

## National Careers Week 2021

Earlier this half term we virtually celebrated National Careers Week across the school. Teachers shared their career path posters with students, showing the transferable skills they had picked up along their journey and how career paths can change directions.

Students in all year groups had a careers focused assembly with a mixture of films and presentations from a wide variety of industry sectors. We were delighted when Jack Madge from Teign Housing spoke to our Year 9 students about his interesting and varied role. He talked about his career path and answered some of the students' questions. Jack's video can be viewed on the TCS careers YouTube Channel: [https://youtu.be/xWi4R\\_2RQmk](https://youtu.be/xWi4R_2RQmk)

Year 10 students were introduced to apprenticeships with a presentation from Amazing Apprenticeships. It described the different types of apprenticeships available and highlighted the various pathways students can take. This can also be viewed online at: <https://youtu.be/NRFT9aqv68o>

With almost 60% of adults lacking the core transferable skills that employers say are needed to thrive in the workplace our Year 11 and Sixth Form students were directed to a series of videos recorded by local employees and employers, each highlighting a specific skill that is valued in the workplace. Developing these skills can help students to progress at home, at school and ultimately at work.



### Top 10 Skills for Success

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| 1. <a href="#">Communication</a>                 | 5. <a href="#">Problem Solving</a> | 9. <a href="#">Teamwork</a>         |
| 2. <a href="#">Confidence</a>                    | 6. <a href="#">Positivity</a>      | 10. <a href="#">Professionalism</a> |
| 3. <a href="#">Lifelong approach to learning</a> | 7. <a href="#">Resilience</a>      |                                     |
| 4. <a href="#">Flexibility</a>                   | 8. <a href="#">Self-Awareness</a>  | ~ <a href="#">Full Playlist</a> ~   |

## Buzz Quiz

Students were also invited to find out about themselves by taking an online Buzz Quiz which works out which animal matches their personality and which job areas might suit them.

The Buzz quiz can also help to discover their strengths and what makes them tick; understand how others may see them and explore subject choices and jobs that could suit them.

Teachers and staff also got involved and took the quiz, it appears we have many bears including polar, koala and black bears, plus a falcon and cat amongst the team!

You can complete the quiz online by clicking on the image now.



## Fancy a Future in Food?

A brilliant new careers display has popped up outside the catering classroom this term. Thanks go to Mrs Robinson and Mrs Carlton for creating this bright and colourful display showing students where food studies can take you.



# Virtual Work Experience (VWEX)



As the traditional Y10 & Y12 school work experience has been cancelled for this academic year, we have chosen [Speakers for Schools](#) as our VWEX partner.

Students can access their portal to apply for placements from a wide range of industries which is completely free. There are some incredible opportunities that would never have been accessed through traditional work experience as students can now apply for opportunities all over the country.

Opportunities range from a 1 day insight day, to a 3 day and 5 day work experience placement. All placements are designed to be learning experiences that help students better understand the world of work, gain transferable skills and valuable insights about industries to help pave the way for their next steps. The placements are generally during the holidays and half term, but there will be an increase in opportunities for June and July during term time. If any Year 10 or Y12 student is successful in applying for a placement, time will be authorised as absence from school and they can then take part from home on these days.

Students will need to register for the Speakers for Schools Experience portal [here](#) and follow the simple application process; it takes just a couple of minutes to complete the registration. Opportunities will also be advertised on the Careers Google Classroom every fortnight too. Recent VWEX placement hosts include Morgan Sindall, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Spaceport Cornwall, NHS and Ofcom.

## Unibuddy



Do you need friendly, impartial answers to questions about going to university? Well, now you can!

The [Unibuddy](#) platform makes it easy for students to contact people that are currently studying in higher education. It's just like texting someone! So, if you have a question about student life, finance, qualifications, or anything relating to higher education, what are you waiting for?

Although Unibuddy is always available, [Next Steps South West](#) have started drop-in sessions on Wednesday afternoons 2.30pm-5.30pm until July 2021. At this time they will have extra student ambassadors on hand to answer any HE related questions from students or parents.

## Parents' Pack from Amazing Apprenticeships

In the March 2021 issue they look at International Women's Day, preparing for virtual recruitment, new T Levels film, apprenticeships in the fashion industry, SEND post-16 options and more!

[Click here to download](#)



## Year 10 Mock Interviews

The postponed Year 10 Mock interviews will now take place on **Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th May.**

Students will have a 15 minute interview via Google Meet with a local employer. Interviewers will have a copy of their CV in advance and will give them feedback on both their CV and their interview skills. Appointment times will be sent out after Easter.

If your son/daughter is anxious about this experience, please tell them to come and see me for a chat. In previous years several students said how nervous they were. However, they found it a really valuable experience enabling them to approach future interviews with confidence.

*"The interviewer was very kind and gave me useful feedback which I will apply in the future".* Current Year 11 student.



## Exeter College Apprenticeship Parent/Guardian Information Sessions and Workshops



These sessions are designed to help and support parents/guardians with children looking for an apprenticeship starting this summer. They will cover what is actually involved with an Apprenticeship and more importantly what they can do to help and support their young person via their own networks to find the all-important employer placements.

There is no registration, just join in at the time and date stated using the links below.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 5pm – 5:30pm** [Virtual Parent/Guardian Session](#)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 5pm – 5:30pm** [Virtual parent/Guardian Workshop](#)

For further info please email: [morvenmaclean@exe-coll.ac.uk](mailto:morvenmaclean@exe-coll.ac.uk)

After Easter, Mrs Hussain will also be running apprenticeship application workshops in school for students in Y11 and Sixth Form looking for an apprenticeship when they leave this summer.

## Careermag for Parents

[Careermag for Parents](#) connects parents, guardians and carers with up to date labour market information.



The magazine explains the various qualification routes available and busts myths and misconceptions along the way.

Read Issue 6 (March 2021) online now: <https://joom.ag/uwal>

## Year 10 - Year 13 Students

TEIGNMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

# CAREERS DROP-IN SESSIONS

Got a question about career choice, future plans, Further/ Higher Education or Apprenticeships?

Then come and see Mrs Hussain and Rachel Bolt (Independent Careers Advisor, CSW Group) for information, advice and support for your future.

## WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2021

**SIXTH FORM  
TCS6 STUDY CENTRE  
10 - 11 AM**

**YEAR 10 & YEAR 11  
BREAK 1  
KS4 COMMON ROOM**

**CSW**  
People developers

## Year 12 Students

**Next Steps  
South West**

**ORF Uni Connect  
Programme**

# PATHWAYS INTO SUSTAINABILITY

This event takes place virtually on Wednesday 7th April 2021.

### Event summary

Whatever you're currently studying, and whatever you're hoping to achieve, this event will demonstrate how you can incorporate a passion for sustainability into your education and future. Hear professionals and academics from a variety of sectors talk about their work in helping to create a sustainable future for the people and planet, and the key role of students and higher education. Learn about their careers, the pathways they took to reach them and the vital role that higher education students can play in shaping a better world. Have your questions answered by academics, industry professionals, and the students that are already making a difference. This three hour mini-conference for Year 12 students will run online in the first week of the Easter holidays.

**To register for this event, please visit**  
[www.nextstepssw.ac.uk/events-and-activities/pathways-in-to-sustainability/](http://www.nextstepssw.ac.uk/events-and-activities/pathways-in-to-sustainability/)  
**...or scan the QR code:**

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**STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE. DO AND TRY THINGS YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU COULD DO, IT MAY BE SCARY AT FIRST BUT IT WILL ALL BE WORTH IT IN THE END, YOU COULD FIND OUT THAT SOMETHING YOU ONCE DISLIKED COULD ACTUALLY BE SOMETHING YOU LOVE!**

**KELLY YOUNG**, APPRENTICE



**ALTHOUGH A CLICHÉ, YOU REALLY ARE YOUR OWN LIMITATION. YOU CAN GO AS FAR AS YOU THINK YOU CAN GO.**

**SAAHIRAH AHMED**, APPRENTICE



**DON'T WORRY IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SOMETHING BEFORE, IT'S NOT THAT YOU CAN'T DO IT BUT PERHAPS THE OPPORTUNITY HASN'T BEEN THERE BEFORE. KEEP DOORS OPEN AND MAKE THE MOST OF ANY OPPORTUNITY YOU GET!**

**KATE LLEWELLYN-CRIPPS**, MARKETING & ATTRACTION, EARLY CAREERS

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**CHOOSE A JOB YOU LOVE,  
AND YOU'LL NEVER WORK A  
DAY IN YOUR LIFE**

**BEN CHUBB**, NATIONAL ENTERPRISE MANAGER



**NETWORK! IT'S SAID OFTEN, BUT IT REALLY  
HELPS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONNECTIONS WITH  
PEOPLE. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN A PROJECT  
YOU'RE WORKING ON REQUIRES HELP FROM  
THAT PERSON YOU MET 'ONE TIME'**

**NATASHA GILL**, HR (GRADUATE)



**TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO WIDEN YOUR  
KNOWLEDGE AND GAIN PRACTICAL  
EXPERIENCE, BY SPEAKING TO PEOPLE,  
ATTENDING CALLS AND MEETINGS AND BY  
GETTING INVOLVED WITH DIVERSE PROJECTS**

**EMILY MOSS**, GRADUATE

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