

## **Careers Bulletin – March 2019**

### **Year 14 Careers Classes**

**All pupils in Year 14 should continue to attend Careers classes.**

- 1. UCAS Applications sheets to be completed as pupils continue to receive decisions from universities**
- 2. Post Interview reports can also be completed by those pupils who have attended interviews**

***We also plan to have presentations during the careers education slot on the following subjects:***

- Student Finance Application Forms – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
**Periods 3 & 4 in the Assembly Hall**  
**Year 14 teachers to supervise**  
**All Year 14 pupils to attend**
  
- Past Pupils Experiences of results and beyond – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Periods 3 & 4 in the Assembly Hall**  
**Year 14 teachers to supervise**  
**All Year 14 pupils to attend**

### **Student Finance Websites**

**<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/>**

**<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/funding-uni/>**

### **Student Finance in Higher Education 2019/20**

**See e mail from the Careers Department sent out this week, concerning a letter received from the Education Authority.**

**Should anyone have any queries, the contact email address for Student Finance Ballymena Office is [student.finance-ner@eani.org.uk](mailto:student.finance-ner@eani.org.uk)**

### Year 13 Careers Classes

*We plan to have presentations during the careers education slot on the following:*

- **Considering Oxford or Cambridge** – **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Careers Room**  
*Pupils who wish to attend should register with Mr G Patterson*
  
- **CAO Presentation** – **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Assembly Hall**  
**All pupils in Year 13**  
**Period 2 in the Assembly Hall**  
**Year 13 teachers to supervise**
  
  
- **Queen's University Belfast Presentation** – **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
**All pupils in Year 13**  
**Period 2 in the Assembly Hall**  
**Year 13 teachers to supervise**

### Year 13 Work-Shadowing Applications

*Pupils in Year 13 are asked to check the list in the Sixth Form centre to see if Mr G Patterson has received all the necessary paper work to enable pupils to take up work placements.*

### Careers Uncovered: Healthcare Careers Evenings 2019

Year 12, 13 and 14 pupils considering applying to medicine, dentistry, veterinary, nursing or midwifery courses.

Location: Training Academy 3fivetwo, 10 Falcon Way, Boucher Road, Belfast, BT12 6SQ

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> April

Cost: £12.00 (including VAT, materials and refreshments)

Time: 6pm – 9pm

This evening offers school students guidance from experts on the application process for applying to study careers in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary, Nursing and Midwifery, and will provide a unique opportunity for students to ask questions and learn from current medical students and professionals at a variety of levels.

Bookings can be made online at [www.3fivetwotraining.com](http://www.3fivetwotraining.com) or by calling the office at 028 9073 5273.

Places are **limited** so we advise booking early to avoid disappointment.

Book before Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February and receive 10% off, using code **HEALTH10**

### **Mini Medical School – 2 day programme**

**Location:** Training Academy 3fivetwo, 10 Falcon Way, Boucher Road, Belfast, BT12 6SQ

**Dates:** 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July OR 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Cost:** £120.00 (including VAT, materials and refreshments)

**Time:** 9.30pm – 5pm

Bookings can be made online at [www.3fivetwotraining.com](http://www.3fivetwotraining.com) or by calling the office at 028 9073 5273 or emailing [trainingacademy@3fivetwo.com](mailto:trainingacademy@3fivetwo.com)

### **Oxford and Cambridge Student Conference**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**Venue:** Lagan Valley Island in Lisburn

**Transport provided by school**

These full-day conferences are available to students from all UK schools and colleges currently in **Lower Sixth or Year 13** studying A Levels or comparable qualifications. The conferences include:

- Course information sessions with taster lectures delivered by current Oxford and Cambridge teaching staff
- Up-to-date information on applying to Oxford and Cambridge (including Student Life)
- Student finance and graduate prospects

Admissions Tutors and other staff from both universities will be on hand to answer questions and there will be the opportunity to talk informally to current undergraduates.

Pupils who wish to attend this conference should register with Mr G Patterson as soon as possible, as places are available on a first come first served basis.

### **New Veterinary School**

Harper Adams University and Keele University have confirmed plans to open a new joint Veterinary school. The new Vet School will provide a 5-year Programme leading to a degree in Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, with training to be delivered on both university campuses in partnership with local clinical providers and industry. It is due take its first cohort of students in 2020.

More information will be published as it becomes available at [harper.ac.uk/vetschool](http://harper.ac.uk/vetschool) or [keele.ac.uk/vetschool](http://keele.ac.uk/vetschool)

### **Year 12 Careers Service Interview Feedback**

As part of ongoing efforts to improve client feedback and monitoring of client outcomes, the Careers Service would like to encourage the use of the hard copy feedback questionnaires in school again.

Please encourage the pupils to complete the questionnaire and return to the Careers Room.

### **CAFRE Further Education Courses**

Applications will be accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> October. The application is available on [www.cafre.ac.uk](http://www.cafre.ac.uk)

The application is a two phase process. Phase one requires the students to register their details before actually applying for a course which is Phase 2.

### **Dale Farm Aspire Programme**

Not sure if university is right for you?

How about a career in Northern Ireland's target industry?

Two year training programme:

- Higher Level Apprenticeship in Food Manufacture
- Industry expert Training
- Mentor support on site
- Department rotation

The Aspire Programme will provide the support, experience and opportunity for you to develop your career in the Agri-Food industry.

Apply online [www.dalefarm.co.uk/careers](http://www.dalefarm.co.uk/careers)

### **Year 12 Pupils – QUB Headstart 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June**

This event is specific to Year 12 pupils who are interested in pursuing a chemistry/ chemical engineering degree at university level. For further information visit <http://www.etrust.org.uk/chemistry-and-chemical-engineering-queens-Belfast>

### **School Website**

[www.ballymenaacademy.org.uk](http://www.ballymenaacademy.org.uk)

Visit the “Curriculum” section of the school website for the following “Careers” information :

1. Letter from the Education Authority on Student Finance
2. Year 10 pupil report on the Careers evening at Ballymena Academy
3. Apprenticeships ([nidirect.gov.uk](http://nidirect.gov.uk))
4. Generation Innovation Work Experience
5. PwC School Leavers’ Programme
6. Oxbridge Open Days
7. RPS visit Ballymena Academy to advertise the WORK+ scheme
8. Apprenticeship Opportunities at Wrightbus
9. Experience Physics at Queen’s University Belfast
10. University of Dundee Gifted and Talented Summer School
11. Ulster University Courses and application advice

