

Newsletter # 5

Week ending 8 January 2021

VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS

Here are links to the following colleges:

Bath College (next date is 3 February):

<https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/event/virtual-open-event/>

Wiltshire College:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/the-college/our-courses>

St Brendan's Sixth Form College (holding Online Open Evening on 3 February):

<https://www.stbrn.ac.uk/info/open-days/online-open-evening/>

City of Bristol College (holding a Digital Open Event on 20 January):

<https://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/events/>

Do not forget that you can also contact Mrs Parker and Mrs Ruck via email if you need help with future choices.

UNDERGRADUATE VIRTUAL EVENTS:

Newman University are holding a variety of webinars on a variety of subjects, such as:

- Student Finance

- Making a Successful UCAS Application
- Writing an Effective Personal Statement

They take place at various times in January. To sign up for any of them, go to:

<https://www.newman.ac.uk/about-us/student-recruitment-and-outreach/webinars/>

RESOURCES FROM THE NHS

One of the major employers in the area is the RUH, and the NHS are certainly in the spotlight right now. Year 8 are just about to start learning about the wide variety of roles available in the medical industry, as it is not just doctors and nurses that are needed. To explore the 350+ jobs that are possible, visit:

<https://www.stepintothens.nhs.uk/>

If you are not in Year 8 but would like to take part in the 'Step Into the NHS' competition, where you research a role and create a job advert, please get in touch with Mrs Parker or Mrs Ruck.

WON RESOURCES: PARENTS AND CARERS:

In these times that are changing and uncertain, it can be useful to have places to go to for help and advice. The Western Outreach Network is a project started by Bath University, and their website can be accessed by parents, carers and students. It even has a page to help explain Higher Education jargon!

<http://www.won.ac.uk/>



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APPRENTICESHIPS IN CONSTRUCTION:

If you are considering an apprenticeship in construction starting in September 2021, please look at the site below. Applications will remain open until June/July:

<https://www.onsitebristol.co.uk/>

INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT: ACCOUNTANCY, BANKING AND FINANCE:

Lots of people think about a role in Finance. Here is a page that you can look at to get further information on jobs available and skills required:

<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/1262/industry-spotlight-accountancy-banking-and-finance>

AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS

If you are thinking of apprenticeships in the future, the 'Amazing Apprenticeships' website is useful as a source of the latest information for parents, carers and students.

Their latest issue of the Parent and Carers Pack can be found at:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2020/12/Parent-Pack-December-2020.pdf>

'It always seems impossible until it's done.' — Nelson Mandela

VIRTUAL FAIR

UK University Search are pleased to announce that following the huge success of their autumn fairs, they have two more fantastic and free virtual events coming up. They are well worth a look, even if you are just considering university or apprenticeships as an option at this stage.

The first will be their national **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** (27 January), featuring a vast array of exhibitors and 10 vital webinars. There will be opportunities to ask questions and request information and prospectuses from a variety of universities and companies. Students and parents can find out more and sign up here:

<https://ukuniversitysearch.vfairs.com/>

The second virtual event on 10 February is their '**Meet the Russell Group**' virtual event. This will feature all 24 universities and essential webinars for students considering applications to these institutions. If you are thinking of applying to one of the Russell Group Universities, or if you have no idea who they are, it is a chance to find out more. Students and parents can find out more and sign up here:

<https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/>



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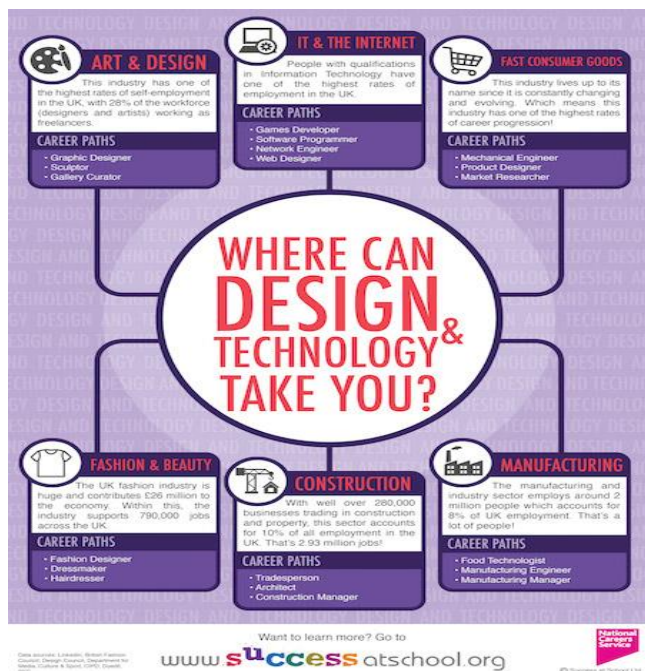
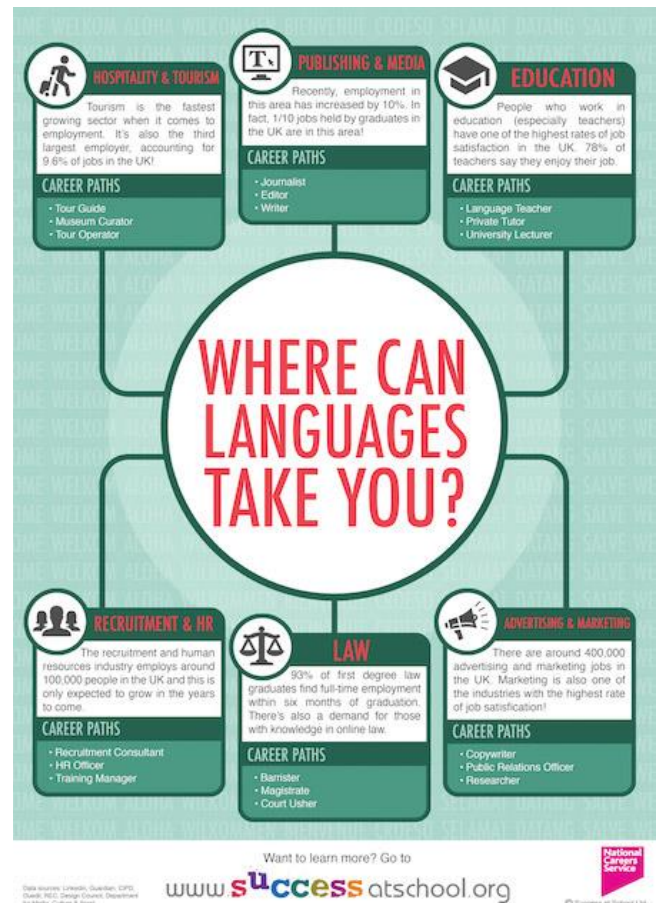
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YEAR 9 OPTIONS SUPPORT

There will be a lot of Year 9 students thinking about their options right now, and they will continue to get support and information through their Tutor Time sessions. Career pilot also provides lots of information for parents and carers on their website:

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone/choices-at-14>

Here are the subjects we are considering this fortnight:



In these times of great uncertainty, know that everyone here at St Gregory's is here to help. It is harder right now as we are physically distant, but we want the best outcomes for all our young people.

Let us know if there is anything you need help with, information about or support to achieve.

We all walk together – Mrs Parker & Mrs Ruck

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