



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and successful 2020. We have another busy term planned for careers education here at Kingsley (see events on page 2).

AUTUMN TERM RECAP

We had a packed autumn term with guest speakers joining us to celebrate World Philosophy Day, Modern European Languages Day, and to help inform and inspire our students about working in the legal sector and the wide variety of careers in the creative sector. Year 11 IT students learned about key employability skills in the IT sector, Year 11 maths students visited an advertising agency to see maths in action in a workplace, and Year 13 students took part in a successful mock interview evening.



Saffron from Leamington-based 'Caking & Baking' (<https://www.cakingandbaking.com/>) talking to students during our 'Explore with the Experts' session.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to all of the Year 10 students who completed work experience placements during October half-term. The girls gave up their precious holiday time to explore a wide range of industries including engineering, education and retail. You can read all about Ishmeera's experience as an Industrial Cadet at Coventry-based engineering firm, M-TEC, in the latest issue of our whole-school magazine, '1884': <https://bit.ly/2uvaKzp>. Ishmeera had such a positive experience that she is already planning her next placement!



ALTERNATIVES TO UNIVERSITY...

Employers call their school leaver programmes all sorts, from training programmes and undergraduate apprenticeships to sponsored degree programmes.

DEGREE LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP

Combines paid employment with studying for a degree. Courses are designed in partnership with employers, e.g. Cap Gemini, Accenture and JLR. Many of today's talented young people are eschewing university in favour of Higher or Degree level apprenticeships, choosing to earn and learn at the same time. See <https://bit.ly/2FtrkBN> for more info. You may also wish to explore the range of options available at The University of Warwick: <https://bit.ly/36zAQiF>.

Come along to the Parents' Talk on Wednesday 5th February (6-7pm) in the Sixth Form to find out more. All welcome!

Could an apprenticeship be right for you? Read Mrs Bennett's article in the latest issue of '1884' magazine (pages 54 & 55) to find out more: <https://bit.ly/2uvaKzp>.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

A company contributes towards the student's university fees. There may be paid internships or placement years with the company, e.g. Army, Navy, RAF, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, IBM and Nestle. PwC run a 'Flying Start' degree programme offering fast track routes into accountancy, business and technology roles: <https://pwc.to/2QAVR72>. Further details on IBM's 'Futures' scheme here: <https://ibm.co/2QB3nPv>.

SPONSORED DEGREE PROGRAMME

Such as those run by leading UK merchant banking group Close Brothers (<https://bit.ly/2QzzAa4>). A structured yet tailor-made three-year 'Aspire' programme working across the Banking division and offering personalised training and development, including a funded professional qualification of choice relevant to the banking industry. You can find out more about sponsored degree programmes by visiting <https://bit.ly/2N8tjQl>.

EVENTS COMING UP THIS TERM

IN SCHOOL...

Property and Construction Careers Day, Wednesday 29th January

An assembly talk for students in Years 9 to 13, then a chance to speak to a specially selected group of guests working in this varied sector during our lunchtime 'Explore with the Experts' session. It's not all hard hats - do come along and find out more!

National Apprenticeship Week, W/C 3rd February

Assembly talk plus lunchtime learning throughout the week to continue to raise awareness of Higher and Degree apprenticeship opportunities. There will be an evening talk for parents and their daughters on **Wednesday 5th February, 6-7pm** - all welcome. Click here for the latest Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' Pack: <https://bit.ly/2sXEmFc>.

Sports Science Workshop at Coventry University, Wednesday 5th February

PE students in Years 10 to 13 will be heading to Coventry University to take part in this exciting workshop.

Lunchtime Talk on Veterinary Careers, Thursday 27th February, 1-1.30pm, Room 16

Interested in finding out more about becoming a vet or veterinary nurse? Come along to our lunchtime talk. Open to all students in Years 9 to 13.

National Careers Week, 2nd-7th March

There will be special talks and activities taking place in school throughout the week, including the launch of the 'Tenner Challenge' for Year 10 students, plus a talk for parents on **Wednesday 4th March, 6-7pm**. Our guest speaker from InvestIn Education will be sharing top tips on coaching young minds and how to support your child's steps into the future.

International Women's Day, Friday 6th March

Alumna Chloe will be visiting Sixth Form students to discuss some of the challenges and opportunities for working women today.

Study Abroad Workshop, Wednesday 18th March, C7/8

A workshop for Sixth Formers (and Year 11 students by invitation) to explore opportunities for studying abroad.

Oxford Media and Business School Lunchtime Talk, Thursday 26th March, 1-1.30pm, Room 16

Open to students in Years 9 to 13.

A reminder that a careers drop-in runs in the LRC every Thursday lunchtime, when Mrs Bennett is on hand to help with any careers related queries.

EXTERNAL EVENTS...

AMTC Open Evenings, 25th February & 23rd April

Ideal for individuals who are interested in manufacturing/engineering apprenticeships: <https://bit.ly/2FtDUB1>.

Stratford-upon-Avon College Open Event, Wednesday 22nd January, 5.30pm-7.30pm

Interactive Futures 2020, 31st January to 1st February, Royal Spa Centre

A unique event looking at the future of games and celebrating the success of the Leamington 'Silicon' Spa games hub: <https://interactive-futures.com/tickets-2020/>.

What Career Live, 29th February, Birmingham NEC

Book your free tickets in advance: <https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/birmingham>.

The Big Bang Fair, 14th March, Birmingham NEC

Book your free tickets in advance: <https://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk>.

Courses by the Smallpeice Trust, various dates/locations

The Smallpeice Trust run a range of courses, such as **Biomedical Engineering for Year 12s from 3rd-6th August at Southampton University**. Discover how exciting new technology is revolutionising medicine, and scientists and engineers are working together to come up with new and improved ways to offer healthcare. <https://bit.ly/35volnf>

Bookings for Summer Schools can start early, especially for prestigious career routes such as law, or for aspiring medics. Medic Mentor (<https://medicmentor.co.uk/8251-2/>), Debate Chamber (<https://debatechamber.com/summerschools/>), Education Projects (<https://educationprojects.co.uk/>) and InvestIN (<https://investin.org/>) run immersive career experiences for young people during the summer (locations and costs vary). Whilst Kingsley does not endorse these, past students have found them to be worthwhile. InvestIN are giving Kingsley students a 10% discount - use code KingsleyPS19. Some universities also offer summer schools. Do your research to ensure you find the best option for you.

OTHER USEFUL LINKS...

Did you know that the NHS is the world's 5th largest employer? Over 100 girls visited their stand and/or heard their talk at our Futures Fair last year. Click here for links to NHS careers resources and infographics: <https://bit.ly/2un1sFs>.

Interested in a career in TV, film, VFX, animation or gaming? See <https://www.screenskills.com/> for tips and opportunities.

A useful new magazine to start career conversations at home: <https://bit.ly/36BErwG>.

The careers section of the school website (<https://www.thekingsleyschool.co.uk/careers/>) has heaps to help with careers exploration.

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

Mrs Bennett, Head of Careers

National Careers Week

NCW 2020

2ND – 7TH MARCH 2020