

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

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

Y12 - Work Placement Week
Monday 2 to Friday 6 July 2018

Online resources

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

Higher Ideas
[Higher Ideas](https://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: New Careers Office

Careers appointments will now be taking place in the new Careers Office which can be found in the cloisters on the right hand side (if facing the refectory). Appointments will no longer be taking place in the Conference Room or the Kirkwood Room. If you have any trouble finding the Careers Office, please do ask at Reception and they will point you in the right direction.

Your appointment will take place with Mrs. Desai in the Careers Office and will not take place in front of other students unless a group work has been agreed in advance by yourself and Mrs. Desai.

Mrs. Desai will take notes during your meeting and record these on the school system where they will be available for your tutor and other teaching staff to view. You may request a copy of your notes to take away from the session with you.

If you are unhappy with any of the information in this statement, please discuss with Mrs. Desai prior to your appointment.

Careers Topic: Year 10 Careers Support

One to one Careers Advice and Guidance Appointments are now open to all year 10 students and can be booked through this link [RS Careers SimplyBook](#)

Careers advice appointments take place in the Careers Office with Mrs. Desai and are an opportunity for you to talk through your options for after year 11 and beyond, to look at traditional routes and alternative routes into different careers.

If you would like any further information on the Careers Support available to the different year groups please email Mrs. Desai at careers@reading-school.co.uk

Careers Topic: Year 12 Work Placements

We still have a number of students who have yet to contact Mrs. Desai about their work placements for the July work placement week. Please do email Mrs. Desai with details of how you are getting on with your search. If you are unable to find the online form, it can be found here [Year 12 Work Placement Form](#)

Please remember to ask your employers for a copy of their Employer Liability Insurance as the school need to have a record. Please check the date on the insurance and if it is due to expire before July (many run on the financial year), please ask for an updated copy which covers the time you are on your work experience. Thank you

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.

Microsoft Apprenticeship Open Evening Wednesday 28th March 4pm – 7pm

Microsoft are holding an open evening for students to attend to find out more about the apprenticeship schemes that Microsoft offer. You will have the chance to meet current and former apprentices, hiring managers and the recruitment team, as well as Microsoft's education providers. There will also be opportunities for touring the campus and getting hands on experiences with some of the latest technology. For further information and for details on how to register, please use this link [Microsoft Apprenticeship Event](#)

** Mrs. Desai – whenever attending events such as this opportunity at Microsoft, make sure you take some copies of your CV with you. You never know who you might meet, or what opportunities might present themselves through some networking **

Year in Industry placement with R Bion & Co Limited 14 Portman Road, Reading RG30 1EA www.bion.co.uk

R Bion & Co Limited are offering a “**Year In Industry**” offered to current Y13's considering a gap year or alternatives to University:

My role: Joining the COMPANY after graduating, working in the engineering department and supporting colleagues in all areas. Learning on the job and gaining practical skills in engineering.

Skills needed: Excellent communication skills, the ability to work as part of a team. Problem solving and an analytical thought process. Flexibility and good planning skills.

My role: Work within the various departments to learn the processes. Starting on the shop floor and moving into the toolroom I get a real insight into the complexities of perforating and how different tools and materials perform. Responsible for R&D during the placement I get involved in writing up technical reports and cost reporting. The placement also allows times on office based projects and gets me involved in STEM activities outside of work.

Best Bits: Variety of work and practical experience I can take with me when I start University.

Year in Industry Student - Salary: £16,000 to £20,000 commencing August 2018 to July 2019 email cv to janehigh@bion.co.uk

Opportunities with Moore Stephens

Moore Stephens - Don't want to go down the university path? Or looking for something new? **Our level 4 apprenticeship** opportunities are your route to an exciting professional career, especially if you're looking for an alternative to university and to start earning straight away.

We offer three programmes, AAT, ATT and CFAB, all of which give you the opportunity to study a professional qualification, gain access to industry experts and give you real work place experience.

If you are passionate about a career where you can use your communication, problem solving and numeracy skills, the Moore Stephens apprenticeship could be a brilliant starting point. To find out more information on the opportunities available, please use this link <https://www.moorestephens.co.uk/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships>

Apprenticeships with CiTB

Following on from Year 11's presentation from **CiTB**, explore the different routes into **Surveying, Engineering, Architecture** and many more.

See details of courses offered through <https://www.citb.co.uk/training-and-courses/>

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University Open Days:

Sixth Form Students: Now is the time that Universities start opening their doors to prospective students in the form of their Open Events. Open Days and Open Events at Universities are a great way to have a look around the Universities you are interested in, to meet students who are currently studying at the institutions, to look around your chosen Department and to get a general feel for the Universities themselves. UCAS have a list of Open Events which can be found here:

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/type/open-day>

Please note that if you wish to attend an Open Day during school time, you must first request permission from your tutor and Head of year.