## **ORA Careers Newsletter Issue 3 January 2021**

Welcome to the third ORA Careers Newsletter. We are continuing to share open events, opportunities to meet employers, virtual work experiences, local job and apprenticeships vacancies and post 16 and 18 open evenings via social media, Google Classrooms and parent and student email. This month, we are focusing on 'Careers' activities that you can do at home whilst in Lockdown.

Have you looked at the careers area on our WEBSITE recently? https://www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/careers

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## **Get Ready for National Apprenticeship Week 2021!**



## Monday 8th to Sunday 14th February

#### **Amazing Apprenticeships:**

Parent Resources Amazing Apprenticeships have created a full range of resources to help support parents through these unprecedented times. Parents can access current and past editions of our specialist Parents' Pack, filled with the latest advice and guidance, supported by the National Apprenticeship Service. Click on the below resources to download: <a href="https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parents/">https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parents/</a>



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#### **Arqiva Blog: Why an Apprenticeship?**

Bethany Preston, who started her career at Arqiva as an apprentice before becoming an operational support systems engineer, explores the benefits apprenticeships offer to individuals and companies. She highlights the apprenticeships available at Arqiva and explains how much help she was given during the process. Read about Bethany's experiences here:

https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/why-an-apprenticeship-might-be-theright-choice-for-you/95210/





At PwC, our purpose is to build trust in society and solve important problems. It is this focus, which informs the services we provide and the decisions we make. Attracting the right talent continues to be paramount and as a progressive employer we will continue to develop a diverse and agile workforce. Have a look at what PwC have to offer here: <a href="https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/5/pwc/jobs">https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/5/pwc/jobs</a>?

Intequal have devised a presentation with a voiceover giving advice on IT & Digital apprenticeships, to include information about the different types of apprenticeships in the sector, their structure, eligibility criteria, FAQs and next steps, etc. If this is of interest to you then you can watch it here:

INTEQUAL

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUH2l0ALJJ4&t=22s



The Army apprenticeship scheme is planned to fit around your military training, and will be relevant to your role in the Army. You will develop your literacy and numeracy skills as well as more specialist trade skills. Your hard work will be rewarded with a Level 3 or a Level 4 apprenticeship. These qualifications will be valued by employers when you decide to move on. For more information and to apply visit:

https://apply.army.mod.uk/what-we-offer/regular-soldier/skills

At the UK Intelligence Agencies, we protect the UK from a range of threats, including terrorism and espionage. It's fascinating work with real purpose, and it's work we couldn't do without our software engineers. However, we understand that not everyone will have a software degree, because uni isn't for everyone. Luckily, MI5, MI6 and GCHQ are. For more information and to apply visit:

https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/jobs/3425/mi5-mi6-gchq/softwareengineer-degree-apprenticeships?



### **UCAS & University Personal Statements**

Handy websites for those who are researching Universities, applying to University and writing your personal statements at the moment.

UCAS Advice on Writing Personal Statement -

https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucasundergraduate-personal-statement

Stemettes member Isadora has written a helpful blog post on writing your personal statement based on her experiences:

https://stemettes.org/zine/advice/personal-statement-writing-editing/?fbclid=IwAR3y7wgM0v7M8RbQWzyApWoufAM5xE8dvrdB2HxIbZ1HZKwlljKzeX8vgIc

UniTasterDays, a directory of University events, are running a weekly online University guidance webinar on Tuesdays on all sorts of different specialisms. Take a look and tune in for some great advice:

https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx

There are tips for researching and applying for University here:

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/advice/student-blog-tipschoosing-and-applying-universities

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## **TOP 10 JOBS OF THE FUTURE**

#### 1. TEACHERS

The future workforce will need a wide knowledge base as well as specialist skills. That means we'll need people to teach subjects such as English language, history and philosophy to prep candidates for future jobs. Teachers and other public sector jobs fare well against the threat of automation. Robots can't get their pincers around interpersonal skills just yet.



#### 2. SPORTS THERAPISTS

Millennials are more likely to hit 24-hour gyms than nightclubs. So, we'll need Personal Trainers to crunch their cores, Sports Therapists to ease strained hamstrings and Nutritionists to advise on which protein shakes to gulp down.

#### 3. ARTISANS

Shoppers will pay extra for local, authentic and specialist products and services. That means artisans such as Coffee Roasters, Butchers and Barbers will help revitalise high streets.

#### 4. SKILLED TRADESPEOPLE

Automation will affect manual work jobs, but the study shows that skilled tradespeople such as Joiners, Glass Makers and Home Decorators will have work for at least the next 10 years.

#### 5. HOSPITALITY & CATERING PROFESSIONALS

As people crave new dining and flavour experiences, the food and drinks industry will boom. Chefs,

Bartenders and Baristas tick the most in-demand skills for future employment: with originality, flexibility and management skills.

#### 6. ENGINEERS

More and more people are moving to cities to work and live. To accommodate them, we'll need Electrical Engineers to wire our smart homes, Civil Engineers to design our roads, Software Engineers to connect streetlights to the internet, and Environmental Engineers to power them when oil runs out.

#### 7. HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

As people live longer, we will need Doctors, Nurses and Physiotherapists to look after us. However, as medicines and living conditions improve, chances are we'll live our golden years in good health. Counsellors will help us learn, work and stay culturally aware in our 80s and 90s. In addition, Care Workers will rig up the wearable technology to monitor heart rates, blood-glucose levels and sleep patterns.

#### 8. VETERINARY NURSES

With 44% of UK households owning some form of pet, it is logical that we will need people to look after our furry friends, too.

#### 9. SALESPEOPLE

Salespeople have the originality, flexibility and management skills recruiters will look for in the future, and, as urbanisation continues and high street stores revive, shoppers will want to talk to actual, real people. Bad news for self-checkout bots.

#### **10. CREATIVES**

Designers, Marketers and Writers will benefit from new digital technology and easy access to roles. They'll get creative with roles, too. Game Designers, for example, have systems skills to show societies how to thrive with new technology.

### The Ultimate Work Experience:

Stacey takes five 16-18 years olds into industries crying out for young workers. Watch to find out how they got on.

Each episode lasts 30 minutes.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p06zhf9j/thenine-to-five-with-stacey-dooley



## **Career Quizzes**

Take the quiz to see which job areas might suit you, then, start exploring opportunities – from apprenticeship and traineeship to researching some job families.

There is a huge variety of options you may not have thought of. Either click on the images or follow the links.



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## **Buzz Quiz:**

https://www.ucas.com/careers/buzz-quiz

Discover: your strengths and what makes you tick, some jobs you may enjoy, what celebs you're like.

There are 16 possible results - all connected with an animal



## **SACU Careers Quiz:**

https://sacu-student.com/?page\_id=2850

Free Career Quiz showing Careers, UCAS Courses, FE Courses, Apprenticeships, Labour Market Information, Job Vacancies – Spartan Test



#### **Virtual Careers Talks**



We aim to make our students aware of many different career options and help them gain an understanding of how to pursue them. There is so much they can learn from professionals; an insight to your role, advice on how you got to where you are now and your experiences since leaving education.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are aiming to deliver these careers events through live video calls with a small, focussed group of students taking part in a Q&A at the end. We would like to record these sessions, with your permission, so other students can access them afterwards.

If you are interested in joining us, please email Mrs Compton on fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

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Please contact Mrs Compton on <a href="mailto:fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk">fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk</a> if you would like to contribute anything to our Careers Newsletter.