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Year 13 Preparing for the Future Update

Our Year 13s have been working exceptionally hard planning for their futures with many applying to university via UCAS and others making applications to apprenticeship programmes. Our students have been taking up as many virtual opportunities as possible, not only to develop their knowledge and their core skill set, but also to ensure that they stand out from the crowd when making applications.



This is an absolute testament to the fantastic nature and character of our students, who have been navigating their way through these

all important decisions, applications and interviews whilst dealing with the ever changing pandemic situation. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all. To date we have sent off 93 applications via UCAS and many students have already received a selection of conditional offers. The deadline for UCAS has been extended until Friday 29th January 2021.

We therefore urge any Year 13 student who has been considering applying, but thought it might be too late to contact Ms Zahoor on zeenat.zahoor@scwa.org.uk so that we can support you to complete an application and ensure it is submitted by the new extended deadline.

For those Year 13 students who are looking for an apprenticeship, LAT are continually updating the Apprenticeship Opportunities website with every local apprenticeship that is currently available. Please therefore ensure that you regularly check the **LAT careers opportunity page**. In addition to this, please ensure that you regularly check the Year 13 google classroom for all updates on apprenticeship openings and other events that could be useful, such as virtual work experience placements, webinars, and insight days. Attending such events not only look fantastic on applications, but will also help you to meet potential employers. Please sign up to as many apprenticeship websites as you can. You need to ensure that you are looking now for September 2021 start dates, as there are many that are being advertised already. SCWA will be offering Year 13 students who have not applied to university one-to-one interviews with our independent careers advisor, Ms Jas Mato, after half term to further support and guide.



Career Opportunities

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Globalbridge Launch (Year 7-13)

The logo for Globalbridge, featuring the word "globalbridge" in a lowercase, blue, sans-serif font. The "g" is slightly larger and more prominent than the other letters.

I am absolutely delighted to announce that SCWA will be launching globalbridge with Year 10,11,12 and 13 students in the next couple of weeks. Globalbridge is an innovative EdTech platform, with an immediate solution to digitally connect pathways between education and industry. In light of the issues created by Covid-19, globalbridge provides a proven and

scalable ed-tech solution to ensure students have a platform to evidence their talents, record their achievements, and better-connect with opportunities in education, training and employment. Globalbridge aims to allow young people of every background to climb the ladder of opportunity, wherever they wish to apply. The platform provides a closed network, fulfilling stringent privacy, data security and safeguarding requirements.

The profiles created by students will last a life-time, staying with the young person throughout their entire education and career journey. This is a really exciting opportunity that I hope all students will actively get involved in.

In the summer term, globalbridge will be launched with our students in Year 7, 8 and 9, to ensure that all students can benefit from the services provided.

[Click to view the globalbridge website](#)

Career Engagement Programme (Year 9-13)

In December, the careers department introduced an exciting new element to careers provision at SCWA - the Career Engagement Programme. This new means of careers education aims to connect our students with a wealth of different professionals and organisations in a wide range of fields. We have enlisted volunteers to produce video presentations about careers that they are involved in and will be shown to students in their tutor period which will continue remotely. For most of the careers showcased, there will be an opportunity for students who are interested in finding out more to attend a Q&A session so that they can directly communicate with the professionals. This programme intends to enable students to learn about the wealth of careers available to them, what the roles involve alongside giving them guidance on pathways to specific jobs. In the first session, Year 9-11 were introduced to the wealth of career opportunities available with Royal BAM Group and included information about construction, property, design & civil engineering, service engineering and facilities management. Sixth form students were introduced to careers in investment management with Investment 20/20. All resources will be uploaded onto the careers google classrooms, should students want to view them again at a later date. We are very much looking forward to showcasing further career opportunities in the upcoming months and organising Q&A sessions for greater impact.



Google Classroom & Career Education Activities (Year 7-13)



This academic year has seen the introduction of career google classrooms for all year groups, following the success of the Year 12 and Year 13 classrooms over the past couple of years. The career google classrooms aim to connect our students with a wealth of age appropriate career opportunities and activities. For students in Years 9-13, there are multiple virtual opportunities available to get involved in, including virtual work experiences, insight days and webinars with Q&A sessions. Furthermore, there is access to reputable courses such as the SAGE accountancy course which a number of students recently completed and UCL literacy course, to name but a few. It is vital that students are subscribing to as many of these opportunities as possible not only to expand their own knowledge and develop vital skills, but also to ensure that they have lots of examples to include on application forms. Taking part in these opportunities improves the marketability of the individual as it acts as a clear signpost of character; showing enthusiasm, commitment and motivation. The google classroom will also be updated with materials from tutor sessions, such as the career engagement programme session and other additional resources which students might find helpful. For students in Year 7 and 8 the main focus will be on career based projects which will enable students to research career paths, earning golden stamps certificates along the way. Please encourage your child to sign up to, regularly check the career classrooms and get involved in as many activities as possible.

Year 11 Career Interview

The Year 11 career interview cycle has resumed following the Christmas break. Ms Jas Mato, our independent careers advisor, is working extremely hard to ensure that all Year 11 students have their bespoke careers interview as soon as possible. We still have a number of students to get through, so we appreciate your patience in this matter. Appointment details will be emailed to parents the week prior to the interview taking place. The interviews themselves will be telephone consultations between the student and Ms Mato.

If your child is unable to attend the appointment, please ensure you email sadie.green@scwa.org.uk so that we can reschedule the interview to a later date and offer the space to another student. **Please refer to our Parents Guide to Post 16 choices and Applications** for more information on Post 16 options.

Year 11 Arden Sixth Form Applications

Thank you to all the Year 11 students who have submitted their Arden Sixth Form applications to continue their education at SCWA. We are really pleased that so many students are applying to remain at SCWA to complete the next stage of their education. The deadline for applications is the end of January. If you want to find out more about Arden, please visit the [SCWA website](#) to find out more. You will find a promotional video, alongside the prospectus and answers to FAQs, all of which will provide enough information to enable students to make decisions regarding your application.

Please then complete and submit the **Arden Sixth Form Application**. Once we have received all the applications at the end of January, we will be communicating with students regarding offers.

