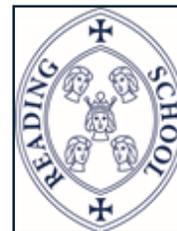


Reading School

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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www.reading-school.co.uk
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[flickr.com](https://www.flickr.com/photos/reading-school/)
[www.linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com/company/reading-school/)

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

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.co.uk/)

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: Welcome

Welcome to all of our students, in particular those who have recently joined Reading School. For those of you who are new to the school, or those of you who just need a reminder, you can access Careers Support and Information in the following ways:

All students have access to our online Careers Information Resources which can be found on the SharePoint Careers Page – please do use this page as you will find links to Studying Abroad, Job Profiles, Job Information, Labour Market Information, University Options, Not going to University Options, Apprenticeships, Presentations, Videos and much more.

We have a well-stocked Careers Section in the LRC where you will find books on everything from Gap Years, BMAT and UKCAT, Studying Abroad, Apprenticeships, Employability Skills, University and College Prospectuses to Sixth Form options.

One to One Careers Appointments are now open for Year 11 and Year 12 Students to book. You can access the booking system through SharePoint Careers or through this link: [RS Careers Simply Book](#) Bookable appointments are available on a Tuesday. Appointments and drop ins are held in the Careers Room.

Drop ins are open to students on a Tuesday and a Thursday during morning break and lunch break - you can drop in to ask a quick question or to find out some info on a particular topic.

Student feedback and input is both welcomed and encouraged: If there is anything you think is missing from the Careers information or anything you would like to see included, then please do feel free to contact Mrs. Desai either via email at careers@reading-school.co.uk or by dropping in to see her in the Careers Room.

Our Careers Program has been written in accordance with the Gatsby Benchmarks of Good Career Guidance.

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.

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>

Join us on:

**What Career Live
12 and 13 October London 2018**

Meet the UK's Top Employers and Universities at What Career and What University Live. For further information on exhibitors and to register please use <https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/london>

**Careers in Aerospace and Aviation LIVE 2018
9 November 2018**

The Royal Aeronautical Society's Autumn recruitment fair, now entering its 13th year, brings together our strong industry partnerships and thriving network of members, from students and graduates seeking apprenticeships and graduate employment, to experienced professionals and service leavers looking to make their next career move. Exhibitor registration is now open for the 2018 event, offering you a unique opportunity to be part of the only UK recruitment event dedicated to the aerospace and aviation community.

If you are looking for careers information for yourself or family member, the event is **FREE** to attend. However, all visitors **MUST** pre-register online and choose from either a morning or afternoon session. For further information and to Book Now, please use this link: <https://www.aerosociety.com/events-calendar/careers-in-aerospace-and-aviation-live-2018/>

**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/>