



## Blackfen School for Girls Careers Newsletter

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To enable students to continue with their careers and work-related learning at home we have compiled a range of information and online learning platforms that students can access from home.

### New Issue of Careermag for Parents

Students have been hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis. With schools and colleges closing, exams being cancelled, it's a lot to handle. This is an immensely challenging and dynamic time and it undoubtedly is having a big impact on learning methods.

Careermag for Parents can be used as a resource for students and their parents to sit down together and explore the array of qualification and career routes available. Whether your pupils are considering apprenticeships, further education or work experience, they can find out all about their career options in one place.

The latest issue of Careermag for Parents, along with the latest Careermag for School Leavers and Careermag for Graduates, can be found at <https://careermag.co.uk/live-careermags/>

### Pathways to Property Online Summer School

The Summer School, which will take place between 20 - 22 July 2020, is a fully funded, 3-day programme held online for **Year 12** students. This will be the eighth Summer School that has been run and whilst it is normally delivered in person at the University of Reading, we have adapted the content to create an engaging online course. During the event, students will get to sit in on taster lectures, virtually visit various development sites, take part in a group project, learn about the great career opportunities available and get to meet some of the top employers in the industry.

At the end of the week, if they are keen to learn more about property, they can complete a funded **work experience placement** during a future school holiday, have access to our **e-mentoring** programme, and if they choose to apply to study Real Estate and Planning at the University, can apply for a **bursary up to £30,000** over three years.

To date, over 600 students have attended the Summer School and 25% of these have chosen to pursue a career in property – either through studying a property related degree at University or completing a property related apprenticeship.

**Applications for the Summer School will remain open until 21 June 2020, although early applications are encouraged as places are limited.**

Please visit: <https://www.henley.ac.uk/alumni/support-henley/pathways-to-property>

### **Interactive careers learning resources and broadcasts**

[www.cascaid.co.uk/login](http://www.cascaid.co.uk/login) - As part of the careers guidance and education programme we deliver at Blackfen School for Girls your child has access to Kudos, the latest program from CASCAID. To access the program please visit [www.cascaid.co.uk/login](http://www.cascaid.co.uk/login) and click on the 'Login or Register' button, your child can then log in using the access details given to them by their teacher.

<https://pathwayctm.com/webinar-and-virtual-event-sign-up/> : During these challenging times due to Covid 19, Pathway CTM are opening our Pre-Employment Programme to all students aged 15-18 across the UK. By joining this Programme, you will get access to our weekly Newsletters giving you full information on all the digital events we are hosting, including our informative Workshops covering everything from How to Create a CV; Preparing for a Video Interview; Work Experience and LinkedIn Masterclass to name but a few!

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/> Target careers help school leavers make decisions about their future, explore options for careers, university or apprenticeships and get help applying successfully.

<https://learn.springpod.co.uk/> Learn Lounge by Springpod provides 30 minute talks on careers and employability: Live and interactive careers talks, completely free to attend. Don't worry if you can't watch live all talks will be available on-demand. Video explaining how students sign up: <https://youtu.be/-5OGDtnlhkU>

<https://www.futurelearn.com/career-advice> Whether you're considering a new job, promotion or you want to improve your existing skills, we've got career advice and free online courses from some of the world's top universities and organisations to help you achieve your goals.

<https://icould.com/> Education and Employers have promoted their icould website, which contains videos from figures in a whole range of jobs talking about how to get into their career. Students can choose what type of jobs they want info for, or pick subjects they like or are studying and find out where it could take them. As well as the video the job pages also contain national LMI on salary, typical weekly hours, gender demographics, future demand, industries typically recruiting those jobs and more.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/live-broadcasts/>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/interactive-student-apprenticeship-guide/>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/learn-at-home/>

### **General Career websites**

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> - The Government's main website for all things careers

[www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com) - Real Careers Stories to inspire students

<https://barclayslifeskills.com>

<https://www.startprofile.com> - Start is a free, online careers platform, designed to connect 11-18 year olds with their future career potential.

[www.totalprofessions.com](http://www.totalprofessions.com)

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/> - Everything you wanted to know about careers in the Health Service.

[www.careercamel.com](http://www.careercamel.com) - Lots of advice including careers blog, aimed at students from KS3 upwards

[www.careersadviceforparents.org](http://www.careersadviceforparents.org) - General advice for both students and parents/carers/guardians

<https://successatschool.org/>: Wide variety of careers resources for students and parents

## **Apprenticeships**

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/> - The Government sponsored website covering everything you want to know about apprenticeships

[www.amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies) - To read up on some high profile employers and the packages that they offer their apprentices.

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/apprenticeships-uk/apprenticeships-england>

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/> Target careers (part of the University of London) is here to help school leavers make decisions about their future. Explore options for careers, university or apprenticeships and get help applying successfully.

<https://whitehat.org.uk/apprentices> - a tech start-up democratising access to the best careers

<https://www.middletonmurray.com/what-is-an-apprenticeship/> - a multi-award winning Apprenticeship training provider

## **Universities**

<https://ucas.com>

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>

All universities are offering virtual taster days and lots of on-line help and advice relating to anyone thinking about applying next year, since they can't currently offer open days. Some examples are below:

[www.unitasterdays.com/](http://www.unitasterdays.com/)

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide>

Video presentations from the University of Salford:

<https://beta.salford.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/video-presentations>

<https://discoveruni.gov.uk/corona-covid-19-information/> Discover Uni is an official source of information about higher education. It is owned and operated by the UK higher education funding and regulatory bodies. Discover Uni is working with its UK partners and with universities and colleges to ensure your students have the information and guidance they need. They are constantly updating the information, in light of the changing landscape as a result of Covid-19, including information on Exams, the moratorium on unconditional offer making and any changes to university and college admissions this year.

## Webinars for 16+ from the Prince's Trust

A range of webinars being offered by the Prince's Trust to support young people aged 16+ explore a range of career areas and improve personal skills. They will all be delivered through Microsoft Teams so can be accessed via web browser or the Microsoft Teams smart device application without needing an account.

Webinar	Age range & eligibility	Description	Date and time	How to refer
Get Started in Health and Fitness	16-25	Are you 16-25 and interested in learning more health and fitness skills? This digital programme will help you understand different styles of training, improve your confidence and communication skills, learn about nutrition and diet, as well as getting a true insight into this industry from a professional personal trainer.	Taster Day: Tuesday 19th May Main Programme: Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May	Contact Rachel – <a href="mailto:rachel.friend@princes-trust.org.uk">rachel.friend@princes-trust.org.uk</a>
Get Started with Photography	16-25	Are you 16-25 and want to learn new photography techniques from the comfort of your home? With our new online photography course you'll get creative and document your time in lockdown! You'll also have the opportunity to earn a Bronze Arts Award.	Taster Day: Tuesday 26th May Main Programme: Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June	Contact Peri – <a href="mailto:peri.macrae@princes-trust.org.uk">peri.macrae@princes-trust.org.uk</a>
Careers in the Police	16-30	Ever thought about the different career options that are available in the police? In this session we will hear from Detective Sergeant, Rachel, and Police Constable, Matt, as they share their stories of how they got into the police and the entry level options available to you.	Tuesday 26th May, 2pm – 3pm	Contact Jenny – <a href="mailto:jenny.king@princes-trust.org.uk">jenny.king@princes-trust.org.uk</a>
Get Started in Health and Social Care	16-30	This 3-day virtual employability programme will help young people aged 16-30 explore the essential roles on offer and prepare them for work in the sector. Candidates will also join us in an online recruitment event, completing interviews with Health and Social Care employers in London who are hiring now!	Tuesday 26th May – Thursday 28th May	<a href="#">Click here to register on Eventbrite</a>
Money Management with NatWest	16-30	In this session we will be exploring attitudes to money management, budgeting tips and how to understand a payslip.	Wednesday 27th May, 2pm – 3pm	Contact Jenny – <a href="mailto:jenny.king@princes-trust.org.uk">jenny.king@princes-trust.org.uk</a>