



SHSB CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Fourth Edition SHSB Careers Newsletter

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Year 13 Update

Our year 13 students are now in the full swing of university/apprenticeship/employment applications. A record number of students have applied for university Early Entry (Oxbridge/Med/Vet/Dent courses)

Normal Entry university students need to have completed their applications by 30th November.

Personal statements should be being drafted, if you are a parent of a year 13 student, please could you support them in this task wherever possible– it is not an easy thing to write!

Students have also heard from Investment 2020 who came in to give advice about CV writing, interviews

Year 10 Mock Interview Day

In July all Year 10 students took part in the first mock interview day since the pandemic. An amazing 26 volunteers from industry interviewed 180 students during the day and we are hugely grateful to them all for giving up their time.

The pupils certainly dressed to impress, and acted professionally throughout the day, each taking part in a 20 minute interview with feedback provided. Our employers all commented on how well our pupils performed, some have even been offered the opportunity of work experience.

At the end of the day trophies were awarded to those who had been “hired”. We will definitely be running this event again next year, if any parent would like to volunteer to help, please email ceh@shsb.org.uk.



Work experience has been mentioned in previous newsletters. During the summer, Andrew T in Year 12 successfully gained a placement at the the House of Commons. Here is his account of the time he spent there.

"I have always found politics extremely interesting, as it has a direct impact on the lives of billions of people around the globe, determining the nature of our choices and shaping the way in which we see the world. Thus, I was absolutely thrilled when my application to work for Anna Firth MP in the House of Commons was accepted, presenting me with a unique opportunity to apply my theoretical knowledge beyond the classroom and gain an insight into the workings of the UK political system.

Whilst working as a Parliamentary Research Assistant, I was fortunate enough to complete a wide variety of distinct tasks, which ranged from writing campaign responses to carefully crafting press releases in order to highlight successes and introduce upcoming projects in the constituency. Additionally, I was involved in drafting answers to the queries and concerns raised by local residents, explaining why certain decisions were made and what further changes were due to take place to rectify potential issues.

As well as that, I was able to attend a meeting of the Home Affairs Committee, witnessing the fascinating scrutiny process that is undertaken by Departmental Select Committees to hold the government to account. In this case, the committee was examining HMPO's conduct to determine the primary reasons behind delays in processing passport applications, including the subsequent political and economic consequences of such a delay. Similarly, I was also able to attend a number of debates in the House of Commons, including the urgent discussion regarding the new trade deal with Australia, the Sir David Amess Adjournment Debate and Ministerial Questions to Steve Barclay, Ben Wallace and Anne-Marie Trevelyan.

Notably, Anna's team were profoundly welcoming and absolutely brilliant, giving me a tour of the Houses of Parliament and letting me access all of the public talks from both the Visitor's Gallery and the Special Gallery in the House of Commons. Moreover, they challenged me to expand my politics knowledge, whilst also explaining the history behind certain laws, policies and traditions. However, I must say that the highlight of my experience in Parliament was getting to see the numerous government ministers and famous politicians in-person, especially given that I attended the work experience during the Conservative Party Leadership Race. The most unexpected encounter was seeing Theresa May behind me when queuing for lunch!

Overall, I cannot recommend it enough – visiting Parliament has long been a dream of mine, but even if you are not very interested in politics and history, it is still captivating to witness the way in which our democracy functions."

6TH FORM OPEN EVENINGS

We were pleased to welcome so many of our Year 11 students and parents to our recent 6th form open evening. We hope you found the event helpful.

Students may also like to visit alternative education providers to ensure an informed decision is made about their future.

Details of local open evenings are given on the following pages. Whilst dates were correct at the time of publishing, please do check websites for any updates.

There will be an introduction to Sixth Form presentation for students during school on 16th November and A Level subject presentations are currently taking place during school continuing up to half term. Students have attended individual careers meetings and been given sessions to research careers on the destinations platform Unifrog, so should be well-equipped to decide on their Sixth Form options. Year 11 students will be asked to choose their subject options by 5th December. Please do not apply on the school website—this is for external students only.

LOCAL 6 TH FORM OPEN EVENINGS– PLEASE CHECK

6th Form:	Website/link:	Proposed date:
Appleton	www.theappletonschoo.org	20 th October 2022
Basildon Academy	www.basildonacademies.org.uk/sixthform	6 th October 2022
Beauchamps	www.beauchamps.essex.sch.uk	23 rd November 2022
Belfairs	www.belfairsacademy.org.uk	3 rd October 2022
Billericay	www.bilericayschool.com	8 th November 2022
Bromfords	www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk	29 th September 2022
Cecil Jones	www.ceciljonesacademy.net	17 November 2022
Chase	www.chasehigh.org Tours offered during the day.	6 th October 2022
Chelmsford County High	www.cchs.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-open-evening/	6 th October 2022
Felsted	www.felsted.org/admissions/sixthform open morning	17 th September 2022
FitzWimarc	www.fitzwimarc.com	3 rd November 2022
Greensward	https://sites.google.com/aetinet.org/greenswardwebsite 6 – 8pm	17 th November 2022
KEGS	www.kegs.org.uk	TBC (check website)
King Edmund	www.kes.essex.sch.uk	19 th October 2022
King John	www.thekjs.essex.sch.uk	13 th October 2022
Mayflower	www.mayflowerhigh.essex.sch.uk	TBC (check website)
New Rickstones Academy	https://sites.google.com/aetinet.org/newrickstones-sixth-form/home	3 rd November 2022
Southend High for Boys	www.shsb.org.uk	3 rd November 2022
Southend High for Girl	www.shsg.org	17 th November 2022
Shoeburyness	www.shoeburynesshigh.co.uk	17 th November 2022
St Bernard's	www.stbernards.southend.sch.uk	9 th November 2022
St Thomas More	www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk	24 th November 2022
Sweyne Park	www.sweynepark.com	10 th November 2022
Westcliff High for Boys	www.whsb.essex.sch.uk/sixth-form	10 th November 2022
Westcliff High for Girls	www.whsg.info	20 th October 2022

6TH FORM COLLEGES

South Essex College www.southessex.ac.uk	5pm – 8pm
Southend Campus	6 th October 2022 16 th November 2022 14 th March 2023
Thurrock Campus	11 th October 2022 19 th January 2023
Centre for Digital Technologies, Basildon	3rd November 2022 8th February 2023
Centre for Construction and Engineering, Stephenson Road	24 th November 2022 31 st January 2023
Centre for Advanced Engineering, Luckyn Lane	8 th November 2022 1 st March 2023
USP www.uspcollege.ac.uk/courses-apprenticeships/open-evenings-events/	6pm – 8.30pm 2023 events 5.30 – 7pm
Palmers Campus	20 th October 2022 1 st December 2022 28 th February 2023
Seevic Campus	13 th October 2022 17 th November 2022 21 st February 2023
Writtle College https://writtle.ac.uk/College-Course-	10am – 3pm
	15 th October 2022 (Sat)
Chelmsford College https://www.chelmsford.ac.uk/courses/showcase-information-events.asp	6pm – 8.30pm
Open events dates for both campuses: Moulsham Street Campus and Princes Road Campus Book online	10 th October 2022 14 th November 2022 6 th February 2023
Colchester Institute https://www.colchester.ac.uk/events/	5pm – 8pm Saturday's – 10am – 1pm
Colchester Campus	15 th October 2022 (Sat) 18 th October 2022 20 th October 2022
Braintree Campus	17 th October 2022 5 th November 2022 (Sat)
Colchester Sixth Form College www.colchsf.ac.uk/admissionsevents/	19 th October 2022 20 th October 2022
Stansted Airport College See website for times www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk/about/open-events	Saturday 15 th October 2022 11 th January 2023 20 th April 2023

Details above are correct at time of printing – check websites for changes / updates and times

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WEBINAR

Please see details of a free webinar being offered by Young Professionals for Parents and Students

At Young Professionals, we have run two parent / guardian focused 'Your Child, Their Future' events back in September 2021 and February 2022 and across the two webinars we had a staggering 5000+ parents and carers attend virtually from all over the UK. I'm writing to announce that we have our third parent / guardian information evening taking place this November.

The job market for students leaving school or university can be difficult to navigate and now more than ever we need to help our young people by making them aware of all the opportunities available to them, as well as providing them with advice and tips on securing the very best opportunities when they enter the workplace. We would like to extend our invitation to all parents and guardians to attend our **'Your Child, Their Future' Event on Thursday 24th November from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.**

We have leaders from some of the biggest employers in the world including KPMG, BT Group, Capgemini, British Airways, Linklaters and more who will each come along to talk to you, as parents and guardians, about how your son/daughter/young person can best navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience/internship placements, as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. We will be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, putting together a CV, filling out application forms, as well as advice on how you can prepare your child/young person for the working world.

This event is completely free of charge, and it will be running via Zoom on Thursday 24th November from 5:00pm - 6.30pm. We encourage you to join this event virtually with your son/daughter/young person, or the whole family and ask any questions that you may have, directly to leading employers.

The registration link can be found below here, so please do sign up if you would like to attend. The zoom link will be emailed to you closer to the time.

Registration Link:

<https://www.survymonkey.com/r/YP-Information-Evening>