

Swakeleys Careers News February 2022

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/JLrfD1SfhssttVQW9>

Careers Focus Weeks (4th January – 14th January)

We are delighted to report that this year we were able to proceed with our Careers Focus over the above two week period. The week commenced with assemblies delivered to all our Year 7-11 pupils to launch our new careers platform **Unifrog**. All pupils have now been issued with a personal login and have access to this platform to support their career guidance journey as well as to keep an electronic record of all their employability skills and experiences both in and outside of school. I will be inviting parents to look at the platform with their child next half term. There were lots of events and workshops taking place during the two week period which hopefully you will have read all about in the School Newsletter.

Please remember to log into the website regularly and use the Unifrog platform to explore career opportunities and record activities / events that you getting involved in.

In addition to our in house careers focus weeks, there are 3 important dates coming concerning national careers events:

1. **National Apprenticeship Week – Feb 7th to 11th**
2. **National Careers Week – March 7th to 11th**
3. **British Science Week - March 14th to 18th**

Please use the following [links](#) below to find out more information about National Apprenticeship week.

Link/Event	Notes
NAW2022 - Amazing Apprenticeships	Loads of resources to support you NAW2022 - Schools & Colleges - Amazing Apprenticeships And Higher and Degree Listing - Amazing Apprenticeships
Become an apprentice (apprenticeships.gov.uk)	

Current opportunities



Speakers for Schools are offering some amazing work experience opportunities for pupils over half term. Please see separate attachment for this.

Tesco are offering some great insight workshops to find out more about the roles in retail

Tesco

Sign up here:

- 7th Feb – CV Workshop <http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2487>
- 15th Feb – Space, Range and Merchandising <http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2438>
- 16th Feb – Customer and Marketing <http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2444>
- 16th Feb – Property careers and interview skills workshop <http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2410>
- 17th Feb – Technology <http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2437>

Feb
7th -
17th

Age: 14-18
(Delivered
through
[Speakers
for
Schools -
Our
Home](#))

Age: 15-18 (Delivered through [Speakers for Schools - Our Home](#))

In addition to the opportunities above, Speakers for School have advertised some great virtual work experience opportunities over the February half term break. **Please refer to the separate attachment for these.**



Parent / Carer information Opportunity

At Young Professionals, we ran a 'Your Child, Their Future' Event back in September 2021 and we had a staggering 3000+ parents and carers attend virtually from all over the UK. After such an incredible turnout and amazing feedback, we are now hosting our second parent information evening in February 2022.

The job market for students leaving school or university can be difficult to navigate and now more than ever we need to help our young people by making them aware of all the opportunities available to them, as well as providing them with advice and tips on securing the very best opportunities when they enter the workplace. We would like to extend our invitation to all parents and carers to attend our virtual **'Your Child, Their Future' Event on Thursday 3rd February at 6pm - 7.30pm.**

We have leaders from some of the biggest employers in their industry including **M&S, HSBC, PwC, Capgemini, Linklaters, Siemens** and more who will each come along to talk to you, as parents and carers, about how your son/daughter/young person can best navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience/internship placements, as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. We will be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, putting together a CV, filling out application forms, as well as advice on how you can prepare your child/young person for the working world.

This event is completely **free of charge** and it will be running via Zoom. You will have the opportunity to join this event virtually with your son/daughter/young person, or the whole family and ask any questions that you may have, directly to leading employers.

The booking link can be found below here, so please do sign up if you would like to attend. The Zoom link will be emailed to you closer to the time.

Booking Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-Parents-Event>

With **National Apprenticeship Week** fast approaching, the London ASK team would like to invite you to our two National Apprenticeship Week live online events including session featuring contributions



from apprentice representatives from the YAAN network (The Young Apprentice Ambassador Network). These sessions will run from 6-7pm on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th February and will be aimed at students, parents, and teachers from the West London Careers Hubs School. Once you have registered you will be sent a Microsoft Teams link for the appropriate date(s).

➤ **Tue, 8 Feb 2022 18:00 – 19.00pm**

NAW Apprenticeship live session with WLCH

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/naw-apprenticeship-live-session-with-wlch-tickets-256879231697>

➤ **Thu, 10 Feb 2022 18:00 – 19.00pm**

NAW Apprenticeship live session with WLCH

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/naw-apprenticeship-live-session-with-wlch-tickets-256882641897>

We will explore:

what apprenticeships are

what the different levels mean

what is the difference between apprenticeships and the traditional college/sixth form and university route

how/where/when to apply

actual apprentices will be on hand to help to contextual any advice and share their experience

We will also be hosting **An Apprentice Q&A** and a **BAME Apprenticeship Inspiration** event both of which can be viewed LIVE or via recording.

➤ **Friday, 11 February 2022 at 16:00**

NAW BAME Inspiration Event

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/naw-bame-inspiration-event-tickets-256892762167>



The Royal Veterinary College **Animal Academy** supports people from under-represented backgrounds, to reach their goals of studying and **working with animals**. By signing up to be a member, pupils will have access to exclusive help, advice and events about animal careers, going to university, and of course learning from our RVC animal experts!

Animal Academy is a Widening Participation programme – a national strategy to eliminate the gaps between the most and least represented groups at university, and ensure everyone has **equal access** to higher education.

To join the Animal Academy pupils must be 13 years old or more, attend a state school or college in the UK and meet some of our other criteria, e.g. being the first in your family to go to university.

Sign up via the Royal Veterinary College [here](#).



UpReach offers young people **free** support to explore your career options and develop your employability skills & work experience. They've partnered with over 30 competitive graduate partner employers such as the Civil Service Fast Stream, Goldman Sachs, PwC and Unilever.

Take the opportunity to be part of the upReach community as an Associate and receive **free** support worth up to £2,700 including personalised and expert 1:1 support and coaching, mentoring opportunities from prestigious partner employers, exclusive employer Insight Days and networking opportunities, exclusive employer work experience, mock interviews, CV and application reviews.

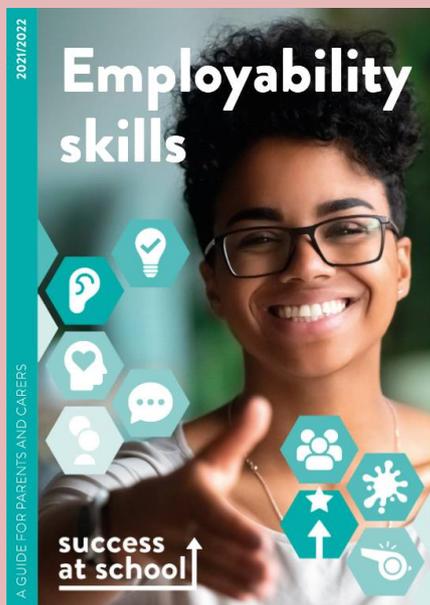
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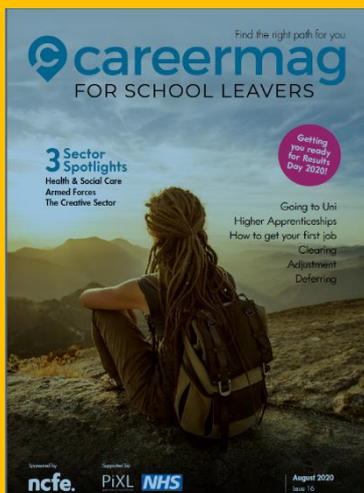


Just to remind you and draw your attention to this excellent careers website. You can subscribe to the weekly newsletter which is always packed with careers opportunities and advice.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up and join the subscription for the weekly newsletter.

New 2021/2022 STEM and Parents' guide now available. Please click on the hyperlinked image to browse through each magazine.





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.

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_december_2021.pdf

Please find a link that maybe of interest to you concerning LMI and how to compare different jobs in terms of pay, hours of work etc:

 Click to pick a job — OR — <input type="button" value="Display the UK average"/>	 Click to pick a job — OR — <input type="button" value="Display the UK average"/>	 Click to pick a job — OR — <input type="button" value="Display the UK average"/>
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Useful websites for parents

- **ALL pupils now have access to UNIFROG, the complete destination and careers platform.**
- 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>
- Informed Choices written by the Russell group Universities to assist you with information about A-level choices / degree options and where to study.
<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>
- 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-apprenticeshi>
- 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

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- Informed Choices written by the Russell group Universities to assist you with information about A-level choices / degree options and where to study.
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- 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.