



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.

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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 break and lunchtime - the careers office is on the ground floor by the science department.



We are delighted to announce that ORA has now been re-accredited with the national Quality in Careers Standard using the Career Mark approach provided by Complete Careers. This is renewed every 2 years.





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.

## COMPLETE CAREERS

### ORA Careers Website

Have you looked at our 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.

### **Careers Appointments**

Louise Brazier, our Careers and Guidance Advisor sees Year 11 and sixth form students for a 45 minute Careers Guidance interviews. For students that are wanting to study courses at college, just a reminder that you can apply from now, you will still have a meeting with Ms. Pollard, but it is best to send in your application as soon as possible. It can be a weight off your mind to have sent your applications, and even get replies confirming your place, early in the year.

If you require help applying to college or are not yet sure what you want to do, then please send Mrs Brazier an email on [lbrazier@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:lbrazier@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)



## **WHAT ARE CAREERS GUIDANCE INTERVIEWS?**

These are confidential, 1:1 impartial guidance sessions for Year 11, 12 and 13 students. We can also help with college and post 16 / 18 applications if needed

## **WHY DO WE HAVE THEM?**

To discuss every student's Post 16 options and to support them in making decisions about their next steps.

## **WHO PERFORMS THE INTERVIEW?**

All guidance interviews are performed by our L6 qualified Careers Advisor- Mrs Brazier

## **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE INTERVIEW?**

Mrs Brazier will type up notes of the discussion and then these are sent to students. Any follow up actions will be included in the notes and action plan.

## **Ormiston Rivers Annual Careers Fair**

### **ORMISTON RIVERS ACADEMY ANNUAL CAREERS FAIR**



**Ormiston  
RIVERS  
Academy**

Come along and have a chat with local colleges, universities, employers and training providers, we have over 30 stands to have a look at including;

Essex Police, GXO, KPMG, RAF, Ford Motor Company

#### **Location:**

**Sports Hall**

**Entry via PE corridor**



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm -5.30pm**

**For all Parents and Students in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13**



## Free online webinars and talks from Speakers for Schools

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.

 <p><b>Djanogly City Students:</b> Learn how Equifax build confident and capable financial consumers</p> <hr/> <p>Employer: Equifax Age: 16 - 19 Industry: Computing &amp; IT Type: In-person work experience Date: 08/03/2024 Timings: 10:00 - 15:00 Duration: 6 days</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>	 <p><b>'Skills for the Future' with Virgin Atlantic in National STEM week</b></p> <hr/> <p>Employer: Virgin Atlantic Age: 14 - 19 Industry: Aviation Type: Virtual insight day Date: 12/03/2024 Timings: 12:00 - 13:00 Duration: 1 day</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>	 <p><b>Game Changers: How technology is revolutionising sports</b></p> <hr/> <p>Employer: TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) Age: 14 - 19 Industry: Computing &amp; IT Type: Virtual insight day Date: 21/03/2024 Timings: 10:30 - 12:30 Duration: 1 day</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
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View Work Experience opportunities on the website here:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/work-experience/>

Discovery Workshop opportunities on the website here:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/discovery-workshops/>

Access the Broadcast Video Library to watch inspirational talks here:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/vtalks-video-library/>



## Going to University?

Calling all Year 12 students ... start thinking about this now ..

University open days are an essential part of the process of shortlisting universities for your UCAS application. With so much to see and think about, it's crucial you prepare for your visits and use your time wisely.

[Check out our guide to getting the most out of university open days.](#)

Students can book attendance at Open Days here: [www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com)

## Student Finance

If you are considering university and need to know about student finance, please head to this website:

<https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/>

## 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 these weblinks below, for more details on universities and applications.

- <https://www.ucas.com/> - offer information on university courses.
- <https://russellgroup.ac.uk/> - Provides a list of UK 24 leading universities.
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/> - useful for the students to know what their degree will lead to.
- <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/> - provides a complete full list of universities in the UK.



## 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 were 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/>



## Upcoming Key Events

- ❖ Year 11 and 12 Mock Interviews: January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2024
- ❖ Careers Fair: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 3.30-5.30pm
- ❖ Year 12 Work Experience: Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- ❖ Year 10 Work Experience: Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024
  - ❖ Year 10 Army Elite Skills Day 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Year 9 and 10 Raising Aspirations Programme with ARU throughout the year



## Year 10 and Year 12 Student Work Experience July 2024



In July 2024 our current Year 10 and 12 students will be heading out on a week of Work Experience. We want students to start thinking about where they can go for their placement. Maybe a family member or friend they could ask, or parents/ carers may have a colleague they can ask

### **Can you offer a placement?**

**In July 2024 our students will be completing a week of work experience and we would like to hear from you if you can offer a placement. The dates are: 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> July**

**If you are able to help please get in touch via email to Fliss Compton on [fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)**

**Please include your contact details and profession**

**We look forward to hearing from you**

**ORA Careers Team**

## Opportunities for parents / carers to help the careers department

We are always looking for parent/carers to support with our Careers provision in school, some of the events include

- Mock interviews, Meet the professional, Employer stands at our annual career's fair
- Subject/Apprenticeship talks

If you would like to offer any help or you would like more information on our events, please contact Mrs Compton on [fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)