

# Reading School

## Careers Bulletin



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Welcome to our Reading School Careers Bulletin where we will share with students and parents information about careers through the Headmaster's Weekly Message, highlighting opportunities available to our students.

### Overview

Our objective is to deliver independent careers advice to our students so that they can make informed choices to achieve their aims and ultimately achieve their ambitions. Advice and guidance is available throughout the year via our Careers Advisor, Clare Desai a fully qualified, experienced careers adviser who holds the QCF Level 6 Qualification in Careers Guidance. Clare has 10 years of experience of working with Students and has spent the last 8 years in Berkshire schools, helping students to achieve their ambitions.

Together with online resources listed over the page as well as an extensive careers section located in the LRC there will be specific advice throughout the academic year relevant to each Key Stage. All years are encouraged to visit the Careers Library, especially when choosing GCSE, A Level options, and Higher Education Courses.

### Focus

- Strong school leadership is crucial to raising the aspirations of all our students, therefore encouraging them to overcome barriers to success and to do what it takes to fulfill their potential.
  - Through Student Leadership Programme
- Provide contacts with employers, mentors and coaches who can inspire pupils with a sense of what they can achieve and help them understand how to make this a reality.
  - Inspire Lectures
  - Reading School Network
- Provide careers advice and guidance both individually at key stages through school whilst also embedding through Student Leadership.
  - Independent Careers advice
- Provide an access to a range of activities to inspire our students
  - Through Careers Convention
  - Employer talks
  - University visits
- Understanding the value of work placements and community service
  - Volunteering with the Future Stories programme
- Online tools to encourage students to think about opportunities available

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For careers **advice and guidance** or to discuss career pathways you are encouraged to book an appointment with Mrs. Desai on Tuesdays and Thursdays held in school through [rscareers.simplybook](http://rscareers.simplybook)

Appointments are available for students in the following year groups and will ideally be structured termly for the year groups as below:

**Y11, Y12 & Y13 Michaelmas term**  
**Y11 & Y10 Lent term**  
**Y9 & Y8 Summer term**

### Upcoming Events

**The Careers Convention**  
**Tuesday 15 January 2019**

**Yr 11 Work Place Learning Day**  
**Monday 28 January 2019**

**Y12 - Work Placement Week**  
**Monday 8 to Friday 12 July 2019**

### Online resources

**Fast Tomato**  
<https://www.fasttomato.com/>

**Higher Ideas**  
[Higher Ideas](http://www.higherideas.com/)

**NOTE:** Where appropriate the School **can** confirm that a student is a pupil at Reading School if this is :  
We **cannot endorse** any individual placements which pupils organise directly in terms of risk assessment

### Careers Topic: Work Experience details (including letters and link)

#### Dates to remember:

- Year 11 Work Place Learning Day **28 January 2019**
- Year 12 Work Placement Week **8 July to 12 July 2019**

All 16-19 education providers are obliged to provide work related learning either through individual careers appointments, careers conferences or opportunities for work placements. Experience suggests that students who find work placements benefit greatly, learning how to connect their academic experiences with skills required at work, developing useful employment connections and forming connections between their academic learning and the skills required in the workplace.

All Y11 students at Reading School are encouraged to attend a day in a Work Place on Monday 28 January 2019. We encourage students to speak to parents and Carers about the possibility of them joining you at work for the day as a first experience of the work place.

All Y12 students at Reading School will be off timetable for week commencing 8 July 2019, for one week. Students are encouraged to source placements through personal connections i.e. family and friends to ensure that our students can benefit from direct, motivating and exciting introduction to the world of work.

For those students who have been unable to secure a work placement, despite their best efforts, there may be the possibility to discuss the school's involvement in supporting to find a placement. This would be a costed service and would be looked at on an individual basis. This would not be in place of student attempts to source work placements.

We ask that all students record the details of their Work Placement using this online form **by 31 January 2019**, and that they request a copy of the Employer Liability Insurance to be emailed to Mrs. Desai at [careers@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:careers@reading-school.co.uk).

Letters will be going out to Parents and Carers this week. You can access the letters and the online form through these links:

**Year 11 Letter for Parents and Carers:** [Year 11 Letter for Parents and Carers](#)

**Year 11 Letter for Business:** [Year 11 Letter for Business](#)

**Year 12 Letter for Parents and Carers:** [Year 12 letter for Parents and Carers](#)

**Year 12 Letter for Businesses:** [Year 12 Letter for Business](#)

**Online Form::** [Yr. 12 Work Placement Record](#)

## External Opportunities:

The following are examples of opportunities that providers and employers have highlighted to Reading School which we will continue to share with students.

### Work Experience Opportunity for Year 12 Students Balfour Beatty Construction and Civil Engineering Work Experience Placements

Balfour Beatty are offering the chance for a select number of Year 12 students to take part in their Construction and Civil Engineering Work Experience Placements.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get a real insight into the world of Construction.

In order to qualify for expressing an interest, we would expect students to be taking A Levels relating to the Job Roles listed:

- Civil Engineer
- Quantity Surveyor
- Site Engineer
- Foreman
- Planner
- Environment and Sustainability Manager

For further details and information on how to apply, please email Oliver Keirle at [N00095@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:N00095@reading-school.co.uk)

### University of Reading Meteorology Work Experience Program 19 – 22 February 2019

Together with the Met Office, we have developed a four-day work experience programme to provide an experience of some tasks undertaken when working and studying in Meteorology.

The programme covers a variety of activities, including:

- Forecasting with the Met Office
- Learning to use meteorological equipment in the field and the observatory
- Weather balloon launch
- Atmospheric Observatory Tour
- Climate research and experiments
- Weather data analysis
- Shipping forecast
- Department weekly weather and climate discussion
- Space and Weather talk

**How to apply:** Complete the online application form and then return the additional form found at the end (endorsed by school and parent/ guardian).

**Application Form:** [Online Application Form Meteorology Work Experience](#)

**Deadline:** Online applications close on Sunday 2 December 2018 with the additional form endorsed by school to be received by **Tuesday 4 December 2018**.

Further info can be found here: <https://research.reading.ac.uk/meteorology/research/opportunities/work-experience/>

## Insight Weeks at PwC for Year 12 and 13 Students

**Are you thinking about your next steps once you leave school or college? Find out more about the different ways we can help you launch your career.**

**Business Insight Week:** <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/school-jobs/jobs/work-experience/business-insight-week.html>

**Digital Insight Week:** <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/school-jobs/jobs/work-experience/big-data-summer-camp.html>

Deadline for Applications 31 January 2019

## A Year In Industry with the EDT (Engineering Development Trust)

### What is YINI?

A paid job opportunity for School leavers to;

- Test-drive a potential career
- Add relevant skills and work experience to their CV
- Make informed decisions on which Education/Career path is right for them
- Build links with Employers
- Gain an Industrial Accreditation
- Go into the world of work with the support from the YINI scheme

### Who is YINI for?

YINI is open to any student with the Right to Work in the UK, who might be considering either;

- An Apprenticeship
- Studying a Degree at University (completing YINI before University as a paid Gap Year)
- Or maybe unsure whether to continue into higher education or go straight into employment

Most of our placements are in: Science, Engineering, Technology or Maths

Smaller number in: Business, Finance, IT, HR or Marketing

For further information on the YINI and how to apply: <http://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry/apply-now>

## **Interested in Medicine and Sport? Take a look at the BSc in Sport and Exercise Medical Sciences at Kings College London:**

The BSc in Sport & Exercise Medical Sciences is a clinically orientated course that provides students with the scientific foundations of human performance and exercise, alongside an in-depth understanding of the mechanisms, treatment and prevention of disease. Delivered by research scientists and clinicians, the course combines a Sport and Exercise Sciences programme with the medical specialty of Sport and Exercise Medicine. This degree is ever more relevant with a growing focus on public health approaches that aim to treat or prevent disease/injury through physical activity and lifestyle interventions. Graduates will be in an excellent position to progress into a broad range of careers within the medical or sport sciences.

To book a taster session, follow this link: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/sport-and-exercise-medical-sciences-bsc.aspx>

**Join us on:**

### **THEATRE CRAFT** **The UK's Biggest Free Theatre Event** **Monday 19 November 09:30 to 16:30** **Your career in theatre begins here.**

TheatreCraft is the largest FREE careers fair in the West End offering advice, workshops, and information to young people interested in a non-performance role in theatre.

It's the only way to get a unique glimpse into careers 'behind the scenes' and learn about stage management, production, marketing, directing, lighting, design, and more.

For the first time, the event is open to 16-30 year-olds (instead of 16-25 as in past years), in acknowledgment of the necessity to provide services for people changing career as well as entering the sector. For more information and to register your interest, please use this link: <http://www.theatrecraft.org/>

### **Skills London 2018** **23 and 24 November 2018**

The UK's biggest jobs and careers event Brought to you by London First and delivered with Prospects, Skills London is the UK's biggest jobs and careers event for 15 to 24 year olds and their families. This two-day event provides visitors with the opportunity to discover careers through interactive, inspirational activities and demonstrations, and helps young people visually bridge the gap between what they enjoy doing and what they could potentially do as a career. For further information, please use <https://prospectsevents.co.uk/our-events/skills-london/skills-london-2018/>