



We have another busy term planned for careers education here at The Kingsley School!

### WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR...

Our careers offering reflects the aims and aspirations of our girls. With a programme of activities throughout the Senior School and Sixth Form, we support the girls to explore career areas they may be aware of, but also broaden their experiences and motivate them to consider a range of possibilities. Most importantly, however, we help them to develop the skills needed to succeed in today's rapidly evolving workplace - adaptability, resilience and a good understanding of their own strengths and interests - so that they can make effective career decisions throughout their lives.

Modern careers guidance is as much about inspiration and aspiration as it is about advice. No one person is responsible for guiding students on their career journey; teachers, careers professionals, family, friends and employers all have a role to play. We have excellent partnerships with local businesses and professionals who offer work experience, practice interviews and support our guest speaker programme.

There is a dedicated careers office in the Sixth Form Centre. Our Careers Coordinator, Mrs Bennett, has a wide variety of reference materials to aid research and decision making. Resources are also available in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and students can find Mrs Bennett there during Thursday lunchtimes.

### TOP TIPS TO HELP YOUR DAUGHTER ON THE PATH TO A SUCCESSFUL CAREER

1. **Start those early conversations at home.** Encourage your daughter to be curious and to keep an open mind.
2. **Praise their strengths and qualities** - not just the academic, but also their perseverance, determination, kindness etc.
3. **Help them to find out what they are passionate about** - whether it's sport, music, cooking etc.
4. **Encourage them to speak to different people.** This is a great way to find out about different opportunities and learn from the experiences of others.
5. **Consider 'plan Bs'!** It's good to have a back-up plan, even if your daughter never has to use it!
6. **Attend events** (such as those recommended on the next page), university open days, summer schools etc.
7. **If you feel it's helpful, explore other routes outside of school** that could enhance your daughter's skillset, e.g. Future Learn courses.
8. **Encourage your daughter to gain hands-on experience** by taking up work placement opportunities and volunteering.



### INTERESTED IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT?

Recent research from the Association for Project Management (APM), the chartered body for the project profession, shows that project management was the joint-top career choice for 21-year-old students. Students can find out more about this varied and rewarding career at the next 'Explore with the Experts' lunchtime session, which will take place in the Senior School Hall on Thursday 18th October at 1pm.

For a fun way into those early careers conversations with your daughter, take a few minutes to visit <http://icould.com/buzz/> and start exploring her strengths and preferences. Parents and siblings can complete the quiz too! Do you have a Clown Fish or a Black Bear in your family?

Take the Buzz Quiz

Find out which animal you are

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Explore with the Experts talk on 'Project Management', Thursday 18th October at 1pm in the Senior School Hall

Optional Year 10 Work Experience, w/c 29th October (second week of half term)

Forms and guides were given to the girls in the summer term of Year 9 (copies available from the school office). If you would like support with arranging a placement, please email Mrs Bennett (careers@kingsleyschool.co.uk).

Year 13 Mock Interview Evening, Thursday 8th November

International Philosophy Day, Thursday 15th November

Girls will have the opportunity to explore careers that stem from an interest in philosophy.

Our next careers fair - or 'Futures Fair' - will take place on Wednesday 28th November

A great opportunity to meet representatives from a huge variety of fantastic employers, big and small, along with universities and apprenticeship providers. This promises to be an exciting and inspiring event for students in Years 9 to 13. The fair is completely free to attend and parents are invited to join us between 10.15am and 12.45pm.

### EXTERNAL EVENTS...

CyberFirst Adventurers Course, Saturday 6th October in Leicester (10am-4pm)

An opportunity for Year 7 to 9 students and their families to see how studying computer science can enhance career prospects. Free to attend. <https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/courses/adventurers-leicester/>

World Skills UK Live (formerly The Skills Show), Saturday 17th November at the NEC, Birmingham

Book your free tickets here: <https://www.worldskillsuk.org/the-skills-show>

Invest In Education Workshops

These workshops enable 5 to 18 year olds to find out about specific professions. See website (<https://investineducation.co.uk/>) for more details including charges. Upcoming workshops include:

- **Young Doctor Programme:** King's College London: 11th November, University of Manchester: 2nd December
  - **Young Investment Banker Programme:** UCL: 18th November, University of Manchester: 25th November
  - **Young Politician Programme:** UCL: 18th November
  - **Young Lawyer Programme:** UCL: 25th November
  - **Young Journalist Programme:** UCL: 2nd December
  - **Young Engineer Programme:** University of Manchester: 8th December, Imperial College: 9th December
- The [Medic Portal](#) run similar events.

Courses with Prospects London Ambitions

These two-day intensive courses, which give insights into different careers, are aimed at Year 11 to 13 students. They are held in London and cost £250.

- **Finance & Economics:** Tuesday 23th & Wednesday 24th October (9.30am-4.30pm)
- **Legal Profession:** Thursday 25th & Friday 26th October (9.30am-4.30pm)



## NEW LUNCHTIME STEAM CLUB

To celebrate the opening of our new STEAM room (STEM with an 'A' to incorporate the Arts into Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), we are delighted to announce the launch of our new lunchtime club. This will take place every Tuesday lunchtime (1pm-1.45pm). Year 10s are currently working with some fantastic kit from the James Dyson Foundation. Glider kit club will launch on Tuesday 9th October, for Years 8 to 10.

Up for a half-term challenge? [https://www.jamesdysonfoundation.co.uk/content/dam/pdf/FOR%20WEB%20JDF\\_challenge-cards.pdf](https://www.jamesdysonfoundation.co.uk/content/dam/pdf/FOR%20WEB%20JDF_challenge-cards.pdf)

## CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

The careers section of the school website has heaps to help with careers exploration. Why not sit down together for half an hour and explore some of these useful resources?

**The Getting into Uni Guide**

From respected source 'Which?'

**Informed Choices**

A Russell Group guide to making decisions about post-16 education.

**The Student Career Guide - 'the path to your perfect career'**

An online booklet covering work experience, sector profiles and graduate schemes, aimed more at Sixth Formers.

**Careers of the Future**

A guide on career choices, assisting young people to help make decisions for the future.

**The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers**

**The Graduate Market in 2017**

Annual review of graduate vacancies and starting salaries at Britain's leading employers

Finally, older girls and parents, don't forget to follow me on Twitter for up-to-date happenings in the careers world!

**Mrs Bennett, Careers Coordinator**