

Welcome to the April edition of the Wanstead High School careers newsletter. As always, I hope you find the information both useful and informative. Details of careers events, resources and

opportunities are detailed below. Please contact me using the details at the end of the newsletter if I can be of any further help or support.

Careers Updates

Skills Builder in Year 8

Pupil engagement with the programme remains strong, and we have continued to expand Skills Builder beyond tutor time into other elements of our pastoral programme, such as assemblies. Ms Kaddour's form delivered an inspirational assembly for International Women's Day, highlighting and making links to the key skills. As part of our achievement assembly, awards were issued for pupils that had demonstrated exemplary Teamwork skills, and we intend to do with the other key skills that we have covered and that we will cover this year.

As noted in last month's bulletin, 30 Year 8 Pupils attended a Skills Builder Employer Q and A session. Those who attended interacted well with the employers from industry sectors including banking, finance, auditing and law, and asked some excellent questions; gaining useful insight into why the key skills are so important in these

careers.

Year 8 pupils have provided very useful feedback on the programme via a survey, and we will be looking to incorporate this into its delivery this term, including more challenging and interactive tutor time activities.

This term we will be moving on from Problem Solving to Aiming High, and to support this, tutors will be setting a self-assessment on both of these skills via Skills Builder Benchmark. A video on how to do this can be found here:

<https://www.loom.com/share/6806e677457a4d-11b780a020cce988e0>



Unifrog Rollout in Year 9

We would like to thank our Year 9 parents for their support in ensuring their child's engagement with the Unifrog platform. Feedback from both the pupils themselves and usage data indicate that it provided a rich and important source of information and guidance on GCSE options subjects. It was also pleasing to see a good

number of parents logging in to explore the platform and what it has to offer their child.

We are now looking to embed Unifrog within the Year 9 pastoral curriculum, with a focus on preparing pupils for their first GCSE year, before using the platform to further explore careers options next year.



Year 11 Updates

As noted in the last edition of the careers bulletin, we are currently prioritising those most in need of assistance for applying for a post-16 pathway.

All pupils are however, entitled to a careers appointment, and if your child would like a priority or urgent appointment, please contact Mr Langford or your child's tutor, who can arrange this for them.

Upcoming college open days/evenings

17th May - [Waltham Forest College](#)

6th June - [Access Creative](#)

Dates across April, May, June and July - [Capel Manor](#)

9th to 11th May - [New City College](#)

3rd May - [Newham College](#)

Sixth Form Updates

REMEMBER to add any activities you take part in to your Unifrog profile as evidence of the skills and knowledge you are developing outside of the classroom. You

should also check and complete any interactions at the top of your home page.

Civil Service Outreach and Engagement Day

On Friday 17th March we were visited by representatives from four civil service departments:

- The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
- The Home Office
- The Department for Work and Pensions
- The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Their visit consisted of a one hour talk delivered to our Year 10 and 12 pupils, followed by a meet and greet for the same year groups. The event was highly informative, with pupils gaining insight into the various pathways into both the civil service and its different departments, as well as engaging and inspiring, with the presenters coming from a diverse range of backgrounds with inspirational personal and career journeys.

We would like to thank all involved and look forward to building on our new partnership with the civil service to deliver other inspirational events.

In addition to this event and the Skills Builder Q and A for National Careers Week, the PE department hosted an interactive session with a personal trainer and the English department hosted a Penguin publishing careers workshop. You can find out more about these in the April edition of the Heron Homelink [here](#).



Careers Events and Opportunities

Springpod Virtual Work Experience (for Year 10 pupils and up)



In-depth, interactive and informative virtual work experiences from industry experts in the world's leading employers.

10-hour placements that you can complete in your own time (within 2 weeks), consisting of engaging talks from industry experts and mini workplace-based activities, projects and quizzes. You will receive a certificate upon completion.

Find out more, sign up for the platform and a placement here: <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>

G-Research Work Experience Programme (W/C 24th July 2023)

G-Research is a market-leading technology business, located in the heart of London. We employ around a thousand people across three offices near Oxford Street and a US office based in Texas.

Our in-person work experience: We want to encourage the best young minds to consider a career in technology so we are running an in-person work experience week for 16–18-year-olds in further education in the Greater London area – and you can be a part of it.

Our work experience will cover three core areas of our business:

Software Engineering

Technology

Business Management

What's on offer? As well as insight into working at a market-leading technology company, successful applicants will:

1. Participate in interview and presentation skills workshops
2. Attend knowledge sharing sessions with other work experience peers
3. Meet our current graduates and interns

4. Receive a free travel card for London zones 1-6
5. £15 per day to spend on your lunch with Just Eat for Business
6. Laptop provided for the week

Who would this suit? If you're aged between 16 and 18, are currently in further education and are interested in a career in technology, we want to hear from you!

Apply now to avoid disappointment. Please send your CV and Covering Letter, outlining the business area you are interested in and why you think you're a good fit for the programme, to RecruitmentTeam@GResearch.co.uk.

Access and Outreach Events: Wadham College, University of Oxford



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Wadham College Summer Schools

For Year 12 pupils interested in Classics, Modern Languages or Biology/Human Sciences, 21st - 25th August 2023.

These Summer Schools are designed to give UK pupils studying in Year 12 a taste of what it's like to be an undergraduate studying at the University of Oxford. Pupils will take part in an academic programme, live in College, meet student ambassadors studying at Oxford, and receive information, advice and guidance on applying to university. The Summer Schools are free and we will provide financial support to pupils to cover their travel costs.

For more information and how to apply: [Wadham College Summer Schools](#).

Modern Languages Open Day

For Year 12 (Year 11 also welcome) pupils interested in studying Modern Languages

Saturday 13th May, 10:30-16:00

The Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages are delighted to be able to welcome prospective students to Oxford for our annual Modern Languages Open Day! The event will be held at the Examination Schools, located on the High Street in Oxford's city centre.

This event is a fantastic opportunity for students who are interested in learning more about our language courses, or who are still considering their options. Most of our Joint School degree subjects will also be represented at the event.

Our Modern Languages Open Day is aimed primarily at Year 12 pupils and their parents/guardians/teachers, but Year 11 pupils who are starting to think about university study are equally welcome to attend. The Open Day will offer an overview of our Modern Languages courses and a general Q&A for prospective students in the morning, with individual language sessions and a parents'/guardians'/

teachers' Q&A session occurring in the afternoon. You can view the full event programme [here](#).

Booking for this event is compulsory, and will close at midnight on 10th May 2023. You can register your attendance [here](#).

Balliol College Taster Days

For Year 12 pupils with an interest in the subject in question

Wednesday 3rd May - [Balliol Engineering Science Taster Day](#)

Thursday 11th May - [Balliol History Taster Day](#)

Monday 15th May - [Balliol Chemistry Taster Day Balliol](#)

Wednesday 7th June - [English Taster Day](#)

Thursday 8th June - [Balliol Biology Taster Day](#)

Each Taster Day will include academic sessions, a practical workshop and a demonstration of an Oxford interview in the relevant subject. There will also be a tour of Balliol College with a chance to meet and ask questions of current undergraduate students.

Lincoln College Study Days

For Year 12 pupils with an interest in the
subject in question

The programme is designed to support pupils from non-traditional Oxbridge backgrounds who are on track to do well and potentially make an application to a selective university. You should have an interest in a relevant subject area of the Humanities or Physics/Engineering.

The programme is designed and delivered by academics and staff at Lincoln College, Oxford, with great opportunities to engage with Tutors and current students. It will give you a real flavour of life at Lincoln and what to expect from studying at Oxford University. It will also help you to develop relevant academic skills such as essay planning and critical thinking, and the admissions workshop and mock interview will help you to make a competitive application to Oxford when the time comes.

The application deadline is Monday 5th June at 12 noon.

Our Study Days have three subject options: History and the Ancient World or Physics and Engineering or Languages and Literature.

The Study Days will take place in at Lincoln College Oxford on the following dates:

History and the Ancient World: August 6th to 8th

Physics and Engineering: August 8th to 10th

Languages and Literature: August 10th to 12th

Accommodation will be provided free of charge, on-site, in Lincoln College rooms. We can also offer support for travel with a bursary.

To apply and see an outline programme follow the link:

<https://lincoln.ox.ac.uk/study-here/teachers-and-schools/lincoln-college-digital-study-days>

in different combinations, such as French and Beginners' Russian, Spanish and Portuguese or Russian and Beginners' Czech (with Slovak). Oxford also offers a range of joint-honours courses that combine languages with other subjects, such as English and French, Modern Languages and Linguistics, Philosophy and Beginners' German. More detailed information about course combinations and content can be found on the Oxford courses webpage.

To find out more about the Modern Languages Study Day and apply to take part, please check the [Christ Church Modern Languages Study Day](#) webpage.

Christ Church Modern Languages Study Day

For Year 12 pupils interested in Languages

Christ Church is excited to be hosting a Modern Languages Study Day on Thursday 1st June 2023. This day is aimed both at pupils who are currently studying languages and those who are interested in picking up new languages at university. It will offer a taste of Modern Languages at university across both cases.

You do not need to be studying a language already to do a Modern Language as part of your degree at Oxford. As well as degree courses in French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Modern Greek, Oxford also offers joint-honours courses that can involve languages

Christ Church Women in PPE Day

For Year 12 pupils interested in studying PPE, Tuesday 30th May 2023

The day will include an introduction to Politics, Philosophy, and Economics at Oxford, taster sessions in each strand of the course, as well as a workshop on the Thinking Skills Assessment (the admissions test for PPE). The participants will have a chance to meet students who study PPE at Oxford, have lunch in the Christ Church Hall, and go on a tour of the college.

To find out more and to apply, please visit the [Christ Church Women in PPE Day](#) webpage.



Parents' and carer's pack

This month's edition of the Parents' & Carers' pack focuses on what a success National Apprenticeship Week 2023 was, apprenticeships available with Atkins, new T Levels available, insights from an apprentice and important dates for your diaries. Please click [here](#) to download this month's edition.

Apprenticeships with Amazon-AWS Spark

Apprenticeships with Amazon is excited to introduce AWS Spark to pupils who are preparing to take the next step towards an in-demand career. AWS Spark provides a platform for learners to explore their areas of inter-

est using the AWS cloud to solve relevant, real-world problems and then apply their experience to associated apprenticeships. To learn more about AWS Spark, please [click here](#).

Graduate Careers Live! Thursday 27th April

Graduate Careers Live! is a new 90-minute TV programme, introducing Year 12 pupils, their parents, and careers staff to the graduate job market. The programme will provide inspiration and practical careers guidance on the growing number of degree apprenticeships and how it can lead to careers in areas like engineering, technology, finance, law, media and the public sector. Click [here](#) to book your place.

T Levels webinar - Tuesday 25th April, 3.30pm

Join this exclusive webinar with the Department for Education to learn all about the new T Level funding, hear more about the plans around the delay in T Level wave 4, how to find your nearest T Level training providers and how to apply. Click [here](#) to book your place.

ASK webinar - Maintaining motivation - Wednesday 26th April, 3.30pm

This session will give advice and support around ways to help you to keep your children and students motivated while applying for apprenticeships, as well as ways to stand out in the application process. Click [here](#) to book your place for the webinar.

Apprentice stories webinar - March 2023

Click [here](#) to hear from apprentices at BT, the Royal Opera House and Rolls Royce about their experiences of being an apprentice, what it is like to work for their organisation and what their role involves, as well as exploring the benefits of doing an apprenticeship.

Careers Talks Speakers for Schools



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A reminder that recorded talks in the Speakers for Schools Inspirational Talks Library can be found [here](#).

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