

# Careers Newsletter

Friday 19 March 2021

## Key Messages

### Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed National Careers Week just as much as we did. There are so many opportunities out there for our STA students and we want to show them that the world is their oyster, and we can help them reach the career that they aspire to follow.

We have arranged many virtual online workshops with external organisations such as Uptree, Middlesex University and Career Enterprise. They offer virtual online interactive workshops for all of our students ranging from Year 7 to Year 13.

Thank you for all your support. Enjoy reading. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [s.halil@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:s.halil@standrewtheapostle.org.uk)

**Mrs S Halil (PSHE and Careers Co-Ordinator)**

## GSK STEM Work Experience



**London and the South: GSK STEM Work Experience Day (Online)**

**Thursday 1 April 2.00pm-4.30pm**

### Overview

GSK is a science-led global healthcare company with a mission: they want to help people to do more, feel better, live longer. If you are interested in working for a company that wants to improve medicine and healthcare worldwide then join GSK for their online work experience day.

You will have the opportunity to network with staff, learn about their work and find out more about their opportunities including in Data Science, Business and Finance.

### Agenda

- Introduction to GSK, as well as company culture
- Tips on Applications
- Apprenticeship workshop
- Networking with GSK Professionals across key GSK sites in London and the South (Brentford and Stevenage).
- Q&A

### Who should attend

Year 12 or Year 13 students who are interested in STEM and who are interested in apprenticeship opportunities. You will need a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grades 9-5, including Maths and English Language or predicted a minimum of 96 UCAS points.

To register [click here](#).

## GOOGLE UK Apprenticeships



We are excited to announce that applications are open for UK apprenticeships! Apprentices become an integral part of their team while at Google, and gain Level 3 or 4 apprenticeship qualifications over the course of their work and study.

The three programs we offer are:

### Digital Marketing Level 3 Apprenticeship

You will join a Sales or Marketing team at Google, and help define, design, and implement campaigns across a variety of platforms, gaining

exposure to different Google products, and leveraging the power of Google data to help companies to solve their business challenges

### **Infrastructure Technology Level 3 Apprenticeship**

IT apprentices at Google gain exposure to roles such as IT Support and AV Engineering. You will have the chance to pick up new skills, from troubleshooting across multiple platforms, data gathering and analysis, remote infrastructure, IT security and more, while learning how to apply your knowledge to solve real life problems.

### **Software Development Level 4 Apprenticeship**

This program aims to provide the skills you need to become a software development professional. You'll work alongside teams of Googlers, solving real problems and gaining exposure to different roles across the company, including coding, development, testing and project management.

[Click here](#) for more information and to apply before 1 April 2021.

## Gallagher: Insurance, Risk and Consulting: Work Experience Day

**London: Gallagher: Insurance, Risk and Consulting: Work Experience Day (online)**

**Thursday 15 April, 10.00am-1.00pm**

### **Overview**

Gallagher is a global leader in insurance, risk management and consulting services. Much more than simply an insurance broker, they are an international group of partners that provide cost-effective, client-centric, and expertise-driven risk management solutions. Their teams foster a dynamic, entrepreneurial culture that has made them an innovator in creating new products and services for

their clients. If you are interested in finding out more about this global company, then join us for this work experience event with Gallagher.

You will even get the chance to speak to Gallagher employees and ask them questions about their roles and what it is like to work there. This is an amazing opportunity to embed yourself in the company, particularly if you are thinking of applying for one of their early career's roles!

### **Agenda**

- Ice breaker and welcome
- Introduction to Gallagher company culture
- Inspiring speaker from the company.
- Speed Networking with Gallagher employees
- Q&A panel with Gallagher apprentices/graduates and teams
- Next steps and wrap up: find out more about Gallagher opportunities and how to apply.

### **Who should attend:**



## Gallagher

Insurance | Risk Management | Consulting

- Students in Year 13 who are interested in finding out more about the exciting careers in Gallagher and their Junior broker/account handler and Junior underwriter roles.
- Students that are motivated and keen to learn more about the industry of insurance, risk, and consulting.
- Students who might be interested in starting a role with Gallagher in September 2021 (entry level apprenticeship roles available in brokering and technology with a focus on Uptree student hires!)

To register [click here](#)



Babington is an independent training provider, supporting nationally with the delivery of apprenticeships, including the sourcing of apprenticeship vacancies. Their portfolio covers a wide range of business sectors including IT, Accountancy, Digital Marketing, Financial Services, Business Administration and Customer Service.

Babington always seek to provide opportunities to support careers advice teams in schools by speaking with students about apprenticeship programmes. Year on year, they are seeing more young people choose a 'hands on' approach to developing skills in the workplace as an alternative to the traditional college routes. To get free online learning opportunities please, [click here](#). ***This opportunity can apply to year 11 and year 13 students.***

### STA Careers Online Wokshop - Uptree

What STA students will gain from their **Uptree** experience?

**Uptree** is a professional careers platform for students ages 16-19. They bridge the gap between education and employment.

These sessions will support Year 11 and Sixth formers to get ahead of the curve and start exploring different career options and pathways.

Each session will cover an introduction to the industry, looking at job roles, giving insights into different companies and also supports students to gain key employability skills as they start looking at interview questions and techniques.

We have arranged the following virtual online workshops for our year 13s with Uptree:

**Business and Finance** = 19 April

**STEM** = 26 April

**General Employability** = 10 May

### Inspiring Careers Excellence

This event will be broadcast live from **9am to 12pm on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 March 2021**. Please [click here](#) to find out more.

#### Spotlight Talks

## Inspiring careers excellence

**Spotlight Talks:** Inspiring careers excellence will build on the success of the first event to bring together the UK's leading employers and apprentices to inspire even more young people, from all walks of life, to take up technical career route and apprenticeships.

Spotlight Talks will inspire young people of all backgrounds to consider technical and vocational routes, highlighting the opportunities and career pathways available. During these tough times we must ensure that young people continue to have access to high-quality careers advice. The new digital climate is being utilised to reach young people from across the UK, tackling vocational snobbery by providing inspirational careers advice for the benefit of young people, employers, and the UK economy.

This event will be broadcast live from **9.00am to 12.00pm on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 March 2021**.

#### Booking details

This is a virtual event, please use the details below to join on the day. **Booking ID: K2PEM2YP**

#### Event Link:

<https://spotlight.worldskillsuk.org/booking/K2PEM2YP>

### REMINDER: NatWest Group School Leavers

#### Apprenticeships

School leavers can kick off a career with us in all sorts of ways. Our range of exciting apprenticeships give you a recognised qualification and the chance to develop new skills. They are open to people of any background, aged 16 and over, and a fantastic alternative to full-time education. For more information on the NatWest Group School Leavers brochure [click here](#)

### POST-16 APPRENTICESHIPS

#### What do I need to do an apprenticeship?

- You must be over 16 years old.
- Entry requirements vary, and you may need up to five GCSEs at grade 9 to 4/A\* to C — including English and mathematics.
- You will need to show you can complete the programme — what is required varies across training providers, employers, and job roles.
- An apprenticeship usually takes between one and three years to complete. They are made up of three parts — all completed on the job, online, or in a classroom.

#### Why do it?

Each apprenticeship trains you for a specific job, so it is worth finding out as much as you can about that job, as well as the career and progression route your apprenticeship could lead to. You will be earning while you qualify and will also gain good work and training experience, which will support your applications for other jobs.

#### The qualification

Apprenticeships are at least 12 months long — they lead to a national, recognised qualification and follow a 'framework' developed by Sector Skills Councils. Most include:

- National vocational qualification (NVQ) — e.g., Level 2 for intermediate level apprenticeships, Level 3 for advanced level apprenticeships
- Knowledge-based qualification — such as a higher national certificate (HNC), higher national diploma (HND), or foundation degree
- Functional skills qualifications — e.g., in maths, English, or ICT
- Technical certificate — such as a BTEC or City & Guilds progression award

#### Applying for apprenticeships

Look at the National Apprenticeships Service (NAS) [click here](#) for useful information and tips on apprenticeships.

If an apprenticeship is advertised by a training provider, check if the opportunity includes the job, or if you need to find the job element with a local employer. Training providers can give you help, advice, and guidance on finding appropriate employment.

### REMINDER: TARGET Careers

#### Alternatives to traditional university study

*Interested in exploring alternatives to university?*



There are a wide range of options available, whether you have a strong preference for work over academic learning or would still like to get a degree but just do not fancy doing it in the traditional way.

Apprenticeships are available at different levels and in a wide selection of careers. All combine working and earning a wage with studying for relevant qualifications. To find out more, read:

[An introduction guide to Apprenticeships](#)

[Alternative to university at age 18](#)

[‘Graduate’ careers you can get into via an apprenticeship.](#)

## REMINDER: Virgin Media Apprenticeship



### Apprenticeships

At Virgin Media we have loads of great apprenticeship opportunities that cover all sorts of roles across our business, so whether you want to work on a more technical, engineering or business side of our business there is a scheme for you. Each of our schemes lets you 'learn while you earn' by gaining first-hand experience through exposure to our leading business practices and being paid a decent wage while you are at it!

#### Want to hear more about apprenticeships?

Join us for a live interactive webinar by registering for your invite here [Online Webinars](#)

**Reminder only 1 event left on the 'Tea and Talk' event on 21 April.**

## REMINDER: Parents and Guardians Inspiring Minds



Our first Parents and Guardians Inspiring Minds virtual event is in full swing starting on 1 March 2021.

Parents and Guardians play a crucial role in young people's education journey from the beginning. This virtual event has been hosting live events as well as useful online resources which include support and guidance about key stages of a child's progression in education. For example, how to choose GCSE's all the way to choosing a course and university!

There is still time to register and access all the resources.

For more information, please email [a.milewska2@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:a.milewska2@lboro.ac.uk)

[Register here.](#)

## REMINDER: Virtual HE Fairs for Year 12s

Directing sixth formers to this very good opportunity. We have exhibition stands at the following virtual events of 2021 and hope you and your students will be able to come say hello at one of them.



#### [UK Uni Search](#)

17 March and 15 July

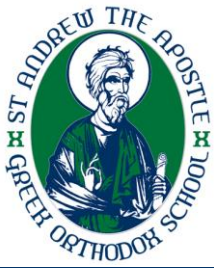
#### [What Uni Live](#)

19 and 20 March

#### [UCAS Discovery Days](#)

UCAS South East - 20 and 21 April





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## REMINDER: Engineering Experience for Year 12 Students



Applications are now open for Engineering Experience, our annual residential event offering Year 12 students (lower sixth form) an opportunity to visit and stay overnight at one of the UK's leading universities for engineering.

Applications for Engineering Experience will close on 9 April.

[More information](#)

## Any Questions?

Remember: If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [s.halil@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:s.halil@standrewtheapostle.org.uk)

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