



# Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

Careers and Work-Related Learning

Term 2 Bulletin 2023

## Welcome

Welcome to the Term 2 Careers and Work-Related Learning Bulletin. As usual, we have been busy promoting careers and work-related learning throughout the Academy.



This week (6 - 11 November 2023) is National Green Careers Week. This is an initiative launched for the first-time last year to encourage students in schools and colleges to consider the ever-expanding range of green based careers when considering their next steps. Students will be looking at some green careers during their R2L time, hopefully learning about some new possibilities. Attached to this bulletin is a guide for parents/carers should you wish to learn more or discuss in more detail with your child.

### Updates

Year 11 have started to consider their next steps by attending the Sixth Form Information Evening on Wednesday 1 November 2023. They were able to learn more about the Sixth Form at SRPA and talk to staff about their subjects. If you were unable to attend and would like to know more, please visit <https://rp6th.co.uk/> to learn more about the courses on offer and how to apply. Students are also welcome to visit the Sixth Form Hub in L11 to speak with a member of staff during any break time. The deadline for applications is Friday 10 November 2023.

In Year 12, attention has been turning towards Work Experience. All Year 12 students will undertake a week of work experience from 29 January 2024 to 2 February 2024. This week they have spent their Personal Development lessons identifying their skills and potential next steps with a view to securing a placement in the next few weeks.

Both Year 12 and Year 13 students who are aspiring to work in a health-related career visited the NHS Health and Social Care Careers Fair on 7 November 2023. Students were fortunate to be able to meet industry experts in addition to attending workshops in their chosen career areas. The students who attended made the following comments:

*“There were three professionals that gave us an insight into their job roles within AHP: a pharmacist, physiotherapist and an occupational therapist. It was very interesting to learn more about and inspired thoughts about a future career in an Allied Health Profession. Overall, this trip was extremely insightful, and we would definitely recommend going.”*

*“Overall, the NHS trip to Lincoln University was immersive and educational. The stalls were interactive and well-informed, as well as there being multiple opportunities for work experience should we elect to do it. The workshop was particularly immersive with multiple activities such as simulated keyhole surgery, blood pressure, using stethoscopes and being able to experience different types of eye defects, all of which were very useful. Additionally, the two ladies hosting were interactive and knowledgeable, and more than happy to assist with any queries.”*



## [Aspiration Ambassador Update](#)



Over the past week, the Academy had opened its doors to both visitors, and hopefully, next year's Year 12 students.

During the Sixth Form Open Evening, students from Year 12 and Year 13 volunteered.

With the upcoming Green Careers Week, I should mention some green careers to hopefully bring some awareness to them. A Green Career is a job that contributes to improving the natural environment and addressing climate change and how we can reduce our contribution to it. These jobs range from a design engineer, to an ecologist and even an environmental conservation officer. There are also many more jobs.

## University and Apprenticeship Fair

At the end of last term, Year 12 visited The King Power Stadium in Leicester to take part in the University and Apprenticeship Fair. We had an informative afternoon talking to representatives from different organisations. Students were able to consider the benefits of apprenticeships with several organisations.



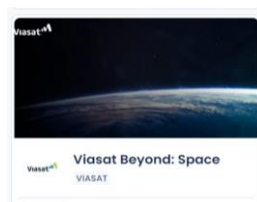
If you would like to see the current apprenticeship vacancies in our region please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> here you are able to enter the postcode of the area you are interested in and view the different apprenticeships available.

### **Spring Pod**

As part of their Personal Development lessons on 'Next Steps', Year 12 took part in a virtual workshop to learn more about the virtual work experience offered by Spring Pod. There are many opportunities available for a range of ages. If you are interested, please see the current vacancies:

[https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search?refinementList%5Bformat%5D%5B0%5D=COHORT&refinementList%5Bformat%5D%5B1%5D=ON\\_DEMAND&refinementList%5Bstatuses%5D%5B0%5D=OPEN&refinementList%5Bstatuses%5D%5B1%5D=OPEN\\_FOR\\_APPLICATION](https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search?refinementList%5Bformat%5D%5B0%5D=COHORT&refinementList%5Bformat%5D%5B1%5D=ON_DEMAND&refinementList%5Bstatuses%5D%5B0%5D=OPEN&refinementList%5Bstatuses%5D%5B1%5D=OPEN_FOR_APPLICATION)

Students will need to register to create an account to access the courses.



## Parental Help

### OPTIONS AFTER SIXTH FORM and STUDENT WELL-BEING



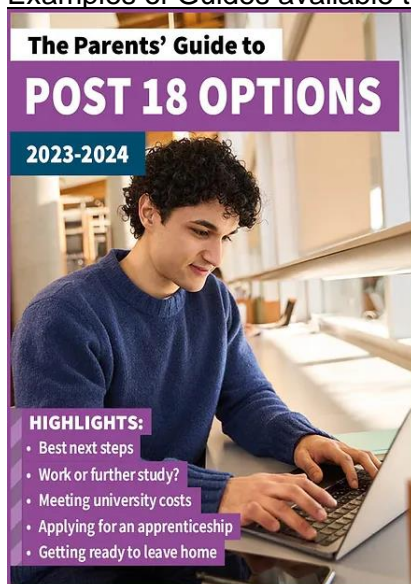
<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/>

Feel confident talking with your teen about their choices for the future.

If you're a parent of a teen aged between 14 and 19, we're here for you with everything you need to know about options after sixth form AND what you can do at home to improve your teen's wellbeing and help them with their studies talking with your teen about their choices for the future.

**If you're a parent of a teen aged between 14 and 19, we're here for you with everything you need to know about options after GCSE or sixth form AND what you can do at home to improve your teen's wellbeing and help them with their studies.**

Examples of Guides available to purchase from Parents Guide website



£9.99



£8.99

If you can offer any work experience placements or could spare some time to visit students to talk to them about your own career path, please do get in touch as we would be very grateful for your involvement and sharing of your knowledge and expertise in your field.

## Coming up



University of Hull's upcoming Open Days, and an important date regarding personal statements.

### **Open Days:**

Our Winter Open Days are scheduled for Saturday 25 November 2023 & Saturday 20 January 2024.

If you have students deciding where to apply, they can [register for our open days online](#) now.

Please note, the travel grant that was previously available to students who were travelling over 20 miles to come to an open day, has now ended. If students booked before 30 October, they would still receive the travel grant, if eligible.

### **Personal Statements:**

We have enjoyed receiving personal statements to our personal statement checking service and learning about students' achievements and ambitions. In line with most of the college's internal UCAS deadlines, the personal statement checking service will close for this academic cycle on **Wednesday 15 November**. After this date, the personal statement checking service will not be monitored. Please can you communicate this to students as appropriate.

### **Webinars:**

Our autumn series of Webinars, covering topics such as How to Write a Personal Statement and the UCAS Application Process, continues throughout November, with the addition of some subject webinars: more details and how to sign-up, can be found on the website.

### **Applying Hub:**

And finally, online resources are always available via our Applying Hub, from step-by-step guides for UCAS applications to student finance myth-busting.

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A promotional banner for the University of Hull Open Day. The background is dark with teal and white geometric shapes. On the right, there is a portrait of a smiling young man with glasses. The text is in white and pink. The main headline reads "BECOME PART OF HULL AND IT BECOMES PART OF YOU". Below that, it says "Join us at an Open Day | 25 Nov | 20 Jan" and "Book now at [hull.ac.uk/opendays](http://hull.ac.uk/opendays)".

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For students considering careers in medicine aged 14 - 18, we have an online work experience course running June 2024, for all students aged 14-18 considering careers in medicine & healthcare.

Back by popular demand, we've a new series of [Dr OJ's Surgery](#) for students to enjoy, taking place **every Saturday in June 2024**. Dr OJ and friends will give you interactive work experience of Brain Bleeds, Embryology, Cancer and Parasitic Diseases in medicine. They will also cover the application process and their advice to students considering applying to medical schools during the sessions.

Live every Saturday in June 2024, 11am - 1pm BST & the recording is available to watch anytime for 60 days afterwards if they can't attend live on the day.

Students can enrol below and will receive a certificate for their participation:

<https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/course/dr-ojs-saturday-surgery-in-june>