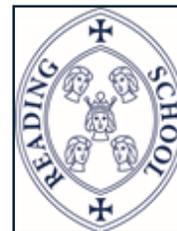


# Reading School

## 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

**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: Labour Market Intelligence/Information (LMI)

High quality labour market intelligence (LMI) is vital for a healthy well-functioning economy, allowing businesses, individuals and training providers to make informed decisions about investment, training and careers (UKCES). It allows us to look at the growth areas and factors of sectors, where future jobs might come from, the impact of skills deficiencies and local job market information.

In short, LMI is essential to anyone wanting to make a well balanced and well-informed about their Career future.

The applications and uses of LMI are manifold.

- LMI can be used by colleges and universities to plan curriculums that better reflect the needs of the local economy.
- It can be used to give young people information about occupations in their area.
- It can be used by economic development agencies such as LEPs to plan their priorities.
- It can be used by Local Authorities to determine the skills needs of their local labour market ([www.economicmodelling.co.uk](http://www.economicmodelling.co.uk))
- Clients need to know where the jobs are: the sectors, occupations and localities that where job opportunities are on the increase, and what skills are needed for them.
- LMI can help people identify the skills they might require in the future. Even within familiar occupations, job tasks and job titles change and develop as products and technology change and develop.
- People need to be aware of how easy or hard it will be to get into their chosen career. They also benefit from accurate LMI about pay levels, job security and local prospects which they need to take into account if they are to make realistic and informed career decisions. (Learning+Skills Council)

Some sources of LMI for students:

- Great Expectations: Teenagers' career aspirations Vs the reality of the UK jobs market <http://www.cegnet.co.uk/uploads/resources/cggreatexpectationsonline.pdf>
- Local Berkshire Labour Market Information: Local Berkshire Labour Market Information: <http://www.thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk/documents?view=files&folder=199>
- Graduate Employment Statistics: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/graduates>
- Real life career journeys: <https://icould.com/>
- Job Profiles: <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/home>

## 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.

### School/college leaver vacancies at Rothschild & Co and J.P. Morgan

Rothschild & Co are looking for 3 school/college leavers for their Investment20/20 Traineeship Programme (12 month fixed term contract). Trainees will be placed in the following business areas: Legal, Compliance & Risk; Finance; Human Resources **Key Information: Closing Date** - 13th April 2018; **Start Date** - End of August/beginning of September 2018

To find out more about the role and how to apply please follow this link: [Rothschild Opportunities](#)

### Year in Industry placement with R Bion & Co Limited 14 Portman Road, Reading RG30 1EA [www.bion.co.uk](http://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](mailto:janehigh@bion.co.uk)

## Apprenticeship Opportunities with The Prudential

Apprenticeship schemes available with Prudential: The schemes are 13-15 months long, with placements in businesses in Reading and Sterling in fields such as Finance, Customer services, Sales, Information Technology and Marketing. For further information on what is available locally, please follow this link

<https://www.thebigchoice.com/Apprenticeships/Prudential/Vacancies.html>

## 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/>

## JOIN US ON...

### 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.

### 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 [https://microsoft.recsolu.com/external/events/cmqe\\_Io1BEeaW1h3iDx\\_xw](https://microsoft.recsolu.com/external/events/cmqe_Io1BEeaW1h3iDx_xw)

\*\* 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 \*\*

### What Career Live? And What University Live?

12 and 13 October 2018 at Olympia London

Meet the UK's top employers and Universities during two action packed days of inspiration. To find out more information about who will be there, what work-shops are being held and how to book your ticket, please follow this link

<https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/london>