



Futures Bulletin

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Thank you for reading the third bulletin of the Summer Term 2021. This edition provides the traditional mixture of activities for you to consider and will be the final bulletin of this half term. As always, if you feel there is anything you require support with, please contact one of the team.

Upper 6th Notices:

- Mr Percival has put together an excellent A Level results day video, which can be viewed via this [link](#). Some useful information on there to help prepare for what is always a busy day.
- A reminder that the deadline for applying for Student Finance is this **Saturday 22nd May** for those going to university this year.
- Though you have until 10th June to reply to university offers, it would be a good idea to do so as soon as you have made your decisions. Some universities have opened their accommodation applications, so please check your Firm choice to make sure you've not missed anything. I also appreciate that there are still a considerable number of you who have not received all your decisions; it must be frustrating, but universities should meet their deadline of 20th May.

Other Snippets (All year groups):

- Lower 6th formers have attended a series of talks this half term around the theme of 'skills'. Recordings of these presentations can be accessed via this [firefly page](#).
- Last Wednesday I hosted a genuinely interesting discussion on the topic of 'careers in property' with three of our former pupils. This completed the set of 4th form talks on different professions, which has included technology, finance and health. Recordings of this talk and many others can be found on this [firefly page](#).
- On Wednesday and Thursday of last week some of our Lower 6th formers took part in a 'mock trial' with Westminster school. They acquitted themselves fantastically, stewarded brilliantly by Ms Corcoran, and did the school proud. The presiding [Barrister](#) has kindly agreed to do a Q & A session with interested pupils on Tuesday 25th May, 4.45pm. If you are interested in taking part in this and did not participate in the mock trial, please email me at the address above to receive the Zoom link.
- Our Head of School from 2019-2020, Olivia, has taken on a slightly different gap year experience this year, in that she obtained an internship with IBM. I caught up with Olivia last week to see how things were progressing, which you can read about via this [link](#). If you are interested in discussing this type of gap year experience, please let me know.
- I am very conscious that during the past twelve months I have encouraged pupils to participate in at least one of the many virtual work experience opportunities that have emerged during this period. I would still urge pupils to do this but also, as restrictions slowly start to ease, encourage pupils to think about what practical work experience they may be able to access in the next twelve months. Why? Well recent research from the annual [High Fliers](#) report includes a telling chart on p31. Here, as an example, it suggests that for Investment Banking and Law, 77% and 70% respectively graduate positions are recruited through work experience programmes. It is never too early to start, and I am happy to make suggestions and offer support where appropriate.
- This [article](#) hit the news in May with the main headline being that 'almost all of 50 of the UK's biggest employers questioned by the BBC have said they do not plan to bring staff back to the office full-time'. Post pandemic it appears that you will enter a very different working world to previous generations of Shrewsbury pupils, where a mixture of home and office working is likely to be far more prominent. It is an interesting read and perhaps highlights how important it is to be able to work effectively without supervision.
- Finally, we are in the process of putting together our Futures programme for the Michaelmas Term 2021. Each boarding house has at least two 'Futures Ambassadors', covering both 5th Form and Lower 6th. We have received some excellent suggestions already and this is just a reminder to speak to your ambassador if there are activities that you would like to access. Any sensible suggestions are always welcome!

Keep well and best wishes,

Mr Wain