



HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS

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KEY DATES

07.02.2010	Year 11 Parents' Evening
02.03.2010	Year 11 Sixth Form Information Evening
08.03.2010	Higher Education Student Finance Presentation for Year 13 Pupils & Parents
10.03.2010	Publication of AS/A2 Results
16.03.2010	Year 13 Parents' Evening

ACTION NEEDED

YEAR 11 OPTION CHOICES

Some thoughts about your A level choices...

Choose subject areas you **enjoy**, that **interest** you and that you are **good** at.

Investigate the **new AS subjects** that are not taught at GCSE (refer to the subject selection worksheet spread in your Preview Document) – speak to subject teachers.

Refer to your **Subject Selection Chart** from your *Preview* document (also on *MyCareersRoom*) – see right

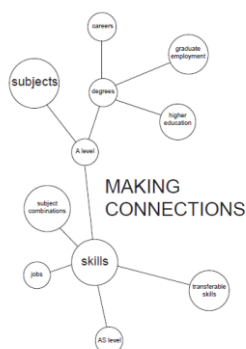
Course area	Library Subjects	History Related	Modern/Classical Languages	Miscellaneous Arts/Humanities	Economics/Business	Art/Design/Craft	Computing/IT	Mathematics	Chemistry	Biology	Geography/Geology	Home Economics	Sport Related
Public Protection and Security	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mechanical Engineering	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Agricultural	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mathematics Based	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Chemical Technologies	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Structural Design	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Civil and Structural Engineering	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Industrial Production	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

The symbols used in the table above have the following significance:
 ● Required for admission for most university courses
 ○ Frequently listed by universities
 ◐ Valuable but not absolutely essential

Talk to (in no particular order)...

Subject teachers, Heads of Department, parents, Yr 12 & 13 students, careers staff, friends, other career professionals etc...

...explore your Preview document on your *MyCareersRoom* account



Look ahead...

- Do your choices fit with possible university courses?
- Do your choices fit the career path you may wish to take?
- Do your choices give you the skills you require?

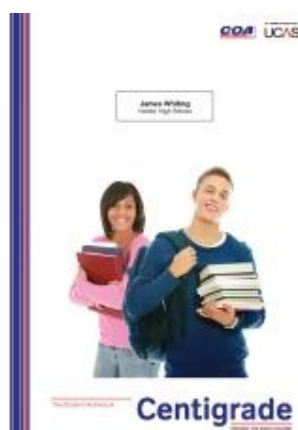
Further help from the "Making Connections" booklet available on the school network (see right) and in form rooms:

Programs/Subject Specific/Careers/Making Connections

Print the relevant section on a variety of A level subjects if you wish.

YEAR 12
Centigrade
Introduction

Some key ideas regarding Centigrade reports...



- Centigrade is *suggestive* and not *predictive*.
- It is a starting point to enable for you to focus on particular course areas.
- Detailed research is vital in choosing the correct course (The *Course Analysis Forms* help you focus on key aspects)
- Up to date information on courses can be found via University websites.
- The *Overall Match* gives an indication your interests, aptitudes and abilities in the supporting areas – any **red bars** should be explored more carefully.
- *Cautionary Notes* may challenge preconceptions and should be explored fully.

The Centigrade document is embedded into your MyCareersRoom account:
<http://www.mycareersroom.co.uk/>

Students new to Year 12 should create an account using the password on the first page of your Centigrade report.

Have an account but forgotten your login/password ?– email Mr Meadway or ask your Form Teacher

Update your *portfolio* section giving **evidence** to support your Skills/Interests/Achievements etc. This is the starting point for a personal statement.

YEAR 13
UCAS

111 UCAS applications have now been sent.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

KAPLAN FINANCIAL
ACCOUNTANCY
SCHOLARSHIPS
(an alternative to
University)

Kaplan will be holding a parents evening on 31st January 2011 at their Hull office from 18.00 until approximately 20.00. It will start with a presentation on Apprenticeships that Kaplan can now offer including our extra services such as the CV service.

The 2011 Scholarship is worth around £15000 in training.
Anyone interested please see Mr Meadway

"TELL ME ABOUT A
CACTUS"

Oxford University sample interview questions at:
<http://tinyurl.com/25be229>

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is a great way to get new skills
Information and opportunities at Direct Gov: <http://tinyurl.com/2v5g4ur>

Gap Year & Work
Placement
Opportunities in the
USA

BUNAC: <http://tiny.cc/lnnqx>

NEWS AND INFORMATION

MUSIC INDUSTRY	<p>Fancy a career in the music industry? Check out what it takes to be a music promoter. http://bit.ly/ePNMrH</p> <p>...and 3 job profile films from Ninja Tune records on <i>Careerbox</i>: Producer, Audio Synch and Director http://bit.ly/fejdq5</p>
SCIENCE DEGREES	<p>What to do with a Science degree - from Royal Society of Chemistry http://bit.ly/eurX9p</p>
CORPORATE SKILLS	<p>Some UK universities are considering awarding students in all subjects extra marks to their degrees if they can show "corporate skills" or experience in the jobs market Read the Guardian report: http://gu.com/p/2m6vh/tf</p>
TEACHING	<p>YouTube video -- Why become a teacher? http://youtu.be/TMPj5Or2UrM?a</p>
STEM Careers	<p>Looking for a career in Science, Engineering and IT? http://dld.bz/24W7</p>
VIDEO GAMES INDUSTRY	<p>"Visual Effects is the fastest growing sector in the UK film industry, generating an annual turnover of £376 million and employing more than 5,000 people, while the UK's video games sector generates £2 billion in global sales each year. Few young people or parents recognise the importance of Maths and Physics (and Art) for making video games or producing visual effects.."</p> <p>The role of Maths, Physics and Art in the Video Games and Video effects industry: http://bit.ly/ei73vb</p>
FINANCE CAREERS	<p>Explore the Financial Services Skill's Council's interactive "High Street" which profiles over 70 jobs in accountancy, finance and financial services: www.fssc.org.uk/directions</p>
NOT GOING TO UNIVERSITY?	<p>Try http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/ for a host of different courses and ideas.</p> <p>NotGoingtoUni Newsletter: http://tinyurl.com/32lult9 (Subscribe via the website homepage)</p> <p>Engineering jobs and opportunities you don't need to be a graduate to get - http://ow.ly/3xqPw</p>
UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS	<p>University applications rise as candidates race to avoid higher fees... http://gu.com/p/2m6n9/tf</p> <p>Telegraph report: 'Students are increasingly applying for practical university courses - fears over graduate debt.' http://ht.ly/3zUnK</p> <p>Students eye up foreign universities http://gu.com/p/2m8nj/tf</p> <p>Win a free laptop - one for students, one for teachers: http://www.bestcourse4me.com/ Ends end January so hurry!</p>

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**CAREERS
INFORMATION**

For careers related to specific degrees go to:
http://www.prospects.ac.uk/options_with_your_subject.htm

Listen to professionals giving interviews about a wide range of careers at
<http://www.careersbox.co.uk/> . An excellent site!

Lots of information about University courses and potential career routes with a free e-zine:
<http://www.courses-careers.com/>

Careers Library B6½: Up to date Careers Information with reference materials relating to many career areas. Now with 5 workstations & printer. All Year 11-13 very welcome!

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