

Welcome to the WSFC Careers Newsletter: April 2021

In the summer term we work closely with first year students to help to plan future progression. The UCAS website (www.UCAS.com) is a good site for students to explore University and Apprenticeship opportunities. Students can log into the UCAS Hub from 4th May, and **from 18th May students can start a University UCAS application for 2022 entry.**

I would like to invite you to attend a couple of exciting events taking place in May:

Wednesday 5th May: UCAS Discovery Virtual Event



At 'UCAS Discovery' you can explore all kinds of possibilities and open your mind to a world of opportunities! This is an unmissable chance for you to explore your options and decide your future.

Join live between 10:00 and 18:00 (UK time) to:

- explore over **100 UK universities**
- get inspiration and explore different career opportunities
- understand if an **apprenticeship** is right for you
- take part in live sessions and get your questions answered by the experts

- **get practical help** on personal statements, accommodation, student loans, and more
- hear from real students

Also headlining is 'Taking control of your future' with Dr Alex George. In need of some inspiration, perhaps motivation? This live talk and Q&A is not to be missed!



Hear how Dr Alex's life decisions and challenges led him to Love Island, the frontline, and now Number 10 Downing Street.

Whatever you are thinking, Dr Alex will be joining us live to help you break it down by reflecting on his life decisions, how he overcame the challenges he faced, and why it's so important to look after yourself along the way, wherever life takes you next.

Listen in, ask questions live, and start to take control of your future.

After registering you can join in live or browse on-demand 24/7.

Keep scrolling to keep discovering. Post questions and get answers. Meet and chat to build your network. Like and save for later.

If you would like to attend some elements of the event live, which would require you to miss a scheduled lesson, please speak to your tutor.

To register click on the button below.

[Register for UCAS Discovery](#)

Thursday 13th May: WSFC Virtual University & Employment Event (6pm)

This event has been organised by the college's careers team **for first year students** and their parents/guardians. **It is an important event in the college calendar as it covers the following:**

Introduction by Ed Senior, Principal (6-6.10)

University Applications: UCAS (6.15-6.45) (session delivered by UCAS)

- What is the University and College's Admission Service?
- How to apply to UCAS and the cost
- UCAS timeline and deadlines
- What do year 12 students and parents need to be doing now?

Student Finance: Delivered by DeMontfort University (6.50 – 7.20)

- How the Student finance system works, and should it be viewed as a graduate tax?
- The difference between tuition and maintenance loans
- Grants, bursaries and scholarships
- Loan amounts and what parents are 'expected' to contribute
- Student finance timeline and information required

Apprenticeships: Worcestershire Apprenticeships – Kerry Davies (7.25-7.45)

- How apprenticeships work
- Opportunities to take higher level apprenticeships
- National and local picture

Employment: Gary Woodman, CEO, Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (7.50-8.20)

- Current picture of the national labour market
- What is happening at local level?
- What are employers looking for?
- Jobs of the future and the skills required

To pre-register click on the button below.

[Register for University & Careers Event](#)

Year 13 students

All students 'not planning on going to university' this year are being contacted by the college's careers advisors to find out whether any advice and guidance is needed. If you would like any help with your future- plans, from discussing your ideas to making applications and interview techniques book a careers interview at Student Services Reception or email Careers@wsfc.ac.uk. This interview can take place face to face, on teams or by telephone.

Also we recommend that you keep up to date with the 'Alternatives to University' teams channel. In addition to useful information, we also post Apprenticeship vacancies that come to our attention.

Foundation Year Students

We are still working with foundation year students delivering individual careers guidance and mock interviews in preparation for a student's next steps. If you would like further help please don't hesitate to book an appointment at Student Services reception or email Careers@wsfc.ac.uk.

Best Wishes

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