THE URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS NEWSLETTER

CAREERS NEWS

Welcome to the second edition of the UHS Careers newsletter. Here to keep you up to the date with the fast-changing world of work and share the latest careers news, statistics and stories that the students have had opportunities they were fortunate to experience. This term has been a busy one as we launched the school's first e-careers programme. So far, we have had 30 virtual encounters with a vast array of apprenticeship providers, universities and employers across multiple sectors. Students have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the importance of linking their subject knowledge and the skills they learn today in school to future careers.

We have also spent time looking at the impact of COVID and the shift in the types of skills that employers are looking for in their future talent and jobs of the future. According to the Skills and Employment Trend Report 2020, Technology, Legal, Finance, On-line Retail, Digital Marketing and Health and Social Care are key areas of growth with resilience, leadership, adaptability and communication being the top sought after skills. So it is our job to prepare students to be life-long learners, with a curious mind-set, equipped with a portfolio of skills employers want so they stand out in a competitive and fast paced, globalised labour market.



Here at the UHS, we welcome support from any past students, employers and companies who are interested in inspiring our students. If you are interested in becoming an e-careers volunteer and would like to find out more, please feel free to contact our Careers Lead at; lorraine.petheram@uhsw.co.uk.

Thank you and we hope you enjoy!



Mrs Lorraine Petheram Careers Lead



Ms Anita Ryan Sixth Form Careers Advisor

Pathways CTM Open to students in Years 11- 13

In September 2019, the school signed an agreement with **Pathways CTM** to provide careers support in addition to the standard careers programme. Pathways CTM is a double award-winning social enterprise that provides schools with an employability programme for 16-19 year olds. The programme is delivered in partnership with employers from key industry sectors such as *Accenture*, *IBM*, *Sky*, NHS, PWC, TFL, *ASOS* and many more. Students who sign-up to the programme are invited to attend insight evenings hosted by employers, networking events and receive mentoring in finding work experience, applying for internships, apprenticeships, school leaver programmes and university choices.





Labour Market Information

www.nomisweb.co.uk

Nomis is a service provided by the *Office for National Statistics*, ONS, to give you free access to the most detailed and up-to-date UK labour market statistics from official sources. In Merton, the largest proportion of resident's work in human health and social care, education, professional, scientific and technical services. To find out more about the types of jobs where you live please visit the Nomis website.

Education Development Trust LMI Bulletin - www.educationdevelopmenttrust.com
The bulletin is produced each month in partnership with the National Careers Services providing national and regional sector and employer updates.

GATSBY BENCHMARKS

The Gatsby benchmarks identify the elements of good practice in career guidance.

- 1. A stable careers programme
- **2.** Learning from career and labour market information
- 3. Addressing the needs of each student
- 4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
- 5. Encounters with employers and employees
- **6.** Experiences of workplaces
- **7.** Encounters with further and higher education
- 8. Personal guidance

'CAREER JOURNEYS'





Year 8 were inspired by employer's career journeys on Tuesday 8th December. Jay Jamooji – (Alumnae) - Associate at AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD, Bola Okedara -, Performance and Business Intelligence Analyst working for the NHS and Olivia Clark, Degree Apprentice at GE Aviation. "I really enjoyed sharing my experience as a lawyer... students asked thoughtful questions and were keen to understand how the skills they are currently learning would help them with their future... a fantastic opportunity for me to give something back to the school that helped set me on the path to become a lawyer."

Jay Jamooji, Lawyer at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and UHS Alumnae

STUDENT THOUGHTS

"The My Future... Conference was very useful to get an insight into new careers I have not heard of, and made the world of work seem more realistic by relating to younger employees and alumni of Ursuline.."

"The Healthcare Panel opened my eyes to a range of careers I had not thought of before such as becoming a Dietician or Pharmacist with the added benefit of training locally too".

See overleaf for this terms careers events and activities

Developing Young Talent!



Our first cohort of Digital T Level students are due to start their first placement in July 2021 and they could really use YOUR help!

Do you work in a industry that;

Has a community focus?

Likes to collaborate on new initiatives?

Is keen to develop the next generation of digital talent?

If this is you, or you company and could offer a placement to a T Level student please contact: mariam.hanson@uhsw.co.uk

by 31st January 2021

mbitions Program







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October saw the launch of the Higher Ambitions Programme for Year 11 students. The programme consists of a series of workshops and talks to get students thinking about and prepare for their post-18 destinations.

Workshops included the Oxbridge Programme run by the school's Oxbridge Coordinator and an alumni of Oxford, Careers in STEM with **GE Aviation**, **GE Healthcare** Pharmaceuticals Diagnostics. GE Renewable Energy, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, University of Birmingham and KPMG. The students also attended a virtual university fair hosted by the

Russell Group Universities.

Also this term, students in Year 13 opted to take part in a KPMG 'It's her Future' Coding Workshop with the aim to encourage more women into careers in technology and engineering. A fantastic opportunity to develop key employability skills! Find out more about the programme here!

Personal Brandi



START on-line Careers Platform. Year 9 spent a morning using **START** to explore and update their Personal Brand, looking at their skills, qualities, work preference and learning styles and what jobs / careers they may match to. A lively discussion followed in all form groups as students discussed their recommended careers!

Speakers Corner!



September saw the launch of our new Speakers Corner Series with guest speakers such as Jayne Parkin. Jayne Parkin has over 20 years' experience working in HR in the retail sector and as a careers coach. Jayne spoke to sixth form students about working, performing and standing out in a virtual world, thinking ahead to Year 12 completing virtual or face-to-face work experience in Summer 2021. We also had *Eleanor Hirst* from *Ricardo* **Engineering** who talked about working in the STEM sector as a female engineer and Celestina Rowaiye who talked about having a portfolio career working in the health and social care and creative arts sectors!

Stats Box

98% of Year 9 students found after using START they have a greater understanding of the different career options open to them, whilst 86%rated the workshop as good - excellent

90% of Year 10's have a clear understanding of the different pathways open to them after attending the Post 16-18 workshop with the University of Birmingham and Ask Apprenticeships

Personal Statement "Surgeries"







Students in **Year 13** have been very lucky to have admissions tutors from top universities such as Royal Holloway, Lancaster and **Roehampton** check their personal statements and provide -one-to-one detailed feedback. 120 students have used this service so far this year!

Inspiring Speakers!

Year 11 had a motivational morning this term hearing from a fabulous array of inspiring speakers; Jennifer Anafi- Acquah: Assistant Producer at Nutopia, Devina Paul, Founding Partner Galvanise Capital, Aliyah Gordon, Clinical Pharmacist at St George's hospital and Ebony Olufunso, Ask Apprenticeship Adviser at Education Development **Trust** about the importance of Personal Brand (in-person and on-line) and different career pathways and sectors to prepare them for their personal guidance careers interviews and Post-16 pathways!





Development St George's University Hospitals
Trust

NHS Foundation Trust

Pathway to Success







Year 10 spent a morning hearing from the University of Birmingham, Student Recruitment Manger, Katherine Paggett (left) and an Ask **Apprenticeship Advisor**, Ebony Olufunso (right) about different university courses, apprenticeship opportunities and the benefits of both pathways.

They also provided important advice, hints and tips regarding what the girls could be doing now to explore, plan and confirm their intended pathway.

Useful Links

Apprenticeships

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www.gov.uk/browse/education nationalcareers.service.gov.uk www.unifrog.org

www.startprofile.com

www.ucas.com

www.prospects.ac.uk

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

