



The English Martyrs Catholic
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EMS6 CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

We have had a busy few weeks since our last newsletter. We have welcomed a number of speakers into college including representatives from the Fire Brigade to talk about fire safety around the house, a Clinical Psychologist to share her experiences as well as a representative from Northumbria University to update our year 13 students regarding student finance, including entitlement and the applications process. Just a quick reminder that Student Finance England will be open for applications in March 2023.

The Sutton Trust Pathways to Law

Josh was successful in his application to the incredibly competitive Sutton Trust Pathways to Law. This is a two-year programme that supports students in the future career choices. Josh completed a work experience placement with Eversheds over half term. He commented that 'It was really useful to gain a greater understanding of the law sector. It has motivated and inspired me to continue working hard'. Well done, Josh!



National Careers Week launches on Monday 6th March. To introduce the week students will register on Unifrog (an online platform that supports students with their future choices) and will be provided with a whole host of information on the careers teams pages.

NCW will host a virtual careers fair that brings together students and employers from across the UK. More details available at [Countdown - NCW 2023](#)

[Virtual Careers Fair](#)

NCW have created a parent's guide that can be accessed at [The Parents' Guide to NCW 2023 - National Careers Week](#)



Opportunities



The Universities of Bath, Cardiff, Exeter, Keele, Lancaster and Warwick are hosting a series of online conferences aimed at providing information, advice and guidance on what is available and how to apply. These conferences include the following sessions: The UCAS process and personal statements, choosing a course and university, and applying to competitive universities, as well as panel sessions with admissions experts and current university students from each of the host universities. The dates are Saturday 11 March and 10 June from 10am – 1pm. Students can sign up for one of the sessions at [Next Steps for Y12 Conferences 2023 | University of Exeter \(geckoform.com\)](#)

Clinical Psychologist Workshop

We welcomed Maggie Douglas into college to speak to our sixth form psychology students. Maggie engaged our students by sharing her career journey. Working as a successful Business Manager, she realised her passion lay in helping people and undertook a significant amount of training to qualify as a Clinical Psychologist.



Monday 6 February saw the start of National Apprenticeship Week. To mark the occasion students had access to a daily update on the careers teams pages which included a wealth of information about apprenticeships. We have a number of students each year that progress onto apprenticeships and can offer them support in a number of ways including links with the DWP and Amazing Apprenticeships.



Student Finance England is now open for applications. All students can apply for a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan. Many students will also qualify for a bursary from their chosen university. [Student finance for undergraduates: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) The Department for Education has produced a number of useful YouTube videos that explain the process including repayments. [Understanding your student loan: a guide for English students starting an undergraduate course 2023 - YouTube](#)