

# BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## Careers Newsletter



Dear all,

Happy New Year! In January's careers newsletter you will find links to virtual events, some exciting competitions and details of how to apply for virtual work experience programmes.

Already this term we have held options interviews with all pupils in Year 8 with their tutors and senior staff. We were very impressed with how seriously they are taking the process and how much thought and consideration they are giving to their next steps. At the end of this month, all Year 11 pupils will have an individual options interview with their tutor and a member of the Sixth Form team in which they will discuss their post-GCSE options, A Level combinations, and their career aspirations.

Students in Year 12 are using the Unifrog platform in preparation for applying to university; they are researching courses, starting to prepare their personal statements and exploring MOOCs. This term, pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 will be introduced to Unifrog where they will explore careers-related topics such as CV writing, leadership skills and how to research apprenticeships and university courses.

### Virtual Events

**Virtual Oxbridge Classics Open day (Year 12)** – The **2021 virtual Oxbridge Classics Open Day** is a chance to find out more about applying to study Classics at Oxford and Cambridge, with course presentations, taster lectures, and opportunities to ask questions to current students and academics.

**Corpus Christi Law Spring Workshops (Year 12)** - For 2021, the Law Residential has been adapted into a virtual programme of Spring Workshops which will take place from 15 March 2021 to 17 March 2021. The workshops are a great opportunity for aspiring lawyers to gain an insight into studying law and to find out about life as a lawyer at the University of Oxford. Applications are now open! Click [here](#) to learn more.

**Creative Degree talks (All years)** – The Northern School of Art have launched a [YouTube channel](#) where you can find a range of recorded talks on topics such as Visual Effects and Model Making, Photography, and Fashion Creative Design.

**Meet the Russell Group virtual fair (Years 11-13)** – Register [here](#) for the fair which will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 12:00 to 19:00. This online and interactive experience will allow you to explore all 24 Russell Group universities and chat directly with their representatives and ambassadors. You will be able to view information and videos about each university, link directly to Virtual Campus Tours to explore university facilities and accommodation, download prospectuses and take part in 13 live webinars in the virtual auditorium.



**Physics Lectures and Tutorials** – This series led by the Cambridge Physics Centre continues with topics such as *Plastic Planet* and *Ripples from the Dark Side of the Universe*. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up.

**Virtual Humanities Week** – Edge Hill University will be offering a [Virtual Humanities Week](#) from Monday 11th January to Friday 22nd January. This week will give students the opportunity to access taster lectures from a range of humanities subjects and find out how the humanities subjects relate to different career paths. Titles of the lectures include ‘*History: A is for Activism*’ and ‘*English: Stories that shaped the world*’.

**Apprenticeships fair 3rd and 4th February (Years 10-13)** – This event is an opportunity to meet companies offering apprenticeships such as Aldi, BDO, Dyson, Lloyds Banking Group, Vodafone, and more. During the event you will learn insights on the application processes for different apprenticeship schemes. Spaces are limited, so if you are keen to attend please register [here](#).

## Competitions

**Classics and Ancient History Essay Competition (Year 12)** – St John’s College’s annual competition is open to all Year 12 students. There are 4 essay titles to choose from such as ‘*Nice guys finish last.*’ *Is this statement true for characters (of any gender) in ancient literature?*’ You do not need to study a Classical or Ancient subject to apply. The deadline for submissions for [the competition](#) is 25<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm.

**Peter Cane Prize for Legal Reasoning (Years 12-13)** - Submission for the [Peter Cane Legal Reasoning Prize | Corpus Christi College Oxford](#) is now open! The prize is a fantastic chance for aspiring lawyers to analyse a legal text and communicate their analysis.

**Medic Mentor National Essay competition (Years 10-13)** – Enter [here](#) to be in with a chance of having your essay published in ‘Mentor’ magazine. This quarter’s essay question is ‘*Do healthcare professionals have an obligation to improve the health of our planet?*’. The deadline for submission of a 1,500 word essay is 5pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

**National Art Competition (all Senior and Sixth Form year groups)** – Medic Mentor is running a [sister competition](#) to their essay competition; submit a piece of Art for the next cover of the ‘Mentor’ magazine. The next issue’s title is ‘Confronting Climate Change’. Submissions should be A4 minimum and should be submitted by 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 to [publishing@medicmentor.info](mailto:publishing@medicmentor.info)

**RE: view Film Competition (Years 9-13)** – The Faculty of Divinity at the University of Cambridge have launched this year’s competition on ‘50 Religious Treasure of Cambridge’. More details can be found [here](#). The deadline for submission is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.



## Virtual Work Experience

**Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers** - If you are interested in any of the careers listed below then you could consider registering for [this programme](#), you can choose between one day programmes or a series of days. *Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedics, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Radiographers, Dietitians, Podiatrists, Osteopaths, Speech and Language Therapists.*

*The following free virtual work experience programmes are all offered by Springpod for students in Years 10-13. All programmes will take place between the 15<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021. There will be around 10 hours of activity for you to complete with 5 or 6 live workshops. If you can't attend those live you'll be able to catch up by watching recordings and you'll still be able to enter the competition. The deadline for applications is February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. Applicants will find out if they have a place on the programme on February 5th 2021.*

**[Journalism Virtual Work Experience](#)** - This free two-week virtual work experience programme, you'll take an in-depth look at print, broadcast and photojournalism as well as a variety of roles within the industry.

**[Finance Virtual Work Experience](#)** - During this free two-week virtual work experience programme you'll learn about a range of financial services sectors including accountancy, banking and insurance. You'll meet, and have the chance to question and interact with, professionals from each of these key sectors.

**[Teaching Virtual Work Experience](#)** - You will learn about some of the key roles and responsibilities of a teacher throughout this programme, including planning, lesson delivery, grading & attainment and safeguarding. The programme will also include a vital pathways module, which will direct you on what to do next, how to apply, and what institutions you should be considering for your teaching qualification.

**[Law Virtual Work Experience](#)** - You will learn about some of the key roles and responsibilities of Law practitioners throughout this programme, including legal research, advocacy & client communication, contractual interpretation and legal analysis & drafting.

**[Marketing Virtual Work Experience](#)** - The Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) are the world's leading professional marketing body with over 30,000 members worldwide. Join them on the 15th February for a 1 week Virtual Work Experience programme to discover all that you need to know about a career in marketing. You'll cover a complete range of marketing skills that will open doors for your future career search.

## Careers Resources

A useful careers website for all ages is [icould](#). Here you can complete the [Buzz quiz](#) to show you careers that suit your strengths and interests.

For more information about [Careers & Options Advice at Bury Grammar Schools](#) please follow the link. Finally, I am available for appointments to talk through any questions you might have, please email me [hgreene@burygrammar.com](mailto:hgreene@burygrammar.com) to make an appointment.

Finally, this term I will be running Career drop-in sessions for all pupils and our students in the Sixth Form on Teams. Please see the dates below.

Career Drop-in Sessions with Miss Greene, Head of Careers			
Year Group	Day	Date	Times
Year 7 Girls	Wednesday	13-Jan	13:30 to 14:00
Year 7 Boys	Thursday	14-Jan	13:30 to 14:00
Year 8 Girls	Wednesday	13-Jan	13:00 to 13:30
Year 8 Boys	Thursday	14-Jan	13:00 to 13:30
Year 9 Girls	Monday	18-Jan	13:00 to 13:30
Year 9 Boys	Monday	18-Jan	13:30 to 14:00
Year 10 Girls	Tuesday	19-Jan	13:00 to 13:30
Year 10 Boys	Tuesday	19-Jan	13:30 to 14:00
Year 11 Girls	Wednesday	20-Jan	13:00 to 13:30
Year 11 Boys	Wednesday	20-Jan	13:30 to 14:00
Year 12	Friday	22-Jan	13:00 to 13:20
Year 13	Friday	22-Jan	13:20 to 13:40

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