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# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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To those students who have joined ORA this September - Welcome! To everyone else - Welcome back! This newsletter is designed to keep you up to date on Careers offerings over the next month or so, including general events and information, information on Universities, Apprenticeships and Work Experience. If you have any questions or anything you'd like to know please email on of the team below.

## The ORA Careers Team

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Our Careers Advisor, Louise Brazier, is in school on Wednesday for booked appointments, but is also available for drop-in chats at lunchtime



The Quality in Careers Standard >>>>

We are delighted to announce that ORA has now achieved the national Quality in Careers Standard using the Career Mark approach provided by Complete Careers.

This national award provides external recognition of the high-quality careers education, information, advice, and guidance provided at the school. It recognises that we are a school that can demonstrate that we are working towards the Department of Education's Gatsby Benchmarks, which are a measure of the provision of excellent careers education, information, advice, and guidance for all students from year 7 to year 13.



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## Careers Website

Have you looked at the new careers section?

<https://ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/for-students/careers-guidance>

The careers section is kept as up-to-date as possible and is a great source of information across many aspects of Careers Education. There are some links to key websites that you are encouraged to visit. We would also encourage students to regularly access and use the website so please take time to talk to your child about it. If you feel we are missing information that would be useful to you, please let us know.

## Live Virtual Careers and University Fair

What Career live? With so many options to choose from when you leave school, it can be hard to know where to start. Get your free ticket to the What University? & What Career? Live Virtual Event on 12 & 13 November to explore your options.

Log in to this essential event for 15 - 19-year olds to chat to top unis and leading employers, watch a packed programme of free talks and get expert advice to help you achieve your career goals.



With exhibitors including; Mott Macdonalds, NHS, Capita, Rolls Royce, dstl, AON, UCFB, Jaguar, Land Rover and universities including University of Southampton, University of Bath, University of Reading, Liverpool Hope University, De Montfort University, Keele University, Ravensbourne University London, University of Lincoln and many, many more! For more information click the link here:

<https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/book-tickets>



## Free Virtual Work Experience with Springpod.

Discover the world of work, gain unique industry insights and complete workplace-style activities with leading employers in the UK. And the best part - it's free.

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>



## Virtual National Apprenticeship Show - South 18th November 2021

Registration is now open for the virtual National Apprenticeship Show - South. This educational event highlights Apprenticeship opportunities and offers information from your region's top employers and training providers! You can register for this event for FREE and participate from the comfort of your classroom or home. You will need to register individually to get the most out of the event. For more info & to register click here. <https://nassouth.vfairs.com/en/register>



## Going to University?

UCAS & Personal Statement Support from University of Hertfordshire.

The University of Hertfordshire look forward to supporting you in the coming months whether virtually or in person. We have an exciting range of talks, tastings and on campus events taking place to inspire and support your students on their Higher Education Journey. We appreciate the next few months will be busy with UCAS applications and we have some great resources to support you with your personal statements if you need a little inspiration. You can access our downloadable personal statements guide here.

[http://www.herts.ac.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0015/280113/personal\\_statement.pdf](http://www.herts.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/280113/personal_statement.pdf)



Tips for writing your personal statement from the University of Salford.

Your personal statement is a chance for you to tell us why you want to study your chosen course or subject, and is submitted to UCAS <https://www.ucas.com/> along with the rest of your application. We know writing your personal statement can be a daunting task - so we've given our top tips to help you get started. Click here for more information. <https://www.salford.ac.uk/writing-your-personal-statement>

You can also visit [www.UCAS.com](http://www.UCAS.com) for more details on universities and applications.



## T Levels: What are they?

T Levels are new courses, which follow on from GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 'A' levels. These 2-year courses, which launched September 2020, have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work, further training or study.

T Levels offer students a mixture of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience during an industry placement of at least 315 hours (approximately 45 days).

Amazing Apprenticeships have put together a film where you can find out more about them and hear from a wide range of teachers, careers advisers, students and employers

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/what-are-tlevels-film/>







## What's coming up?

- ❖ Year 7-13 Careers Assembly Week - 22<sup>nd</sup> November - 26<sup>th</sup> November
- ❖ Year 11 and 12 Mock Interviews: January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2022
- ❖ Careers Fair: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- ❖ Year 8 and 9 - Work Shadowing Days March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2022
- ❖ Year 12 Work Experience: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jun - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022
- ❖ Year 10 Work Experience: Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- ❖ Year 10 -13 Raising Aspirations Programme with ARU throughout the year

## Careers Talks and Mini Masterclasses

With the restrictions lifting, we are starting face-to-face masterclasses again and we are looking for people in employment to deliver 40-minute mini talks, which will make students aware of different career pathways and how to pursue them. There is so much they can learn from you; an insight to your role, advice on how you got to where you are now and your experiences since leaving education. These will be held 2.20-3.20pm Tuesdays -Fridays. We are looking for a wide variety of sectors and roles.

Please contact Fliss Compton on [fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) if you would like to help us with a masterclass.

