Caludon Castle School Careers Bulletin

Monday 18 March 2024

If you have any questions about any of the information in this bulletin, please contact me by email.

Careers advisor

Carole Foster, our Careers Advisor, is currently making appointments to see Y11. She is also happy to see students from Y9 to Y13 who are in need of advice.

Let your year leader or Ms Hutchinson know if you want to see her. Post-16 students can email the pastoral office directly to ask for an appointment if they wish.

Job of the Week, YouTube video series



Environmental Engineer - to find out more click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klUczLgr34M

There are many other jobs on the same YouTube channel including:

Aerospace engineer; building surveyor; choreographer; dietitian; ecologist; food technologist; geophysicist; holiday representative; insurance broker; joiner; kitchen assistant; locksmith; market research analyst; network engineer; order picker; parking attendant; risk manager; science writer; textile designer; UX researcher; VFX artist; warehouse manager; YouTuber; and zoologist.

A great apprenticeship opportunity at Access Creative College

We have a great apprenticeship opportunity for Year 11 and Year 13 students at our Birmingham, Digbeth campus on Tue 26th and Wed 27th March.

It's an apprenticeships networking event where we currently have 22 employers signed up who are actively looking for apprentices. The idea is you will attend, meet potential employers in speed networking and assessment activities, and if all goes well, get placed on a L3 or a L4 apprenticeship by the end of the event.

As we're a creative college, our apprenticeships reflect that. Examples of our apprenticeship standards include:
L3 Event Technician
L3 Events Assistant
L3 Digital Marketeer
L3 Content Creator
L3 and L4 Software Developer
L3 Cultural Learning Participation Officer

These standards will suit YR11 and YR13 computing, graphics and media students particularly, plus any students looking for a step up into the creative industries. You might be part of that group of students that always do the sound and lighting at school performances. The L3 Events Technician and Events Assistant standards would be ideal for you.

Interested students can sign up using this link:

https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/events/internal-learners-event-apprenticeships/?utm_campaign=access-industry&utm_source=accesscreative.ac.uk&utm_medium=email&utm_content=letter

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KPMG Virtual Work Experience Day! Thursday 4th April 2024, from 10am - 4pm

Are you interested in kick-starting your career and gaining work-experience with a world-renowned professional services firm? If so, you do not want to miss this opportunity!

Did you know that KPMG is one of the largest professional services companies in the world? With over 227,000 employees across 146 countries, their work spans five major areas of Finance and Personal Services. They audit some of the UK's biggest companies and their people in Consulting, Deal Advisory, Tax, Law, and Technology. With clients from the smallest of start-ups to international mega corporations across every industry imaginable. One of the 'Big 4', KPMG are one of the places to be when working in the world of business and accounting!

KPMG are hosting a work-experience day on **Thursday 4th April from 10am – 4pm** in the Easter Holidays and we would love for you to attend. During the day, you will have the opportunity to learn key employability skills, such as how to communicate your message and build your personal brand, you will also have the chance to meet KPMG colleagues to hear about their career journeys and even complete a business pitch challenge!

If you are unsure what you want to do when you finish school, college or university and you would like to explore more options, then this work experience event is perfect for you. The KPMG Student recruitment team will also explain the different career paths into their firm and how you can gain a leg up into their prestigious company.

This work-experience day is a fantastic opportunity for you to gain valuable insights into the world of work and build your professional network, not to mention a great addition to your CV. Plus, you can join us from anywhere in the country, as the event will be held on Zoom. You will also get a professional reference for your CV as well as a certificate of completion at the end of the day. This goes a very long way for your own personal career development and prospective opportunities.

So, what are you waiting for? Sign up today and take the first step towards your future career with KPMG!

Registration Link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3T68P5M

Easter STEM Work Experience with Spectris PLC

Are you interested in pursuing a career in engineering, science, or anything to do with STEM? Would you like to gain some rare and invaluable work experience with multiple global FTSE companies? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you!

We are excited to announce that on Wednesday, 3rd of April from 9am - 3:30pm, we will be hosting a virtual work experience day with Spectris, Malvern Panalytical, HBK and Servomex! Spectris are a FTSE company and own all the other science and engineering-based companies mentioned above. Collectively they operate in over 30 countries, employ over 7,500 people globally, and have generated a revenue of over a billion pounds as of 2024! Each of the companies Spectris owns specialises in very specific areas of science and engineering and during this work experience day you will get the opportunity to take part in workshops and network with each of their companies.

Participating in an event such as this will not only allow you to learn more about industry, but it will also give you a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience that will be beneficial for adding value to your CV and LinkedIn profile. This will show employers (including Spectris) that you are proactive and looking to develop your skillset before entering the workplace, which can help you to be recognised as an ambitious and motivated individual as well as allowing you to stand out from other students.

Please sign up for this incredible opportunity, by using the registration link below. After the event you will receive a certificate that you can use on your CV and any job applications that you make.

Registration Link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VCP9NZS

University of Leicester - Medicine & Healthcare Subject Insight Day

We are pleased to let you know that you have been given priority access to bookings for our **Medicine & Healthcare Subject Insight Day**. Please see below for some key information about this event.

When: Tuesday 23rd April 2024, arrival from 09:15 (early campus tours) with registration at 10am and a 2.30pm finish time.

Where: University of Leicester Campus

What: You will be able to book onto 2 immersive workshops during the Subject Insight Day – one academic, subject specific one and one information session around applying to Medicine and Healthcare courses.



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Medicine & Healthcare Subject Insight Day

Tuesday 23 April 09:45 - 14:30

Come along and immerse yourself in academic sessions - choose from Medicine, Nursing, Radiography, Pharmacy or Genetic Testing. There will also be information sessions including Interviews & UCAT.

For more information contact:
e: progression@leicester.ac.uk

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You will be able to choose from the following workshops:

- Medicine

- Pharmacy
- Radiography
- Nursing
- Genetic Testing and The Courtroom
- NHS Values and the Interview Process
- UCAT
- Student life – Medicine and Healthcare specific
- Personal statements for Medicine and Healthcare courses

Why: You will have the chance to really engage with your subject of choice, be taught by current University academics and hear from current University of Leicester Medicine and Healthcare students. You will also get a brilliant insight into life as a Medicine or Healthcare student at the University of Leicester.

Who: This event is aimed at Year 12 students with an interest in Healthcare or Medicine.

Booking: If you wish to book on, you can do so using this link: https://data.heat.ac.uk/event/apply/le/medicine-healthcare-subject-insight-day-2024 or by scanning the QR code.

Queries: Should you have any queries about the day or the sessions themselves, please don't hesitate to contact us on progression@le.ac.uk

Tax Apprenticeship Scheme with Dixon Wilson!



For a successful and rewarding career in personal taxation without the need for a university degree, consider Dixon Wilson as an employer of choice.

What We Offer: Tax Apprenticeship Scheme
As part of our Tax Apprenticeship Scheme, our trainees will combine work with studying towards professional qualifications. Successful candidates start with study towards the ATT (Association of Taxation Technicians), followed by further studies towards the CTA (Chartered Tax Advisor), the highest level of tax qualification in the UK. The ATT and CTA qualifications form a four-year Level 4 & 7 apprenticeship programme with Dixon Wilson.

We pay all the costs for professional exams, including tuition courses, study manuals, textbooks, and examination fees for the first sitting. During the tax apprenticeship scheme, trainees will receive paid study leave to attend the tuition courses and exams.

Apply today!

What makes Dixon Wilson different from the rest?
Many firms' websites will look similar when it comes to exploring further education and training opportunities for trainees and it is hard to set many apart when applying for a training contract.

- We place a strong emphasis on ensuring **our staff remain happy, challenged, and motivated**. Our staff turnover is exceptionally low, an indicator of a positive, healthy workplace which has led to most of our partners and senior staff remaining with the firm following the completion of their training with us.
- Trainees are supported by partners and staff, whose technical expertise is outstanding. This is reflected in the number of industry and professional prizes awarded to the firm and the staff.
- Our dedication to training, with approximately 32 trainees joining every year (ACA & ATT/CTA), means that **the office is a vibrant and lively place to work.** Incoming trainees will be surrounded by energetic and inquisitive peers with excellent academic backgrounds and partners who fully support a range of social and charitable events.
- **Our office is in London,** occupying the upper floors and roof terrace of a modern development on Chancery Lane. It is an impressive and fun location to work with views across the city.

To find out more about Dixon Wilson, please visit our website: Home | Dixon Wilson
If you have any questions about Dixon Wilson's Tax Apprenticeship Scheme 2024, please contact us via email at careers@dixonwilson.co.uk

McCarthy Stone Apprenticeship roles are LIVE

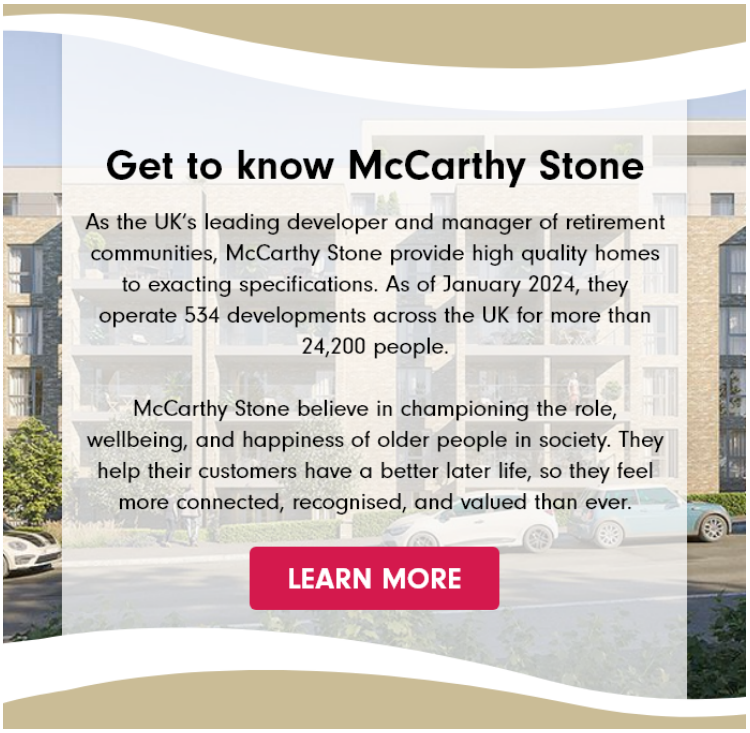


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McCarthy Stone recognise that young people are the key to their success. You will have opportunities to grow and develop[your skills while gaining practical experience.

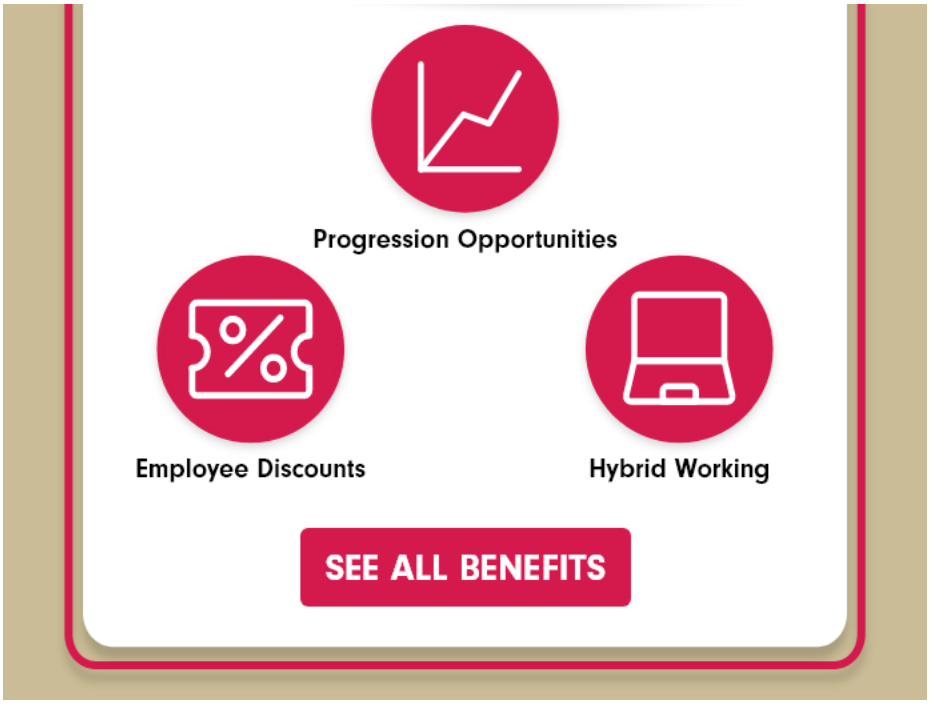


Finance Apprentice, £17-£17,500 p/a, York, level 2/3 – apply now
Business Administration Apprentice, £17,500 p/a, York, level 3 – apply now
Civil Engineering Apprentice, £18,500 p/a, York, level 3 – apply now
Development Manager Apprentice (Design & Build), £18,500 p/a, Altrincham, level 3 – apply now



So, why should you choose McCarthy Stone?

McCarthy Stone value their employees and are proud to be able to offer a wide variety of benefits including:



British Science Week 2024



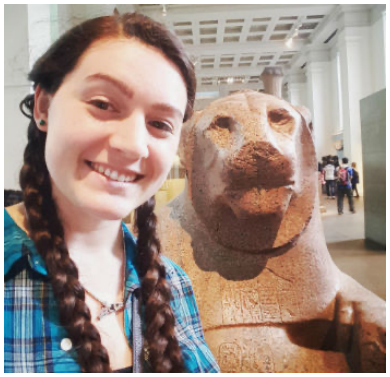
Where could Science take your career?

From astrophysics and climate science to game design and food manufacturing, a career in science could take you to the depths of the ocean or the outer reaches of the galaxy. For this year's British Science Week, let's discover some of the amazing science careers out there, meet some young scientists and find out what subjects could help kickstart your science career.

Students – if your teacher/careers advisor has forwarded you this email, please **sign up for a Success at School account** to receive more guidance like this directly to your inbox. You can sign up from our site: https://successatschool.org/

Smashing stereotypes – science is for everyone

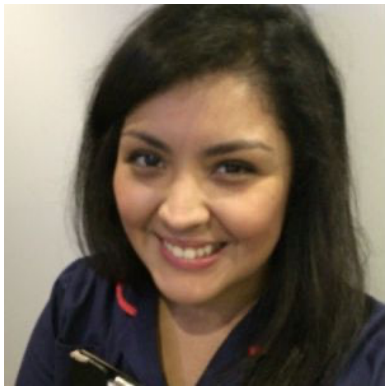
Think of a scientist and you'd be forgiven for picturing an Albert Einstein lookalike with frizzy white hair. In reality, scientists come from all walks of life…



Game designer | Rebecca

"The best thing has been committing code that I have written to go live on the site. I think it is a great achievement to see something that I have worked on make an impact!"

Read Rebecca's story.



Phlebotomist | Brenda

"I would recommend doing a detailed course at an NHS hospital, this would allow you the opportunity to take blood from one hundred patients by the end of the course!"

Read Brenda's story.



UX designer | Sheena

"I could be doing some competitive research, setting up user tests, creating user flows and wireframes for an app or a website, or even creating animations and prototypes."

Read Sheena's story.

What should I study?

With science spanning space and the oceans, the human body and AI, it's important to understand which subjects will help you along your chosen career path.

Biology

Biologists study the natural world and all the living things in it, from the largest mammals down to our very own microscopic DNA. Read more.

Careers biology could lead to: Marine biologist, ecologist, doctor, microbiologist, palaeontologist, vet, zoological scientist

Chemistry

Chemists study how elements work in different conditions, how they mix and what they are made up of, right down to the tiniest particle. Read more.
Careers chemistry could lead to: Biochemist, forensic scientist, industrial chemist, oceanographer, toxicologist

Physics

Physicists look for the laws that explain why matter and energy in the universe exists, where it comes from and why it behaves the way it does. Read more
Careers physics could lead to: Acoustician, aeronautical engineer, astronomer, computer engineer, geophysicist, nuclear engineer

Studying other STEM subjects can also lead directly to careers in science. For example, maths will set you up for diverse roles in computing and other fields – leading to roles including such as app developer and software developer. Psychology can lead to careers in therapy and the study of the human mind, such as counsellor, psychologist and psychotherapist.

University or apprenticeship?

Studying for a degree at university was the traditional route into a science career. It is still a requirement for some careers, particularly in medical professions such as GP, consultant or surgeon.

In the last few years, more and more roles offer an apprenticeship option at advanced, higher and degree level, with programmes available for roles including:

- AI data specialist
- Biomedical scientist
- Laboratory scientist
- Materials science technologist
- Midwife
- Registered nurse
- Physiotherapist

Which should you choose?

Apprenticeships typically have lower entry requirements. You will work towards qualifications alongside a paid job, with any tuition fees covered by your employer. Many offer higher-education qualifications, including degrees. So if you're more hands-on – and not keen on another three or four years of study – an apprenticeship could be for you.

Struggling to make up your mind? Links to help you decide:

- Degree apprenticeships: What are they and are they for me?
- Higher apprenticeships: Should I do one instead of university?
- Is university for me?
- The pros and cons of university

Career Zones

Our Career Zones provide an in-depth look at each area of work, the different career paths within them and the qualifications and work experience you need to begin your journey. These three Career Zones all provide pathways into science careers.

IT & The Internet



Medicine & Healthcare



Science & Research



Virtual work experience opportunities



Wates – hidden careers in construction – apply now

Care UK – explore careers in care – apply now

South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation trust – mental health roles – apply now

Kainos – coding – apply now

Discover the film industry – apply now

Siemens Energy – apply now

Institute of Civil Engineers - undergraduate award



QUEST Undergraduate award – open for entries

Are you planning to start a civil engineering degree in autumn 2024? Is the course accredited by ICE?

If so, you could become one of our next QUEST scholars. QUEST Undergraduate Scholarships ensure that students with the potential to excel in civil engineering are given the support and encouragement to do exactly that.

You could get:

- Up to £8,000 over the course of your study
- Paid work experience placements every summer
- Employment after graduation with a leading company

Deadline for entries is 12 April 2024.

Find out more here and apply

British Army – financial support opportunities



Army Scholarship:
The Army Officer Scholarship Scheme guarantees you up to £10,000 in financial support, starting in Academic Year 13. It also guarantees you a place at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and a career as an Army Officer when you finish education.

Undergraduate Bursaries:
You can apply as a student to be an Army Officer, and we could give you up to £7,000 on a standard bursary and up to £24,000 on the enhanced bursary.

STEM Bursary:
You can earn up to £42,750 (5k yearly bursary +tuition fees) when you join the Defence Stem Undergraduate Sponsorship (DSUS). DSUS is designed for students on STEM degree courses commissioning into the Royal Engineers, Royal Signals, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Royal Logistics, or Intelligence Corp's.

Music Bursary:
Are you looking for an exciting and varied career with music performance at its heart? We could sponsor you up to £9,250 per year, if you are studying a BMus in performance at a university or conservatoire.

Medical Bursary:
If you are studying one of the following professions, the Army can offer financial assistance and support while you complete your qualifications:
Medicine (up to £75,000)
Dentistry (up to £75,000)
Veterinary (up to £60,000)
Pharmacy (up to £51,000)
Nursing (adult and mental health) (up to £42,000)

Search Army Bursary

Preparing for the UCAT exam

I'm thrilled to share that we've got everything in place to ensure you are fully supported in your preparation for the UCAT exam. We've lined up talks from some incredibly successful UCAT students who achieved scores in the

top 10% nationwide. Providing real UCAT example questions lined up and structured advice on how to tackle them effectively, we'll be sharing insights and strategies for mastering the exam all at the Get Into Conferences.

Alongside the personal statement, interviews and your academic profile, the UCAT is undoubtedly one of the critical factors that can determine the outcome of your application. Which is why it's important for you to attend the upcoming 'Get Into' conferences.

Register for the Get Into Medicine Conference on:
Sunday 17th March, 9:30am - 3:30pm
Sunday 24th March from 9:30am - 3:30pm
Sunday 14th April from 9:30am - 3:30pm
https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO

Register for the Get Into Dentistry Conference on Saturday 23rd March, 9:30am - 3:30pm:
https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO

At this conference, a chief mentor will delve into the intricacies of strategically choosing the correct universities, creating a standout personal statement that reflects unique journey and aspirations along with the other crucial aspects of the UCAS application, like the UCAT entrance exam, Work Experience and more.

We will also explore:
- Tactically choosing universities
- Entrance Exams: UCAT and UCATSEN
- Exam techniques and sample questions from each UCAT section
- UCAT shortcuts and timeline
- Best UCAT preparation techniques
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Medical Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a medical CV
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine

Our aim is to equip aspiring medical and dental students with the tools to sidestep common mistakes and pitfalls and ace your application to university. Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to attend with a parent or guardian, equipped with a working camera and microphone.

For those who can't make it to the next upcoming conference, don't worry. We host these events nearly every weekend to ensure everyone has access to vital information for your applications.

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:
Sunday 24th March from 9:30am - 3:30pm
Sunday 14th April from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Medical Registration Link: https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date:
Saturday 23rd March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Dental Registration Link: https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrBuiR7SBAcC19kE

Where do I find the information I want?

There are so many useful-looking websites about careers, it can be difficult to know where to start. We have listed some of the most useful websites below.

I don't know what to do, I need some ideas:
Unifrog – www.unifrog.org
National Careers Service - https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/
Prospects - https://www.prospects.ac.uk/
ICould, including the Buzz Quiz - https://icould.com/

Apprenticeships:
Amazing Apprenticeships - https://amazingapprenticeships.com/
Apprenticeships - https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#
Find and apply for an apprenticeship - https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
Find an apprenticeship - https://www.findapprenticeships.co.uk/

Local Colleges:
Coventry College - https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/
Warwickshire College Group - https://wcg.ac.uk/
North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College - https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/
BOA - https://www.boa-academy.co.uk/

University:
UCAS - https://www.ucas.com/
Discover Uni - https://discoveruni.gov.uk/
What Uni ? - https://www.whatuni.com/
Unifrog - www.unifrog.org
Plan My Gap Year - https://www.planmygapyear.co.uk/
Apply to Uni - https://www.applytouni.com/
The Student Room - https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/