



Welcome to the Winter edition of the Year 12 Careers Bulletin. My name is Danielle Oultram and I am the Careers Manager here at the College.

Year 13 students have been busy working on their UCAS and apprenticeship applications, along with planning gap year and internship opportunities for next year. This support will continue over the year with lots more careers events planned for the upcoming terms.

If you have any queries please contact careers@sjd.ac.uk

“Students make well-informed and aspirational choices about their future and careers options” Ofsted Report October 2022

University Highlights

- To support with UCAS applications this term representatives from Manchester Metropolitan University, Edge Hill University and Lancaster University visited the College to deliver some excellent workshops on Personal Statement Writing. Universities also offered appointments to discuss course options and individual personal statement feedback.
- The University of Oxford have delivered a Taster Session to our Oxbridge students on studying Maths, Physics and Computer Science at the university.
- The University of Huddersfield delivered a taster on studying Biology at degree level.
- Students are beginning to receive offers for their university choices, if invited to an interview contact me for an appointment to go through preparation and arrange a mock interview. This can be a daunting part of the process but the Careers department is here to ensure students are supported through every step of the process.

Resources

- Preparing for University Interviews <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/applying-for-university/getting-into-university/preparing-for-a-university-interview>
- Researching University courses <https://www.whatuni.com/>
- Applying for Higher Degree Apprenticeships <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/application-support#>
- Higher Degree Apprenticeship Listing (National) <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2022/11/Higher-Degree-Listing-NOV-2022.pdf>
- List of summer internships <https://www.studentladder.co.uk/summer-internships/>



Sophie Norbury Second Year Degree Apprentice at Barclays

Alumni Apprentices Return to College

This term we have welcomed back our alumni to share their experiences of the degree apprenticeship pathway. Sophie Norbury, pictured above delivered a presentation to both Year 12 and 13, informing students about the degree apprenticeship scheme at Barclays. Sophie is in her second year of her degree apprenticeship based at Radbrook Hall, in Knutsford.

Elisabeth Kirsten, pictured below, also returned to the College to meet with Year 12 and 13 students who were interested in a career in finance. Elisabeth is a second year degree apprentice with JP Morgan, she is now living in Bournemouth and is studying her degree at University of Exeter.

Both talks were incredibly informative and we were delighted to welcome back both Sophie and Elisabeth to share their success.



Elisabeth Kirsten Second Year Degree Apprentice at JP Morgan

For further information about the degree apprenticeship pathway please visit:

<https://careermap.co.uk/degree-apprenticeships/>

Careers Calendar 2022-2023

- 19.09 Personal Development Session: Careers One-to-One
- 27.09 Aspiring Apprentices Programme Session: Intro & Searching for Vacancies
- 28.09 Geography Alumni Talk: Studying at University
- 27.09 Early Applicant Internal UCAS deadline
- 28.09 MMU 1:1 appointments
- 11.10 Lancaster Uni 1:1 appointments
- 05.10 Law employer talk with EM Solutions
- 12.10 Aspiring Apprentices Programme Session 2: CV Writing
- 19.10 Alumni Apprentice talk: JP Morgan
- 19.10 Aspiring Apprentices Programme Session: CV Industry Drop-In
- 21.10 Oxbridge Talk: Maths at HE
- 02.11 HE Taster Session: University Arts London
- 08.11 LGBTQ+ Society Talk with guest speaker Kelly Stubbs
- 14.11 Musical Theatre Workshop with West End performer
- 14.11 Personal Development: Exploring Alternative Pathways
- 16.11 University Taster Biology session with Huddersfield Uni
- 18.11 Internal UCAS deadline
- 21.11 Early Applicant Practice Interviews
- 21.11 Personal Development: Writing a CV and Employability Skills
- 23.11 Workshop: Preparing for University Interviews
- 28.11 (Ongoing for term) University

Careers Calendar

28.11 Musical Theatre workshop with IC Theatre

30.11 HE Talk: Studying at University of Sheffield

30.11 Employer Talk: Apprenticeships at Barclays

07.12 HE Talk with Staffs Uni: Applying for nursing, paramedic science and midwifery courses

16.01 Personal Development: Debunking the Adult World

18.01 HE Talk in Computer Science (Robotics and AI) with Aberystwyth Uni

30.01 Personal Development: Uni Accommodation

01.02 Aspiring Apprentices Programme: Mock Assessment Centre

06.02 National Apprenticeship Week event

08.02 Alumni Apprenticeship Networking Event

06.03 National Careers Week

10.03 Careers Fair

27.03 Personal Development Session: Student Finance

Employer Visits and Workshops

BTEC Performing Arts students were lucky to participate in a Musical Theatre workshop with West End performer Jessica Joslin, who has performed in Les Miserables, Matilda and Beautiful.

A number of our Law students also engaged in a mediation session delivered by industry expert Emma McAndry.

Students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in sessions such as these where they can see how their subject choice relates to various industries and career opportunities. We look forward to hosting more next term.



Jessica Joslin with SJD Performing Arts students

“Teachers, mentors and staff provide students with an extensive range of impartial careers information, advice and guidance before and during their courses” Ofsted Report October 2022

Aspiring Apprentices Programme

It has been a pleasure to support a number of Year 13 students who are applying for various higher degree apprenticeships. Many have now progressed with their applications further into the recruitment process. It can be difficult applying for apprenticeships but keep looking forwards, with every application, online assessment and interview students will gain valuable experience and build their confidence. We have planned a mock assessment centre and mock interview day next term to support students on the programme.

Congratulations to Harry Wakefield who has secured a higher degree apprenticeship in Accounting, Finance & Business with PWC to start in September 2023.