

# Careers Newsletter

## June Edition



### Welcome to Grace Academy Careers Newsletter June Edition

The aim of this newsletter is to continue to support students and parents/carers through this year and onto the next exciting stage of their education. Although we are in the middle of a global pandemic and coronavirus has impacted us all in some way it is also essential at this time of uncertainty and disruption that we continue to support everyone through the upcoming transitions. The information we have put together is to support students, parents, carers and staff.

### CAREERS SUPPORT DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE

With schools closing it has meant that students may be feeling uncertain about their next steps. If you have any questions or concerns you are able to contact the careers staff below.

#### Independent Careers Advisor – Mr William Costello



During the school closure Mr Costello will be in the academy every Friday 8:30am-1:00pm and will be available on the phone 0121 329 4600 or through email [William.costello@u-explore.com](mailto:William.costello@u-explore.com)



If you have any questions about your next steps, Miss Khan is available on her email address [Zara.Khan@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:Zara.Khan@bcu.ac.uk)

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### Online Careers Platform

Start combines the most comprehensive source of information with a personalised student experience and tracking capabilities to help teachers monitor student progress and engagement. Ensure you are logging into your account and accessing this information. If you have trouble logging into your account you can email our Independent Careers Advisor or Mrs Baker. Staff and parents can also register and create their own accounts.



### Online Careers Resources

Every student in every year group has online careers resources available through the GAS Distance Learning folder on google drive.

### University - UCAS – Year 12

Year 12 should have registered for UCAS- if you need the buzzword please contact Mrs Baker. Personal statement – The first draft should be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, please use the useful websites for further help on completing your personal statement.

Internal deadline for applications to be completed 5/12/20 these are then checked by Post 16 staff and References and predicted grades attached.

#### Useful Websites

[www.studential.com](http://www.studential.com)  
For examples of personal statements

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)  
For information regarding applying to university, to register for UCAS

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### University - UCAS – Year 13

**5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Last date for applicants to add an extra choice.

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

Deadline for any remaining conditions to be met. Adjustments end on this date.

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Deadline for clearing choices.

### Virtual Tours

With the current situation UCAS have created a list of universities/colleges offering virtual tours and videos, so you can see what it's like on campus and what facilities are available.

#### Virtual Tours

<https://www.ucasvirtualtours.com>

#### Virtual Open Days

<https://www.ucasopendays.com>

### Oxford Digital Resources

University of Oxford have compiled the best of their digital resources to support learning and exploration. These can help parents and teachers to feed the curiosity of growing minds and inspire them to think broadly. These resources can also enable older students to explore their passions and interests further, and to discover more about Oxford.

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### Careers A-Z Find Your Perfect Job

Where could your favourite subject take you?  
Explore careers by job sectors  
Help with job applications, CV's and Interviews

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>



### My World of Work Week Y9-13

We would like pupils to take part in 'My World of Work Week' to begin to think about aspirations and post 16 choices. Each day it is suggested that pupils take part in a minimum of 2 sessions.

My World of Work week is designed for pupils in years 9-13 to experience and develop the key skills needed for employment later in life. Each day includes different themes for understanding these skills along with activities to complete.

| MONDAY                         | TUESDAY                                      | WEDNESDAY                        | THURSDAY                       | FRIDAY                             |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Introduction                   | Meet the team:<br>Human Resources            | Meet the team:<br>Marketing      | Recruitment                    | Meet the Boss:<br>Leadership       |
| Investigate the Sectors (1)    | Work Life Balance                            | Innovation and Creative Thinking | HR Recruitment                 | CV Creation                        |
| Investigate the Sectors (2)    | Mental Health Wellbeing in the world of work | Marketing Campaigns              | Understanding Entrepreneurship | Employability skills Everyday life |
| Insight into the world of work | Work Skills and reflection                   | You as a brand!                  | Project Planning               | Reflection of the week             |

The following link will take pupils to The Oak National Academy website where all the career/employment activities can be accessed

[www.thenational.academy](http://www.thenational.academy) There is no registration needed for this and you can do more than two sessions, everyday there is a different theme. Any completed tasks can be emailed to [louiseknight@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:louiseknight@graceacademy.org.uk) and prizes will be given when we return to school

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Each session is a PowerPoint that you access, it has information, videos and tasks as well as narration all the way through. These are the key areas covered across the week:

Introduction to My World of Work.

Explore sectors and understand local market information and a range of job roles and opportunities.



Insight into a typical day in the World of Work and a working environment.

Understand the work life balance.

How employers support mental health and wellbeing.

Work skills and reflection journal.

Marketing teams, innovation and creative thinking.

Develop you own campaigns, brands and showcase.

Know what skills, qualities and attributes employers are looking for, how and where businesses recruit.

Understand how to make effective decisions around career management and development.

To understand the purpose and key features of a CV and begin to create a CV

Identify and know the employability skills needed in the World of Work.

### Girls in STEM Year 9 - 11

Explore the great opportunities for Girls looking into a career in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths

### Girls into STEM Online: 6th–12th July 2020

This event is open to Years 9, 10 and 11, and will feature STEM taster sessions, talks from successful women in various STEM careers, and guidance on researching future options. Also, students can explore what university life is like with our virtual campus tours and related videos, and have the chance to talk to our students live on the webchats!



[Register here](#)

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### Y10 VIRTUAL UNIFEST 2020 29<sup>TH</sup> June – 2<sup>ND</sup> July

#### What is Unifest about?

To have an insight into what life is like as a 'Uni Student' so in one event you'll get to experience what six of the West Midlands' leading Universities have to offer.

Take a look at the PDF attached for more information which you can share with your students.

**[CLICK HERE FOR THE UNIFEST PDF](#)**



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