



Careers & Higher Education Fair

CHEEF 2018

Thursday 29th November

6pm – 8pm

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. We are also grateful to the school's careers governor, Bethan Osborne, for supporting the event.

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Presentations

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Why go to university?

University of Surrey Time: 6.30pm Room: H1
 University of Portsmouth Time: 7pm
 The benefits of Higher Education; Life as a student.

2

Apprenticeships

Kim Martin – ASK apprenticeships Times: 6.30pm, 7pm Room: H2
 Find out how apprenticeships have changed. They are now available at four different levels, up to degree level, and in 1500 job roles.

3

Careers in Computing

Stuart Ward – British Computing Society Time: 7pm Room: H3
 Hear about the sort of jobs likely to be available in Computing/IT in the near future.

4

The NHS - make a difference, be compassionate – community and mental health services

Carol Carpenter - Berkshire NHS Trust Times: 6.30pm, 7pm Room: H4
 Find out about the variety of careers, both medical and non-medical, available in the NHS

Universities Attending

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| ◆ University of the Arts London | ◆ University of Creative Arts | ◆ University of Southampton |
| ◆ Bath Spa University | ◆ Falmouth University | ◆ University of Surrey |
| ◆ BCA Berkshire College of Agriculture | ◆ University of Hertfordshire | ◆ University of Sussex |
| ◆ University of Birmingham | ◆ University of Leicester | ◆ University of Warwick |
| ◆ University of Bristol | ◆ University of Lincoln | ◆ University of West London |
| ◆ Bucks New University | ◆ Oxford Brookes University | ◆ University of Westminster |
| ◆ Cardiff University | ◆ University of Portsmouth | ◆ University of Winchester |
| ◆ City, University of London | ◆ Royal Holloway, University of London | |
| ◆ Coventry University London | ◆ Solent University | |

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

Gap Year Organisations

Frontier Natalie Turner-Blackman

Frontier is an international non-profit volunteering organisation that runs more than 450 conservation and community development projects in over 70 countries across the world. Established in 1989, Frontier inspires people to step off the beaten track and make their travel meaningful; volunteers can gain qualifications and improve their personal development skills to help boost their CVs. Natalie is the group project coordinator, she responds to volunteer queries via email and phone and is in regular contact with the Field Staff.

Project Trust Daniel Raggett

Project Trust is the oldest educational charity specialising in overseas volunteering placements for school-leavers. Since 1967 they have been organising long term voluntary placements in Africa, Asia and the Americas for young people aged 17-19. Volunteers return from their projects overseas with greatly broadened horizons, increased maturity and an impressive range of transferable skills, as well as an in-depth understanding of their host culture.

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List of Employers

Apprenticeships and Careers Advice

	Company	Representative	Details
CAREERS ADVICE	Adviza	Kully Kaur	Kully is the school careers adviser from Adviza. She provides careers advice for students at Furze Platt through one to one interviews and group work sessions. Adviza supports young people, at important times in their lives where key decisions need to be made, by raising their aspirations and motivating them to achieve their full potential.
	RBWM Elevate	Lara Rodriguez Wendy Bould	Elevate RBWM - Elevate Me is the place for 16-24 year olds in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to get help, advice and support on employment, education, work experience, apprenticeships and training!
APPRENTICESHIPS	QA Apprenticeships	Pav Dhillon	QA is the first IT apprenticeships business rated Ofsted Outstanding. 100% of QA apprentices have jobs from day one of their apprenticeship programme. 92% of QA apprentices secure permanent employment after completing; this is 20% higher than the national average. We are an award-winning provider, offering IT, developer, digital marketing, project management and business apprenticeships throughout England.

Architecture

	Company	Representative	Details
	Masters Architect	Lee Masters	Lee currently operates as a sole practitioner. He is a RIBA qualified architect, with more than 18 years experience in designing sustainable buildings ranging from single dwellings up to more complicated, medium and large scale rural and urban developments. These have included master plans for up to 1000 residential units and complex urban design and regeneration scenarios. Lee would be happy to discuss anything about becoming an architect.

Banking

	Company	Representative	Details
	Metro Bank	Nikita Dhama	Metro Bank is the revolution in British banking. Britain's first new High Street bank in over 100 years, Metro Bank provides customers with unparalleled levels of service and convenience. Customers are empowered to bank whenever and however they choose – in convenient stores 7 days a week, by internet, mobile or by telephone-24/7. Nikita has worked for Metro Bank for 18 months. She is a customer service agent at the Slough store and is currently completing her management training. She loves her job and will be able to tell you all about careers in banking.

Building Services

	Company	Representative	Details
SECURITY INSTALLATION	Active Security	Dominic Gavin	Active Security install and maintain a comprehensive range of fire and security services for domestic, commercial and industrial customers. Based in Maidenhead and Henley, they carry out installations across the whole of Berkshire, including here at FPSS, and have over three decades of experience. Dominic can tell you all about careers in this industry.

Computing/IT

	Company	Representative	Details
	Microsoft	Kirsten Fox Hannah Garland	Microsoft is one of the world's largest tech companies, it is best known for its products such as Office 365 and Xbox. There is a growing Early in Career community which consists of apprentices, interns and graduates. Find out more from our apprenticeship representatives about how you can apply for a level 3, 4 or 6 (Degree) programmes, giving you the opportunity to earn while you learn. Kirsten is a Degree Apprentice working in Corporate, External and Legal Affairs at Microsoft UK. She is studying for a degree in Business Management and Leadership at Aston University while working at Microsoft. Hannah is a degree apprentice in a marketing role, she has been at Microsoft for a year so far and has loved every minute of it. She would recommend applying for an apprenticeship to anyone.
	British Computing Society	Stuart Ward	Stuart focuses on IT security, and can talk about the IT industry in general, including themes such as 3D modelling, patent and IP issues, open source software and embedded systems.

Construction

	Company	Representative	Details
	Shanly	Kathryn Ainsworth	Kathryn is Talent Manager for the Shanly Group of companies and recruits across all sectors of the business. Katt can advise on the best routes into a career in construction, give advice on CVs and interview techniques plus what the Shanly Group in particular look for in candidates.

Emergency and Armed Forces

	Company	Representative	Details
ARMY	Army	WO2 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.
NAVY	Navy	Paul Ashworth	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.
POLICE	Thames Valley Police	Emily Baker Aneta Welnitz	Emily Baker is a Police Community Support Officer who has worked on the local neighbourhood team for just under 2 years. Aneta Welnitz is also a Police Community Support Officer and has worked within the Police for 9 years. They will be able to tell you about a range of available careers in the Police Force and share experiences of their role.

Emergency and Armed Forces (cont.)

	Company	Representative	Details
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE	Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue	Laura Stoddart	Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service responds not just to fires but also to road traffic collisions, water emergencies, hazardous materials emergencies, people trapped in lifts and machinery and many more. The service also has operational members of staff (firefighters) and a large group of professional support staff, who range from mechanics to office workers and IT staff. As part of Thames Valley Fire control we have emergency call handlers, who take the emergency calls in order for the fire engines to be deployed. Laura has previously worked as a Firefighter and works now as a safe and well technician for Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Usha is our Community Safety Advisor based in the East hub. Amy and Jen are Fire Safety Inspecting Officers based also in the East hub and have a wealth of experience. We are happy to discuss in detail the jobs available within in the Fire Service and the routes and skills required to apply for them.

Estate Agent

	Company	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

	Company	Representative	Details
	Penguins	Chris Stallwood	Penguins is a successful Windsor based event production company that has worked in the event industry for over 30 years. Providing consistently high quality events for some of the best known global brands both here in the UK and internationally, it is now part of the drp Group of companies. Chris has worked for Penguins for 13 years and has just recently taken on their first Technical Production Apprentice.

Fashion

	Company	Representative	Details
FASHION RETAIL	Fashion Retail Academy	Sean-Paul Gilbride	Sean-Paul will be able to tell you about the wide range of careers in the fashion industry and the routes into fashion careers. In particular, he can tell you about the Fashion Retail Academy which was recently awarded as Ofsted Outstanding. Founded in 2005, as a unique private-public partnership with investment from the retail industry and government, it offers a wide range of specialist fashion Diploma, Degree and Short courses, for students of all ages, with start dates throughout the year. Our courses provide a combination of an in-depth knowledge of Fashion Retail and hands on practical experience of the work environment.

FE Colleges

	Company	Representative	Details
	Henley College	Lucy Hindmarsh	The Henley College offers Business Administration and Childcare as apprenticeships, and have a range of local vacancies. They also offer a large range of vocational courses, from Public Service to Creative Media courses.
	Langley College	Andrew Buckley	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	Henri Collier	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 Land based Apprenticeships, as well as a selection of Higher Education Qualifications which are accredited by the University of Reading and the Royal Agricultural University. To view all of our provisions please visit: www.bca.ac.uk .

Healthcare

Services	Company	Representative	Details
PHYSIO-THERAPY	NHS	Nicky Graham	Nicky has been a physiotherapist for 27 years, working in both the NHS and the private sector.
NHS	Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Carol Carpenter	The Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust covers mental health, learning disability and community nursing. They can tell you about a whole range of career paths such as physiotherapy, occupational therapists, podiatry, speech and language therapists, psychiatry, school nursing, district nursing, dieticians plus finance, HR, IT and estates.
SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY		Chloe Banks Shay Knowles	Chloe was a student at Furze Platt School, she left in 2014 and went to Reading University from where she graduated in 2018. She is now a newly qualified Speech and Language Therapist working in the NHS with children in Early Years and Mainstream Schools. Shay worked for almost 25 years as a Speech and Language Therapist, with children, often in schools. Do come and see us if you want to know more about a job which can include playing games and listening to people. We can answer your questions about what Speech and Language Therapists do, the University application process, studying Speech and Language Therapy at university, and what it's been like to work in such a diverse and rewarding career!

Humanitarian Organisations

Services	Company	Representative	Details
PHYSIO-THERAPY	Oxfam	Natacha Terrot Emily Tomalin	Oxfam started 76 years ago, as a group of citizens concerned about hunger in Europe during the second world war. Today we're a community of millions, from goat herders and journalists to shop volunteers and water engineers, all playing their role to beat poverty. Together we save and rebuild lives in disasters. We speak out on the big issues that keep people poor, like inequality. Tens of thousands of talented people already commit their time to make this happen either as volunteers or employees. Natacha has worked in overseas development for over ten years including four years in Southern Africa. She has held a range of roles within Oxfam and is able to share how you can get involved too.

Journalism

	Company	Representative	Details
	Maidenhead Advertiser	Will Baker	Will is the chief reporter at the Maidenhead Advertiser and the Slough and Windsor Express. Those editions report news, sport and entertainment stories throughout the area and are owned by the Louis Baylis Trust, putting 80 per cent of their operating profits to charities and good causes every year. They have a combined circulation of 46,000 and cover the Royal Borough and Slough Borough.

Law

	Company	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, 3 rd 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.
CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE		Rhiannon Winter Luisa Rose	The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) is the principal prosecuting authority for England and Wales, acting independently in criminal cases investigated by the police and others. Crown Prosecutors are qualified Solicitors and Barristers who are responsible for making charging decisions, preparing cases for trial and presenting them. Rhiannon is a Paralegal Assistant in the Crown Court Team in Reading, attending Oxford and Reading Crown Court on a daily basis to deal with cases ranging from theft to murder. She is completing her training to become a qualified Barrister. Luisa is hoping to develop a career at the CPS and will soon be commencing the Bar Professional Training Course. Her current role has a prime focus on high profile cases ranging from homicides to human trafficking.

Motor Vehicles

	Company	Representative	Details
BARRISTER	Cordwallis Commercials	Danielle Stroud	Danielle is the Human Resources Advisor for Cordwallis Commercials, a local and family run company specialising in the sales and service aspects of Volkswagen Commercial vehicles, MAN Truck and Buses and Isuzu Trucks. They offer an excellent range of apprenticeship programmes including technicians for all three franchises listed above or being part of the front of house teams in parts, service or even sales.

Retail

	Company	Representative	Details
	Waitrose	Alison Maffin	Waitrose & Partners is a national food retailer and part of the John Lewis Partnership. Alison has worked for Waitrose & Partners for a number of years and has a wealth of experience across a variety of teams. Her key experience is across Store management, Buying, Finance, Transformation & Change and Commercial Operations. She will be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Science/Engineering

	Company	Representative	Details
CHEMISTRY	Royal Society of Chemistry	Adrian Arnold -Smith Anita Pusztai	Adrian first qualified in chemistry through sponsored, part-time study whilst working in technician roles for a brewery, a fertiliser manufacturer and a university analytical chemistry department. Following sponsored, full-time MSc and PhD studies in surface chemistry at the University of Bristol he spent his career in the aluminium industry developing speciality chemicals used in plastics and polymers, paper and paint, and water treatment.
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	Syngenta	Paul Thompson Sheila Attenborough	Syngenta is a leading agriculture company helping to improve global food security by enabling millions of farmers to make better use of available resources. Through world class science and innovative crop solutions, our 28,000 people in over 90 countries are working to transform how crops are grown. Our innovation brings strong new products to market and combines genetics and chemistry to create new solutions. Paul and Sheila represent Biochemistry research at the large Jealott's Hill R&D site near Bracknell. The site of >700 people covers a range of scientific disciplines including chemistry, biology, biochemistry, formulation, product safety & environmental science.
PHARMACEUTICALS	GlaxoSmithKline	GSK Maidenhead apprentices	GSK (GlaxoSmithKline) is a pharmaceutical company helping people do more, feel better and live longer. GSK Maidenhead is a consumer healthcare manufacturing site, producing and supplying toothpaste and mouthwash to 106 countries around the world. We produce around 1 million units a day. The products made at GSK Maidenhead are some of GSK's biggest brands such as Sensodyne, Aquafresh and Corsodyl. The apprentices visiting the careers event are in varied disciplines, from engineering, laboratory, health and safety to supply chain, so please come and talk to us to learn more about our careers and the wide breadth of apprenticeships that GSK offers.
THE FOOD INDUSTRY	Independent	Lindsey Bagley	Lindsey can tell you about career paths within the food industry. Lindsey has formal science qualifications followed by a career of over 30 years as a hands-on product and process developer in the food & healthcare industries. She is now an independent consultant to the food industry and currently operates her consultancy Eureka focusing on new product developments.
CLINICAL RESEARCH	Syneos Health	Tara Isherwood	Tara studied Geology for her first degree and still has a very strong interest in igneous and volcanic geology. An unexpected career change took her into clinical research in 2002 where she worked in a Phase I clinical trials unit in London. Since then Tara has worked across all Phases of Clinical Trials and in many complex therapeutic areas. Having worked for most of her career for Pharmaceutical companies, Tara now works for a Contract Research Organisation and is a Regulatory Advisor for Real-World evidence generation.
ELECTRONICS	Renesas Electronics Europe	Noemi Fabian	Noemi, Senior HR generalist at Renesas, joined the Bourne End office in April 2018 and is looking forward to meeting you and telling you about working in this industry. Renesas Electronics Europe researches, develops, designs, manufactures, sales and servicing of semi-conductor products. Renesas is the No.1 MCU (microcontroller unit) supplier in the world with more than double the shares of Renesas' closest competitors as well as being No.1 in both the Automotive and Industrial product categories, the two largest categories in the global MCU market (56% of the whole market).
ELECTRONICS	Ultra CIS	Simon Smith	Ultra Electronics, Communication & Integrated Systems (Ultra CIS) is one of the larger UK based Ultra businesses and is operationally run as four business units: Information Assurance, Secure Communications, EWST and Surveillance & Security Systems. These business units are underpinned by a shared services structure which incorporates finance, HR, operations and communications. Across Ultra CIS we provide encryption, network protection, automated payments, tactical and commercial communications and telemetry systems, covert and mobile surveillance systems and situational awareness technology to defence, public sector and commercial customers worldwide.

Science/Engineering (cont.)

	Company	Representative	Details
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	Institution of Mechanical Engineers	John Robinson Jenny Mistry	The Institution of Mechanical Engineers strives to improve the world through engineering by inspiring the next generation and developing professional engineers. Jenny works at AWE, who are stewards for the UK independent nuclear deterrent, she works in the field of Structural Dynamics. 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.
GEOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES	Geological Society	Helen Craggs	Helen gained her PhD at the Open University, studying the Earth's climate and geology from millions of years ago. Results were used to test the accuracy of model predictions for our future climate. She is now a Fellow of the Geological Society of London and a STEM Ambassador. Her stand focuses on career opportunities in Geology and Earth Sciences. There will be a selection of rock samples and leaf fossils, career information and a computer display showing different environments and geological features.

Social Care

	Company	Representative	Details
ADULT SOCIAL CARE	I Care Ambassadors	Caroline Anns Ronnie Chapman	I Care Ambassadors are a group of health and social care professionals who promote careers and dispel myths about working in the health and social care sector. We are an enthusiastic bunch of people, who have different experiences in working in many different sectors. We support training in Apprenticeships in a wide variety of roles and qualifications.
SENSORY NEEDS	Indigo Access	Josie Fray	Indigo Access is a small company providing a range of services to people who have a sight, hearing or combined sight and hearing loss. Our services include Specialised 1:1 Personal Assistance to enable people with a sensory need have access to information, communication and mobility and to support them to be independent and have control over their lives. This is just one of many jobs within the Sensory Needs field and Indigo Access are able to provide information on a range of careers; including BSL-English Interpreting, Social Work, Specialist Assessing and Rehabilitation.
PSYCHOLOGY	RBWM Achieving for Children	Samantha Simmonds Natasha Goding	Achieving for Children provides services for children in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM). Samantha and Natasha are Trainee Educational Psychologists currently on placement in RBWM, as part of the government funded Doctorate in Educational Psychology; a profession which uses knowledge and understanding of psychology to help children and young people with their learning, well-being, development and achievement. They will be providing information on pursuing a career in psychology.

Teaching

	Company	Representative	Details
PRIMARY TEACHING	Woodlands Park Primary School	Alison Penny, Headteacher	I started my teaching career in Barnsley, South Yorkshire and then moved back down to my hometown of Maidenhead in 2001 where I began working in Early Years at Woodlands Park. I worked my way up and became Headteacher in 2009. I thoroughly enjoy my role. One of the most satisfying parts of my job is seeing young teachers develop and grow through mentoring and support. We have a passion for ensuring an excellent work life balance to ensure we continue to encourage new teachers into the profession.
SECONDARY TEACHING	FPSS/Teach Maidenhead	Kiran Smith	Teach Maidenhead is the foremost provider of teacher training west of London. It offers secondary teacher places in conjunction with the Institute of Education in London. All successful trainees gain PGCE and QTS.

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