



Careers IAG Bulletin 2: **Term 2 03/03/21**

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National Careers Week



Careers Week

This week is **National Careers week!**
 In celebration of this, we have put together key resources for each key stage.

Mrs MacDonald has also published a useful assembly that includes career stories from teachers at Twyford.

To watch, please click: [here](#)



KS3 CIAG Opportunities

NHS Careers Quiz

Do you enjoy taking care of others?

[Click here](#) to take the NHS quiz and find out if a career in the healthcare industry could be your future career.

Creative Careers Quiz

Are you creative?

[Click here](#) to take a creative careers quiz and find out if the creative industry could be your future career.



Have you considered a career in the Army?

[Click here](#)

To watch a presentation of what a 'day in the life' consists of.

Do you enjoy studying Maths?

[Click here](#) to

access the 'Maths Challenge' site that provides insights into career pathways.

KS4 CIAG Opportunities

How To Become

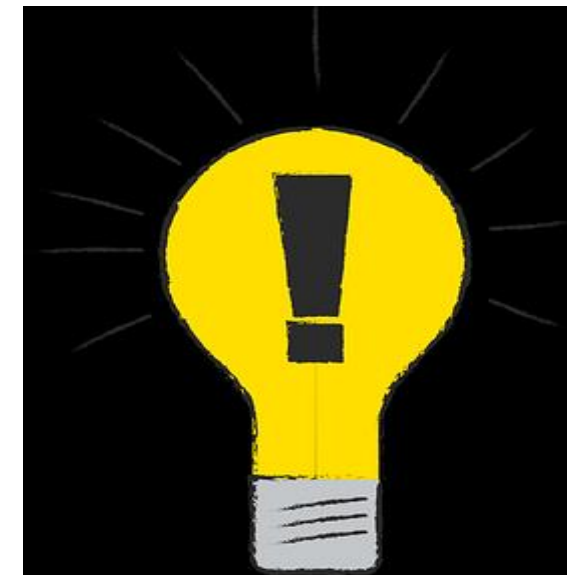
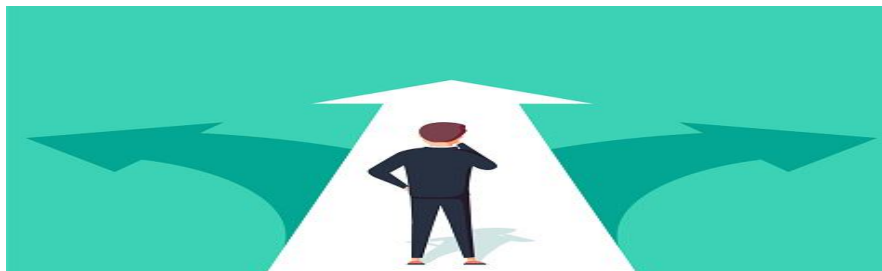
Are you still trying to decide your future career pathway?

Success for schools have launched their 'how to become' series which includes job profiles and guides to help you explore different career pathways.

You will also gain insight into the skills, qualifications and experience required.

For more details: [click here](#)

[Click here](#) to download the Young Professionals App for virtual work experience opportunities.



Insight Day

The British Army is the largest employer of full time musicians in the UK.

Join Army Music for insight into the profession, a Q&A session and a masterclass on instrument practice time.

Date:

Wednesday 14th April

10:00am-12:00pm

For more details: [click here](#)

KS5 CIAG Opportunities

Pathways to Property

Pathways to property are hosting a fully funded four day summer school at University of Reading. Students will attend taster lectures, exploring themes in property, site visits and group projects.

Date:

Monday 19th July- Thursday 22nd July

To apply: [click here](#)

VMI is launching the UK's first Apprenticeship for Camera Technicians.

For more details:

[click here](#)

Virtual Work Experience

Browne Jacobson are a top 50 law firm with offices all over the UK and revenues of £50 million. During the Easter holidays they will be providing students with a virtual work experience. This will include insight into how law firms operate, different departments, and a Q&A with solicitors.

Date:

Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th April

9am-4pm

To apply: [click here](#)



Pearson College published a blog on managing the transition to university and tips for remote learning.

To read the blog: [click here](#)

CIAG For Parents/Carers



Paths to Careers

Parents and carers also need tailored CIAG to support students with career choices, and key stages such as Post 16 and Post 18 options.

[Click here](#) to view Target Careers useful resource to provide you with guidance on starting initial conversations and advice on getting involved with your child's career progress.

Discovering options

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'I knew this would be the fastest way for me to qualify as a chartered accountant.'

NAUMAN LODHI is a senior associate in PwC's audit team. He joined PwC after completing its Flying Start degree programme at Newcastle University in 2020.

Why did you choose to go to university?
My plan was always to go to university, I had good grades from a young age and I'd be the first in my family to go. I wanted to do something that used maths, and during my research around my career options, I had reached out to accounting firms around the Newcastle area to find out about what the job involved and the opportunities for progression. They were all very helpful, and I realised that accountancy would be a great route for me.

What qualifications are you working towards?
Newcastle University ranked highly when I was researching the best universities for accounting, and that's when I came across the PwC Flying Start programme. It's a normal accounting and finance degree (I still paid tuition fees) that includes a number of placements with PwC across the four years and, if you get a 2:1 or above, you're offered a job when you graduate. I know that this would be the fastest way for me to qualify as a chartered accountant so it was an easy choice.

How was the application process for your degree different?
I still needed to meet the A-level grade requirements to be accepted onto the course, but I also had to attend an assessment centre at PwC's offices. Looking back, I think I was able to stand out because of the skills and experience that I'd developed through volunteering and part-time jobs. For example, I had teamwork and communication skills from volunteering at a summer camp and working at a desert cafe and I was able to demonstrate these.

Tell us about your placements.
Starting from the second year at university, I spent a couple of months each year on placement in one of PwC's offices. Initially, I was just learning how to do the work of an auditor, but with each placement I progressed a bit more and was given more challenging work and more responsibility. I think that, even if I wasn't offered or didn't accept a job at the end of my degree, this work experience would be really great on my CV.

Adjusting to work was hard at first but it also really helped to see the things I was studying applied in the real world and vice versa. When it came to exam season I think I performed better because I was used to the structure of a 'one-to-one' working day. It was an added bonus that I was paid during my placements too, so I had some money to really enjoy my university life.

What advice do you have for people entering the world of work?
Needs are natural, but you need to show your willingness to learn and make an effort to get to know people. I was really scared when I first started an office environment was very new to me. The team soon put me at ease and I made sure I was open to every learning opportunity and kept asking questions – even about areas I wasn't assigned to. I learned more about the business and it got me talking to people!

'Being around other apprentices made it easier'

BOLA LAWAL is a finance professional at SANTANDER. She started an apprenticeship with Leadership Through Sport & Business and BKL in 2016 and joined Santander in 2017.

Why an apprenticeship?
When I finished college, the usual option was for people to go to university, but there were many reasons why I don't think this would be for me. I knew I wanted to become an accountant or work in the financial services industry and when I looked at the skills that employers wanted for the jobs I was interested in, I realised that I wouldn't get them from university but could through an apprenticeship.

How did your work experience help you?
Before applying for my apprenticeship, I'd done work experience as a care assistant. This experience taught me a lot most importantly, that it wasn't the job for me, I also learned about adapting to difficult situations, being professional when dealing with challenges and how to have confidence in myself, which are all skills I use in my work now.

Tell us about your apprenticeship.
I applied for the 'More than an apprenticeship' scheme with the charity Leadership Through Sport & Business, which I found through the National Apprenticeship Service website. This was a social mobility programme, designed to give people the skills and networking opportunities they would need for their future career. The first thing I did was three-month skills course, where, through sports and training, I developed my communication, team building and leadership skills. These weren't just skills that one employer would need, but would be useful throughout my entire career.

What advice do you have for school leavers?
Before assessment days and interviews, do a lot of research and make an effort to at least know the basics of the business. I never want to walk into a room and have no clue what is going on. By doing research, during the social side of the assessment centre, I could engage with people I didn't know. It's something you do on a day-to-day basis in a work environment and it demonstrates your enthusiasm. Recruiters can tell when you're willing to put in that extra bit of effort.

Showing enthusiasm is also important in the workplace: show people you're listening, take notes and ask questions. Small things like that are what makes you a professional. ☺

InvestIN Work Programmes

INVESTIN Programmes

The InvestIN Programmes cover 20 different industries with leading experts in; **architecture, dentistry, engineering, fashion design, film, law, banking, music, publishing and more.**

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As a partner school with InvestIN, you will receive a **10% discount** on all programmes.

Simply use code **TWYFORD10** on payment page.

Bursary applications for Pupil Premium and Bursary students are now open. This will cover the full cost of the programmes. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

If you are eligible to apply please email Miss Lawal careersiag@Twyford.ealing.sch.uk and state the programme you are interested in.

Year Group: 9-13



Student Feedback

INVESTIN Programme

Amelia Royan 11W

Amelia attended the INVESTIN Young Doctor's Programme and Young Vet Programme.

This is what she had to say:

"The programmes were exciting to take part in, and I learnt how to conduct myself in medical interviews."

"The vet programme provided insight on what the daily life of a vet consists of."



PEN Workshop

Grace Glasby 12D

Grace attended a consultancy workshop during the half term.

This is what she had to say:

"I learnt about consultancy as a career pathway. The workshop gave me confidence to present ideas and developed my problem solving skills."



Useful websites



Careers Pilot

Do you want to discover the different career paths you can get into?

Careers Pilot is here to help! This website will allow you to explore different careers and educational pathways you can take to get there. You can take their quiz and activities to explore what industries may suit you best.

There is also an informative section for parents and carers.

For more information please click: [here](#)

Year group: Y7-13

Speakers for Schools

Do you want to hear from successful professionals?

Speakers for Schools is here to help! This is a charity that brings speakers together for students to gain career insight. The website will give you a range of virtual talks to tune into, from entrepreneurship, sports, music, tech and project management.

For more information please click: [here](#)

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