

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

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: Work Experience

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 guardians 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.

Further details will be sent out to students, parents and guardians in due course.

You can access the online form through this link: [Yr 12 Work Placement Record](#)

Work Experience should be:

- Undertaken by **all** Year 12 Students during the assigned week
- An opportunity to gain vital transferrable skills
- Enjoyable – you should look for a placement that will be of interest to you
- Relevant to your chosen career path
- An experience that you can talk about in interviews

Work Experience should NOT be:

- Your current paid work (you may **not** use this week to increase your hours at work)
- The exact role you are hoping to one day get into – if you want to be a Surgeon or a Marine Biologist, **we do not expect you** to find a placement shadowing a Cardiothoracic Surgeon in his daily work or to find work

experience that involves exploring the Mariana Trench for the week. Your work placement should be relevant to your field but you are under no pressure to match up your exact requirements.

- A stressful process – Mrs. Desai is in school on a Tuesday and Thursday and is always happy to talk to students about how to apply for work experience, check CVs and support with writing applications and Cover Letters. Mrs. Desai is not able to find your work placement for you. You can email Mrs. Desai at careers@reading-school.co.uk

Further Information & Resources

Department for Education guidance suggests that the Benefits of Work Experience include:

- Skills Development. Work experience is primarily about developing skills, particularly employability skills.
- Helps to secure a graduate job. Employers state time and again that the more experience you get the more chance you have of landing the graduate job you want.
- Helps with planning your career. Gaining some work experience can help you make informed choices about your future career path.
- Gives a better understanding of the working environment. It's important to know and understand what your working environment is going to be like as you will spend at least a third of your day at work!
- Helps make future contacts. Gaining work experience is a great opportunity to make contacts whether for future jobs or for future clients.
- Develops Business acumen and commercial awareness. Employers often comment that having an understanding and experience in this area will put you head and shoulders above the competition. Work experience is one of main ways this can be gained.
- Putting theory into practice. Depending on your degree, your work experience may be directly relevant to your course, this will help you see how the theory you have learnt works in practice. It will also give you renewed confidence when you return to your studies and can help put theory into context.

Student Ladder contains information on companies which take on Year 12 Work Experience Students

<https://www.studentladder.co.uk/Work-Experience/work-experience.html>

Prospects is primarily aimed at Graduates but is full of great tips and information on how to apply, the types of placements that exist and supporting information for your applications

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-internships>

We encourage students and parents to visit the **National Careers Service** which is a government funded website giving careers advice for 13-19 year olds <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

Additionally, **Higher Ideas** is a programme that enables students to explore the different options available to you, based on the A level subjects you are taking or are thinking about taking. It facilitates consideration of different study options and combinations along with suggested Career Paths. To access Higher Ideas, students should log into SharePoint with their school accounts, click on Careers, useful Links, Higher Ideas.

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.

M&G Investments School leaver insight day

23rd October 2018 from 16.00-18.15 at M&G investments

At this event, we will discuss Apprenticeship Schemes and the positive impact they have on individuals, business and the wider community. You will also have an opportunity to learn more about the Investment Management industry and meet current and former apprentices and our Business Managers to gain insight into starting a professional career at M&G.

Please follow this link for details on how to register [M&G Investments Insight Day Registration](#)

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>

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/>

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>

**King's College London Sport & Exercise Medical Sciences BSc Taster Session
24 October 2018, 13:00 to 16:00
Guy's Campus, London**

If you are considering a degree in sports science, make sure you don't miss one of King's Taster Day in Sport & Exercise Medical Sciences.

King's BSc in Sports & Exercise Medical Sciences is a clinically orientated sports and exercise medical sciences degree, which will unlock the science that underpins human performance and injury prevention. You will also have the opportunity to undertake research projects under the supervision of some of the leading scientists in the field of human performance. Register for this Event: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sport-exercise-medical-sciences-bsc-taster-session-tickets-49803824580>

**King's College London Physics Taster Day
24 October 2018, 13:30 to 17:30
Strand Campus, London**

Open to Sixth Form students, our Physics Taster Day is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about studying Physics at King's College London at an undergraduate level.

The day will include an introduction to studying Physics, taster lecture and a demonstration with key Physics professors, a tour of our labs and other facilities and the chance to speak with current undergraduate students about their experiences.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/physics-taster-day-tickets-49377560613>

**King's College London Electronic Engineering Taster Day
7 November 2018, 13:30 to 17:15
Bush House, Strand Campus, London**

Open to Sixth Form students, our Electronic Engineering Taster Day is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about studying Electronic Engineering at King's College London at an undergraduate level.

The day will include an introduction to studying Electronic Engineering and taster lectures with key professors, a tour of our facilities and the chance to speak with current undergraduate students about their experiences.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/electronic-engineering-taster-day-tickets-49386220515>

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.acrosociety.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/>