

## Welcome to the May edition of our Careers Bulletin!

It has been another busy couple of months for the Careers Department. We have now launched our new Careers Platform called Unifrog to all students in years 7-12 and parents/carers will have received a letter about their login details. Heads of Departments have been adding a careers section to their long-term plans which will soon be on the school website for students and parents to use. Using Unifrog, students and teachers have been finding out which frog personality type they are, and then exploring careers linked to this. Look out for the Unifrog parent/carer live event – date to be confirmed. There are so many opportunities for students – please read the bulletin to find out more.

Many thanks,

Miss Mitchelmore

### Events during form time

- 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May: Year 9 – delivered by GM Higher – ‘Choices Day’ (includes a virtual university tour).
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June: Year 10 – delivered by GM Higher – Y10 ‘Destination HE Campus Tour’ (includes a virtual university tour).
- 21<sup>st</sup> May: Year 11 - GM Higher – ‘Be College Ready’

### Apprenticeships - For parents and all students

- See the monthly Parents' and Carers' pack from Amazing Apprenticeships. It is filled with the latest advice and guidance, apprentice case studies, apprenticeship employer vacancies and much more.
- Don't forget that the majority of apprenticeship vacancies are advertised on: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Watch the recorded presentation about apprenticeships – which was made for our students and parents: <https://vimeo.com/479834947/dea822aaa0#> (13minutes)
- Watch a short clip about stereotypes around apprenticeships: (1min)- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KlruseEnVI>

For parents/carers

**Guide to Higher Education:** Event providers: Greater Manchester Higher

2-minute information videos found here:

<https://gmhigher.ac.uk/?s=higher+education+parents>

Parents

**A Guide for Parents: Higher Education Options**

Resource provider: Greater Manchester Higher

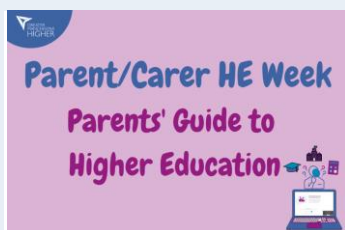
This video provides parents with an introduction to higher education including different types of qualifications available and how to access higher education.

Parents

**A Guide for Parents: Why Higher Education?**

Resource provider: Greater Manchester Higher

This video introduces parents to the benefits of higher education such as employability, personal growth, and valuable life experiences.



**What is Parent/Carer HE week?** A programme of free online talks and sessions delivered via Zoom by staff from the GM Higher network, covering student finance, higher education options and routes into university.

**Tuesday 11th May:** Parents' Guide to Higher Education – for parents/carers of children in College/Sixth Form

What next after COVID? We'll give you an impartial, insider's view on researching university courses and the alternatives – such as degree apprenticeships. We'll also explore how best to plan for a career after the pandemic.

**1pm – 1.45pm** session, book your place: [mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlfuGppzoiGtW71xQpqsJZ8QSVxOIDg0QQ](https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/71xQpqsJZ8QSVxOIDg0QQ)

**6pm – 6.45pm** session, book your place: [mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpf-grDlpG9Y97XwRJT0jrEzGMuq8GOig](https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/71xQpqsJZ8QSVxOIDg0QQ)

Parent/carers – 15 minute video

● Parents

## Parent/Carer Options after Y11 for their young people

Resource provider: Greater Manchester Higher

The screenshot shows a presentation slide with the following elements:

- Title:** What is Higher Education (HE)?
- Top Left:** Logo for 'Parent/Carer workshop HIGHER'.
- Top Right:** 'Copy link' button.
- Center:** A video player showing hands typing on a laptop with a 'Keep Calm' mug.
- Bottom Left:** A button labeled 'Degree Apprenticeships'.
- Bottom Left (Video Player):** 'Watch on YouTube' button.
- Right Side (Yellow Box):**
  - Vocational alternative, combines work and study
  - Pathways that are specific to careers
  - Often take more than three years to complete
  - Competitive and offered in limited subject areas

The presentation will provide greater emphasis around the importance of post-16 decision making and the role of parents and carers in supporting learners to achieve their goals.

<https://gmhigher.ac.uk/resources/parent-carer-options-after-y11-for-their-young-people/>

<https://youtu.be/QpG9x6-iF0Q>

**For parents and Y9-Y13 students:**

**Full range of work experience programmes available here**

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes>

**All start June 1<sup>st</sup> (May half term) – deadline to apply 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Complete all work and assignments at times that are suitable to you.

**Engineering Work Experience**

**Finance Work Experience**

**Teaching Work Experience**

**Journalism Work Experience**

**Marketing Work Experience**

**Law Work Experience**

**Politics Work Experience**

**Veterinary Work Experience**

**Graphic Design Work Experience**

**Fashion Work Experience**

**Technology Work Experience**

**Dentistry Work Experience**

**Business Management**

**Charity Work Experience**

**Psychology Work Experience**



**Virgin Media Apprenticeship - Insight events** - Reserve your place on **Springpod**

- **26<sup>th</sup> May 5pm** – nail your apprenticeship application – Hints and tips
- **16<sup>th</sup> June 5pm** – Apprenticeship vs University: Which route to take



## Virtual Work Experience Opportunities (VWEX)

Work Experience Co-ordinator - Miss Mitchelmore Email - [careers@altrinchamcollege.com](mailto:careers@altrinchamcollege.com)



**Speakers for schools VWEX** – age 14+ - **lots of different opportunities** with a wide range of companies – students will need to apply for specific work experience opportunities and then wait to see if they are accepted

Create an account here <https://www.s4snextgen.org/> - to view and be alerted to specific opportunities based on your interests **parental permission is required**

For parents and Y11-13 students **When – 13<sup>th</sup> May 5-6pm**

**An event with some of IBM's top Business & Technology leaders.**

Bringing together some of IBM's most senior figures within the business to come and talk to us all about what it's like working for one of the world's largest tech companies.

school leaver opportunities, summer insight days and gap year placements.

**Application Link:**

<https://www.research.net/r/IBM-Insight-Evening>



**IBM Insight Evening**  
13th May 5pm – 6pm

An evening with some of IBM's most senior Technology & Business Leaders! Come and see what it's like working for one of the world's biggest Tech companies and the exciting work they are doing across the globe!

Hear about their school leaver opportunities, summer insight days and gap year placements. Open to all students in school / college aged 15 – 18 & interested in technology or business

**Sign up via the link provided!**

Students and parents – aimed at 11-14 year old girls

**Maths inspiration events** Various dates at 4pm

**13th May. The Maths of Risk**

*Why are some people scared of flying but not driving? Why do some people keep their savings under their bed and others put it in a bank? Who decides whether something is risky or not? Meet the people who work with risk every day, and ask them your questions during this live session.*

**27th May. Maths of Persuasion**

*Do you believe the adverts? Do you ever question the news? And is it possible for people to change their behaviour? Meet our experts who work in marketing and behaviour change, ask them your questions during this live event, and find out how you can have a career doing the same.*

**10th June. Maths and the Global Goals**

*17 Goals, with the power to create a better world by 2030, by ending poverty, fighting inequality and addressing the urgency of climate change. Guided by the goals, it is now up to all of us, governments, businesses, civil society and the general public to work together to build a better future for everyone. Meet our experts who are doing just that, and learn how you can have a career doing the same.*

**24th June. Maths of an Athlete**

*Incremental gains, recovery times, personal bests and cutting edge equipment and techniques. Meet our experts who use maths in sport, find out how you could have a career in this exciting area, and ask them your questions during this live online event.*

**8th July. Maths to Solve a Crime**

*How is maths used to prevent and solve criminal activity? Meet our experts who are doing just that, and learn how you can have a career in this exciting area. Ask them your questions during this live panel event.*

Book tickets here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mathsgirls-4pm-tickets-151090310185?aff=website>



All students and parents

**Legal open day 2020:** - Last year's recordings - Kings chambers – Zoom Open Day 2020 – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBEwQlcl3eZgvNh3Ve51adzIMaDyDpNJa>

Y12 and Y13's and parents - **Legal open day 2021**



**Kings Chambers Digital Open Day**  
24th June 2021

As a leading Chambers, based across three cities, with a national reach and reputation, you'll have the opportunity to hear from some of the country's most respected barristers. They will tell you all about their day-to-day role, how they got into the profession and what it's really like to stand up in court. After hearing them speak, you might just find that life at the Bar surprises you.

Who is our open day for?  
Our virtual open day is for anyone considering a career at the Bar and keen to understand more about life with a civil practice. The day will include talks from barristers, judges and clerks and you'll have the chance to ask questions.

We hope this event will give aspiring barristers an understanding of what a career at the Bar entails. As a multidisciplinary practice, you'll hear from Members of each of the specialist teams at Kings Chambers and there will be plenty of opportunities for discussion.

**What are you waiting for?**  
Our open day is always extremely popular, so don't hesitate in getting your application in!

Click here to watch last year's event | Register by emailing: [minipupillage@kingschambers.com](mailto:minipupillage@kingschambers.com)

**Virtual tour of Trafford Skills Centre in Trafford Park**

For parents and any students

Virtual tour: <https://youtu.be/5z37j92o2NI>

Application forms and course info

Construction: [Course search \(gceducationandskills.ac.uk\)](https://www.gceducationandskills.ac.uk/course-search)

Automotive: [Course search \(gceducationandskills.ac.uk\)](https://www.gceducationandskills.ac.uk/course-search)



**T Levels** are a new, 2-year qualification designed to give you a head start towards the career you want.

The government has developed T Levels to deliver world-class technical education and give you a new choice after GCSEs.

Find out more here - <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students>



## **On demand - Virtual Work Experience Opportunities (VWEX)**

**\*NEW\*** **Medicine / dentistry / veterinary science / Allied health professionals** - Medic Mentor - <https://medicmentor.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes/>

**Marketing** – **all students** 4 videos to watch about 50 minutes in total viewing time plus time needed to complete the activities – can be watched and paused to suit your timetable  
<https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/resources/my-week-work-wednesday>

**Law** – Kennedy's Law firm – **Y12/13 students**

It will take about 5-6 hours in your own time at own pace – even over a number of weeks

Register here- <https://www.theforage.com/virtual-internships/prototype/4MkD3QfC96ybnpH4C/Kennedys-Virtual-Experience-Programme>

**Forensic science and fingerprints** - Open University Course - **Age 14+**

About 10 of study to complete - <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/health-sports-psychology/health/forensic-science-and-fingerprints/content-section-0>

**Biology related career / medicine**

– Brighton and Sussex Medical School – **Age 14+** – free VWEX modules

The content is delivered through presentations, videos, quizzes and interactivity activities. You can take as few or as many hours as you like complete the course. No deadline! As a guide, it may take between 7-9 hours to complete. Awarded a certificate of completion. Click here to make an account very easily and get started <https://bsmsoutreach.thinkific.com/courses/VWE>

**Social Work** – Click here: [Interview with a Social Worker](#) Open University Course **all students**

Explore the role of a support worker. A real life Social worker talks about their job and role and what is involved in becoming a Social Worker.

**Architecture** – click here: [Halliday Fraser Munroe](#) - **Year 10, 11 or 12 students**

This is a real company, who are running a fantastic work experience programme online. You will complete 2 tasks including designing a house for a celebrity.

Considering a degree in **veterinary medicine and science** -

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/vet-school-application-support>



## Virtual Work Experience / course opportunities (VWEX)

**Software engineering** - about 5 hours of study to complete **Age 14+**

The opportunity to explore what life is like as a JPMorgan Chase software engineer with our Software Engineering Virtual Internship. They work on solutions that include strategic technology initiatives, big data, mobile, electronic payments, machine learning, cybersecurity.

**KPMG Age 14+** Online program, you will get to complete similar work that our Graduates do at KPMG. You will learn what it is like working at one of the world's best **data analytics** team, and build skills required to excel as a analytics consultant.

**Plumbing Introduction to Plumbing** Great way of gaining some basic Plumbing knowledge if you are considering a career in this industry.

**Carpentry Introduction to Carpentry** If you are considering a career as a carpenter, then this course will introduce to the basic principles of structures and what is involved in being a carpenter.

**Electrical trade Introduction to the Electrical trade** This online course will give you a free introduction to the electrical trade, electrical safety, and electrical theory.

**Masonry Introduction to Masonry** This free online masonry course will teach you about essential masonry tasks, such as the spreading of mortar, furrowing, buttering, and bricklaying

**Teaching** –about 8 hours of study [The World of the Primary School](#) Considering becoming a Primary Teacher? This will be a great introductory course about the profession.

**Policing** – about 4 hours of study

[Sure, I Know How to Talk to People](#) A great introduction to the Police Force using one of the most important skills, communication.

**Hair & Beauty** - Eco Hair and Beauty - The online 'salon' is for hairdressers and trainees to explore. By clicking on different areas of the salon you will learn about eco-friendly/sustainable techniques and products <https://ecohairandbeauty.com/virtual-salon/>

*Altrincham College takes no responsibility for third party events. Any costs associated with such events should be incurred by the student or parent/carer and at your own risk. By participating in a third-party event, students and parents/carers should ensure they read the terms of the events carefully before accepting them.*

## Altrincham College Sixth form – planned live career events

Students in Year 12 will commence their UCAS application work this month. All students are asked to complete their application, even if they don't think they want to go to university, as this work can be transferred over to any apprenticeship or job applications that they make.

Below is an outline of some of the activities that we have planned for Year 12 who are preparing to make important post-18 option choices:

**May 2021:** An introduction to applying to UCAS  
Post-18 Options: Virtual information guide for Parents/Carers

**June 2021:** Personal Statement Workshop  
Visit to Edge Hill University

**July 2021:** Visit to UA92 University



We encourage students to make use of our brand new careers tool, Unifrog, to start researching future careers and university courses. Students who wish to apply to university should look out for university open days. Many of these events will be virtual, however a number of universities are starting to invite guests to campus in person.

## Useful websites

<https://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/school-and-college-liaison/getting-ready-for-university/gaining-experience-during-a-lockdown>

<https://www.altrinchamcollege.com/careers/websites>

[https://mcusercontent.com/f0c6997f9844e10f115781610/files/f7238149-2d2d-41c1-b6de-f53feb7956b5/Careers advice for parents useful links.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/f0c6997f9844e10f115781610/files/f7238149-2d2d-41c1-b6de-f53feb7956b5/Careers_advice_for_parents_useful_links.pdf)

## Evidence of VWEX/courses

Please ensure you/they save the completion **certificate or a screenshot** of any work completed as evidence and send it to [careers@altrinchamcollege.com](mailto:careers@altrinchamcollege.com)