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Welcome to the Spring 2019 edition!

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Gordon’s Careers Newsletter. Spring is the season of Sixth Form interviews, choosing GCSE options, apprenticeship applications, receiving and accepting offers from university, National Careers Week and our very own careers fair. Apart from that it’s fairly quiet! Our third careers fair was our main event of the year and our biggest to date with over 40 exhibitors representing the world of employment, further and higher education. Students from Woking High School were welcomed too and it was great to see a number of parents accompanying their children. We also ran seminars throughout the evening.

Meaningful encounters with employers are a vital part of a good careers education programme. A young person’s knowledge of job areas is usually very limited to what their parents or family friends do or perhaps the jobs they see on TV or ‘on display’ in their community. This is merely a drop in the ocean of jobs that exist. Therefore careers fairs and our fortnightly career industry talks are great opportunities for our students to expand their knowledge. It gives me a real buzz when I hear about one of our students who has arranged a work placement with one of our visitors or perhaps they have even made a decision about their next steps based on a conversation they had with a guest speaker.

You can see photos from our careers fair on page 3.



Current apprentices at our recent panel event for Sixth Formers (Left to right: Isaac Oppong Donkor (Vodafone), Gareth O’Brien (CBRE), Amy Kirkby (Novartis), Joe Morris (Vodafone), Charlie Bygrave (Deloitte). Both Amy and Charlie are Gordon’s alumni

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What's On?

Internal Events:

- **A Career at Sky News** – 26th March
- **A Career in Counselling** – 30th April
- **A Career Sport** – 7th May
- **A Career in Banking** – 14th May

All career industry talks take place in the library during P7

- Year 12 Higher Education Parents' meeting – 13th June
- Year 12 Progression day/personal statement writing – 14th June
- Year 10 and 12 Work Experience Week – 8th-12th July

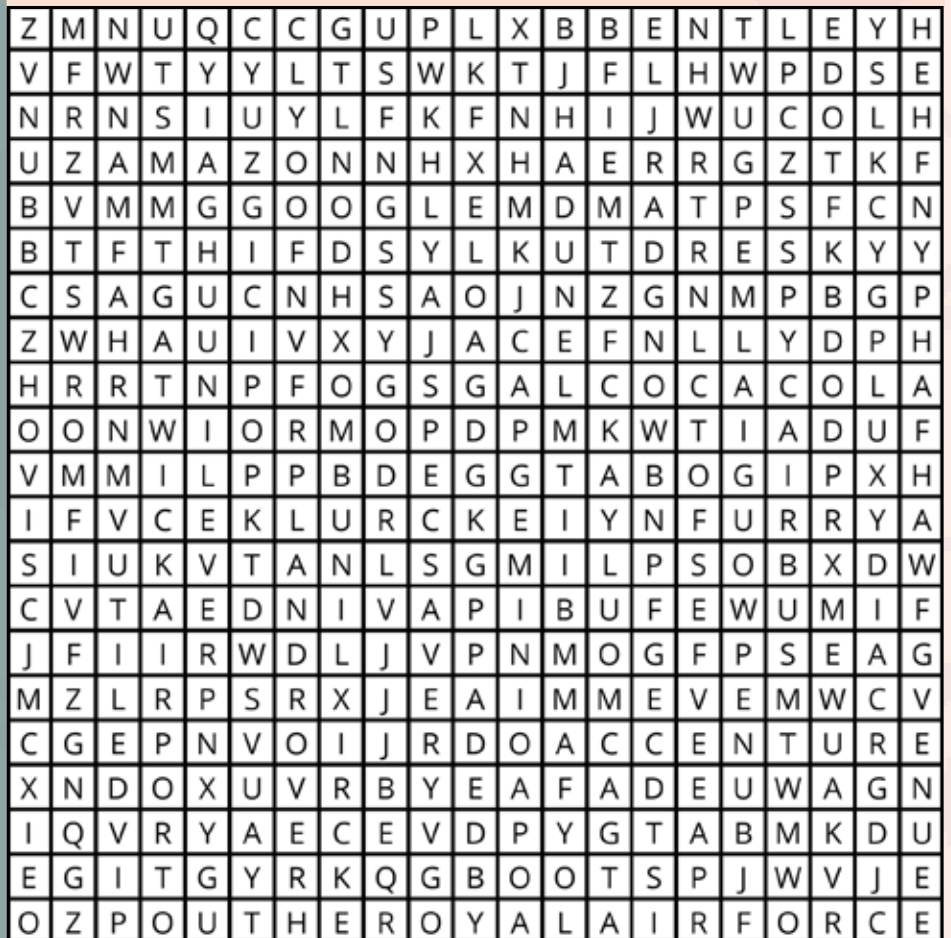
External Events:

- **What can I do with a career in Engineering?** - 9th April, Colas Ltd, London
- **How do I get a career in Finance?** – 11th April, Lloyds Bank, London
- **How do I get a career in TV and Film?** – 15th April, London Film Academy
- **How do I get a career in Law?** – 16th April. University of Law, London
- **What can I do with Physics and Aerospace?** – 17th April, St Marys University, London

For further information and booking visit <https://targetcareers.co.uk/events>

Apprenticeship Providers: Word Finder

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| 1. Nestle | 10. Dunelm | 19. KPMG |
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| 3. Land Rover | 12. Coca Cola | 21. Accenture |
| 4. Unilever | 13. NHS | 22. Gatwick Airport |
| 5. Tui | 14. BBC | 23. IBM |
| 6. Bentley | 15. Boots | 24. Capgemini |
| 7. GSK | 16. Airbus | 25. Specsaver |
| 8. Sky TV | 17. Hovis | |
| 9. Amazon | 18. The Royal Airforce | |



Law Careers Insight Afternoon

On January 30th a group of students in Years 11-13 were lucky enough to participate in a criminal case workshop surrounding the events of the Oscar Pistorius case from the view point of both the prosecution and defence.

Students were then joined by Gordonian Andrew Primett who currently works for Clyde and Co in London as well as Jo Boxhall, who is currently studying for a Masters at the University of Law in Guildford, who spoke about their experiences working in law firms and took questions from students, who were all eager to know how they have got to where they are now and also how they see their futures progressing.

This is the second insight day we have run, following on from our medical careers workshop last term. We will also be running a creative arts focused careers day in May so please look out for information on this.

Gordon's School Careers Fair 2019



Did you know?

Durham University is thought to have the highest rate of inter-student marriages in Britain, with roughly 72% marrying a fellow Durham Alumnus.



Bournemouth University's media and film students worked on the Oscar winning film Gravity (2014).



Led Zeppelin's first ever gig took place in the University of Surrey's Great Hall in 1968.



William McGregor studied BA (Hons) Digital Film and Screen Arts at UCA Farnham, graduating in 2010. William directed scenes for BBC One's latest adaptation of the Cornish period drama Poldark.



Applying to uni – what you need to know

IF you're in Year 12 you'll be starting to think about university. Universities will do their bit to catch your eye, with glossy prospectuses, cool websites and a 'top 10 in the league tables' claim. When you go to open days you'll be greeted with smiling faces, a slick course presentation and maybe, as I experienced when taking my own daughter, a free hoodie (thanks, Bournemouth!). The cynic will say that universities simply want your money and will bend over backwards to encourage you to make them your first choice. The rise in unconditional offers gives us some indication of their motives. Therefore it's important to see beyond the glitz and glamour and make a decision purely on what's right for you. But what is right for you? Here are 14 points to consider which can help you to make the right choice.

1. Course content – degrees with the same name can vary in content, so it's important to get a good understanding of the modules you'll be covering over the three or so years.

2. Course flexibility – within each degree, you may have some flexibility over the modules you can do. Certain modules will be mandatory, others optional.

3. League Table Position – no one should make a decision purely on league table position. However, it's worth a look to get an idea of how they compare. Focus more on the subject league tables rather than the overall league table.

4. Teaching Excellence Framework – this is a fairly new criterion that universities are rated on, mainly in response to the focus on research carried out by universities to the detriment of teaching quality. Ratings are simply gold, silver and bronze.

5. Contact time – the majority of your contact time will be in lectures. Depending on the degree, you could also have smaller group seminars and/or tutorials. Total contact time can vary.

6. Class sizes – if you've been used to small class sizes for your A levels, walking into a lecture with 200 other students can be daunting. Some will be fine with this, others thrive more in smaller groups. Beyond the lectures it's worth finding out typical numbers in seminars and tutorials.

7. Accommodation cost – there can be a big difference in the cost of first year halls within and between universities. If you know that you could feel a financial squeeze, this is something worth considering.

8. Accommodation beyond first year halls – you may want to find out about the areas you could be living in beyond the first year. A drive around these areas could be useful. In addition, it's worth finding out when you need to arrange your second year digs. One university told us that the best time to be house hunting is around the Christmas of your first year!

9. Big City/Small town – Of course, there is life beyond the campus. Do you want to go somewhere with a great nightlife and a thriving shopping centre or perhaps nearby countryside and twee coffee shops is more your thing.

10. Campus – would you prefer a university where everything is all on one site; accommodation, lecture halls, library, sports facilities etc. Or would you be happier feeling part of a local community?

11. Extra curricular activities – what sports, clubs and societies exist? What are the thriving ones?

12. Work placement opportunities – for sandwich courses, it's worth finding out the percentage of students who actually go out on placement for the year. For those who seek a placement, how much support is given by the university to find one?

13. Graduate prospects – what is the success rate for job seeking grads? What types of employment do they find?

14. Coursework v Exams – how much of the degree is assessed by coursework and how much by exams? This can be a big deal to some people.



Where are they now? Helen Rowell

When did you leave Gordon's?

I left Gordons in 2006 – I went off to the University of Durham and graduated in 2009.

What do you do now?

I'm currently European Head of Resourcing for HSBC's commercial banking sector. What this basically means is that

I lead the function that executes all recruitment and internal mobility. I work with teams across 13 countries and we mobilise approximately 2000 career moves per year.

What was sequence of events that led you to where you are today?

I graduated and like most people, I wasn't totally sure what I wanted to do. I decided to take the well-trodden path of joining a graduate scheme, which in my case happened to be with Reed recruitment. My first placement with them was within HR, and was working with one of their key clients, HSBC. After around two years I made the choice to move over to HSBC permanently where I've undertaken a number of roles within Human Resources. I've been in my current role since 2016 and have just returned from a one year career break as I had a baby boy in February 2018.

What made you decide to do what you're doing now?

I am really interested in people and what makes them tick.

The most valuable asset to any organisation is their people and HR hold a very privileged position in working alongside senior leadership teams to help them get the best out of their employees. I was also surprised to learn as I have progressed how many different aspects of the business HR touches – I work on a regular basis with finance, procurement and marketing to name a few. As a result no two days are ever the same which means the days and weeks seem to slip by very quickly.

5. What one piece of advice would you give to current pupils about choosing the right career path?

My main piece of advice is don't panic – very few people know what they genuinely want to do whilst at school, I know plenty of people in their 30s who still don't. It's fine to try different things whilst you work it out and it's also fine to use different opportunities to springboard yourself into other areas. I've been very lucky to build up a network over the years which is where all of my best role appointments have come from.

6. What do you wish you were told at school with regard to career choice?

I felt like there was plenty of assistance in place for UCAS applications and university choices but when it came to the big bad world post study I was fairly clueless – I wish I'd had some help preparing for navigating the job market and understanding how to make myself stand out from the crowd.

7. What are your plans for the future?

I'm one of those infuriating people who really enjoys their job and loves the company they work for. My plans from here are to continue exploring all of the opportunities that HSBC present whilst balancing it with family life.

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