

# Careers Newsletter

## July 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 their upcoming transitions. The information we have put together is to support students, parents, carers and staff.

#### Year 11 Transition Day for Post 16

A fantastic day! Year 11 students who had selected Grace Academy Post 16 as their first choice got to experience the Level 3 subjects they intend to study in September and also had an opportunity to see what daily life is like in Post 16.



#### The Diana Award



Well Done to Year 12 students have completed the 12 week mentoring programme where they have participated in a range of different workshops for businesses, skills and experiences to help prepare them for future careers or university.

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### START - Our Online Careers Platform



**New Updates:** Start combines the most comprehensive sources 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, Neil Stoddart [neilstoddart@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:neilstoddart@graceacademy.org.uk) or Mrs Baker our Post 16 Manager [juliebaker@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:juliebaker@graceacademy.org.uk). Staff and parents can also register and create their own **Start Profile**.



We will be running competitions every term for the students who have had the most activity on their START account.

### University - UCAS – Year 12

Year 12 should have registered for UCAS by now - if you need the buzzword please contact Mrs Baker.

Personal statements – Your first draft needs to be completed by 08/09/21. Please use the useful websites for further help on completing your personal statement.

Internal deadline for applications to be completed by 5/12/21 as these are then checked by Post 16 staff and References and predicted grades attached.

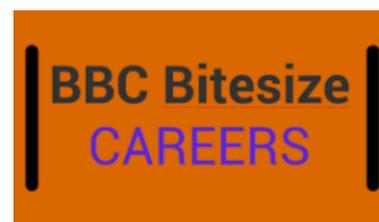
### University Open Days

Open Days - [www.ucasopendays.com](http://www.ucasopendays.com)

Virtual Tours – [www.ucasvirtualltours.com](http://www.ucasvirtualltours.com)

### Careers A-Z Find Your Perfect Job

Where could your favourite subject take you?  
Explore [Careers](#) by job sector and get help with job applications, CVs and good interview technique.



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### Aim Higher Information for Parent/Carers



The Aimhigher [Parents & Carers](#) link is to help provide you with information about higher education to help support your child's future choices.

### Year 9 STEM Day



On Friday 16 July we were fortunate to have 3 experienced engineers from Morgan Sindall come into school to work with a selected group of Year 9 pupils who expressed an interest in pursuing a career in engineering. The day consisted of an introduction to engineering, myth buster conversations, as well as CV and interview skills & team building workshops.

The pupils illustrated a number of key skills including leadership, listening and teamwork, whilst working together to solve engineering myths and build a paper bridge to see whose would hold the most weight for the longest time.

The day was a huge success with both the pupils and engineers:

Student Quotes from the day include:

**"It has been a really fun day, wouldn't change any of it."**

**"I like the fact that the workshops are hands-on."**

**"Good day – enjoyed learning about the different types of engineering and the problem solving tasks."**

**"Good as I found it interesting seeing what the engineers have built."**

**"I enjoyed the team work."**



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### Skills Builder

During tutor time students are delivered sessions on the following 8 essential skills, these will prepare the students for the various stages of life such as Post 16, College, University, Apprenticeships or the Workplace.



### Activities to get involved with

[Cyberfirst Courses](#) introduce young people with a passion for computing and the digital world to the intricacies and opportunities of cyber security. Their programme of free online summer courses could be just the thing to develop essential skills and bring a fresh purpose to the long summer break.

[The Smallpeice Trust](#) have designed a number of challenges to complete at home, using materials that would normally be thrown out in the recycling. Challenge your friends and family, get creative and make it your own!

[Icloud](#) contains real stories to inspire, including videos, job information and ideas for the future. Take the buzz quiz to start thinking about your career and personality type.

### RAF Careers for School Leavers Insight Session

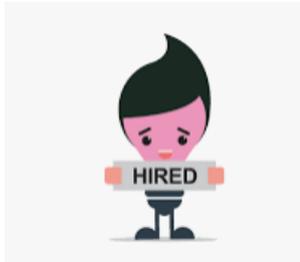
Leaving school or college and looking for a career packed full of excitement, opportunity and progression? Look no further than a career with the Royal Air Force (RAF). Opportunities are now open for school leavers and include Weapon Technicians, Chefs, Drivers and many, many more options!

We're excited to bring you the [RAF Careers for School Leavers insight session](#), taking place on Tuesday 17 August at 2 pm. During this one hour virtual session, you will:

- Discover more about the RAF; their history, people, values and roles
- Hear from current staff
- Discover all of the amazing benefits on offer
- Learn how to ace the application & recruitment process

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### Student Careers Ambassadors Wanted

We are looking for students from each year group to be Student Career Ambassadors who would work closely with our Subject Careers Champions and career team. More information about this will be provided in September but have a think about whether this is something you would be interested in.

### Careers Staff

	Mr Neil Stoddart – Independent Careers Advisor <a href="mailto:neilstoddart@graceacademy.org.uk">neilstoddart@graceacademy.org.uk</a> Available Fridays in the Academy
	Mrs Knight – Head of Year 11/Careers Lead <a href="mailto:louiseknight@graceacademy.org.uk">louiseknight@graceacademy.org.uk</a>
	Mrs Baker – Post 16 Manager/Careers <a href="mailto:Juliebaker@graceacademy.org.uk">Juliebaker@graceacademy.org.uk</a>
<b>Who else can help you with careers – Subject Career Champions/Tutors/Teachers/Head of Year/Assistant Head of Year</b>	

### Results Days

**Tuesday 10 August:** A-level results published

**Thursday 12 August:** GCSE results published

### Feedback

**Could we please ask you to complete a [short feedback form](#) which will help us to continue to improve our careers provision.**