



Careers & Higher Education Fair

CHEEF 2021

Welcome to the Careers and Higher Education Fair

This event is designed to bring students from Years 9-13, and their parents, together with a wide range of employers and universities. This will enable students to consider which jobs and university courses they are most interested in, and to work out which qualifications and skills they will need to develop. Of course, students' ideas constantly change and evolve; the purpose of this Fair is to give students new opportunities to test out their latest thoughts by hearing from industry and university experts.

The school is extremely grateful to all the employers and universities who have given their valuable time to attend this event.

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Universities Attending

- Bath Spa University
- University of Birmingham
- Bucks New University
- Cardiff University
- University of Hertfordshire
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- Loughborough University
- Nottingham Trent University
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- University of Portsmouth
- Queen Mary University of London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of Sheffield
- Solent University
- University of Southampton
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick
- University of Westminster
- University of Winchester

All the University representatives will be located in the Main Hall.

Apprenticeships Talk

An Apprenticeships talk will be given by Sophie Biggs of ASK Apprenticeships, in room 6.4 at 6.30pm and 7.00pm.

Apprenticeships

Organisation	Representative	Details
ASK apprenticeships	Sophie Biggs	The ASK programme was launched in 2015 and offers schools, teachers and parents/carers information about the Apprenticeships, Traineeships and T-Levels. ASK stands for Apprenticeships Support and Knowledge and a staff member at the careers fair will be able to talk to you about what these routes look like, how to access them and answer any questions that you may have.

List of Employers

Architecture

Organisation	Representative	Details
Jestico + Whiles	Inderpal Bhogal	Inderpal is a fully qualified Senior Architect at Jestico + Whiles, based in Clerkenwell, London. Jestico + Whiles also have a practice in Prague and are both a national and international practice working across the globe. Inderpal specialises within the Science, Technology and Further Education sectors. Jestico + Whiles also have projects within the Housing, Education and Hospitality sectors. Inderpal is local to the area and runs his own independent private practice catering for more domestic work. He also provides mentoring to undergraduates at universities within the UK. I am more than happy share my knowledge and provide advice on the profession.

Computing/IT

Organisation	Representative	Details
British Computing Society	Stuart Ward	Because IT is involved in every job, and IT is a part of every industry, technology and IT will be a part of your career whatever you choose. Stuart focuses on IT Security, and can also talk about the IT industry in general, and the many paths that intersect with technology and IT. Encompassing not just programming, but embedded systems, web services, Dev-Ops, Machine Learning and AI as well as games, and simulations, and CGI in films.
Careers in Technology	George Honiball	George is a qualified Industrial and Organisational psychologist with over 25 years of Consulting and Senior Line Management experience. He has worked for 2 of the big 4 Consulting firms and currently works at Microsoft. He can talk to you about careers in Technology, Management Consulting, Data Analysis, Websites and Entrepreneurship.

Construction

Organisation	Representative	Details
Berkeley Homes	Clare Oliver	Berkeley Group builds homes and neighbourhoods across London, Birmingham and the South of England. We revive underused land, specialising in long-term brownfield regeneration, and create welcoming, sustainable and nature-rich places where communities thrive and where people of all ages and backgrounds enjoy a great quality of life. All Berkeley homes are created with care, expertise and relentless attention to detail. Clare is an Employment & Skills Advisor for Berkeley Homes Oxford & Chiltern and is the lead for their apprentice and graduate programmes. She also manages their Building Futures programme, an 8 month rotational scheme across all areas of the business aimed at Year 13 leavers. Clare can advise on the different pathways available to start a career in construction.

Estate Agency

Organisation	Representative	Details
Robinsons	Eddie Robinson	Edward Robinson qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 1996 and worked in London for 7 years before starting Robinson Estate Agents in January 2004. He believes in a transparent approach when acting for clients and likes customer service to be friendly and professional. Robinson Estate Agents remains a family business and has an active lettings and management department built on the same ethos as the original sales division.

Events Management

	Organisation	Representative	Details
	DRPG (Events Management)	Chris Stallwood	DRPG is one of the UK's biggest event and communications agencies, just last month winning the coveted M&IT Agency of the Year award. DRPG primarily specialises in the corporate sector with a broad range of prestigious clients from all around the world, as opposed to the more generally accessible public events sector, though has recently announced its partnership with the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games. Now as the world opens up after Covid, understanding ways to once again provide hybrid and more traditional events safely and securely is the next big challenge.

Finance

	Organisation	Representative	Details
FINANCIAL SERVICES	Mortgage Required	Tracy Gordon	Mortgage Required are a local award winning mortgage broking firm who recruit and train young people as Mortgage and Protection Advisers, taking them through the industries professional CeMAP qualification. We offer suitable candidates a real job, with a salary, plus training which is seen an alternative to university or an apprenticeship. Mortgage Required interview clients and find the best possible mortgage to suit their circumstances and finances and have employed 14 local school leavers and graduates since they opened. They are a lively, busy rapidly expanding business! Tracy is the Operations Director.

Further Education Colleges

	Organisation	Representative	Details
	Henley College		The Henley College offers a wide range of A Level and Vocational courses to students aged 16-19. Subjects range from Business to Engineering, Travel and Tourism to Performing Arts, and Public Services to Animation.
	Langley College	Georgia Meakes	Langley College is part of the Windsor Forest Colleges Group which provides a diverse range of courses for learners in Berkshire and Surrey area. Langley College is a specialist Vocational College which offers hands on courses ranging from Business, Child Care, Construction, Health Care, Hair & Beauty, Motor Vehicle, Public Services, Sports and Travel. The College is able to offer courses ranging from Entry level up to Level 4/5 higher education courses. The College also has a strong Apprenticeship programme.
	BCA Berkshire College of Agriculture		BCA is a Further and Higher Education College with a land-based specialism. Based in Burchetts Green, Maidenhead, we offer a wide range of Further Education courses and Apprenticeships. We are based in a 400-acre estate with fantastic facilities. To view all of our provisions please visit: www.bca.ac.uk .

Health Care

	Organisation	Representative	Details
SHN	Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust	Mia Meades	Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust is an NHS Foundation Trust with over 11,000 employees. We consists of 3 main sites, Frimley Park Hospital, Wexham Park Hospital and Heatherwood Hospital as well as community sites spanning from Aldershot and Farnham to Windsor and Maidenhead. We offer a variety of clinical and non-clinical career pathways and opportunities, ranging from nursing, medicine and allied health professional roles, to HR, estates, finance, IT and much more.
	Nursing	Emma Fitzpatrick-Burke	Emma can advise you on careers in nursing. Emma started as a Healthcare assistant, then a community staff nurse, she then did the specialist qualification to become a district nurse and then became a community practice teacher. Emma's background is community nursing, palliative care and acute medicine trust with a special interest in end-of-life medication. She is passionate about nursing and in particular community nursing as this can offer 'out of hospital' treatments in the comfort of people's homes.
	Physiotherapy	Nicky Graham	Nicky has been a physiotherapist for 30 years, working in both the NHS and the private sector.
	Thames Hospice	Louise Jones, Carol Carpenter	Thames Hospice has 29 in-patient beds for those with life limiting illnesses, and 23 shops to support with fundraising in the community. We employ 290 staff and over 700 volunteers. Carol Carpenter and Louise Jones will be able to tell you about careers at the Hospice in clinical or fundraising and administration roles. In addition we can support with volunteering work or gap year jobs to help build your CV and enable you to gain invaluable experience in the work place, with communication skills and compassionate and care in the workplace.

Horticulture and Garden Design

	Organisation	Representative	Details
	Horticulture and Garden Design	Franzi and Ian Cheeseman	Ian and Franzi Cheeseman manage their own Garden Design and Care company. Franzi is also Head Gardener at the Grade 1 listed Stoke Poges Memorial Gardens. They are keen to talk about careers in horticulture; a hugely varied industry that incorporates everything from gardening and grounds maintenance to design and technology. Whether you are a practical person, have a science brain, a passion for our natural environment or love art and design, there is a career in horticulture for you!

Hospitality

	Organisation	Representative	Details
CATERING	Impact Food Group	Tracey Walker Becky O'Hanlon Emma Priestley	Impact Food Group (IFG) are more than a school caterer, they are driven by creating a positive food culture and helping more students eat better food. They currently have over 300 schools in England and offer a great range of opportunities, from craft roles for budding Chefs to Management positions and many other areas of business. IFG offer a great range of hospitality apprenticeship programmes offering industry recognised qualifications, so it really is a wonderful place to work if you love food and want to help make a difference to young people. IFG provide a positive, safe, and caring work environment, staffed by people who love their jobs. Come and talk to us about starting a rewarding career in the hospitality industry.
HOTELS	Legacy Hotels	Andy Townsend Karen Anthony Kasia Szczechowicz	Legacy Hotels is a hotel management company, responsible for the operational aspect of 18 hotels across the UK. The company is 16 years old and the founder members are Andy Townsend and Jim Gordon. Karen am the HR Officer and have been with the company for 3 years. The most recent addition to the portfolio is Hampton by Hilton High Wycombe, where Kasia is the General Manager. Andy, Karen and Kasia can answer your questions about careers in the hospitality industry.

Law

	Organisation	Representative	Details
	Barrister	Ian Higgins	Ian was a pupil at Furze Platt Senior School from 1995 to 2002. He is now a barrister, representing his clients in courts all over the country. Before that he trained as a solicitor, and spent time working in Moscow and Hong Kong. Ian is the co-author of a book on becoming a barrister, called ""Bewigged and Bewildered"" (Kramer and Higgins, 3rd ed, 2016). He can provide advice on qualifying as a barrister or solicitor, the differences between them, and what it is like to wear a wig at work.

Marketing

	Organisation	Representative	Details
	Chartered Institute of Marketing	Maggie Mulhall-Kemp, Louise Young	Whichever industry you choose, marketing is about understanding what's happening around you through the research you do. It's about knowing what your customers want, what your competitors are doing, and ultimately selling and promoting your product in the best way you can. Marketing happens in every sector you can think of and covers a broad range of job roles and skills, from data analysis to art and creative design, from emerging digital technologies to foreign languages - there is something for everyone in this profession! Maggie and Lou will be on hand to answer your questions on the industry – they have first-hand experience of marketing in the working environment, understand the different routes into marketing roles and have information on the training options available at one of the premier representatives of the industry, The Chartered Institute of Marketing (HQ'd in Cookham).

NCS

	Organisation	Representative	Details
	NCS National Citizen Service	Harry Draycott Charlie Cook	NCS exists to engage, unite and empower young people, building their confidence so they can go out there and achieve their dreams, no matter where they're from or what their background is. From the life skills they develop to the friends they make, our ambition is clear – we want to give teenagers an opportunity to unleash their potential, to build their self-belief and get them prepped for life after school.

Performing Arts

	Organisation	Representative	Details
	PQA The Pauline Quirke Academy	Liz Charleston	PQA is a weekend performing arts Academy providing tuition for children and young people from 4-18 years. Students are split into groups according to their age with tailored classes and expert performing arts teachers. We provide a space for children and young people to express themselves, build confidence and, most importantly, have fun! The team at PQA Maidenhead can help with advice on courses and career paths in the performing arts.

Police and UK Armed Forces

	Organisation	Representative	Details
	Army	SSgt Dave Lawson	WO2 Dave Lawson is a Gunner within the Royal Artillery, Operational tours include Bosnia, Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Afghanistan. With 31 years' experience, he has also instructed new recruits into the Army on their Phase 1 basic training, and he is now a Recruiter for the Army at ACC Reading. He will be able to tell you everything you need to know about careers in the army.
	RAF	Sqn Ldr Julie Fell	Sqn Ldr Julie Fell served in the RAF as an Air Traffic Controller and a Logistics Officer and is now in Recruitment. She has been on Ops in the Middle East, Kosovo and Iraq. The RAF is actively recruiting now and offers over 50 different roles, such as engineer, Chef, Linguist, Nursing, Air stewards, Air Operations, Intelligence and HR to name a few. The RAF has a variety of apprenticeships and sponsorship available, please visit the stand or the RAF recruitment website www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment to find out more.
	Royal Navy	CPO Paul Ashworth PO Scott Fletcher	Chief Petty Officer Paul Ashworth is the Senior Royal Navy Careers Adviser at the Armed Forces Careers Office in Reading City Centre. The Royal Navy is actively recruiting and offers many diverse and exciting career opportunities for young Students, including Scholarships, Bursaries, and Accelerated Apprenticeship Schemes for both Surface Fleet and Submarines.
	Thames Valley Police	PCSO Lorraine Holmes PCSO Juliet Soane	Lorraine Holmes is a Police Community Support Officer who has worked on the local neighbourhood team for just over 6 years. Juliet Soane is also a Police Community Support Officer and has worked within the police for under a year and is on the apprenticeship scheme. They will be able to tell you about a range of available careers in the Police Force and share experiences of their role.

Science, Technology and Maths

	Organisation	Representative	Details
AUDIO VIDEO TECHNOLOGY	Carillion Communications	Barrie Guy Chhya Sahota Cameron Almand Thomas Waring	Carillion Communications helps organisations by designing and installing audio-visual & IT systems which, while technologically advanced are simple to use. With more than 25 years' partnering cutting edge tech companies like Microsoft, Google we now provide Teams and Zoom rooms for companies all over the world, improving performance, reducing costs and supporting climate sparing policies. One of just 5 UK companies to hold Avixa Apex award status (the Global AV Industry Associations highest level of certification). We encourage learning, development & continual growth from within, are 50% female owned & over a third of our leadership team are women.
ENGINEERING	AVK	Jon Norris	AVK are the UK's leading provider of critical power systems and maintenance, specialising in all aspects of the design, planning, implementation and on-going maintenance of critical power systems. We are the largest supplier of Data Centre and Financial sector critical power solutions in the UK, with 5 offices across the UK and Ireland, and operational sites across the world.
ENGINEERING	Hewland Engineering	Kirsty Haylock Leah Lewis Kevin Freak Alex Trup	Founded in 1957, Hewland Engineering Ltd provides transmissions to a global customer base, to almost every motorsport discipline and to an increasing number of specialist applications, such as EV and hybrid. Our people and facilities allow us to support the most advanced development projects from concept to manufacture with dedicated teams of designers and production engineers and complete in-house manufacturing capability. Manufacturing capabilities include state of the art Turning, Milling, Gear Cutting, Heat Treatment and Grinding, including Gear Grinding. Our engineers use the latest design and analysis software and CAE tools to support our customer and new product development programme.
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	Institution of Mechanical Engineers	John Robinson Jos Hunter Toby Smith	The Institution of Mechanical Engineers strives to improve the world through engineering by inspiring the next generation and developing professional engineers. Jos and Toby work at AWE, who are stewards for the UK independent nuclear deterrent, in the fields of Product Stockpile Surveillance and Computational Engineering Analysis John works at Gestra, a division of Spirax Engineering Ltd, who manufacture steam systems to supply steam to pharmaceutical, oil and gas, food and beverage industries as well as power stations across Britain. Between them they have a range of experiences within very different sectors of Engineering.

CHEMISTRY	Royal Society of Chemistry	John Meech	John has worked as a chemist, initially in organic chemistry synthesising radioactive versions of new drug candidates at Amersham International. Following qualification through the Royal Society of Chemistry he then switched to biochemical research and managing commercial collaborations with academic institutions to develop healthcare research tools. This was a springboard for changing direction to pursue a career in product management, marketing, strategic planning and managing a cell culture business with GE healthcare and ThermoFisher Scientific.
MULTI-DISCIPLINE	Syngenta	Chris Martin Nicolas Chabloz	Syngenta is a leading multinational agriculture company with > 28,000 people in 90 countries working together to improve global food security. Through world class science and innovative crop solutions, we aim to enable millions of farmers worldwide to make better use of their available resources. Chris and Nicolas represent research at the large Jealott's Hill R&D site near Bracknell, both of whom hold PhDs in Chemistry. The site of >700 people covers a range of scientific disciplines including chemistry, biology, biochemistry, formulation, product safety & environmental science.
ELECTRONICS	Ultra Cis	Simon Smith	Ultra is a Global Engineering Company divided across five business units: Maritime, Intelligence and Communications (I&C), Precision Controls Systems, Forensic Technology, and Energy. These business units are underpinned by a shared services structure which incorporates finance, HR, operations, and communications. The I&C business unit provides solutions that protect everything from vital situational awareness to operators to uninterrupted business continuity. The Ultra Cyber team within I&C is a world leader in the research and development of next generation communications and cryptographic equipment and technology, for the defence, public and commercial sectors. Simon has worked for 8 years as a Systems Engineer and Firmware Engineer within the Cyber team of Ultra. Simon can tell you all about careers in this industry.
GEOSCIENCE	British Geological Survey	Andy McKenzie	Andy is a geologist who works at the British Geological Survey, one of several research agencies run by UK Research and Innovation. Andy specialises in studying groundwater both in the UK and overseas. The Geological Survey, and other geologists working in Universities and at private companies, carries out research into many of the challenges that face as we transition to a low carbon economy and net zero. For instance where do we find the raw materials for electric cars, or how do we cope with changing patterns of rainfall?

Social Care

	Organisation	Representative	Details
	Optalis - Choices for Living	Alison Stephenson	Optalis – Choices for Living. We are the social care partner delivering a full range of adult social care services, including all statutory and safeguarding functions for Wokingham and Windsor & Maidenhead Councils. We are not an agency we are owned and funded by both the Councils. Our remit covers supported living, learning disabilities, older people’s day services, statutory services, residential care, reablement services, independent living and extra care.

Sport and Leisure

	Organisation	Representative	Details
	Leisure Focus		Leisure Focus is a not for profit Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). It works with local communities; supporting clubs, organisations and individuals to achieve their sporting and lifestyle goals. Leisure Focus is partnered with Lifetime Training who provide apprenticeship training. Lifetime has been named Top Training Provider of the Year 2021 and has been rated by Ofsted as Grade 2 'Good' for the past five inspections. Their apprentices get the best possible start to their career in Leisure.

Teaching

	Organisation	Representative	Details
SECONDARY EDUCATION	Teach Maidenhead		Teach Maidenhead is the foremost provider of teacher training west of London. We are a partnership of five schools in the Maidenhead area offering secondary teacher places in conjunction with the University of Reading. All successful trainees will have the opportunity to train in two of the five schools as well as visit the other schools to attend professional study sessions delivered by experts in the area of teaching and learning. All trainees gain PGCE and QTS and many start their careers at one of the Teach Maidenhead schools.

Veterinary Science

	Organisation	Representative	Details
	Hall Place Veterinary Centre	Helen Farmer	Helen is a veterinary surgeon at Hall Place Veterinary Centre based down the road in Pinkneys Green. She qualified from Nottingham Veterinary School in 2017 and has since worked in both first opinion general practice and in a veterinary referral hospital. She has previously done veterinary school undergraduate interviews at Nottingham Vet School and will be more than happy answer to any questions related to applications to study veterinary nursing or veterinary medicine. She hopes she can inspire students to join the veterinary profession!

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