director. There are plenty of different causes to choose from: at the Rainforest Alliance, for example, you could be working with producers of chocolate, coffee, bananas, and tea to help them meet sustainability standards. At Earthjustice you could work as an environmental lawyer, mounting lawsuits against companies which break environmental law.

The Know-how library introduces students to five careers that help tackle climate change. For each green job, the guide explores:

- What you'll do in that role
- The skills required
- Different routes into the role



Source: Unifrog

Make the Future Yours!

Students can download issue 2 of the careers magazine Make the Future Yours! for free [Here](#). This issue has articles about a range of careers from Landscaping to Accountancy plus advice on Sandwich Degrees, going to University and more.

Mrs Andrews