# **Midhurst Rother College Sixth Form**

## Futures Newsletter 45 – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**UpLearn** – To support your learning, our expectation is that 3 hours a week are completed for each subject. This can be done in college during a study or free period, or at home. To be clear, this is in addition to homework, not in place of it. The average difference between students using vs not using Uplearn is 1.5 grades, so completing UpLearn for the recommended time per week gives you every possible chance of achieving top grades at MRC.



### **Open Days**

<u>University of Sheffield</u> – Register your interest in advance for their open days.

<u>Sparsholt College</u> – First open day Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, book <u>here</u>. Additional open days are available to book for May and June.

UCAS Open Days – Everything you need to know about an open day here

UCAS Discovery - Information on upcoming events and open days listed here

<u>UCAS University Virtual Tours</u> a list of virtual tours and videos from universities and colleges, so you can see what it's like on campus and what facilities are available.

## **Opportunities and Work Experience**

<u>Southampton Science and Engineering Festival (SOTSEF)</u> - Free event packed with more than a hundred interactive activities, workshops, live shows, art performances and laboratory tours, on campus on Saturday 16th March 2024.

<u>University of Bristol Virtual Summer School</u> - This Summer School offers many of the benefits of an in-person programme but is accessed through a virtual system. The 3-day event comprises of; academic and social sessions as well as information, advice and guidance to help students make informed choices about their future options in Higher Education. Applications close: 9am Monday 11th March.

<u>Winchester College Talk</u>s – Prof Gerard Kilroy - Cardinal Pole (Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7pm-8pm), Sir Anthony Seldon - The Western Front Way (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 7pm - 8pm). <u>Book here.</u>

<u>Winchester Maths Summer School 2024</u> - The residential course is open to Year 12 students from maintained sector schools who are considering studying maths at university. <u>Apply here</u>

<u>SpringPod Virtual Work Experience Search</u> supplies work experience opportunities including with the NHS and local Government.

## **Apprenticeships**

<u>Virtual Careers Talk with Lockheed Martin UK</u> – Lockheed Martin have some great Apprenticeships still available for this year and will be sharing information on a live virtual careers Q&A for students, influencers, and parents. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 6pm – 6:45pm

What if I'm not Ready for an Apprenticeship? Useful guide from ASK here

<u>Career Starter Apprenticeships</u> - Many apprenticeships are a great opportunity for those looking for their first role after leaving full-time education. Learn more about some of these career starter apprenticeships below and what each role entails <u>here</u>

AAT Accounting and Finance Apprenticeships Guide

Jaguar-Land Rover Current Apprenticeships and Work Experience

<u>Prospects Apprenticeship Jobs</u> – Browse current apprenticeship vacancies – a good starting point if you are considering an apprenticeship but are unsure of what you want to do.

<u>UCAS YouTube</u> – Thinking of applying for an apprenticeship but unsure where to start? Watch this: <u>How to Find</u> <u>and Apply for an Apprenticeship</u>. If you're considering a degree apprenticeship, watch this: <u>The Pros and Cons of</u> <u>a Degree Apprenticeship</u>. For videos about what it is like to do an apprenticeship, watch this: <u>A Day in the Life of</u> <u>an Apprentice</u>

<u>Amazing Apprenticeships (How to Impress Employers)</u> - The session will provide you with some top tips from apprentice employers. You will hear directly from employers about the best ways to impress them and how to leave a positive lasting impression at the apprenticeship interview.

#### **Applying to University**

<u>'Your Guide to Student Finance'</u> from Portsmouth University on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 4pm. The session will cover what funding is available and how to apply, important new updates, eligibility criteria and how repayments work, what household income details are needed, additional sources of funding, such as scholarships and bursaries. <u>Replying to University Offers</u> - A guide to replying to UCAS offers, your options and a list of useful deadlines, as well as hints and tips on replying.

<u>UCAS Hub</u> – Whether you're looking for practical tips on how to start your application or write a winning personal statement, or simply looking for some inspiration, UCAS Hub can help. Featuring UCAS experts, careers advisers, unis and employers, and even students and apprentices.

#### **Oxbridge and Medicine**

<u>Cambridge University Subject Masterclasses</u> - Subject-specific events that offer students in Year 12 the chance to experience undergraduate teaching at the University of Cambridge. Subjects for March include English, Physics, Politics and International Studies, Economics, Land Economy, Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic, and Plant Sciences/Zoology.

<u>Choosing Oxford | University of Oxford</u> Online student conference sessions are running in the evenings from Monday 18 March to Thursday 21 March. Hear academics talk about the courses they teach and hear from current student ambassadors as they share their experiences of studying and living in Oxford. <u>Oxford History and History of Art Study Day</u> – Apply <u>here</u> by 20<sup>th</sup> March (event 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024) <u>Oxford Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Virtual Study Day</u> – Apply <u>here</u> by 30<sup>th</sup> March (event 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024) <u>Oxford Classics Subject Exploration Day</u> – Apply <u>here</u> by 3<sup>rd</sup> April (event 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024)

<u>Aspiring Medics Programme</u> - The online course includes work experience (for Year 12), an online interview course (Year 13), as well as many other resources you need to succeed.

CareersDays - online work experience in medicine, dentistry, midwifery and others.

#### **For Parents**

The Parent's Guides to <u>University</u>, <u>Apprenticeships</u> and <u>Post-18 Options</u> <u>Parents' and Carers' pack</u> for Apprenticeships

#### **Key Dates**

Year 12 6<sup>th</sup> March - Futures Evening 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April – Internal Exams 19<sup>th</sup> April – INSET 7<sup>th</sup> May – TP3 10<sup>th</sup> May – Biology Practical (Winchester College) 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Parent's Evening (By Appointment Only) 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June – Internal Resits 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June – Formal 9<sup>th</sup> Lesson Exams 2<sup>nd</sup> July – TP4 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July – Activities Week

## Year 13 12<sup>th</sup> March - TP4 14<sup>th</sup> March - Gilbert Hannam Service and Prize-Winners Eve 18<sup>th</sup> March - Law Revision Workshop (London) 18<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March - Formal 9<sup>th</sup> lesson exams 19<sup>th</sup> April – INSET 30<sup>th</sup> April – TP5 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 13 Celebration Day 13<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> June – External Exam Window 21<sup>st</sup> June – Leaver's Dinner (Cowdray Golf Course)