

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL

Firstly, we begin with an apology for the lack of bulletin last Friday. Unfortunately, Covid struck Miss Byham's household last week leaving the bulletin shelved for another time in favour of PCR tests all round. Thankfully we are back for the last week of term and just in time to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable festive break. This afternoon tutors and the sixth form team will be doing our best to spread some Christmas cheer by serving hot chocolate, singing carols (apologies in advance for that one – you can thank Mr Smith!) and conducting all manner of quizzes, dingbats, games and the like. We hope you enjoy the silliness and have a lovely holiday.

## TERRENCE HIGGINS TRUST VISIT

Following on from a successful Year 12 enrichment session in November, Terrence Higgins Trust representative Heather Egan visited Year 13 last week to talk in assembly about sexual health. Heather operated a drop in service for the rest of the day, offering free Chlamydia self-tests and general sexual health advice. Thirty three of our students visited throughout the day. A resounding success!

## SCHOOLS' CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, Year 12 students Davit Rickards and Callum Ryan alongside two lower school students stood against competitors from The Perse School in the annual Schools' Challenge. Quizmaster Roger Osborne oversaw the proceedings of the afternoon. Callum, Davit and co put up an admirable fight, but were just pipped to the post by the reigning champions from The Perse School. Huge thanks go to Callum and Davit for representing the Sixth Form so well. There's always next year.

## UPDATE FROM THE HEAD BOY AND GIRL

This week saw our last charity event of the year take place. Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Jumper Day; you all looked fab! We hope you all have a well-earned rest this holiday and we wish you all a very happy Christmas!

## JANUARY EXAMS

Students in Year 12 and 13 taking BTEC or Cambridge Technicals subjects will have exams to complete in January. Students and their families should have received their timetables already, however a copy is also available on the [website](#) for your use. Please ensure you are aware of your exam time and date and come fully prepared. Good luck!

## TED TV OF THE WEEK

Body language affects how others see us, but it may also change how we see ourselves. Social psychologist Amy Cuddy argues that "power posing" -- standing in a posture of



confidence, even when we don't feel confident -- can boost feelings of confidence and might have an impact on our chances for success. [Listen to Amy Cuddy here](#)

## CAREERS NEWS

### In-House Employer Workshops

#### Royal Navy – Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Jan

CPO Tony Allan and CPO Ian Lamb will be taking students in Years 10-13 through the variety of positions and roles in the Royal Navy and the skills and attributes they are looking for when recruiting for these roles.

#### Stoke By Nayland Golf Club – Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Jan

Peter Osborne will share with him the variety of jobs available within the hospitality industry and our very own Mrs Alston will share her experiences of working in the industry before transitioning to teaching.

#### Physiomotive (Physiotherapy) – Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

Come along to hear all about Bradie Clarke's journey from ex-professional athlete to qualified physiotherapist and what led him to make the decisions he made along the way.

#### NHS Talent Academy

Let's Talk About ... Midwifery - **Tue 18th Jan; Wed 9th March**

Let's Talk About ... Nursing **Thurs 20th Jan; Wed 16th Feb; Weds 16th March**

Let's Talk About ... Physiotherapy - **Fri 28th Jan; Friday 25th Feb; Mon 21st March**

Let's Talk About ... Learning Disability Support - **Tues 25th Jan; Tues 8th March;**

**All sessions run from 4-5pm.** Find out more about E-Placements and apply to speak to a professional about your Health and Care aspirations Register and apply now!

[www.nhstalentacademy.org.uk](http://www.nhstalentacademy.org.uk)

#### BT Work Experience

BT with STEMPOINT East, are exclusively offering Year 12 students from schools in the East of England the opportunity to work alongside technology and communications experts at their site in Ipswich, through the Nuffield Research Placements Scheme

- **Projects include:** • Internet of Things • IT in communications • Internet TV • Next generation mobile technology
- **The Placement** • Two-week face to face placement • Takes place in summer 2022 • Travel expenses are paid • Students write a research report based on their work •
- **Eligibility criteria** – must be 16; have 5+GCSEs incl maths, eng +1 science; studying A levels
- **Further information:** Email: Sally Moore [s.moore@stempointeast.org.uk](mailto:s.moore@stempointeast.org.uk)
- **Web address:** <https://www.stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements>

Apply now [using this link](#)

#### NHS Allied Work Experience

The programme is in full swing and available for Y10-13 students to participate. This is a virtual work experience day will take place through an online portal and run LIVE from **10-5pm**, following 2 patients from their initial accidents through to recovery. You will see them interact with a variety of healthcare professionals so that you develop an understanding of the multidisciplinary team as well as insights into your own chosen career.



You also can interact with the healthcare professionals via a LIVE Chat function and polls throughout the day. Register for a place [here](#).

All students will be awarded with a Work Experience Certificate for participating, which can be included in their UCAS and Apprenticeship Applications.

The next Work Experience day is on **January 9th** and covers the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and language therapy
- Pharmacy

The cost to attend is £10/student per session.

### **Hairdresser/Barber - Taster Day**

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to work as a hairdresser or a barber? Well, here is the perfect chance to find out!

If you are aged **16-24** and would like to see behind the scenes, learn something new and be a member of the team for the day, we welcome you to get in touch to book a work taster day.

Please contact Diane Taylor-Matthews at [info@doubletakesalon.co.uk](mailto:info@doubletakesalon.co.uk) to find out more and book your day with us.

**Closing Date - 31/12/2021**

**Location – Hadleigh, Suffolk**

### **Sasa Marketing, Stowmarket – Taster Day**

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to work in marketing? Here is the perfect chance to find out.

If you are aged 16-24, and would like to see behind the scenes, learn something new and be a member of the team for the day, we welcome you to get in touch to book a work taster day. This is especially relevant if you are considering applying for the Kickstart role at Sasa Marketing and are unsure if it is right for you.

Please contact [catherine@sasa.marketing](mailto:catherine@sasa.marketing) to find out more and book your day.

**Closing Date for this job offer - 31/12/2021**

**Location - Stowmarket, Suffolk**

### **Yutree Insurance – Taster Day**

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to work in insurance? Well here is the perfect chance to find out. Yutree is a commercial insurance brokerage and underwriting agency. We offer highly personalized insurance advice and protection to our clients whilst also providing other brokers with access to our own, underwritten product range.



If you are aged 16-24 you could see behind the scenes at a commercial insurance broker insuring everything from a zoo to a factory, to a garage or holiday villas. You could learn something new and be a member of the team for the day to really see what is involved. We welcome you to get in touch to book a work taster day.

Please contact [laura.hancock@yutree.com](mailto:laura.hancock@yutree.com) to find out more and book your day with us.

**Closing Date - 31/12/2021**

**Location - Newmarket, Suffolk**

### **Crystal Rose Beauty – Taster Day**

At Crystal Rose Skin Clinic we love to help people achieve beautiful, healthy, and younger-looking skin. We have a fabulous range of natural, minimally invasive and chemical free skin care treatments here to help, all tailor made to suit each individual.

If you are aged 18-24 years old and would like to see behind the scenes, learn something new and be a member of the team for the day, Rosy from Crystal Skin Care in Needham Market welcomes you to get in touch to book a work taster day.

Please contact [crystalrosesc@gmail.com](mailto:crystalrosesc@gmail.com) to find out more and book your day.

**Closing Date - 31/12/2021**

**Location - Needham Market, Suffolk**

### **New Wolsey Theatre – Taster Day**

Do you long to be part of a team that makes the theatre magic happen? The New Wolsey Theatre is a regional theatre with a national reputation for the quality, range and reach of its work and for embracing cultural diversity in the widest sense. Behind every hit show there is a talented team of staff and technicians supporting the cast and production in a variety of exciting behind-the-scenes roles.

Join us in January for an exclusive look at what goes on behind the curtain in a successful real theatre. Attendance by appointment only - please register your interest in advance. This event is for students and job seekers in Norfolk and Suffolk who want to gain an insight into theatre careers

**When - Tues 25th January 2022.**

Please register your interest with [Suzanne.Couszins@Suffolk.Gov.UK](mailto:Suzanne.Couszins@Suffolk.Gov.UK)

### **Marjoram Specialist Builders – Taster Day**

Marjoram Specialist Builders have over forty years' experience in the building trade. Our work is unique. We specialise in Heritage, Listed and Period properties from Grade I to Grade II. Neville Marjoram set the business up in 1991.

If you are aged 18-24 years old and would like to see behind the scenes, learn something new and be a member of the team for the day, we welcome you to get in touch to book a work taster day.

Please contact Janice to find out more and book your day with us  
[marjorambuilders@btconnect.com](mailto:marjorambuilders@btconnect.com)



**Closing date for this job offer is - 31/12/2021**

**Location - Sudbury, Suffolk**

## **Summer Experiences in Law and Politics**

Do you dream of standing up in the Supreme Court and arguing a human rights case? Or negotiating an international treaty with UN representatives? Next summer you can do all this and more on one of our flagship summer experiences in London:

Cross-examine witnesses in a murder trial  
Network with politicians in Westminster  
Advocate a human rights case in the Supreme Court  
Work with corporate lawyers in a City skyscraper  
Participate in a 'Model UN' with UN and Foreign Office staff  
Negotiate climate change policies in a simulated COP26

Places are highly limited. Students can use code SUMMER15 by **31st December** for 15% off.

[Law](#)

[Politics](#)

[International Development](#)

[Environmentalism](#)

## **Boots UK - Virtual Boots Camp Work Experience is on!**

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Launch Event from 3:30pm – 5:30pm

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Exploring Healthcare from 3:30pm – 5:30pm

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Exploring Retail from 3:30pm – 5:30pm

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Exploring Supply from 3:30pm – 5:30pm

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Exploring Business Support from 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Please note the minimum age is 15. Students will need to register themselves individually and have suitable access to IT for all sessions as this programme will be delivered through Google Classroom/Google Meet.

## **National Healthcare Weekend**

Taking place on the **19th and 20th March 2022 online**, via your own unique portal!

The important thing about attending the weekend Live is that you can speak to a variety of healthcare professionals via zoom. However, if you are unable to attend the LIVE event, you can opt to register for the NHW E-learning course which will be available throughout April for you to watch all the recorded talks.

All students will receive a certificate of attendance. This event can be listed on your UCAS application under the section entitled 'what courses have you attended that prepare you for higher education'.

Students can register individually via this [link](#): Students can register for 1 LIVE day for £25 or both days for £45. Alternatively, students can opt for the E-learning course which is £10.

## **GCHQ Christmas Challenge – Interested in working for MI6 or MI5?**

This Christmas card contains a festive brainteaser that comes with a twist as the seven fiendish puzzles have been especially designed for 11- to 18-year-olds. Give it a go!

<https://www.gchq.gov.uk/news/christmas-card-2021>



**New Anglia Enterprise Opportunities  
Construction Weds 19th Jan 15:30 – 16:30**

Delivered by Claire and Laura from CITB (Construction Industry Training Body) this session will give you an overview of all the opportunities within the construction industry from entry to degree level. [Book here](#)

**New Anglia Growth Sectors Weds 9th Feb 15:30 – 16:30**

Delivered by our Economic Analyst this will cover the key labour market information on New Anglia's three key growth sectors: Clean Energy, Agri-tech and Digital & ICT. We will look at how the sectors are changing and the opportunities these are creating. [Book here](#)

**Spring Half term opportunity for young filmmakers aged 16-19 years**

Designed for young people with demonstrable film making interest or experience, the course consists of a combination of workshops, practical skills development, watching film and meeting industry professionals. After an action-packed week, the cast and crew, friends and family are invited to enjoy a premiere of the film we will make together. Participants can gain their Bronze Arts Award. Participants can expect to;

- Watch and learn to appreciate a broad range of films.
- Gain insight into the exciting world of film making both behind and in front of the camera.
  - Get hands on experience of what goes into making a film on a practical film-based project.
- Work alongside and get the opportunity to meet film industry professionals.
- Meet other young film fans from across the county.
- Become part of the BFI Film Academy alumni and access other exclusive opportunities.
- Have lots of fun exploring and making film!

Local production company **Creative Nation** delivers the courses in both Suffolk and Norfolk and both courses are available to young people across both counties. The academy will be delivered in person at University of Suffolk.

**Dates: Spring Half Term. 19th to 25th February 2022. Course hours: 10am to 5pm.**

**Location: University of Suffolk**

**Applications close: Midnight 4th February 2022.**

Cost: £25. Cost ought not be a barrier. Bursaries and financial assistance are available.

Please contact us for information. For more information and to complete our simple application process please visit: [www.creative-nation.co.uk/filmacademy/](http://www.creative-nation.co.uk/filmacademy/)

More information about BFI Film Academy here: [www.bfi.org.uk/filmacademy](http://www.bfi.org.uk/filmacademy)

**Apprenticeship Vacancies**

Download the Higher & Degree listing now or find out more about the listing, who it is for and how to best use it in our FAQs below.

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West Suffolk College - [Apprenticeship Vacancies](#)

Colchester Institute - [Apprenticeship Vacancies](#)

Apprenticeships New Anglia - [Apprenticeship vacancies](#)

Government Official Search - [Apprenticeship Vacancies](#)

### National Apprenticeship Week - 7th – 13th February

We already have live opportunities on the portal for this week with a range of employers such as [NHS](#), [Bentley Motors](#), and award-winning hospitality business [Adnams Southwold](#) who are providing an insight into their industries and apprenticeship programmes. All opportunities for this week will be live by the 10th December in line with our 8 week cycle.

#### Investment 20/20 Short insight films

- Investment management industry – Be surprised who works here: <https://youtu.be/bHaWbPJhrA>
- Become a Trainee or Apprentice at Schroders on the Investment20/20 Programme: <https://youtu.be/1afhknggyjY>
- Meet Schroders IT Apprentice: Jake Parker: <https://youtu.be/9bj5ODnZonw>
- Being an Apprentice at M&G: <https://youtu.be/EmqU3msBseQ>
- Meet Precious – M&G Plc Apprentice: <https://youtu.be/fiFJCXgaEel>
- Meet the Standard Life Aberdeen 2019 Trainees: [https://youtu.be/GiNG\\_Qsli60](https://youtu.be/GiNG_Qsli60)
- Harry's Journey: Technology Apprentice at Fidelity International: <https://youtu.be/PB2x1xby3tc>
- [Our Planet | Our Planet: Too Big To Fail, Short Edit](#)

#### Routes into STEM

We are excited to announce that in partnership with some of the leading UK universities EDT has arranged to run **Residential Insight into University** summer schools in 2022. These summer schools will run over 4 or 5 days where students will get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject - Materials Science, Chemical Engineering, Robotics, Maths, Mechanical Engineering and Broad-based Engineering.

Please check back soon for course details and application form on our [website](#) or register your interest [here](#) to be the first to know when the applications will open.

#### The Big Bang Fair is BACK!

The UK's biggest celebration of STEM for young people is returning next summer Weds **22 – 24 June 2022, NEC Birmingham** We cannot wait to get the chance to wow, inspire and surprise young people, helping them discover all the exciting possibilities in STEM. Over the 3 days, visitors will hear first-hand from exciting scientists and engineers and connect with inspiring career role models. In the meantime, if you have a STEM project you would like to share, enter it now following the link below. And if you do not know where to start follow this [link](#)

#### Larking Gowan Accountancy

Larking Gowan is looking for students who are keen to pursue a career in accountancy. On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we hosted an open evening via webinar for students and is ready for you to watch [here](#). Students may find the Q&A session towards the end of the webinar useful- if you have further questions about careers at Larking Gowan, please send them to us at [Recruitment@Larking-Gowen.co.uk](mailto:Recruitment@Larking-Gowen.co.uk) Applications for our 2022 student intake is now open and closes on **3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**.

We will be holding assessment centres for shortlisted applicants in February 2022, so if students would like to join us as a trainee next year they should be sure to apply soon! They can apply by following the links: [Click here](#)

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

### University of Suffolk Free Opportunity for Disabled Students

Over the past few years, University of Suffolk have run a 'Splendid at University of Suffolk'

event for students in Years 10 to 13. The event is aimed at students who have been identified as having a physical or specific learning difficulty or disability and who would benefit from taking part in a university experience.

Over two days students work with University of Suffolk Staff and Student Ambassadors and are involved in subject specific taster sessions, team building activities and social activities. It is a great opportunity for students to find out about university life and see the opportunities that higher education can offer. Parents are also invited to attend on the second day.

The event is free of charge (including transport from school to the University and returning to school). Please register your interest on their [website](#).

### **The Sutton Trust US Programme 2022 – Applications now open**

The [Sutton Trust US Programme](#) helps state school students in the UK to explore higher education and US culture. The programme includes UK-based residentials before all students get to visit US universities in the summer of 2022.

An optional part 2 of the programme supports students to apply to US universities alongside their UCAS options. It is free to take part in the programme. All costs are covered for students including travel, accommodation, food and admissions test preparation.

To be eligible, students must:

- Be in Year 12 in England or Wales, S5 in Scotland or Year 13 in Northern Ireland
- Attend, and have always attended, a state-funded school or college (i.e. non fee-paying)
- Not hold US citizenship
- Be from a low or middle income family (generally a household earning £45,000 or less)
- Be interested in US culture and higher education

Students must submit their application by midnight on **16 January 2022** to be considered for the programme. However, we encourage getting started as soon as possible as the application form requires some thinking!

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

Have a question about the programme, application or eligibility? You may find the answer to your question on our [website FAQ section](#). If not, you can email the team at [suttontrust@fulbright.org.uk](mailto:suttontrust@fulbright.org.uk).

### **Music Degrees in Norwich**

ACC Norwich is currently the only HE facility provisioning music degree courses in Norfolk. We offer an Audio & Music Technology Foundation Degree FdSc whereby learners develop production, recording and mixing skills; and a Music Performance Foundation Degree FdA where learners develop a range of musicianship and performance skills, while engaging in a variety of composition, arrangement and recording projects. Each course lasts two years, with the option to go straight into work or top-up to a full degree after. Both programs are industry-focused with an emphasis on practical study. Learners are given the opportunity to work on commissions from clients and self-directed projects, developing essential employability skills for a career in the creative industries.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information about our degree courses and what we offer [shaun.banham@accesstomusic.ac.uk](mailto:shaun.banham@accesstomusic.ac.uk).



## **Speakers for Schools Live Broadcasts**

**Work/Life broadcast: Bruce Daisley, Author & Former Vice President for Europe, Twitter - Wed 12<sup>th</sup> January 2-2:45pm**

See Bruce's profile here: <https://www.speakersforschools.org/speakers/Bruce-Daisley/>

MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Click [here](#) to register

**Susanna White, Television and Film Director - Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> January 10-10:45am**

See Susanna's work here: <https://rsafilms.com/uk/directors/susanna-white>

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