



HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS

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KEY DATES

Wednesdays	Careers "pop in" service 1.10 -1.40pm in Careers Library (B6.5): Mr Meadway and/or Ms Needle (our careers advisor) will be available to discuss any careers related matter. Please feel free to pop in, no appointment necessary.
06.01.2012	Yr 11 Work Experience <i>Option 1</i> deadline for form submission (General Office)
30.01.2012	Yr 11 Work Experience <i>Option 2</i> deadline for form submission (General Office) 0855 Theatre: Yr 11 A level Options meeting with Mr Holman (register in form rooms)
03.02.2012	Consultant Psychiatrist Stella Morris to talk about her work in PL at 12.40pm. Anyone from Y11-13 interested in studying Medicine or Psychology should see Mr Hollis as soon as possible. <i>Dr Stella Morris is a Consultant Psychiatrist and will be talking about her work. Psychiatrists are medical doctors who specialise in mental health. Dr Morris also lectures first-year medical students. Dr Morris' speciality is patients with unexplained illnesses whose conditions might be explained by their psychiatric history. If you choose psychology for AS you will study mental health and mental illness, and if you are interested in Medicine it is worth knowing that around a third of GP appointments are related to mental health.</i> Mr Hollis
02.02.2012	National Blood Service Donor Session – please see Mr Bell
07.02.2012	Yr 11 Parents Evening
09.02.2012	Yr 11 A level Option Choices: deadline for form submission to Mr Holman
07.03.2012	Yr 11 Information Evening about the Sixth Form

ACTION NEEDED

YEAR 11

Developing your CV

Students should be updating their **portfolio** on [MyCareersRoom](#):

- The drop down list under the *Skills* tab is useful
- Try to reflect on your interests and achievements – what skills have you developed and what challenges have you overcome?
- Use the portfolio section to help with your **application for work experience** placements in the future
- **Portfolio Ideas powerpoint** is available on Intranet/Careers/Year11
- Also continue with **Developing Your CV** document on *Intranet/Careers/Year11*
- http://www.prospects.ac.uk/options_with_your_subject.htm gives details of how a degree subject is suitable for employment areas

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ACTION NEEDED

YEAR 11 Continued
 A Level Options

Some more thoughts about your A level choices...

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

Talk to (in no particular order)...

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

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 left) and in form rooms: *Programs/Subject Specific/Careers/Making Connections* and on *Intranet/Careers/Year11*

Print the relevant section on a variety of A level subjects if you wish. (copies also available in the Careers Library and form rooms) – These sheets have a particularly good **skills analysis** of most of the subjects on offer.

Explore the [Growing Ambitions](#) website to see the link between your subject choices and potential careers.

YEAR 12
 Work experience &
 Careers

Work experience: Students interested in applying for work experience should contact Mrs Morgan: nmorgan@hymers.org

Other students who have requested work placements should check their school email as a matter of course!

An excellent article from *Target Jobs* about how to tackle Work Experience at <http://tiny.cc/kns5z> There is a useful **Work Experience Tracker** to download and complete.

All year 12 students have the chance for a 40 minute careers meeting with our professional **Careers Advisor, Ms L Needle**. This may be particularly valuable to students new to year 12. Please see Mr Meadway if you require a meeting.

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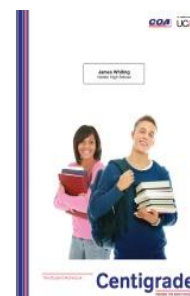
YEAR 12 Continued
Centigrade:
Overseas Universities
added to your
document

COA have now added the information regarding **Overseas Universities** to their database

To access this information, you must log into your [MyCareersRoom](#) account and download the **pdf version** of your Centigrade document.

Things to remember about Centigrade...

- Up to date information on courses can be found via University websites and the [UCAS Course Search](#)
- The **Overall Match** gives an indication your interests, aptitudes and abilities in the supporting areas – any **red bars** should be explored more carefully by referring to the detailed course content on a university website.
- **Cautionary Notes** may challenge preconceptions and should be explored fully.



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

Update your **Portfolio** section

- Give **evidence** to support your Skills/Interests/Achievements etc.
- Add the key points from your employer's review sheet.
- This is the starting point for a personal statement.

Have an account but forgotten your login/password? – email Mr Meadway

YEAR 13

UCAS Updates and offers – please inform your UCAS advisor

NEWS AND INFORMATION

STUDENT LIFE

A bog from Nottingham University students about their daily lives. I suspect other Universities have similar sites. Find out what the students think...
<http://blogs.nottingham.ac.uk/studentlife/>

WIN an ipad!

<http://www.bestcourse4me.com/>

"One of the most important questions when choosing what to study, where to study it - and even whether to study it - is 'Will I get a job at the end?' Another important question is 'What will I earn?'

Play [Race for the Top](#) and win an ipad!

LEAGUE TABLES

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/universityguide?&EMCEDUEML1658>

<http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/>

<http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/>

THE TIMES 100
CAREERS

Find out about post A level and Graduate opportunities from the Times top 100 employers. An excellent site.

[The Times 100 Careers](#)

NEWS AND INFORMATION

TASTER COURSES	<p>VETCAM 2012 for Year 12 students: An introduction to Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th March Please see Mr Sanderson for details</p> <p>Loughborough University Engineering Experience 27-28 March. A residential two day course to see all four engineering disciplines. Cost is £45 and includes accommodation and all meals. www.engexp.info</p> <p>University of Oxford Faculty of Law open days 15, 16 March 2012. Two students can be nominated to attend. Please see Mr Gaynor-Smith if interested.</p> <p>Medicine & Law: http://www.epoc.org.uk/careers_conferencing.htm We have no information about the quality of these events. If interested, this is DIY, it is not a school organised event.</p>
BBC & JOURNALISM	Get your work published: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school_report
CV's	Turn your CV upside down for 2012! And get a positive social media presence... Upside Down CV
JOB INTERVIEWS & THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK EXPERIENCE	An interesting article on the things you should highlight in a job interview from Career Rocketeer More than a third of jobs for new graduates are taken by people who have already have work experience... bbc education news
MEDICINE	Student BMJ report on academic careers in Medicine: http://tinyurl.com/842m38l
ADVERTISING, MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS	This sector is broken down into a bunch of different industry subsectors... http://www.allaboutcareers.com/careers/stage/advertising-marketing-pr/undergraduate/career-paths.htm
FINANCE CAREERS	<p>Loss Adjusters can earn up to £80000. Find out more at http://tinyurl.com/7uej9nu The Directions website is a must for anyone aspiring to financial careers.</p> <p>The ifs School of Finance is a registered charity incorporated by Royal Charter and has a remit to provide the financial services industry with a skilled and competent workforce while also promoting a better understanding of finance amongst consumers. The ifs is the only specialist financial education body that is able to award its own taught degrees, a status that reflects the quality of all its programmes. http://www.ifslearning.ac.uk/qualifications/fulltimeundergraduateprogrammes.aspx</p> <p>Click here for the Logica sponsored Business degree programme:</p>
ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT	<p>The UN has declared 2012 as the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All and a growing demand for professionals within the energy and environmental sectors supports this. http://www.environmentalleader.com/2011/11/22/career-trends-in-energy-and-the-environment/</p>

NEWS AND INFORMATION

PARTICLE PHYSICIST
EARTHQUAKE ENGINEER
NUCLEAR ENGINEER

Good articles in the New Scientist Careers ezine: [New Scientist Careers](#)

ENGINEERING

Plenty of useful information on [theengineer](#) interactive ezine

Also... [tomorrows engineers](#)

CIVIL ENGINEERING

<http://www.allaboutcareers.com/careers/job-profile/consulting-civil-engineer.htm>

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Scientists are exploring the theory (nominative determinism) that people are drawn to certain trades and professions based on the connotations of their surnames. New Scientist magazine coined the term after observing that the subject matter of a series of science books and articles bore relevance to the authors' surnames. John Hoyland, the feedback editor, said: "*A reader wrote in to tell me that they'd come across a paper on incontinence in the British Journal of Urology which was written by J W Splatt and D Weedon. I had noticed, as it happens, on the same day in the office, a book on the arctic called Pole Positions: The Polar Regions and the Future of the Planet, by Daniel Snowman. These two things went together in my mind and I thought there's something going on here.*"

A paper in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology has concluded that people are disproportionately likely to "*choose careers whose labels resemble their names*".

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WHAT DO YOU THINK
EMPLOYERS WANT?

Some findings from [The Futuretrack](#) study of 50,000 undergraduates:

Final year students felt the most important attributes for employers were:

- A good work ethic 33%
- Good communication skills 28%
- Teamwork 24%
- However, only 1% rated commercial awareness as important, 2% numeracy and 4% IT skills.

However, in a 2007 survey by the Institute of Directors, only 55% of employers were satisfied with new graduates work related skills, with particular complaints about numeracy, written and verbal communication skills and a lack of commercial awareness.

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SNIPPETS

- Nottingham University has been named as the greenest university in the world according to the 2011 GreenMetric World University Rankings
- 6,000 students gained A*A*A* last year, 14,200 A*A*a, 27,000 A*AA and 48,000 AAA
- Last year 4.7% of pupils taking GCSEs gained 5A* or above
- 300,000 people had an insurance offer with UCAS but only 32,000 people ended up going to their insurance choice
- 60% of the working actors (most are not working) took home less than £10,000 from their acting last year

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**GENERAL CAREERS
INFORMATION**

For careers related to specific degrees go to:
<http://www.prospects.ac.uk/options> with your subject.htm

Some great sites...
<http://www.allaboutcareers.com/>

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

Also... <http://icould.com/watch-career-stories/>

Browse hundreds of job reviews written by employees at top companies:
<http://www.thejobcrowd.com/>

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