



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our very first careers focused newsletter.

In April 2023, we embarked upon a new careers journey within school.

Using the great resources from Unifrog, the Sixth Form team, Mrs Latham - Head of PSHE plus enthusiastic contacts from within our parent body and our Old Kirkhamian's Association, we have started to develop a great careers programme.

We have supported an increased amount of pupils accessing work experience - both virtually or in person.

We have given advice regarding apprenticeships during 1:1 meetings with Upper Sixth pupils in the new careers hub.

Mr Whittle and the Sixth Form team worked flat out to get the UCAS references in for the October deadline and then the January deadline with some amazing offers coming through. It's nearly time to start thinking about the next group of applicants - the Lower Sixth!

We have run career focused sessions in form time either through form teachers or with Ms Russell - Head of Careers.

We have an active Careers Class on Google Classroom for Fourth Year and above - Class Code - lzdel52 and a new Instagram page @kgscareers - feel free to follow us too.

In the coming months we will be having 1:1 meetings with Fifth Year and Lower Sixth pupils about their next steps and provide advice when necessary.

Any pupil who would like to book an appointment for careers advice is welcome to speak to Ms Russell to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

We are delighted to unveil our forthcoming 2024 Careers Fair set to take place on the Tuesday 5 March 6 - 8 pm during the peak of National Careers Week! This is open to Third Years and above.

Prepare for an impressive line-up of more than 30 dynamic representatives eager to share insights about their respective industries, companies, universities, or colleges.

Engage closely with some of experts as they unveil industry secrets during engaging 15-minute sessions, culminating in an open Q and A session.

Covering a diverse range of career paths from beauty marketing to digital intelligence, this event promises a diverse array of career perspectives waiting to be explored.

Pupils will complete a Google Form to choose their two choices of speaker during the event. This has been emailed to form tutors to share with their form and complete by the end of the week.

Attendees include:



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UCAS NEWS

77% of our current Upper Sixth have applied to university

Pupils have applied in the UK and USA, Hong Kong and various European destinations

We have supported 5 former pupils to apply to University this year

In total, Upper Sixth have 88 UK University places still awaiting a decision

So far, the Upper Sixth have 212 offers from 57 different UK Universities

Pupils have applied for a wide variety of courses including Neuroscience, Medicine, Law, Dentistry, International Business, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Agriculture Business Management, Economics, Building Surveying, Zoology, History, Geography, Sports and Exercise Science, Data Science, Physics with Astrophysics, Pharmacology, Psychology, Economics, Veterinary Medicine and more

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Several of our Upper Sixth pupils have been applying for and receiving some great degree apprenticeship offers. Apprenticeships are a growing area of interest with the pupils and parents too. Our apprenticeship evening in October attracted over 110 attendees, where they were given an opportunity to listen to OKAs about their apprenticeship journey and ask questions too. Some exciting opportunities have developed from these interactions.



Millie became a part of the school community in 2017. Holding the position of Head Girl, she excels as a music, sports, and academic scholar. Leading the 2nd XI hockey team, she also contributes to the Soprano Group Ensemble. Millie is a proficient public speaker and serves as a commendable role model. As an Arkwright Scholar, she is pursuing A Levels in Design Engineering, Physics, and Mathematics. Millie has a degree apprenticeship offer from BAE for Mechanical Engineering. Furthermore, she has received four university offers, including Durham, York, and Lancaster University, to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

BAE SYSTEMS

Since joining us in Sixth Form, Cameron has shown dedication and hard work. He is a reserved yet self-assured pupil with clear goals in mind. Cameron has proudly represented the school in rugby as part of the First Team Squad.

He is currently pursuing A Levels in Design Engineering, Physics, and Mathematics.

Cameron has received a degree apprenticeship offer in Nuclear Engineering from Rolls Royce. Furthermore, he holds four university offers, including Queen Mary and York for Sustainable/Renewable Engineering, and is eagerly anticipating a response from his final application.



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SOCIETIES

The school runs a very successful Medical Society - this was set up and run by Miss Chiekrie and has been taken over and supported by Ms Russell and Mr Taylor plus speakers from the staff body.

Pupils are given advice on taking the UCAT, creating personal statements and investigating different areas of medicine - both human and animal.

We are always keen to get new speakers from a variety of specialisms. This is an example of the program we offer. Pupils who have had successful applications and are awaiting offers are invited to deliver a session on their interview experiences and give other pupils some top tips on applying too.

We have pupils who have applied for physiotherapy, dentistry, pharmacy, medicine, neuroscience and psychology.





KGS
Medical Society
Up and Coming Events

In L8 from 1pm
- feel free to
bring some
lunch too

Date	Activity
21 Feb	Mr Taylor Session on UCAT – 5 th and L6 Only
28 Feb	Sophie and Seb Session on their Interview experience – All Welcome
06 March	Charlie W L6th – Structure of the NHS - Presentation
12 March (Tues)	<i>Speaker - Mrs Stanbury – Ethics of Animal Experimentation</i>
20 March	<i>Speaker - Medical Student from Lancaster University</i>
10 April	Personal Statement Session – Mr Taylor – 5 th and 6 th Form
17 April	<i>Speaker – Dr So - Nephrologist</i>
24 April	<i>Speaker – Dr Cunningham – Dentist and Lecturer at UCLan (TBC)</i>

Example
Programme
for Spring 2024

From September, we are looking to set up a STEM society and a Law/Debating Society. These will be facilitated by various member of the staff body.

We are reaching out to our parents - if you would like to offer some support either in the form of a talk (virtual or in-person) or just some advice we can pass on - please feel free to contact - in the first instance via Ms Russell (email address below)

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Many pupils have had the chance to engage in work experience placements, either in person or virtually. Since 2020, a shift to virtual work experiences by many businesses has allowed more pupils to take part, offering increased flexibility regarding start dates.

Pupils who have had the opportunity for in-person experiences have greatly benefited from them. For instance:

- James S secured a week at Carey Olsen Law firm in London during February half term through a connection with Old Kirkhamian, Sheba Raza. This was facilitated after he reached out to her following her speech on Speech Day last year. James has also secured another placement in May with the International Law firm, Vinson & Elkins.
- Millie H completed a four-day Women in Engineering program at BAE Marine in Barrow plus a day in Manufacturing with Haribo (Arkwright Scholarship Sponsor)
- Seb K and Cameron B completed a week of work experience at BAE Marine in Barrow.
- Will P in Fifth Year completed a week at BAE Air.
- We have had an offer of work experience with Handlebanken and we have a pupil currently applying for this.
- Many of the medicine/dental students secure their own placements
- We have facilitated medical mock interviews, interview with potential work experience placements, talks with Public Health Officials (via OKA) and other career related talks.

If you would like to offer a potential work experience placement to Lower Sixth Form pupils either during Easter or the Summer break (this could one day or up to two weeks) - please feel free to contact Ms Russell

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