

# FUTURES

Happy New Year!

10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

## What's in this week's 'Futures' at glance..

Year 9 – choosing GCSEs?

Year 11 - Interview Tips for College and 6<sup>th</sup> Form

Year 11/12 Engineering Work Experience (over half term)

Engineering/STEM opportunities

NHS virtual work experience

Year 12 - Healthcare/Medicine research placements

General Career Advice

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## Year 9 – Choosing GCSEs?



Our latest blog to support students choosing their GCSE options is now live. [Year 9 GCSE Options 2023 \(cxk.org\)](https://www.cxk.org/blog/career-quizzes)

We also have a list of our favourite Careers Quizzes here, which can help develop ideas: <https://www.cxk.org/blog/career-quizzes>

Many industries have specific career quizzes and guides which can help you develop your ideas, including MI5 (do you have what it takes to work in intelligence?) and the CITB with their construction quiz. Here are a few that may interest you (see your careers adviser or careers leader in school to discover more):

- <https://www.mi5.gov.uk/careers/ssq>
- <https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/careers/take-the-test>
- <https://www.goconstruct.org/educational-resources/personality-quiz>

## Year 11 - Interview Tips for College and 6<sup>th</sup> Form

For all the Year 11 students having their 6th Form and College interviews, these resources may help <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WA3qUgRQlc> and <https://www.cxk.org/resources/interview-advice-college-sixth-form/>

## ENGINEERING WORK EXPERIENCE

### Hybrid Work Experience with Leading Engineering Company

12-15th February (3 days virtual, 1 day F2F workplace visit in Swale)

- Gain an insight into a leading Infrastructure and Engineering company
- Explore the work of operations on one of our contracts within our Consulting business in Kent (including an onsite visit)
- Discuss the opportunities available through our various early careers' pathways
- Hints & tips for useful transferable skills and interview skills
- Group project work based on 'Designing and building sustainable infrastructure'

**SIGN UP**  
OR MISS OUT



See the new advert with revised dates here: <https://www.speakersforschools.org/results/?opp=31A39F88-7ECA-4264-68F3-08DBCE22445B>

The sooner you apply, the more chance you have of being accepted onto the placement!

Students can apply individually via our Experience Portal. If you have not yet registered on our portal, you will first need to create a 'young person' account on the portal [here](#). Once your account has been created, click on the WEX advert [here](#) and click the purple 'apply now' button.

## ENGINEERING/STEM OPPORTUNITIES



### Insight into EDT Webinar - Opportunities for schools and students



Date: Tuesday 16th January 2024  
Time: 4 - 5 pm

**[REGISTER TODAY](#)**

[www.etrust.org.uk/](http://www.etrust.org.uk/)

### When is it?

This experience runs from 2 October 2023 until 2 August 2024 with live sessions running throughout the duration, over the half-term breaks, school holidays and after school

### Cost

£75

If cost is a barrier, fully funded places are available, please indicate your interest on the application form

### How to apply?

To apply, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code!



## HEALTHCARE/MEDICINE

NHS Healthcare Careers Virtual  
Work Experience



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### 1-Day Programmes

Select the dates that suit you. You can register for just £10 a day! Click [here](#)

3rd December  
£10.00

7th January  
£10.00

4th February  
£10.00

3rd March  
£10.00

7th April  
£10.00

5th May  
£10.00

### Research Placements & Experiences

Formally Nuffield Research Placements

A fantastic opportunity for students to apply skills and knowledge learned at school

- deepen subject understanding shown to increase STEM A-level attainment

- online skills development course prior to the placement
- enhance CVs and cover letters to support future applications
- access to career-focused webinars and resources

CLICK HERE: [Research Placements - Students \(stem.org.uk\)](https://stem.org.uk)

### Research Placements

**2-week** collaborations with a STEM-related knowledge expert on a **live research question or area of development**.

While producing a scientific or technical **report and poster**, this opportunity ensures that students contribute meaningfully to the host organisation's current work.


### Experiences

**5-day** explorations with industry experts to **identify essential skills needed for employment** in STEM sectors. While producing a **workbook and reflective report**, students gain insight into working in professional environments as well as knowledge of the challenges for different sectors, in turn preparing them for employment.

## GENERAL CAREER ADVICE

<a href="http://icloud.com">icloud.com</a> Watch interviews with people in all sorts of jobs, who share an inside view of their current job and how they got there.	<a href="http://plotr">plotr</a> A website which analyses interests and personality to suggest potential careers. Also has information about those careers.	UCAS: <a href="#">Find Career Ideas</a> has a number of useful links, including the <a href="#">Explore Jobs</a> and the <a href="#">Career Finder</a> . Here you will find information about the qualifications needed for a wide range of career sectors
800 job profiles on the <a href="#">National Careers Service</a>	Take a closer look at a selection of videos, guides and advice.  <a href="#">Explore careers - icould</a>	Investin Education offer one day programmes and internships for 15-18 year olds.  <a href="http://investin.org/">investin.org/</a>

## UNIVERSITY AND APPRENTICESHIP EVENTS

 <p><b>University of Sheffield</b></p> <p><a href="#">Online subject tasters   Undergraduate study   The University of Sheffield</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Experience a university lecture or seminar: interactive sessions with other Year 12/13 students</li> <li>❖ Learn more about your chosen subject</li> <li>❖ Speak to academic and teaching staff</li> <li>❖ Experience what it's like to be a University of Sheffield student.</li> </ul>
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**Understanding Apprenticeships Animated Film:** Understanding apprenticeships' - designed to help any audience to understand what apprenticeships are and exploring their many benefits!

**WATCH NOW!**

**UK  
UNIVERSITY &  
APPRENTICESHIP  
SEARCH FAIR**

- **University of Surrey** - March 5th - [see details here](#) - email [max@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk](mailto:max@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk) for further details.

- **University of Kent** - April 24th - [see details here](#) - email [max@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk](mailto:max@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk) for further details.

- **Brighton Amex Stadium** - June 19th - [see details here](#) - email [heather@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk](mailto:heather@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk) for further details.

**What level apprenticeships are available in England? (click on the boxes to find out more....)**

**Intermediate apprenticeships**  
**(Level 2)**

Level 2 apprenticeships are equivalent to GCSE standard

**Advanced apprenticeships**  
**(Level 3)**

Level 3 apprenticeships are equivalent to 2 A Level passes

**Higher apprenticeships**  
**(Level 4 and 5)**

Higher apprenticeships are equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree or a foundation degree

**Degree apprenticeships**  
**(Level 6 and 7)**

Degree apprenticeships are equivalent to an undergraduate or Master's degree

**UCAS - Degree apprenticeships**

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-england>

**Amazing Apprenticeships**

There is a list of apprenticeships for 2023/2024 [here](#).

**UK Government Apprenticeship Portal**

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

**ALL FREE! SUPER CURRICULAR IDEAS/LECTURES ALL FREE!**

Over 2,000 university-style lectures freely available online: <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/>

Eventbrite lectures: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/classes/lecture/>

Future Learn Courses <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/classes/lecture/>

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are online courses that absolutely anyone can do. <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

**Exeter University** has free courses which range from Ethical fashion, Diabetes, Climate change, Gender Inequality etc. This is a good way to encourage current research and transition to higher education:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/partners/university-of-exeter>

## SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS

### Upcoming Broadcasts



You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)  
Video library [here](#)

<b>Thursday</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>2-2:45pm</b>  Click <a href="#">here</a> to register	<b><u>Medicine And Sustainability In NHS</u></b>	Discover Dr. Veena Aggarwal's journey as a GP Registrar and her dedication to lessening the NHS' environmental impact. Her passion sparked in 2020 during her time in New Zealand, witnessing the Australian bushfires. Veena has worked with the National Greener NHS team and dedicates time to educating fellow GP trainees, contributing to the Greener Practice network, promoting sustainable primary care. Explore how she combines her role with a passion for a green, more sustainable healthcare future.
<b>Monday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>10-10:45am</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> to register	<b><u>The Manufacturing Process of Beauty Products</u></b>	Explore the alchemy behind beauty! Join us for an exclusive online event in partnership with Indu with Gaia Carminati, Head Of Product Development & Packaging. Uncover the secrets of skincare and cosmetics in this insightful journey from formulation to production. Elevate your understanding of the art and science of beauty in just one click
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>2-2:45pm</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> to register	<b><u>Journalism</u></b>	Embark on a journey into the heart of journalism with our upcoming broadcast featuring Sarah Gordon Visiting Professor in Practice at London School of Economics and former CEO of the Impact Investing Institute. Discover the skills needed for success in the ever-evolving world of journalism. Join us for an enlightening session where you'll gain insights, tips, and insider knowledge from a seasoned expert. Don't miss out on this opportunity to supercharge your journalism skills!
<b>Friday</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>10-10:45am</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> to register	<b><u>Forensic Linguistics and Forensic Psychology:</u></b>	Details TBC- perfect for students studying Psychology or Languages.
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> <b>10-10:45am</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> to register	<b><u>Challenge and Adventure</u></b>	Embark on a virtual journey of self-discovery with Captain Polly Marsh as we explore the scientific proof behind the transformative power of challenge and adventure on youth development. Captain Polly Marsh will talk about the tangible benefits of building confidence, resilience, teamwork, and leadership skills. Discover the key to unlocking the full potential of our future leaders through this exciting and impactful online experience.

