

Swakeleys Careers News 2021

This page is to provide students and parents with the most up to date information relating to a variety of CAREER NEWS including; work experience, internships, apprenticeships, volunteering, summer schools, STEM opportunities and master classes.

Whilst we are encouraging our students to apply for external courses please note that the organisations offering these activities are entirely separate to the school. Swakeleys School for Girls has not carried out any risk assessments in relation to these activities. For this reason, Swakeleys School for Girls informs you of, but does not endorse, external provider opportunities and will not accept any liability arising from student participation in these activities.

Please remember that we have an independent specialist careers advisor **Mr Richard Williams** who is available for 1:1 interviews on a Wednesday and Thursday from 8.30am - 3.30pm. Sign up for an appointment on the sheet on the careers noticeboard in LRC or using the following Google Doc link: <https://forms.gle/XhMTCheKEaUqG6Y9A>

Welcome back to all our students. I do hope that you have all had a restful but purposeful summer break. This year, we are hoping to reintroduce some of the wider aspects of careers provision that we used to offer pre covid times; Work Experience & the whole school Careers Fair. Planning for these events are already underway.

The way in which careers delivery is taking place is rapidly changing and many organisations continue to offer opportunities virtually and through online platforms. Please read below for the latest opportunities available for your daughter / son to access careers education.

Current opportunities



Careermag

The two are both **hyperlinked*** magazines for you to browse through concerning careers education. One is targeted at parents / carers to demonstrate how they can offer support. The other is designed and written for school leavers from Year 11 through to Year 13.



Click **HERE** to apply and find out more.

FREE RAF Engineering online course.

For students currently in **Year 9** to discover where engineering can take them on this RAF supported online engineering course based on true to life humanitarian type missions undertaken by RAF personnel.

Working with the RAF, a series of humanitarian engineering challenges hosted within an online learning platform;

The course runs from 26 to 29 October 2021 (half term) and the content will be delivered by The Smallpeice Trust.



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We're really excited to launch PwC's Virtual Classroom - a virtual programme open to students between Years 10 and 13*.

PwC have launched a new virtual programme to support and develop students' employability skills as well as provide them with an insight into PwC. The programme combines both live and pre-recorded sessions and aims to be as interactive as possible. This will run over a four week period, some of the live sessions have already started. Each week new links will be added to the pre-recorded sessions, so keep checking in.

Click **here** to access these resources to register.



SPEAKERS
for schools

This is an excellent **website** that offers two resources for you to make use of:

- 1) Virtual Work Experience Opportunities. **Click here** to register.
- 2) Inspirational careers talks. **Click here** to see the Vtalks library

Please only apply to opportunities that are during outside of school hours.

EDT produce a monthly bulletin outlining **labour market information (LMI)** – this can be accessed below.

https://www.supportinginspiration.org.uk/sites/default/files/lmi-bulletin/london_bulletin_september_2021.pdf

Springpod has over 225, 000 students accessing a wider range of experiences as part of their career planning and exploration. Springpod host virtual work experience programmes with the UK's top employers. Whether you're interested in business, nursing, entrepreneurship, medicine, engineering, journalism, law or finance there's a virtual work experience programme for you. See the videos below to find out more about what Springpod has to offer.

<https://hubs.ly/H0XdTSt0> (powerpoint)

<https://hubs.ly/H0XdT-L0> (PDF)

Springpod 

Exciting Year 7 opportunity: STEM / Enrichment Workshops

Swakeleys School is collaborating with SCS Railways to deliver 7 STEM sessions to learn about the construction and tunnelling of HS2 (High Speed Rail)

Exclusively for Year 7

- 60 places maximum
- For pupils interested in science, technology, engineering, maths, construction!
- Session will run on a Tuesday P5 (2.15pm- 3.15pm)
- Entry to TBM naming competition

	Topic	Date
Session 1	Introduction into SCS Railways and Tunnelling Boring Machines	Tuesday 5 th October
Session 2	Engineering	Tuesday 12 th October
Session 3	Tunnelling	Tuesday 19 th October
October Half -Term		
Session 4	HSW /Environment	Tuesday 4 th November
Session 5	Logistics and Community Engagement	Tuesday 9 th November
Session 6	BIM and Design	Tuesday 16 th November
Session 7	Naming activity & Competition	Tuesday 23 rd November
All sessions are 1 Hour maximum number of sign ups is 60 Students		

To sign up – please use the following [Google Doc form](#) to express your interest. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis

We now have **98** pupils who have signed up to this excellent website.

UpskillMe allows students from years 7-13 to **build a digital record of achievement** and showcase their full range of talents, skills and activities. They can record any awards they've won, youth programmes they are on, or projects they're proud of - both in and out of school. That way, when they're applying for jobs and further education, they've got everything they need - it's all in one place. Each students' portfolio can be downloaded or shared into a job or UCAS application via a sharable link.

Students can also access their opportunity portal which lists hundreds of work experience placements, careers advice and virtual events in law, medicine, finance and technology amongst many others. Your students will earn points, badges and prizes including Amazon and Nando's vouchers for improving their employability.

To find out more about how to sign up, please listen to the short presentation on <https://vimeo.com/455218384/7760338b15>

Sign yourself up and start your digital careers record today that will help keep a record of all your key employability skills. Get ahead!

Useful websites for parents

- The single, most reliable and up to date careers website for all young people (**11-19**) on careers is <https://careerpilot.org.uk/>
- A government funded website is the **National Careers Service**. Its **Job Profiles** section contains descriptions of over 800 jobs, with links to more specialist sources of information and guidance.
<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/home>
- Top website for parents, outlining options and offering sensible careers advice.
<http://www.parentadviser.co.uk/>
- An excellent website with lots of updated information on Apprenticeships
<http://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/pare>.
- There is also the main Apprenticeship website, government funded, which contains the vast majority of vacancies: **Get In Go Far**
<https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

- Reliable and informative guide to selecting A Level subjects or BTECs, **Informed Choices** is written by the Admissions departments of all the Russell Group universities <https://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/media/5272/informedchoices-print.pdf>
- Reliable information and support for parents with their child's university applications and the UCAS process generally.
www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/help-and-support/ucas-progress-parents-andcarers

Useful websites for students

- The single, most reliable and up to date careers website for all young people (11-19) on careers is <https://careerpilot.org.uk/>
- Not sure what career you want to do? Explore the Job Profiles section of the Careers Service website for accurate information on hundreds of different jobs and Careers TV for video clips.
<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/home>
<http://www.careers4u.tv/explore/>
<https://icould.com/>
- Sign up to this website to explore careers, get the lowdown on top employers, and search for the latest jobs, courses and advice.
<https://successatschool.org/>
- A dynamic portal of 1000+ open days, tasters, study days and skills events. No registration, no fuss just a brilliantly fast site connecting you to events in seconds www.mystudentevents.com
- A great website offering useful links to information about jobs, qualifications, salaries and advice about CV writing etc.
<http://schoolleavers.milkround.com>

Research suggests that the majority of careers advice sought by young people is done using the internet rather than speaking with a careers adviser, professional or family member. It is vital that the right information is found.