



# Careers Newsletter

5 April 2021

## Key Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to first congratulate all our STA students on the effort and interest they have been putting into careers at STA.

We launched our first Spotlight Talks Careers Virtual Event on the 24 and 25 March where we brought the UK's leading employers and apprentices in our classrooms to inspire our young people, from all walks of life, to take up technical career routes and apprenticeships. It also highlighted the opportunities and career pathways available through many private organisations and the public sector. Feedback from students of the event:

*"The event was very inspiring, it explained what qualifications and experiences was needed to get into a career into the NHS."* Year 12 student

*"I feel like I am really prepared for the future and the chosen career I want to get into. The event was very inspiring listening to other people's experiences."* Year 13 student

I am delighted that after Easter we will have many more virtual events from Uptree offering sessions on STEM, Business and Finance and Employability skills for our 6<sup>th</sup> formers.

Thank you for all your support. Enjoy reading. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [s.halil@standrewtheapostle.org.uk](mailto:s.halil@standrewtheapostle.org.uk)

Wishing you all a Happy Easter break.

**Mrs S Halil (PSHE and Careers Co-ordinator)**

## UniTaster Days – Years 12 and 13 event

**On Demand Webinars**

**University guidance videos for school groups and students**



These videos have one key aim: to

support students who are considering university to make informed future decisions. They feature guest speakers from a range of different universities, who are always experts in the subject they are speaking about.

They are always independent, impartial, and under one hour to suit timetabling requirements. They include the general content students will find useful – like how to write personal statements, student finance, UCAS applications and the UK's first video subject guide!

These subject videos introduce what it is like to study a range of different subjects at university. We cover reasons to consider the subject, what to expect on the course, and usually a careers guide and application tips as well. From Chemical Engineering to Computer Games! We add new events every week – and even take your requests. To view these On Demand Webinars please [click here](#).

## SpringPod: Virtual Work Experience – Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 event

The virtual work experience programmes are open to applications from students in **Year 10-13**.



## St Andrew the Apostle School

Programmes include everything from politics and journalism to fashion and engineering. They can be completed at a time that suits our students and offer a certificate which is great for CVs, cover letters and interviews upon completion.

You can view the virtual work experience programmes [here](#).

## Deutsche Bank Apprenticeship Programme – Year 13 event



### **Year 13 students: are you someone who would like to work for an innovative, forward-thinking company?**

Deutsche Bank are designing the digital bank of the future and they're looking for curious and creative people to help shape it.

The Apprenticeship is a unique opportunity to work at the heart of a global bank. Time will be split between hands-on experience in the teams and technical learning providing the skills to become a stand-out Software Developer within 18 months.

In the classroom, you will cover everything from the essentials of software development to the latest innovations in big data and AI. In the day-to-day work, there's the chance to turn learning into impact by working alongside industry experts on real projects and managers who will coach and mentor you every step of the way.

Upon completion of the programme, the apprentice will have acquired a range of industry-recognised

qualifications and also gained the foundations for a career at the cutting edge of the industry and beyond.

Application deadline: 9 April 2021

To find out more, [click here](#).

## Army Foundation College Harrogate – Year 11, 12 and 13 event



Are you looking to break away from the ordinary in the next stage of their education journey? Then training at the Army Foundation College (AFC) Harrogate as a junior soldier might be something to consider.

At AFC, junior soldiers aged 16 and 17 learn skills from map reading and weapon handling to leadership and using their initiative, whilst earning a salary. After graduating they will start their Army initial trade training and usually an apprenticeship related to their role. [Click here](#) to find out more on what is on offer.

## REMINDER: Gallagher:Work Experience Day – Year 13 event

**London: Gallagher: Insurance, Risk and Consulting: Work Experience Day (online)**

**Thursday 15 April, 10.00am-1.00pm**

### **Overview**

Gallagher is a global leader in insurance, risk management and consulting services. Much more than simply an insurance broker, they are an international group of partners that provide cost-effective, client-centric, and expertise-driven risk management

solutions. Their teams foster a dynamic, entrepreneurial culture that has made them an innovator in creating new products and services for their clients. If you are interested in finding out more about this global company, then join us for this work experience event with Gallagher.

You will even get the chance to speak to Gallagher employees and ask them questions about their roles and what it is like to work there. This is an amazing opportunity to embed yourself in the company, particularly if you are thinking of applying for one of their early career roles.

### Agenda

- Ice breaker and welcome
- Introduction to Gallagher company culture
- Inspiring speaker from the company.
- Speed Networking with Gallagher employees
- Q&A panel with Gallagher apprentices/graduates and teams
- Next steps and wrap up: find out more about Gallagher opportunities and how to apply.

### Who should attend?

- Students in Year 13 who are interested in finding out more about the exciting careers in Gallagher and their Junior broker/account handler and Junior underwriter roles.
- Students that are motivated and keen to learn more about the industry of insurance, risk, and consulting.
- Students who might be interested in starting a role with Gallagher in September 2021 (entry level apprenticeship roles available in brokering and technology with a focus on Uptree student hires)



Insurance | Risk Management | Consulting

To register [click here](#)

## REMINDER: STA Careers Online Workshop Uptree – Years 11, 12 and 13 event

What STA students will gain from their **Uptree** experience.

**Uptree** is a professional careers platform for students ages 16-19. They bridge the gap between education and employment.

These sessions will support Year 11 and Sixth formers to get ahead of the curve and start exploring different career options and pathways.

Each session will cover an introduction to the industry, looking at job roles, giving insights into different companies and also supports students to gain key employability skills as they start looking at interview questions and techniques.

We have arranged the following virtual online workshops for our Year 13s with Uptree:

**Business and Finance:** 19 April

**STEM:** 26 April

**General Employability:** 10 May

## POST-16 APPRENTICESHIPS

### What do I need to do an apprenticeship?

- You must be over 16 years old.
- Entry requirements vary, and you may need up to five GCSEs at grade 9 to 4/A\* to C — including English and mathematics.
- You will need to show you can complete the programme — what is required varies across training providers, employers, and job roles.
- An apprenticeship usually takes between one and three years to complete. They are made up of three parts — all completed on the job, online, or in a classroom.

### Why do it?

Each apprenticeship trains you for a specific job, so it is worth finding out as much as you can about that job, as well as the career and progression route your apprenticeship could lead to. You will be earning while you qualify and will also gain good work and training experience, which will support your applications for other jobs.

### The Qualification

Apprenticeships are at least 12 months long — they lead to a national, recognised qualification and follow a 'framework' developed by Sector Skills Councils. Most include:

- National vocational qualification (NVQ) — e.g., Level 2 for intermediate level apprenticeships, Level 3 for advanced level apprenticeships
- Knowledge-based qualification — such as a higher national certificate (HNC), higher national diploma (HND), or foundation degree
- Functional skills qualifications — e.g., in maths, English, or ICT
- Technical certificate — such as a BTEC or City & Guilds progression award

### Applying for apprenticeships

Look at the National Apprenticeships Service (NAS) [click here](#) for useful information and tips on apprenticeships.

If an apprenticeship is advertised by a training provider, check if the opportunity includes the job, or if you need to find the job element with a local employer. Training providers can give you help, advice, and guidance on finding appropriate employment.

**REMINDER: Virgin Media Apprenticeship. Year 12 and 13 event**



**Apprenticeships**

Virgin Media have loads of great apprenticeship opportunities that cover all sorts of roles across the business, so whether you want to work on a more technical, engineering or business side of the business there is a scheme for you. Each of the available schemes lets you 'learn while you earn' by gaining first-hand experience through exposure to leading business practices and you will be paid a decent wage while you are working.

**Want to hear more about apprenticeships?**

Register for your invite here [Online Webinars](#)

**Reminder only 1 event left on the 'Tea and Talk' event on 21 April.**

**REMINDER: Virtual HE Fairs. Year 12 event**

[UCAS Discovery Days](#)

**UCAS South East – 20 and 21 April**

