



Faith is our Foundation

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Dear Parent,

Careers: Year 11 and 13 Virtual Opportunities

In the week commencing Monday 7th June, we have organised several virtual experiences for pupils to participate in. The details of these are below:

Young Professionals: Virtual Work Experience

In the week commencing Monday 7th June, *Young Professionals* will be running a Virtual Work Experience programme specifically for Year 11 and 13 pupils.

They have some big companies taking part in the programme including; PwC, Sky, IBM, Capgemini, EY, HSBC, GSK and Berkeley Group. Each workshop will be skills-based as well as opportunity focused on next steps after school.

The Virtual Work Experience will be running on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th June, 9am - 3pm every day. A timetable of the events is included to the right.

All pupils that take part in the full 3 days will get a certificate on completing the program as well as a reference to put on their CVs. There will be 2 individual based projects they will be set to work on in their own time (out of school hours) which will also form part of their Virtual Work Experience interactive tasks.

Pupils will need to register in advance using the link below, filling out all the details in full: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-Virtual-WEX>. This link will also be emailed directly to the pupils on their school accounts. Once they have registered, the details to join the event will be emailed directly to them from Young Professionals.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

7TH JUNE

- 9-10 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
- 10-11 PwC
- 11-12 ST JAMES'S PLACE
- 12-1 LUNCH
- 1-2 GSK
- 2-3 BERKELEY ST EDWARD

8TH JUNE

- 9-10 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
- 10-11 CAPGEMINI
- 11-12 SPECTRIS
- 12-1 LUNCH
- 1-2 RAF
- 2-3 HSBC

9TH JUNE

- 9-10 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
- 10-11 EY
- 11-12 SKY
- 12-1 LUNCH
- 1-2 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
- 2-3 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Speakers for Schools: Virtual Opportunities

Speakers for Schools have several virtual opportunities for pupils to take advantage of. The dates for each experience are listed on their website and pupils have to apply for each experience through the *Speakers for Schools* portal. To create an account and sign up for experiences, please follow the instructions below:

1. Click on the link [Experience > Sign In \(s4snextgen.org\)](#) or go to www.s4snextgen.org
2. Sign in or click on Register Here
3. Fill in the details – our school is listed as “St Peter’s Catholic School and Specialist Science College (Solihull)”
4. Start applying for virtual opportunities

Start: Home Learning Activities

All pupils at St Peter’s have a *Start* account, which is our free, online careers platform. During the first lockdown, pupils were invited to complete some home learning activities, and these are still available on the *Start* website by logging in through their personal account. The activities include videos, quizzes and reflective learning on a variety of topics that they may find engaging and informative. The activities can all be found on the *My Activities* section on their profile.

Pupils can also use *Start* to get invaluable information to help with their future pathway. This could be by exploring different careers in the *World of Work* section, or by looking at Post 16 and Post 18 routes in the *What to Study* section.

If your child has forgotten their *Start* login details, please get them to email us at careers@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk.

University and Apprenticeship Virtual Fair

We are encouraging pupils to take part in the UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair on Wednesday 16th June (12:00-18:00). This free event features a multitude of universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from around the UK, along with 10 interactive webinars and virtual campus tours. It is aimed at Years 13, 12, 11, and 10 as well as parents. The event will provide your child with all the information they need to make informed decisions about their post-18 options.

Pupils, parents and carers simply need to register online at: <https://ukunisearchnorth.vfairs.com/>

Pupils and parents can chat directly with a mixture of Russell Group, red brick, and modern universities from around the UK to find out invaluable information about courses and life at university, and discover what admissions tutors are looking for in UCAS applications. Attendees can also speak to colleges, universities and local and national companies about their apprenticeship schemes.

10 interactive webinars will run throughout the day on a variety of university and apprenticeship topics, such as UCAS Personal Statements, Careers & Employability, Clearing, Pupil Finance, and Apprenticeships. There is also a special webinar to help support parents and teachers taking place at 17:00. The webinars are run by university and apprenticeship professionals who will also host Q&A sessions after the presentations. You can view the webinar timetable and presenters list using this link:

<https://ukunisearchnorth.vfairs.com/en/webinar-timetable>

Pupils should try to register in advance to receive reminder emails with new exhibitor alerts, information on how the day will work and how your child can make the most of the exhibitor interactions.

Each webinar is recorded so pupils can watch any of interest after the live session has taken place. After 23rd June all webinars will be available to stream on PupilStream along with lots of other videos from universities: <http://pupilstream.co.uk> Please encourage your son or daughter to book their free place and view the webinar timetable, here: <https://ukunisearchnorth.vfairs.com/>

We recommend registering for the event as soon as possible to ensure pupils have time to prepare for the big day.

Rebel Business School

Rebel's start-up programmes are both inspiring, and practical, and will allow participants to learn the first steps to enterprise. The course shows a new way of thinking and practical ways to get your business idea off the ground and, how to sustain and thrive as a business.

This opportunity will be taking place virtually (via Zoom) between 6th – 16th July. To sign up for a place, please use the link here: <http://therebelschool.com/solihull> which will also be emailed directly to students.

We hope that pupils take advantage of these excellent opportunities and would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging them to sign up where possible.

If you have questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch via email.

Yours sincerely,

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