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Careers Information Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of this newsletter which has been designed to help students with their post 16 option choices. Hopefully you will have started to attend open events and research your options.

Interviews

Once you have started applying for places you will at some point be called for an interview. Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, many face-to-face interviews have been cancelled. But some colleges are arranging interviews over the phone or online. Check your emails regularly, including your junk or spam folder. This is the way that schools and colleges will let you know about upcoming interviews. Remember that some college staff are working from home and may call you from a mobile or other unknown number. If you're uncomfortable answering calls from unknown numbers, contact the college to discuss a solution.

Here is an example of some of the types of questions you may be asked:

- What do you know about the subject you are applying to study?
- Why are you interested in this subject?
- Why do you want to attend this school/college in particular?
- What are your future career plans?
- Are you involved in any school clubs or activities?
- What do you like to do in your spare time?
- Have you done any work experience/volunteering?
- What are your strengths?
- Do you have any questions?

Do make sure you are prepared for your interview. Check the time and be available with the relevant technology.

CVs

A CV, which stands for curriculum vitae, is a document used when applying for jobs. It allows you to summarise your education, skills and experience enabling you to successfully sell your abilities to potential employers. Here are a few tips to help you create your CV.

- Keep your CV to a maximum of two sides of A4 paper
- An average employer spends less than 30 seconds reading a CV, so it's important to be concise.

- Make sure your social media accounts are set to private as some employers can try to find your social media accounts using the information you provide in your CV. Make sure your profile pictures are appropriate. Try Googling yourself and see what comes up.
- Showcase your skills and strengths, education and qualifications. Remember that all your experiences have helped you develop skills that are transferable into lots of different jobs.
- Check your CV before sending it to an employer. Get somebody to look at it with you.

The Start Profile website, which you have hopefully registered on, has a CV guide section and a downloadable example of a CV which you can adapt:

<https://guest.startprofile.com/article/13/cv-guide>

Reed also has a similar section:

<https://www.reed.co.uk/career-advice/school-leaver-cv-template/>

Industry Sector Spotlight – Careers in Health & Social Care

What COVID-19 has highlighted is the crucial role of NHS and key workers to society. It is in these sectors where future job opportunities exist and are forecast to grow.

If you would like to work supporting and helping others improve their quality of life, then Health and Social Care may be a good subject for you to choose to study. It will give you an insight into the many different aspects of the sector.

Did you know there are over 350 different NHS careers, and everyone makes a difference to people's lives every day.

Do take a look at the many roles within the NHS: <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles>

Social care is about supporting people to maintain their independence, dignity and control. This includes providing personal and practical support to help people live their lives.

There are lots of different roles in social care depending on what you want to do, who you want to work with and where you'd like to work. Take the Question of Care quiz to see if you have got what it takes to work in this sector.

<https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Careers-in-care/Think-Care-Careers.aspx>

If you would like any help with post 16 options, CV's, mock interviews, applications or any careers information, advice or guidance please email or see Mrs Keaveney in room S06. fkeaveney@rosebery.surrey.sch..uk