

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

2017-18



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As you read our final newsletter of the Autumn term, we thank you for your encouraging comments about our earlier issues. Have a superb Christmas holiday and we trust all pupils will return recharged for 2018!

DRAMA - THE BEST TEAM GAME EVER?

Team players impress employers for many reasons:

- A successful team performs as its best when everyone works together.
- Creativity increases in a team context.
- Each team member's key individual skills strengthen the team.
- Team camaraderie creates a special bond and increases productivity.
- Dedicated preparation (practices, rehearsals, research) brings results.
- Team members take more risks than any solo performer, confident of effective cover from the full team.



This term's slick musical, *Anything Goes*, went a long way towards proving the assertion that drama is the best team game. No performance relies solely on the leading actors, for, as excellent as they are, success relies upon everyone – band members, stage managers, front of house, lighting and sound technicians – working in unison to offer the audience a perfect evening's entertainment.

SELLING THE WHEATLEYAN

You will have recently received the 2016-17 issue of our annual school magazine. Please congratulate excellent editors Harriet Rowlands and Baht-Ammi Francis, and their team of reporters and contributors.

At the end of the process, I would always ask the team of student reporters two questions: a) *what did you do for the issue*, and b) *how will you sell your role on the team?*

Every year, some section editors excel in preparing their material, whether writing excellent prose or cajoling text to a deadline from members of staff or other students. Other editors find juggling deadlines or completing ambitious plans more difficult.

Both those who excel or struggle have a second turn however, when the issue appears, to reflect wisely on what they enjoyed or learnt from the process, before selling their profile strongly in future job applications and interviews.



CAREERS FORUM (6) – ‘Life As A Published Author’ – Lauren James

One of the UK’s most highly regarded young adult fiction writers Lauren James - a Bablake Sixth Former from 2008- 2010 and University of Nottingham Chemistry and Physics graduate - kindly visited us on the final leg of a tour promoting her third novel *The Loneliest Girl in the Universe*.

Lauren inspired Shell KEB and then some of our Fifth Year students with a talk about how she turned her dream of becoming an author into reality. She first dispelled the myths that had originally held back that dream, before explaining how she found an agent and publisher. She then explained how the redrafting of her first novel *The Next Together* worked and revealed some of her future plans.

For those interested in Lauren’s novels, please follow her Twitter feed: @lauren_e_james.

(See <http://bit.ly/2BfCs5H> for Lauren’s Guardian article on scientific inaccuracies believed by your favourite historical characters. It’s a delightful read!)



Lauren, pictured with Clare Samson (‘publicist for the day’), librarian Ms Pfennig and Fifth Year pupils, in our new Careers Centre.

CAREERS FORUM (7) and (8) – ‘Real Estate’ and ‘Life as a Musician’

We thank: a) Professor David Higgins (Birmingham City University) for his excellent interactive Careers Forum (7) on ‘Real Estate’ & b) Wes Finch (former pupil) and Garfield Mayor for an U6th Enrichment gig, which included a Q and A on making a living as a singer-songwriter and ‘live’ musician, very much portfolio careers.

For more info, see www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/search/real-estate-bsc-hons-2018-19, wesfinch.co.uk/ & www.garfieldmayor.com.

UNSTOPPABLE TECHNOLOGY TRENDS FOR 2018

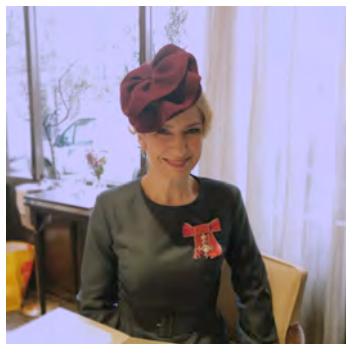
The 4th Industrial Revolution has arrived – a time of faster technological innovation than ever. The following 9 tech trends are predicted to define 2018.

- 1: The increasing datafication of our lives.
- 2: The Internet of Things (IoT) and everyday devices are becoming 'smarter'.
- 3: Exponential computing power growth is fuelling massive tech advances and quantum computing is on the horizon.
- 4: The incredible rise of artificial intelligence (AI).
- 5: The unstoppable advance of automation.
- 6: 3D printing will continue to open amazing opportunities for manufacturers.
- 7: Very different interaction with technology.
- 8: Blockchains – decentralised, secure databases - could change our world.
- 9: Platforms – digital or physical networks - are the way forward for businesses.

Source: Bernard Marr via <http://bit.ly/2BhyJ7J>.

AN MBE FOR DIVERSITY IN ADVERTISING

Many congratulations to 2015 Prize Giving guest of honour and former pupil, Karen Fraser, director of Credos. Karen's MBE award recognised her excellent work on diversity in advertising.




5TH YEAR CV CHALLENGE

All entries received will be 'marked' and returned after Mock Exam week in January 2018.

CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

Pupils from any year group are encouraged to email mgw@bablake.coventry.sch.uk to arrange a meeting, which we will arrange around duties, meetings, school events or society commitments.

INFO PANEL



IET Communities
The Institution of
Engineering and Technology

**Coventry & Warwickshire
Network**

Admit Family
Free

IET New Year Lecture

Development of a Bionic Hand

Dr. Kianoush Nazarpour, Newcastle University

Thursday, 11th. January, 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Engineering Building, Coventry University
Gulson Road, CV1 5FB

Free Networking Buffet Afterwards

A new generation of prosthetic limbs which will allow the wearer to reach for objects automatically, without thinking – just like a real hand – are to be trialled for the first time.

Led by Newcastle University and involving experts from the universities of Leeds, Essex, Keele, Southampton and Imperial College London, the aim is to develop novel electronic devices that connect to the forearm neural networks to allow two-way communications with the brain.

Young People Especially Welcomed
Bring Parents As Well

Please register to help with refreshment planning at
<http://www.theiet.org/events/local/250075.cfm>

Gap Year Options

- www.gapyear.com
- www.yearoutgroup.org/

Websites Used Most In Our 5th Year Career Reviews

- www.studentladder.com
- www.prospects.ac.uk
- www.18before18.co.uk
- www.icould.com
- www.fasttomato.com

Engineering Apprenticeships – Open Evening

Midland Group Training Services Ltd
Tuesday 6 March 2018 4pm- 7pm
Coventry Technical Centre, Gulson Road, Coventry. CV1 2JG
Please see www.mgts.co.uk for more info.

Jaguar Land Rover Higher/ Degree Apprenticeships

www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/jlr-roles/future-talent/apprentices/-higher-apprenticeship

We have a contact for those applying.

Deadline: 31 December 2017

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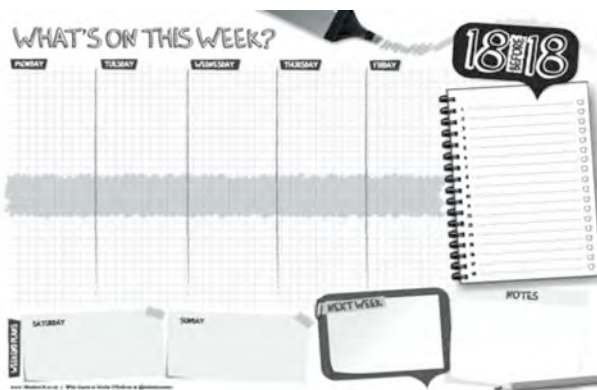
Information posted here or on our Twitter feed usually reflects what we have received notice of. These will never be the only options available, nor are they our sole recommendations.

CAREERS CONVENTION...

Thursday 1 February 6pm (EDM/ Languages)

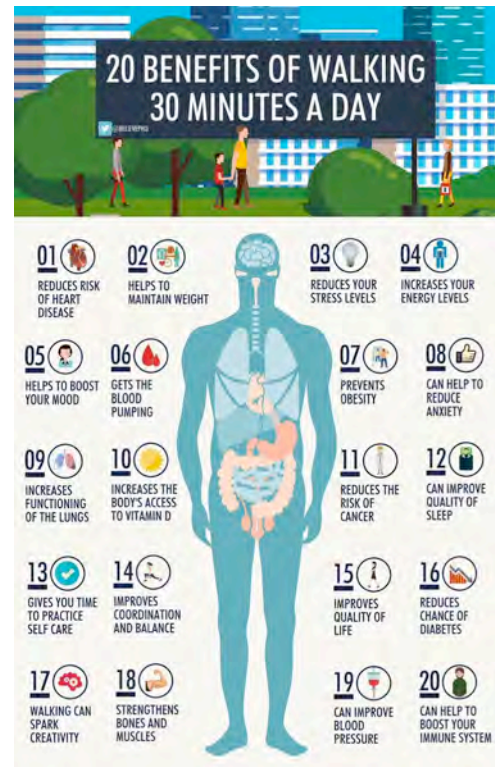
Over the Christmas holiday, we'll update www.2morrow-2day.com with a list of delegates. We are still recruiting volunteers for the event!

How many biennial Bablake Careers Conventions have you attended? How many will you attend? Please be curious & come and investigate options or professions you have not heard about before?



Don't forget to collect a free #18Before18 planner from the Careers Centre - designed by The Jade Studio & Mollie O'Sullivan.

INFOGRAPHIC



Good health creates creative workers!
Infographic via www.theperformanceroom.co.uk.

ESSENTIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BABLAKE CAREERS CONVENTION – Thursday 1 February (6pm - 8.30pm)

'What Next? What Career Live?' (NEC) – Friday 2/ Saturday 3 March (Free, but book tickets in advance)
www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/birmingham/who-will-be-there

'Study Abroad' Fair – Wednesday 14 March (Bablake): registration (5th year) & Life Choices (L6th). (Part of 'International Education' week.)

'BEYOND BABLAKE' WEEK (L6th) – Monday 2 July to Friday 6 July

Please arrange work experience/ Open Day visits in this week.

[NB CREST- all week. Sports Day - BJS & Senior School 2nd July. T20 - 2nd/ 3rd July.]

QUOTATION OF THE FORTNIGHT

- 'Every step, no matter how tiny, is a step forward' – Ed Pilkington.

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