



**MAIDEN ERLEGH**  
CHILTERN EDGE

# Careers News Bulletin

July 2019

As we approach the end of another very busy term, we want to share with you the wide variety of opportunities students have had available to them as part of our careers, work-related and STEAM learning programme at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School:

## Careers, Work Related Learning and STEAM:

### The Year 10 and 11 ASK Apprenticeship Assembly & Applications Workshop

On Friday 26 April, ASK came in to conduct an Apprenticeship assembly for our Year 10 and 11 students with a workshop that was held after the assembly for those students that are interested in going onto do an apprenticeship. The assembly was well received and most informative for the students involved.

### Year 8 DigiGirlz Trip to Microsoft

On Tuesday 11 June, 8 girls from Year 8 were fortunate enough to attend the DigiGirlz event at the Microsoft Campus in Thames Valley Business Park.

The aim of the event was to empower young girls to consider STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Design and Mathematics) careers and to inspire them. The girls learnt about technology, heard presentations from inspirational female speakers, connected with Microsoft employees, and participated in hands-on computer and technology workshops. Our girls had an excellent time and created some very impressive designs using technology. Some so impressive that they got a special mention from the Microsoft CTO!



## **Year 7 STEAM Day**

On Wednesday 19 June, students in Year 7 were given an insight into the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Design and Mathematics (STEAM). Thames Water and Covea Insurance kindly agreed to host the day collaboratively where students participated in a number of different STEAM-related activities. A range of innovative and interactive activities allowed students to learn about STEAM subjects and potential career pathways. Thames Water offered students the opportunity to take part in a network challenge. Covea Insurance delivered two sessions called spaghetti towers and a lego bridges challenge. Students were also encouraged to discover the diverse career possibilities in these fields by speaking directly with the representatives from these organisations.



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## **Year 10 Think Ahead Day**

On Friday 28 June students took part in a Think Ahead Day which involved expert speakers coming into school and delivering sessions to improve students' employability skills and to prepare students for the working world. As part of the day students took part in a series of interactive and engaging workshops including interview techniques, customer service, working with people, and dressing to impress. In the afternoon, students took part in a CV workshop delivered by Covea Insurance. This included how to write a 'standout' CV, the importance of references and key information about the recruitment and selection process. Students also participated in a session using Start u-explore, the Maiden Erlegh Trusts' careers software. This software package is a fantastic opportunity to explore the many different options that are available to young people including:

- Up-to-date information from a variety of trusted sources
- Careers guidance for students in Years 7 to 11
- Support and guidance through key moments of choice and transition from education to employment
- Comprehensive information on careers and employability skills
- Local labour market information
- Support with writing job applications, CVs, assessment centers and the recruitment process.

## MECE Academic Year 2019/2020

Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge are looking forward to the exciting career related opportunities that the new academic will bring. Building on the success of this academic year, a flavour of some of the opportunities that the students will be able to engage in are as follows: -

- \* More STEAM related activity days
- \* The Careers advice sessions
- \* Careers Mentoring Programme
- \* Work experience
- \* The Start software package that allows students to create their own profiles in order start preparing for their post 16 journey

Please look out for details of these and more in the new academic year !



## **Summer volunteering opportunities for young people, 13 – 24**

Sat 13 July – Sat 14 Sept

This summer Oxfordshire County Council are offering volunteering opportunities to young people across Oxfordshire to help with 'Space Chase' Summer Reading Challenge 2019.

The Challenge is a national scheme which encourages children to read during the summer holidays. It is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries. Last year in Oxfordshire we had 61 young volunteers, who contributed tremendously to the success of the Challenge.

For further information, students are encouraged to contact their local Oxfordshire library or visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)

## **IKKADIDO - student participation in international projects**

Ikkaido is an Oxford based international charity and they work with a network of schools and colleges to offer young people, teachers, parents and carers the opportunity to take part in their many different Erasmus+ youth exchanges. It is entirely free; flights, travel, accommodation and food; everything is provided without any cost whatsoever.

Erasmus+ youth exchanges allow groups of young people from different countries to meet, live together and work on shared periods. Youth exchanges take place outside the school environment. On a youth exchange, young people can expect to participate in activities such as workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, physical activity, outdoor activities and more. Participants' learning experiences are recognised through a European Youth Pass Certificate.

For further information, parents/ carers are encouraged to visit the Ikkaido facebook page to see the lifesaving opportunities they offer young people

## **National HealthCare Weekend**

This is a huge mentoring organisation aimed especially at aspiring doctors, dentists and vets.

Further details of this exciting event are attached at the end of this Bulletin

*Date: July 2019*

*Location: Various around the UK*



YOUR HEALTHCARE CAREER STARTS HERE...

# NATIONAL HEALTHCARE WEEKEND

“ It just blew my mind! I met healthcare professionals who were honest and now I feel as though I have made an informed decision to pursue the career that I really want. I have been to similar events before but there is just nothing this good! ”

*Sophie Bridgewater, Year 12*

\*\*\*ALL PHOTOS ARE FROM REAL MEDIC MENTOR EVENTS\*\*\*

**THREE TIMES  
EACH YEAR IN:**

*NOVEMBER,  
MARCH & JULY*

**VENUE CITIES  
INCLUDE:**

- LONDON
- BIRMINGHAM
- EXETER
- CARDIFF
- STIRLING



**Medic Mentor**  
Motivating Medical Minds

## **DAY 1: INSIGHT CONFERENCE**

The INSIGHT Conference is an essential event for any aspiring doctor, dentist or vet. It will help you to make an informed career decision and develop a greater insight into your chosen profession; a scored component of the UCAS application.

## **DAY 2: UCAS LECTURES**

Optional UCAS lectures (for medicine only), offer comprehensive UCAS application support; for students who want to make a competitive application to medical school.

## **PRICES:**

DAY 1 = £25/STUDENT OR 2 PARENTS,  
DAY 2 = £90/STUDENT (UPTO 2 PARENTS FREE).  
STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME BACKGROUNDS  
ELIGIBLE FOR FREE PLACES VIA MEDIC MENTOR'S  
STUDENT DIVERSITY FUND.

## **THE MENTORING ORGANISATION FOR ASPIRING DOCTORS, DENTISTS AND VETS**

National Healthcare Weekend is suitable for students in years 10-12 or S3-S5. Parents and teachers are also encouraged to attend.

**FIND OUT WHY  
OVER 6000 PEOPLE  
HAVE JOINED**

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PROCEEDS FROM THESE EVENTS ARE  
REINVESTED TO SUPPORT THE NEXT  
GENERATION OF HEALTHCARE  
PROFESSIONALS, VIA SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAMMES AND EDUCATIONAL  
OUTREACH INITIATIVES.