



The Ridgeway School
& Sixth Form College

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES

In January 2022, Speakers for Schools are launching a **National Teen Book Club** for students aged 14-19. Over a five week course, running every Wednesday from 330-430pm as an online event, you will get to discuss a set book, hear from award-winning authors and be guided through writing a 1000 word creative piece that will be published in an online library.... So, by the end of the 5 weeks, you will be a published author! This is a great opportunity for anyone considering a career in English, Journalism, Writing, Publishing or Editing. You can register for your place here.



Are you looking to study within the world of VR, Gaming and/or production? Boom Satsuma are a new training provider, currently based in Bristol. They offer a range of Level 3 - Level 6 courses. Check them out here and book an open day if you'd like to go and learn more!



The Government Economic Service are opening their Degree Application Programme in January 2022. You can read more and prepare for your application utilising their guides that are available to download here.



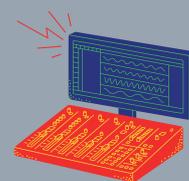
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Applications for the **Year 12 Sutton Trust Summer School** open in January 2022. It's free and highly regarded by lots of universities. Read more and apply here.



JOB OF THE WEEK



Software Developer

Software developers design, build and test computer programs for business, education and leisure services. You can earn up to £70,000 per year and expect to work around 37-40 hours per week. There will be 3% more Software Developers by 2025. You can read more about this here.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In October 2021 there were 29.3 million employees, up 160,000 on the number of people employed in September 2021.

This could be a mixture of people getting jobs and returning to their jobs after furlough. Source

If you need any further information, advice, guidance or support, please email Miss Tranter tranterc@ridgewayschool.com

Please keep checking The Ridgeway School Website and Careers VLE (One Note) for more events and information



OPPORTUNITIES



Did you know there are lots of apprentices across the UK who have created Instagram accounts to share with you their apprenticeship journeys? If you go to the Not Going to Uni account (@notgoingtouni), then click the IGTV button, you can view lots of live events from these apprentices and find out each of their own Instagram handles.

Are you looking to focus on your future in 2022? A great place to start is by taking part in events from universities. These are both online and in person. They include subject specific workshops so will help you to understand more about studying certain subjects at higher education level. You can find lots of events on [UniTasterDays](#).

Another good way to research your future is by taking part in talks from employers. They will discuss their industry, what jobs are available and some will set you challenges! These can be found on [Speakers for Schools](#).

Would you like free mentoring to help you understand your future options for high ranking universities, like Russell Group and Oxbridge? [Zero Gravity](#) can help! All mentoring is online and mentors have been selected and trained to give you the best support possible.

And finally, an important message from your careers team...



Have a great break and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT



[BP](#)

"bp is a global company that offers a world of opportunities for both professionals and graduates. You can expect world-class training, the flexibility to realise your full potential and a reward and benefits package that we believe is second-to-none" You can read more [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT



[University of Sussex](#)

"The University of Sussex is a leading research-intensive university near Brighton. We have both an international and local outlook, with staff and students from more than 100 countries and frequent engagement in community activities and services."

Search their courses [here](#).