



Monday 7th March sees the commencement of National Careers Week (NCW), a celebration of careers guidance across the United Kingdom. Detailed below are some of our plans for this week, as well as external opportunities that are open to all year groups.

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At 7:30pm we are welcoming Dr Patrick Lynch who studied Architecture at The University of Liverpool 1987–1993. He holds an M-Phil in The History and Philosophy of Architecture from The University of Cambridge 1995–6, and gained his PhD from London Metropolitan University in 2015. Patrick represented Ireland at the Venice Bienalle in 2008 and Lynch Architects exhibited at Venice again in 2012, and at the Milan Triennale in 2016. His writing and design work has been widely published. Patrick is the editor and publisher of the Journal of Civic Architecture, which is published twice a year by Canalside Press. Besides being the founding director of Lynch Architects, Patrick has taught at the Architectural Association, London Met, UCD, Kingston, and most recently at Cambridge. Webinar link [here](#).

Tuesday 8th March 2022

In the past ten years there has been a significant increase in the number of school leaver programmes / degree apprenticeships available in the United Kingdom, aimed at providing an alternative to sixth formers who want to take a work based route post A Levels. Please join us for a discussion with Noah, who was doing A Levels last year and now is doing a degree apprenticeship with a law firm in Shrewsbury, and Rory, who enrolled on a school leaver programme at Shell after his A levels, and is now employed there full time. Join us at 7.30pm via this [link](#).

Wednesday 9th March 2022

Fourth Form will be attending an assembly during tutor time on the theme of entrepreneurship, in advance of their participation in the National Enterprise Challenge in the Summer Term. We are welcoming Theo Millward to present on this topic, and you can read more about our former pupil's achievements on this [link](#). Third formers and Fifth Formers will be working through Futures related activities during their tutor period.

Thursday 10th March 2022

With the majority of school enjoying field day, it is worth highlighting some resources that can be accessed on this day at your leisure. Externally, I'd encourage you to make the most of the virtual careers fair organised by NCW (link [here](#)) as well as the webinars on the excellent [Unifrog](#) platform.

Friday 11th March 2022

For Lower Sixth Formers, off the back of the excellent HE & Gap Year Fair, morning lessons are replaced by a mock assessment centre activity, where students will have the opportunity to experience mock interviews, group activities and psychometric testing in line with what to expect during future recruitment processes. At 3pm on this day, UCAS are hosting a talk of interest (as well as other activities throughout the week) on 'Careers of the Future'. Full details [here](#).

Following National Careers Week, there are other events on the horizon which will be of interest:

- Study in Canada Webinar – 14th March 7.30pm: six Canadian universities are hosting a webinar that will discuss what it's like to study there. Find out more [here](#).
- Unsure of what you want to study? The University of Sheffield have a series of taster lectures and sessions on a wide range of topics that might help you decide. Find out more [here](#).
- We are looking forward to welcoming OS Seb in person on Tuesday 15th March, 7.30pm, Barnes Theatre. Seb is a multi-award winning Field Producer at CNN in London. He has travelled the world covering some of the world's biggest stories, including the Paris and Brussels terror attacks, the poisoning of Russian spies and even Brexit. His work has seen him travel to some pretty hostile environments, including the Central African Republic, Syria and Eastern Ukraine.
- Meet the Russell Group – 27th April: an excellent opportunity to meet representatives from the 24 Russell Group universities. Sign up [here](#)
- Finally, Mr Boyes has put together an excellent newsletter on the topic of work experience. Please take the time to read this through, particularly those in Fourth Form upwards.

Best wishes,

Mr Wain