



Welcome to the Careers Matters Newsletter

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Please take a browse and look at the fantastic events, information and opportunities for you, generated by our independent Careers Adviser, Amanda Watson.

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Opportunities:

- Forthcoming open days / events at universities – there will be others not listed here - check the websites for more details including to book your place, if appropriate -
 - University of East Anglia (UEA) – Monday 8 April
 - University of Roehampton, London – Friday 12 April
 - London School of Economics (LSE) – Wednesday 17 April
 - Sheffield Hallam University – as above
 - Coventry University – Saturday 20 April
 - Bournemouth University – as above
 - Solent University – as above
 - University of Bedfordshire – as above
 - University of Kent – as above
 - University of Manchester – Monday 22 April
 - University of Brighton – Thursday 25 April
 - University of Worcester – Saturday 27 April
 - Nottingham Trent University – as above
 - University of Plymouth – as above
 - Sheffield Hallam University – Sunday 28 April

- Hull York Medical School (HYMS) have brought out their next series of MediCafe webinars. These are aimed at students who are keen on preparing early for a future medical school application – you do not have to be applying to HYMS to attend one of their webinars – all are free, via zoom and run from 5-6:30pm -
 - Applying to medical school – 4 April
 - Making the most of Work Experience – 23 April
 - Life as a medical student – 4 May
 - Preparing for UCAT – 17 June

Click the link to find out more and register for one or more of the sessions -
<https://marketingandcommunications.cmail20.com/t/j-l-skittdt-dijiktauh-j/>



- The National Trust are offering their “Time + Space Award” to those aged 16-25 years - I have copied and pasted their information sent to me – see below -

Do you have a world-changing idea? If you're aged 16–25, we want to hear your big idea and give you the chance to bring it to life at Sir Isaac Newton's home, where he discovered gravity.

This award will give you the time, space and opportunity to explore your big idea in one of four areas – science, art and culture, society and nature and climate. A panel of experts from the fields of science, creativity and culture will help you develop your idea and bring it to life.

Each award will be up to the equivalent value of £5000, which will be a bespoke package of mentoring, time with experts and extra support and expenses to help winners realise their big idea. These experts include Professor David Olusoga, British space scientist Dame Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, zoologist, wildlife TV presenter and science communicator Megan McCubbin and TV presenter, social & environmental activist Tayshan Hayden-Smith

If you're chosen, you'll win an award up to the equivalent value of £5,000, which will be a bespoke package including:

A private guided tour of Woolsthorpe Manor with members of the Woolsthorpe team and time to work on your big idea here

The opportunity to showcase your big idea at Woolsthorpe Manor

Tools and resources to help with your idea

Meet the judge who's an expert in your subject area either in person or virtually

The opportunity to work with an expert from the National Trust on your idea

Dedicated mentoring time around your big idea

A one-year free entry pass to National Trust places

A book bundle featuring one book from each of the judges

We'll cover all your travel and accommodation costs and out-of-pocket expenses.

We'll also pay costs to support childcare, caring duties and loss of working hours

If you submit a valid application for the Time + Space Award, you'll get a free National Trust Day Pass for two visitors to use at any of the participating places in our care.

Closing date for applications is 30th April 2024.

To find out more, visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk

- Have you applied for university for this year's entry? There is a new website out that covers the important issue of student finance – from Student Finance England – applications are now open for 2024-2025

Click the link to find out more about how it all works –

- <https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk>

You can also find out more about student finance, budgeting, money tips and more via www.gov.uk , www.ucas.com and www.savethestudent.org

- There are some financial support opportunities with the British Army being advertised now –
 - Undergraduate Bursaries – if applying to be an Army Officer, you could get up to £7,000 on a standard bursary and up to £24,000 on the enhanced bursary
 - STEM Bursary – you could earn up to £42,750 (£5,000 a year bursary plus tuition fees) if you join the Defence Stem Undergraduate Sponsorship (DSUS) – this is designed for students on STEM degree courses commissioning into the Royal Engineers, Royal Signals, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Royal Logistics or Intelligence Corp's
 - Music Bursary – you could be sponsored up to £9,250 per year, if you are studying a Bachelor of Music (BMus) in performance at a university or conservatoire.

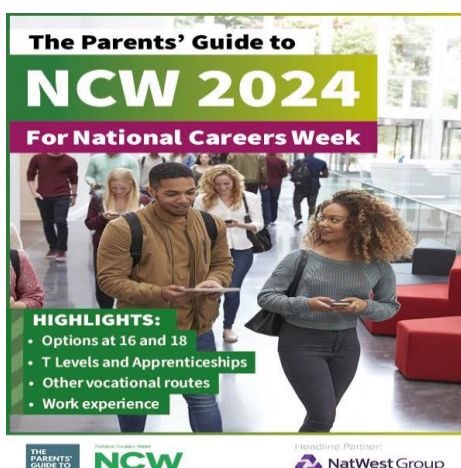
- Medical Bursary – if you are studying one of the following professions, the Army can offer financial assistance and support whilst you complete your qualification – Medicine (up to £75,000), Dentistry (up to £75,000), Veterinary (up to £60,000), Pharmacy (up to £51,000) and Nursing (adult and mental health – up to £42,000)

For more information on the above, click the link –

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=62fee7f86a&e=793c512236>

- Continuing on the theme of money, and if you are interested in studying for a degree in the USA, there is an interesting article now out produced by the “Times Higher Education” publication – called “A Guide to Student Loans and funding university in the US” – highlighted points –
 - Tuition fees can range from \$5,000 (£4,470) - \$50,000 (£44,700) a year. Most undergraduate degrees last 4 years
 - Many international students elect to finance their education and maintenance costs through various avenues. This could be taking out a loan in their home country, accessing financial aid or scholarships, arranging support from family or liquidating other assets to cover the cost of tuition
 - Most international students are eligible for scholarships and aid from the colleges they have been accepted to
 - The United States student visa requires that you show proof of funds for your degree before being able to apply and secure your visa. This means that securing funding and, potentially, taking out loans might be the first step you need to take before moving to the United States for university study
 - Loans don’t end up in your bank account the moment you get accepted by the lender. They take time to disburse and are usually dispensed in chunks before each semester. It’s a good idea to come to the United States with an emergency fund to cover moving expenses and any other financial obstacles that might arise during the move
 - International students in the United States need to buy health insurance to remain in the country. Most universities charge the same premium to all students regardless of their country of birth and age, which can result in many international students overpaying for insurance
- Success At School have produced an article covering the pros and cons of going to university – click the link to access their publication -

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=de9488d96f&e=793c512236>



To download the above publication, click the link –

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalcareersweek>

Work Experience: -

- For those aged 13-18 years, there are the following “Career Days” on offer – these are 1-day online work experience/careers day events covering a wide range of professions - each cost £69 and will include a personalised certificate on completion -
 - Midwifery – Saturday, 6th April
 - Dentistry – Sunday, 7th April
 - Psychology – Saturday, 20th April
 - Business – Saturday, 27th April
 - Architect – Saturday, 4th May
 - Vet – Saturday, 11th May
 - Law – Saturday, 18th May
 - Performing Arts – Sunday, 19th May
 - Computer Science – Saturday, 25th May
 - Teaching – Saturday, 1st June

For more information, visit www.careerdays.co.uk

- “Observe GP”, a free, virtual and interactive medical work experience programme, set up by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), is still running and recommended for those who are keen on becoming a GP.

It is aimed at those aged 16 and over and consists of a series of 8 pre-recorded videos showcasing the roles of various members of staff that work in general

practice – they estimate it should take between 2 and 2 and a half hours to complete but does not have to be completed in one go.

For more information, visit www.rcgp.org.uk and enter “Observe GP” via the search facility – will then see the Observe GP box with link inside

- Premed Projects is an organisation that offers a variety of in-person and online work experience courses/career programmes, for those aged 14-25 years and who are keen on becoming doctors, nurses, midwives and dentists

The costs can be very high for some of their opportunities so you do need to weigh up the pros and cons for yourself and decide, with family/carer support, if you/they wish to pay the fees required – some of these may no longer be available at the time of this newsletter coming out

In-person opportunities –

- London Hospital Work Experience – 2 weeks – June, July and August each year – breakfast and evening meals, accommodation, tuition costs within the hospitals, 24/7 supervision and pick up and departure included in the price -32 spaces for each project - £3,335 in total
- Thailand Hospital Work Experience – 2 weeks – June, July and August each year – includes all activities, breakfast and evening meals, daily transport costs, pick up and departure from Bangkok International Airport, internal flights in Thailand, 24/7 supervision, accommodation and tuition costs within the hospitals - £3,185 in total
- London Hospital Work Experience – 1 week – October, July and August each year – as above included in the price – 32 spaces available - £1,865 in total
- Weekend Hospital Work Experience – London - October – includes breakfasts and evening meals, 24/7 supervision, accommodation and the tuition in hospitals - £795 in total
- London Hospital Work Experience 1-day courses – October, February, July and August each year – for students aged 14+/ in Year 10-13 and all are non-residential. They are currently offering –

Inside the Dissection Room (King’s College London) – July 17/ July 31 - £249

A&E and GP Surgery Work Experience (King’s College Hospital London) – July 18/August 15 - £249

Ward Round and Radiology Work Experience (King’s College Hospital London) – July 19/August 16 – £249

Dentistry Work Experience London (Whittington Hospital London) – July 20 - £249

Medical School Application Day (Imperial College London) – July 15/August 5 - £249

Doctor For a Day (King's College London) – 26 October - £249

Online opportunities –

- Surgeon Work Experience Course_- Sunday 21st April - £79
- Suture Like a Surgeon Work Experience Course – Sunday 12th May - £139 including a comprehensive suture kit mailed to you before the course starts
- Virtual Medicine Work Experience Week – Monday 15th July - Friday, 19th July – for those aged 14-18 years - £199
- Human Brain Anatomy Course - £195
- Trauma Day – Monday 15th July
- History Taking and General Practice – Tuesday 16th July
- The Weekly Surgery Live - £39

Check out the website for more information on these and other opportunities – www.premedprojects.co.uk

- The Lincolnshire NHS Talent Academy also offer free work experience programmes for those at various ages and careers events at Lincoln / Grantham/Boston hospitals - within many healthcare professions

I have been told of the following new opportunities for this year –

- Medical Shadowing – Lincoln, Grantham & Pilgrim – 16+ - Up to 5 days – Individuals are allocated to a Medical Consultant / Doctor who allows them to shadow them as they carry out their duties within an acute hospital environment. *Placements are limited*
- Communications and Engagement Assistant – 18+ - Flexible according to requirements of the student / individual - The Communications Department within United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust provides a range of services to all Trust sites. To name a few, services include internal and external communications, working with the media, creation of publications and promotional material, design work and event management.

Keep up to date with the website for details of all their opportunities - www.lincstalentacademy.org.uk

- InvestIN are offering various career experience programmes for 2024 for those aged 12-14 years and 15-18 years – they include in-person full day courses, live online full day courses, weekend programmes and up to 2 weeks in-person, hands-on experience alongside industry experts

You will need to check the age requirements as well as the venues and costs as well as accommodation as the latter is not provided/included in some cases – as I have said already in previous newsletters, the fees can be considered very high for some of their programmes so be careful when deciding if it would be worth the expense to you/family/carers for what is being offered

For those aged 12-14 years, they offer –

- Future Doctor Summer Experience – (70% full as of 20th March) – London – 12th August - 1-week programme costs £1950 and the 2 weeks costs £2950
- Future Lawyer Summer Experience – (70% full as of 20th March) – all as above
- Future Engineer Summer Experience – (70% full as of 20th March) – all as above
- Future Investment Banker Summer Experience – (70% full as of 20th March) – all as above
- Future Computer Science Summer Experience – (70% full as of 20th March) – all as above

For those aged 15-18 years, they offer Young...Summer Experience programmes in a wide variety of professions –

- Doctor / Engineer / Investment Banker / Lawyer / Psychologist / Entrepreneur / Computer Scientist / Architect / Artist / Dentist / Fashion Designer / Filmmaker / Forensic Scientist / International Politics / Vet

Visit www.investin.org for more information on all their opportunities, charges and more

- Springpod are an organisation offering a variety of work experience, courses and related opportunities – all free and many certificated too! They cover opportunities such as within Business, Finance & Admin / Science, Technology & Engineering / Healthcare & Medicine and others

To find out more, expand your knowledge and improve your future applications, as for the above, visit www.springpod.com

● Apprenticeships



Success at School have produced their new free Apprenticeships Guide 2024 – aimed at students as well as parents and teachers. Click the link to download the brochure –

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=32f8dca779&e=793c512236>

- “Applying for an Apprenticeship” is a useful document for those in all Years keen on this option after GCSEs or A levels - click the link to download the 20-page document

- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/guide-to-applying-for-an-apprenticeship>

- Success At School have produced a section on their website focussing on apprenticeships – click the link - <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=62918cad25&e=793c512236>



I have been informed of KPMG’s latest Higher Level apprenticeship vacancies that are available now (as of 18th March) – they are in the following areas –

- Business Services –West Midlands

- Consultancy – Yorkshire and the Humber
- Audit - Nationwide
- Tax - Nationwide

In their own words –

“We offer a range of programmes across our firm in specific areas such as Digital Technology, KPMG Business Services, Audit, Tax and Consulting. On every programme, we offer structured training and support towards professional qualifications – we even cover the tuition costs. As well as that, all of our apprentices earn a salary between £23,000 and £25,000, and have access to our excellent range of benefits.”

KPMG are one of the 4 largest audit and accounting firms in the world – for more details on the company and their various opportunities now and in the near future, click the links –

- www.kpmg.com – click the “Careers” link in main menu
- <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=68e1f95786&e=793c512236>



Dixon Wilson, a leading chartered accountancy firm based in London with an office in Paris, are advertising a 4-year degree apprenticeship in Tax – based in their London office - this opportunity offers qualifications leading to a Level 7 qualification – applicants must have 3 A levels at 112 UCAS points and be able to start early September this year

The closing date is the 30th of June – for more information and how to apply, click the link –

- <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=537bf82bec&e=793c512236>

- Are you interested in applying for an apprenticeship within the NHS/ health sector? I have been sent 3 recommended websites to help you in your search – at all levels of apprenticeships - good luck!

- <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate>
- <https://www.healthjobsuk.com/>
- <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/nhs-apprenticeships>



COSTAIN (a company aimed at sustainable infrastructure and exploring climate change solutions, with 3,500 employees across the UK) are offering a variety of apprenticeships in civil engineering, finance, administration and material technician work from Levels 2-7 – for more information on their opportunities for this year and next, click the link -

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=75e92c9a8b&e=793c512236>

- Another reminder of the main apprenticeships websites where you can find out more about opportunities at all levels and search for live vacancies across the UK – as well as register for email/vacancy alerts

These advertise apprenticeships all year round – but don't forget other sources of opportunities too – employer websites, personal contacts (friends/ family/ employers from part-time job, volunteering, work experience), online local/regional/national media, social media, local/regional/ national events/careers fairs...

- www.topapprenticeshipemployers.co.uk

- www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
- www.amazingapprenticeships.com
- www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk
- www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk
- www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

Careers:

- Medic Mentors also offer various types of support for those aiming for a career in medicine, dentistry, other healthcare careers as well as veterinary medicine and law - called Allied Healthcare Mentor/Medic Mentor/Vet Mentor/ Dental Mentor/Law Mentor

For more information on what support they can offer such as their medicine-based conferences, summer schools, mentoring opportunities, their magazine and more, visit their website on - www.medicmentor.org

- For all those keen on becoming a Vet and who are thinking of applying for veterinary medicine - click the links for a useful guide on how to apply for these competitive courses and “Hot Topics – the UK’s shortage of vets” article –

- <https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=06e34a3894&e=3bf33a882d>
- <https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=6c6d4b772c&e=3bf33a882d>

- Success at School have created 33 Career Zones on their website for students to find out more about specific areas of work and how to enter them – one of these is “Careers in Tech” – here is an excerpt –

What jobs are out there?

In this expansive field of work, jobs range from hardware and software to cybersecurity, digital marketing and IT support. Programmers, [software developers](#) and app developers create the code that underpins computer programs and apps (software) while [electronics engineers](#) research, design and develop the physical hardware – from computers to household appliances – these programs run on.

Web designers and developers create and maintain websites while [digital marketers](#) produce content for sites and social media, and help organisations attract more visitors and achieve their online goals. Cybersecurity professionals protect people and organisations from cyberattacks by hackers – they make sure digital systems are using the best security measures and carry out tests to check for weaknesses.



Career Zone: IT & The Internet

Check out our IT & The Internet Career Zone for information about this area of work, many more jobs and guidance on what it takes to succeed in a career in tech.

[View Career Zone](#)

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=bee9ac6f0&e=793c512236>

Click the link to see the other Career Zones –

- <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=50e8cea536&e=793c512236>
- Are you keen on a career in accountancy, finance, banking, economics, maths and associated subjects/sectors? Then click the link for specific career ideas linked to the following subjects –
 - Economics - <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=97ccfc037c&e=793c512236>
 - Business - <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=d95edc841c&e=793c512236>

- Maths - <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=a29d9bae93&e=793c512236>
- Success At School, again – they have now added 600+ more job profiles onto their website – click the link - <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=2b2b8b34d8&e=793c512236>
- Are you keen on a future career within DT? Then click the link for more information / ideas –
 - <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=346b6cf19d&e=793c512236>

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Are you keen on a career in space?

If you are, visit <http://www.spacecareers.uk/>

This includes 4 profiles of those who studied Maths and who now work in the space industry -

- [Harriet Brettle - Business Analyst](#)
- [Toby Harris - Space Situational Awareness](#)
- [Emma Lord - Policy and Operations](#)
- [Vinita Marwaha Madill - Space Operations Engineer](#)



You may have already heard about BBC Bitesize when it comes to homework and revision support but they also offer lots of interesting and useful resources when it comes to your future, careers and related topics.

Click the link to read various articles relating to jobs/careers, quirky jobs, CVs and more, to do some quizzes, listen to podcasts, watch videos and even more! - includes their Celebrity Job Swap Challenge with Dr Ranj Singh and Radio 1 DJ, Charlie Tee (in above photo), Talented Tuesday, Working World Wednesday, Throwback Thursday and Your Future Friday

- <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=e744cc2ef7&e=793c512236>

- For those aiming for medicine, here are some useful articles –

- “Studying medicine in Europe”

<https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=973e0d69c9&e=3bf33a882d>

- “Received no medicine offers? Don’t panic!”

<https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=dfdf0df0ab&e=3bf33a882d>

- “Personal insight questions”

<https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=78fd88416d&e=3bf33a882d>

- “Your guide to knowledge of medical school questions”

<https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=a571815dce&e=3bf33a882d>

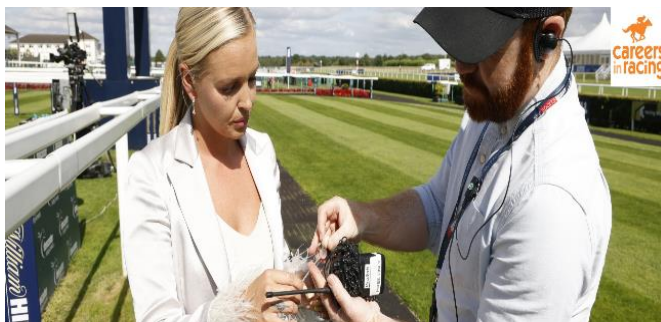
- “How I got 4 medical school offers after interview”

<https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=b57a3366d2&e=3bf33a882d>

- Continuing with medicine, here are some links to some quizzes on various topics you may be keen to try. Click the link below to access any or all of those listed below –

<https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=146b9f13ab&e=3bf33a882d>

- Interviews
- UCAT
- Studying medicine abroad
- How much do you know about the NHS?
- Application Guide
- Courses
- Which medical speciality would best suit you?
- Which fictional medic are you most like?
- Would I be best suited to an integrated, traditional or PBL course?



Are you interested in a career within the horse racing sector? The main job you may well think of is Jockey, of course, but there are many other opportunities within the industry. There are 59 racecourses in the UK offering a wide range of career opportunities such as in working in a yard / stud farm, within the media side, social media, in events and more. You will find apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities too

Click the link for more information - <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=0f798896cf&e=793c512236>



Are you interested in a career in horticulture? Do you enjoy gardening, agriculture, learning about flowers and plants or do you just want to work within a “growing” industry in one of a diverse range of roles?!

The RHS –The Royal Horticultural Society - is the UK’s leading gardening charity and from its inception in 1804, now has 1,000 employees within various “career zones” such as in gardening and agriculture, hospitality, retail and merchandising, marketing and public relations, advertising and publishing and media

For information on their career opportunities, work experience placements, taster days, apprenticeships, internships and how they approach the topic of sustainability, click the link –

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/qualifications-and-training/new-shoots>

- NHS Careers (www.healthcareers.nhs.uk) have lots of information on a wide range of career opportunities – whether that is Doctor, Dentist, Nurse, Midwife, Physiotherapist, Speech and language therapist, Paramedic, Dietitian, Diagnostic Radiographer and many others – click the link to subscribe to their YouTube videos on these and all their other career opportunities –
 - <https://nationalcareersweek.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4f1a07855a66527ededacb47d&id=8411782620&e=6241a875a9>

- Are you interested in a career in the hospitality industry? Although the sector was, admittedly, hit hard by the pandemic, UK Hospitality state that “there remains significant shortages across hospitality with vacancies still much higher than pre-pandemic levels”.

Indeed, the hospitality industry is the UK’s 3rd largest employer with 3.5 million employed in a wide range of roles, such as in marketing, food service, accommodation services, hotel management, events/ conference/ banqueting management and more, at all levels of qualifications and in various settings such as in hotels, restaurants, cafes, health/country clubs, airlines/airports, cruise liners and others

Click the two links to find out more about what is on offer –

- <https://careerscope.uk.net/> (Hospitality Careers Hub)
- <https://nationalcareersweek.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4f1a07855a66527ededacb47d&id=bbd91cfea3&e=6241a875a9>

Don't forget to visit the Careers page on the school website for much more information on a WIDE range of topics – you will see boxes containing reports of webinars I have attended on topics such as higher education, degree apprenticeships, UCAS, the Russell Group, employability, reports on specific careers plus other boxes containing, for example, useful words for CVs and recommended websites

