

# Careers News



SUMMER TERM 1 | 2021  
EDITION 5

## Year 10 Mock Interviews

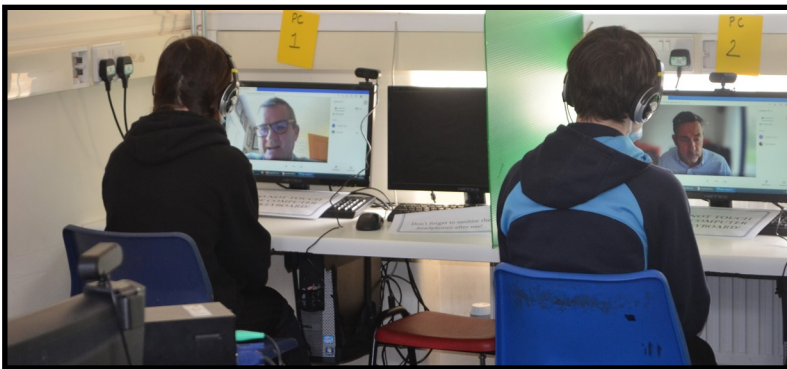


This half term our Year 10 students were given the opportunity to experience a mock interview hosted by representatives from various businesses and further and higher education institutions.

Students had to submit their CVs prior to the interviews which were held virtually this year, and were each given a 15 minute slot to discuss their experience, answer questions and receive constructive feedback. The mock interviews give students a professional and genuine interview experience and despite the change in format, our students adjusted well to the online interviews and communicated positively with interviewers. This practise experience is extremely valuable and will enable our students to approach future college and job interviews with confidence.

Feedback from the three days was very positive from students and interviewers alike, with many of our young people pleased with how their interview went. One student commented "it isn't as scary as you think, so don't overthink it and be confident." Another student commented on the virtual set up saying "I think it was really good because there is a high chance of us having to do interviews this way in the future." The overwhelming majority though, felt they would have preferred to have completed it in person so we hope to revert back to our usual face to face interviews next year.

62 students from across the year group were selected by interviewers as having given an outstanding interview and they were presented with a certificate of achievement - Congratulations!



# THANK YOU

A great big Thank You to all of these businesses who helped out with the TCS Exeter Road Mock Interviews 2021



# Virtual Work Experience (VWEX)

Speakers for Schools have added many more virtual work experience placements for the summer term for students from Year 10 and up. 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. Check out these short videos from students who have already taken part in VWEX with Speakers for Schools to find out how it can [give a confidence boost](#), [open eyes to new opportunities](#) and [help make connections](#).

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. 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.

## Latest opportunities include:

[1 day Insight with Superdry](#) | [1 day Insight with IBM](#) | [1 day Insight with Bishop Fleming](#)  
[5 day Work Experience with LiveWest](#) | [1 day Insight with NHS](#)

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. For step-by-step guidance on how to register and create a Speakers for Schools student account click [here](#)

## Opportunities just for you!

There are a number of placements which have been ring-fenced for students from this area (Devon and Somerset). They will not be accessible through Speakers for Schools normal portal search function to allow for students only from this area to apply. Click on the links below to access:

Business	Date of placement	Time
<a href="#">Host and Somerset Larder</a>	17/06/2021	10:00 - 14:00
<a href="#">Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue</a>	30/06/2021	10:00 - 15:00
<a href="#">North Devon Healthcare Trust</a>	01/07/2021	10:00 - 12:30
<a href="#">Pharmacy careers</a>	02/07/2021	10:00 - 12:30
<a href="#">EDF Energy</a>	05/07/2021	10:00 - 13:00
<a href="#">University of Exeter and Vinci Construction</a>	05/07/2021	10:00 - 13:00
<a href="#">Careers and Employability session with Babcock International</a>	05/07/2021	16:30 - 17:30
<a href="#">Willmott Dixon</a>	06/07/2021	10:00 - 14:00
<a href="#">Royal Military</a>	07/07/2021	10:00 - 12:30
<a href="#">MVV Environment</a>	08/07/2021	10:00 - 15:00
<a href="#">Building Greater Exeter and Bam Construction</a>	08/07/2021	09:30 - 12:30
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<a href="#">Building Greater Exeter and Morgan Sindall</a>	12/07/2021	09:30 - 12:30
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<a href="#">Engie</a>	15/07/2021	10:00 - 12:30

## Help Needed!

### Could you spare a couple of hours to inspire the next generation?

We are holding a careers session with our Year 7 & 8 students next term - 'Guess the Occupation!'

We are aiming for this to be a fast-paced and fun session for students to guess your job using just yes or no questions and discover more about your job sector.

We are looking for individuals to come in to school and talk to a class about their job and career path to show the variety of jobs out there locally and the many different paths they can take once they leave school.

A wide range of job sectors is required and ex TCS students are particularly welcome as you have walked the exact same corridors as our students now.

If you are able to help out on **Wednesday 14th July from 10am—11.30am** please email [joanne.hussain@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk](mailto:joanne.hussain@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk)



We need 20 individuals to cover all tutor groups so please get in touch! You will be rewarded with coffee and cake!

## Apprenticeships



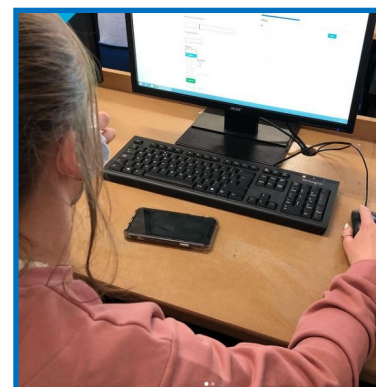
### Amazing Apprenticeships

The latest Parent Pack from Amazing Apprenticeships is out now. In the [May issue](#) they are look at supporting your child's mental health, myth busting traineeships, T-Levels in Health, 2 apprentice perspective articles, an overview of apprenticeships in furniture and manufacturing and much more!

[www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com)

### Apprenticeship Workshops for Y11 & Y12

Rachel Bolt came into school this half term to work with Year 11 and Year 12 students looking for an apprenticeship. She helped students in Year 11 apply for a number of different apprenticeships in many sectors including carpentry, motor vehicle, hairdressing and catering. She also discussed higher and degree level apprenticeships with our sixth form students and showed them the different platforms available to search for vacancies.



## Applying to University

Supported by Next Steps South West, students in Year 12 interested in making a university application,

attended a workshop this half term to understand the different higher education (HE) routes and compared universities and courses. This enabled students to identify their own decision-making criteria when choosing a course and university.

It was a great way for students to kick off the application process for their entry in September 2022. Thanks to Ewa from NSSW for supporting our students. You can find out more from NSSW [here](#)

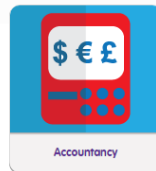


# Success at School Careers Zone

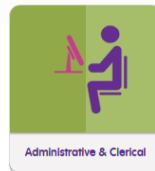
Explore Success at School's Career Zones to find out all about the different jobs you can do, what to study and how to get there, whether you're planning to leave school or heading to college or university.

They've packed each zone with helpful interviews, advice and links to set you on the right path to career superstardom.

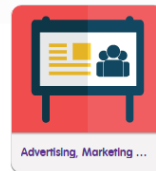
[www.successatschool.org/careerzones](http://www.successatschool.org/careerzones)



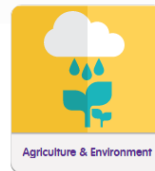
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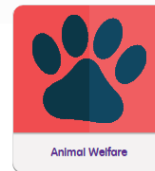
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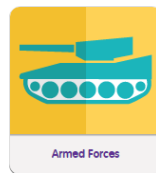
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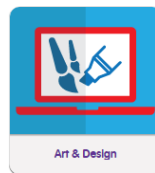
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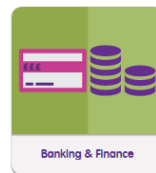
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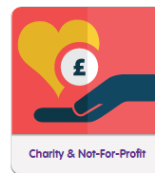
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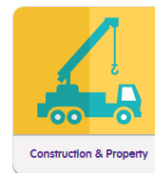
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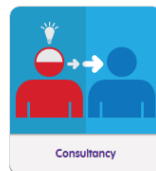
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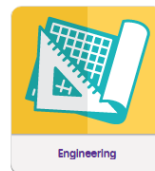
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Education & Teaching



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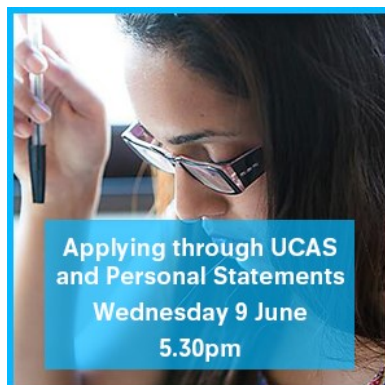
## UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH

University of Plymouth Zooms Q&A sessions.. These talks aim to give parents and supporters insight and advice into Higher Education, with each session lasting approximately one hour.



**Choosing a Course and  
the Benefits of University**  
Tuesday 8 June  
5.30pm

The step into HE is a big one. This talk offers advice on how to choose the right course and university, giving tips on how to research different institutions effectively and where to find useful information.



**Applying through UCAS  
and Personal Statements**  
Wednesday 9 June  
5.30pm

We provide a step-by-step breakdown of the process, and give hints and tips to help you support students in constructing a successful personal statement and help them to start thinking about promoting their own skills and achievements.



**Student Finance and  
Budgeting**  
Thursday 10 June  
5.30pm

Student funding is often a worry for prospective students. This talk offers advice regarding tuition fees, student loans, scholarships and the application process.

To book onto these sessions click on the images above.

A link to access the chosen session(s) will follow before the talk.

If a link has not been received 30 minutes before the session is due to start please email [outreach@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@plymouth.ac.uk) and a member of the team will be happy to help.



# YEAR 9



YOUR MUSEUM NEEDS  
**YOU!**

**Good at making TikToks?**

**Got an interest in history or social media?**

**SIGN UP FOR DIGITAL TAKEOVER DAY AT  
TEIGN HERITAGE CENTRE ON FRIDAY 25TH  
JUNE!**



**Contact Mrs Hussain by Monday 14th June to nab your place!**