

Year 13 Careers Bulletin September 2021



Wishing a warm welcome back to Year 13 students and families. I hope you have all had a well-rested summer break and are ready for the exciting term ahead. My name is Danielle Oultram and I am the Careers Advisor at Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College and my office is based in the Careers Hub in the Library. Students can access the Careers Hub at any time in the college day, there are computers to conduct careers research and complete tasks, paper copies of university prospectuses and many resources including apprenticeship, gap year and studying abroad information.

You will receive a Careers Bulletin from myself every term which is a collation of Careers information and opportunities from employers, universities and training providers. Please use the links provided and apply for anything you are interested in.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or queries. My email address is oultram_d@sjd.ac.uk

Key Dates

23rd Sept: University of Stirling visit to SJD, students able to book to meet with representatives.

25th Sept: Fulbright virtual US university fair for students interested in studying in USA

27th Sept: Year 13 Aspiring Apprentices: Introduction to Apprenticeships session.

27th Sept: Deadline for first draft of UCAS Personal Statement to Progress Mentor

29th Sept: Russell Group University Roadshow (external), to book click the link:

<https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/>

29th Sept and 30th Sept: MMU visit to for personal statement feedback appointments

30th Sept: CV workshop for Aspiring Apprentices Programme (more dates to follow)

6th Oct: Visit from Staffordshire University RE: Degree level apprenticeships

6th Oct: 2:30pm – STEM Careers Talk delivered by Chartered Patent Attorney via Teams. For meeting link contact Danielle or Science/Maths department.

11th Oct: Deadline for second draft of Personal Statement to Progress Mentor

18th Oct: Year 13 Aspiring Apprentices: CV workshop.

5th Nov: Internal UCAS deadline

8th Nov: Year 13 Aspiring Apprentices: Searching for Vacancies session.

UCAS Drop-in's every Tuesday at 3:15 and Wednesday 1pm in 1G22 / 1G23

*Barclays employer visit TBC

*Bentley employer visit TBC

Students can book a careers appointment with myself at any time, please email me for an appointment or call into the Careers Hub.

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

Speakers for Schools have many virtual work experience placements within a range of sectors that students can individually apply for. We recommend that these are conducted within holidays. Here are a few examples;

Santander

Dates: 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th October 2021

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2067>

Thames Water

27th October 2021

<http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1942>

Morgan Sindall – Construction

<http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2074>

Take a look on the website for a full list

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/>

Employability Skill of the Term

Communication

Good communication skills are vital for any career pathway. Both written and verbal communication skills will be assessed throughout any interview you have. Be clear with your answers, engage in preparation before an interview and practice answering potential questions. In the meantime, engage in co-curricular activities such as clubs, volunteering etc to strengthen your communication skills in varied settings. Remember to grow and develop, you need to step out of your comfort zone!

University Open Days

Many universities are holding physical open days this term, ensure you find out the dates and book if required, particularly for Year 13 who are completing their UCAS applications. To find the dates of various university open days, visit

<https://www.oopendays.com/search/>