

ASHFORD SCHOOL HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS NEWSLETTER

November 2023



Upcoming Events

Dates for Your Diaries

Dec

6

Preparing for Work Day

Year 11
08:45 - 15:50
Various rooms

Jan

27

TEFL Course (Part 1)

Open to Years 11-13
9:00 - 16:00
Somerville Maths classroom

Feb

3

TEFL Course (Part 2)

Open to Years 11-13
9:00 - 16:00
Somerville Maths classroom

March

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University & Careers Fair

Years 9-13 and parents
15:00 - 18:30
Brake Hall

March

4-8

National Careers Week

Years 7-9
Various events around school to celebrate
#NCW2024



LOWER SCHOOL (YEARS 7 & 8)

EXTERNAL EVENTS FOR LOWER SCHOOL PUPILS

The **British Academy of Film and Television Arts** (BAFTA) has launched a new campaign to help young people build a creative career. On their [Young BAFTA](#) website, they are currently advertising a **Young Game Designers competition**, which is open to students aged 10 and above.

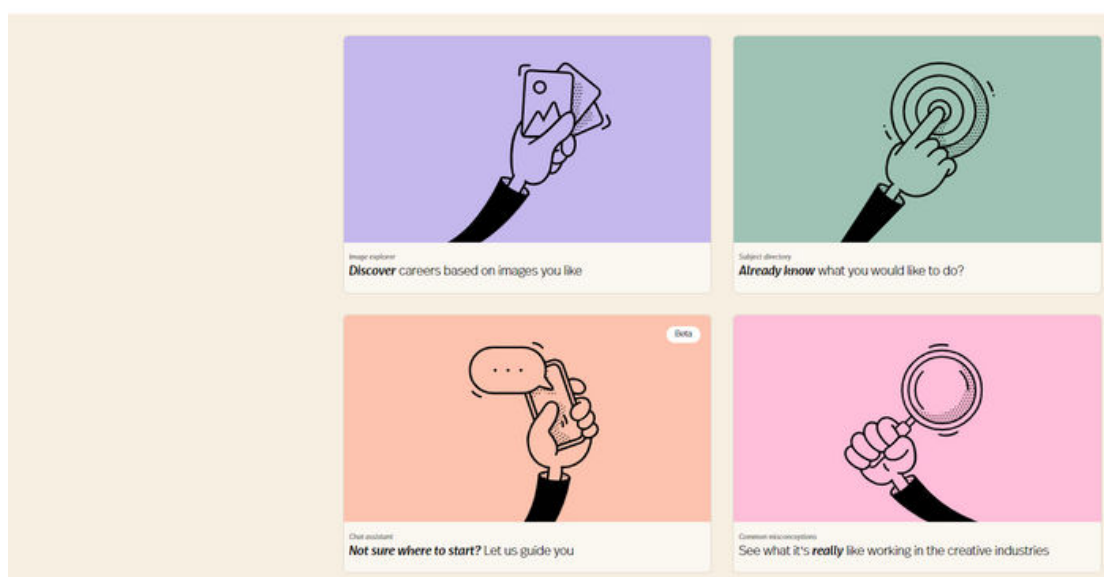


BAFTA
Young Game
Designers

[WonderWhat](#) is a free web app for students aged 13 and above, which matches them to creative careers and helps them explore the different options. It also contains information from industry partners and from students currently studying creative subjects.

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Good evening, let's get creative...



MIDDLE SCHOOL (YEARS 9-11)

EXTERNAL EVENTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PUPILS

Students who would like a career in the creative industries may be interested in the **Young Games Designers** competition and **WonderWhat app** listed in the Lower School section.

InvestIN is hosting a webinar on Thursday 14 December to introduce students and parents to their Summer **immersive work experience programmes**. These cover a wide range of professions, and include activities and visits to give students an insight into the career and help them develop transferable skills. The webinar will run twice, and will also be available on demand to anyone who has registered. To learn more about the programmes, dates and costs, please register for either the **11.00** or **19.00** webinar.

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Queen Mary University is holding an **English, Drama and Creative Writing Taster Day** for students in **Years 10-13** on Wednesday 13 December. This focuses on London and considers how the city has been imagined by writers and artists as a meeting place of global histories and cultures. Students will also think about London as a theatrical city, and hear how contemporary creative writers respond to the city.

Students interested in medical or dental careers should also look at the work experience programmes listed in the Upper School section.

UPPER SCHOOL (YEARS 12-13)

EXTERNAL EVENTS FOR UPPER SCHOOL PUPILS

Next term, we will once again be offering students aged over 16 the chance to gain a **TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)** qualification. The two-day course takes place on Saturday 27 January and 3 February and is for students with a good level of English, who want to learn how to teach the language to others. The qualification builds teamwork and presentation skills and can also be very useful for anyone considering a gap year. The cost is £175; to sign up please email me (dickersk@ashfordschool.co.uk).



The **Bulkeley-Evans gap year travel awards** of between £200 and £1000 are open to **Year 13** students from HMC schools who are planning gap year projects in 2024-25. The projects must meet the criteria listed on the [Bulkeley-Evans HMC Scholarship Fund](#) website, and the application deadline is Friday 31 May.

For students who are considering alternatives to university, [Notgoingtouni.co.uk](#) has listings of over 700 opportunities including apprenticeships, college courses and entry level jobs.



Competitions:

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Goldsmiths University is holding two competitions for students aged 16-18. The winners of the [Young Writer \(short story\) and Young Anthropologist \(essay\) competitions](#) will each win £1000. The closing date for entries is Friday 19 April, but students should register now to receive full details as well as support and invitations to online workshops.

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University Taster Days:

The Faculty of Medicine, Health and Social Care at **Canterbury Christ Church University** is holding a **Health Professions Information Evening** on Wednesday 29 November at their Medway campus. Students can meet health academics, talk to student ambassadors, experience the clinical facilities and gain some hands-on experience of the different professions.



Escape Studios is holding a taster day for **Animation, Games and VFX degrees** on Saturday 2 December. Students will be able to visit the new studios in North Greenwich, try out industry software such as Unreal Engine and Maya and learn about career opportunities in the creative industries.

Lincoln University has on-campus **Be Inspired** taster days for a range of subjects in the coming months:

- Astrophysics: Thursday 7 December
- Designing the Future: Wednesday 17 January
- Alternatives to Medicine: Wednesday 13 December
- Business: Wednesday 13 December and 24 January



Surrey University has **Subject Taster Days** on Tuesday 12 December for Biological Sciences and Nutritional Sciences.

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Work Experience:

Premed Projects is running two courses in December. On Saturday 9 December, **Surgery Live** is a virtual work experience day where students can observe a patient from initial presentation through to diagnosis and treatment. On Saturday 16 December, students aged 14-18 will have the chance to enter the dissection room at a London hospital and learn about **Brain anatomy and biology** using medically donated cadavers.

Birmingham University Hospitals Trust is running a free **NHS Virtual Work Experience** programme in collaboration with Medic Mentor. This is open to students aged 14 and over, and is a six-month programme offering an insight into medicine and dentistry. The e-learning format allows students to complete the programme in their own time, and they are also able to discuss their learning with a doctor or medical student.



International Universities:



For students who are seriously considering applying to university in the **United States**, attending a college tour can be a good way of exploring a range of universities and gaining information about the application process. There are many companies that offer tours, but one I have tried for myself is **TS College Tours**. Their tours are not cheap, but I was very impressed with the organization and the knowledge of the staff involved and would recommend this to anyone who wants to visit and compare a range of colleges.

For more information about our careers programme or about any of the events mentioned in this newsletter, please contact me (**dickersk@ashfordschool.co.uk**).

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