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Dear Parents and Carers

To keep students intellectually stimulated and to think about life after Year 11 or 13, I have put together a list of online websites that offer advice and courses (most completely free). Students can get certificates when they complete courses. Some will help with employability skills eg CV writing and personal statements. Some you can choose courses that relate to future A levels or beyond. All will look good on any application, and will show colleges that students have kept active through this period.

Please remind students to check their emails for links and instructions.

LINKS AND WEBSITES

YEARS 7-9

During the school closure, we would like Years 7-9 to complete a series of engaging activities on the careers platform designed to inspire and inform them about their future.

All students register on START, a free, online careers platform, designed to connect 11-18 year olds with their future career potential. Parents can also explore START using the following link:

<https://login.startprofile.com/RegisterOne.aspx>

In addition to their academic studies, it's so important that students are continually encouraged to think about what career opportunities are out there, how to get there and what they'll need to prepare themselves for the journey.

These activities will help. They include videos, quizzes and reflective learning on:

- Selling yourself - the importance of a personal brand
- Learning from the jobs people in their family have done
- Understanding the importance of technology and how it's changing the workplace

New activities will keep being added, so please encourage your child to work through the tasks and check back on the site regularly.

They will need their **Start** account to login. If they do not have an account, registering is easy and can be done on the site when they start an activity. An email will be sent to all students with a reminder of how to register. If students can not remember their registration details they can email careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk for a reminder.

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The **WOW Show** – <https://www.thewowshow.org/> created a video for National Careers Week. It was well received by Year 10 students who watched it in assembly. www.thewowshow.org/youtube



They have now created a follow up with answer to questions that students asked

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXDSgY0E_aACHXcSqXI4YNg

YEARS 10-13

BeReady is a free, online, interactive learning platform for secondary school children aged 11 – 18. All students in Years 11–13 (Year 10 after Easter) have been registered for BeReady and emails has been sent with instructions.



<https://bereadygroup.org/>

InvestIN – for students Year 10–13 and parents who may be interested in any of the four careers investment – Banking, Psychology, Medicine and Engineering.

Later this week InvestIN will launch programmes in other careers such as Law, Filmmaking, Computer Science, Architecture and more.

For information on all programmes see <https://investin.org/collections/all>

ALL YEARS

Skills



The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA is an international programme that helps you develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free. Through their series of online challenges, you can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry-recognised Awards that help you stand out from the crowd. All students in Years 9–11 were introduced to iDEA during core ICT last year. <https://idea.org.uk/>

Barclays skills for life – www.barclayslifefskills.com

TED-Ed is working with expert educators and TED speakers throughout the world to create and share high-quality, interactive, video-based lessons on a daily basis, for free.

<https://ed.ted.com/lessons?direction=desc&sort=publish-date>

Careers websites



iCould.com is a website which is open to everyone which uses the power of personal stories to inform and inspire young people's career choices.

Opendoors – great for those interested in construction/engineering – pre recorded virtual tours of sites - <https://opendoors.construction/media?categories=9,7>

Learn Live – working with companies like the BBC, Balfour Beatty, Gatwick Airport, IBM to deliver careers advice, recruitment opportunities and health awareness broadcasts into schools and college.

<https://learnliveuk.com/channel/>

BBC Careers - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/home>

Careerpilot - <http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/> - is a great online resource for people of all ages. It can help you with career pathways, course options and lots more.

Prospects Careers - For careers that need a degree or similar qualification, follow this link for more information on job roles, the qualifications required and how much you can earn- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles>
Not sure of what your career could be? Lower school students can try this quiz for some ideas- <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/find-career-ideas/buzz-quiz>

The **National Careers Service** are dedicated to helping you get the advice you need for future skills, careers, work and life choices. They can help you develop your career with specially designed tools to help you move on in your career, or get you on the job ladder.

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Additionally, Springpod is a free to join website with view on demand videos - classroom to boardroom – <https://www.springpod.co.uk/>

The Fledglink app lets students create a digital CV, find information about and look for work experience, apprenticeships and jobs. www.fledglink.com

Success at School (careers) - <https://successatschool.org>

Moving on Magazine - www.movingonmagazine.co.uk

Apprenticeships



For information on Apprenticeships, what they involve and how you can find one, follow this link- www.apprenticeships.org.uk

Career map (apprenticeships) - <http://careermap.co.uk/>

Rate my Apprenticeships - <http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>

Online Courses (certificated)

Build your skills and qualifications with free short courses delivered by FutureLearn – courses set by universities <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

Open Learn – (from Open University) they have some free courses <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/>

Skills Academy – there is a cost but they are on sale for £25 a course with certificate <https://newskillsacademy.co.uk/courses/all/>

Centre of Excellence – sale price of £29 for most certificated courses - <https://www.centreofexcellence.com/about/>

Educate, Train and Achieve – offer some free online courses, good for Business and Health and Social Care <https://www.etacs.co.uk/free-short-courses.html>

PSYCHOMETRIC ASSESSMENTS

These are increasingly being used in working life. Many can give you some interesting career ideas that you haven't explored before. Follow the links below to have a go!

Years 10 & 11 - <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

Year 7, 8 & 9 - <https://icould.com/buzz-quiz/>

All ages - <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/skills-health-check/home>

HEALTH CARE

Medical Mavericks – interested in working in Health Care - <https://www.medicalmavericks.co.uk/>

Careers information and online workshops.

A promotional poster for 'Medical Mavericks Big Assembly'. The poster has a purple background with white text. It features several small images of students in a medical setting. The text reads: 'MedicalMavericks Big Assembly', 'Tuesday 31st March & Thursday 2nd April', and 'Join Tom from MedicalMavericks to discover how medics explore and examine'.

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