

# Careers News



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## 5th and 6th Form Events

**The Liverpool Medical Institution** are holding their 24<sup>th</sup> annual 6<sup>th</sup> Form Medical Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December. See Miss Read for details.

**All Junior 6<sup>th</sup> Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Doctor or Lawyer** Courses in February and March 2010 at UCL & The College of Law have opened for booking. Visit [www.epoc.org.uk](http://www.epoc.org.uk) NOW for further information and to book a place. They're two of the best value courses we've seen.

## S6 Interview Preparation

All Oxbridge and Medical School applicants will receive a videoed mock interview. These interviews take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The session will last for 1½ hours. **PLEASE courteously** inform your teachers that you will miss their lessons (you must make your own arrangements to catch up). The timing of your sessions is displayed on the Careers Centre door. You should report to the PHILLIPS MEETING ROOM five minutes before your scheduled interview time. Do not be late and bring a copy of your UCAS personal statement with you. Finally, prepare for the interview – try not to make the mistakes you made in previous training sessions/mock!

## OXBRIDGERS/MEDICS MOCK INTERVIEWS

All Oxbridgers have received notification of the staff team that will give them a mock interview. It is your responsibility to organise a mutually acceptable time for this interview. Please be courteous and remember that staff are giving up their time to give you this valuable experience. Please don't leave it too late.

## UCAS Card

The UCAS Card is back – a brand new scheme for Junior 6 students. Last year UCAS Card was replaced with [yougofurther.co.uk](http://yougofurther.co.uk). However, a number of schools and colleges had access issues with the website which meant that some students weren't able to register. Therefore the UCAS Card scheme is back from Monday 5 October and its benefits are:

- a **FREE** discount card for use on the high street
- relevant information on courses and universities sent to students regularly
- advice on the application process, from start to finish
- 12 monthly newsletters providing useful hints and tips on the UCAS process
- You Can magazine written in conjunction with The Independent
- easy access to <http://yougo.co.uk>, the UCAS student network.

## Junior 6<sup>th</sup> Considering Engineering

All Junior 6<sup>th</sup> would-be engineers should attend an information and planning meeting in the Careers Centre next **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** at 1.15pm.

## Senior 6<sup>th</sup> Gap Student

All Senior 6<sup>th</sup> planning to take a Gap year should attend a meeting with Mr Baglin in the Careers Centre next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 1.15pm.

## Urgent J6 Workshadowing

*Typed CV's to Careers Secretary please TODAY.*

**6<sup>th</sup> Formers** All Oxbridge and Medical Interview Reports are now available on the computer in the newly created Careers folder under All Pupils shared work. Please follow instructions inside the folder.

## S6 UCAS

Reminder - get your UCAS form in as quickly as possible. Don't delay Christmas is not far away!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Form Interviews (In the Careers Centre)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs M Gray

Daniel Judd	5H	9.10 (P1)
Tristano Galimberti	5H	9.50 (P2)
Justin Tsang	5S	10.30 (P3)
Jonathan Hunter	5H	11.30 (P4)
Lucas Aldrich	5H	12.10 (P5)
Samuel Packer	5B	2.00 (P6)
Samuel Koh-Trosser	5B	2.40 (P7)

Thursday 19th November, Mr B Orcese

Jack Benson	5H	9.10 (P1)
Calvin Cheung	5H	9.50 (P2)
Nathaniel Greenwold	5H	10.30 (P3)
Douglas Taylor	5H	11.30 (P4)
Callum Hopkins	5B	2.00 (P6)
Shiv Patel	5B	2.40 (P7)

## Careers Update

So far this term, we have run workshops aimed at the 'big four' professions – **Law, Medicine, Engineering and Finance**. Over 250 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Form students have attended these sessions and heard from and talked with some 37 practising professionals, the majority of them Old Cits. A lot of useful advice was on offer and the feedback from both sides has been very positive.

Summary of the main recommendations from our guests – who, by the way, are your future employers! – are as follows:

- Get the best possible results in your **academic** subjects
- Whatever you do, do it well and **give it your all**
- Demonstrate your **enthusiasm**
- **Persevere** doggedly
- Develop your other skills, particularly those which involve building **people relationships**
- E.g. Sport, Languages, Public Speaking, Drama, Mentoring, Societies
- Find ways to **support your community** as a volunteer
- If you're interested in a career area, **research everything** you can about it
- Keep up to date with **current affairs** by reading a quality newspaper
- Consider undertaking additional courses (e.g. Finance) away from school

The issue of work experience/ work shadowing has come up many times, and whilst everyone appreciates the difficulty of getting placements, the advice is clear. Do anything which will broaden your general experience and show a **commitment** and **determination** to succeed. Think outside of the box and don't expect others to hand it to you on a plate.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Form **careers interviews** are now well underway and the Junior 6<sup>th</sup> interviews will start after Christmas. An increasing number of students are using the facilities in the Careers Room (which now include several more PCs) so if you're not one of them, why aren't you? Remember, you can request help from one of the careers advisors or myself at any time - speak to Miss Read to organise an appointment.

Most Senior 6<sup>th</sup> students have now completed and submitted their **UCAS** applications. If you have still to do yours, do so as soon as possible. Mock interviews are also well under way and you should arrange yours with the nominated teachers without delay. Several students have already been invited or have attended university interviews!!

Other activities still to come this term include lunchtime career planning sessions for the professions and those considering **GAP** years. Keep reading *Careers News* for up to minute information as to when these are taking place.

It's a competitive world out there and the traffic is a bit one way - in short, it's a buyers' market both at university and at work. Your goal must be to **differentiate** yourself from everyone else!

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