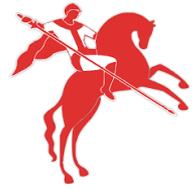


Futures Focus – Year 13

The Futures Department staff have all been busy answering lots of questions and giving advice. Here are some responses to some of the most frequently asked questions, and links to websites that you may find useful.



What job opportunities are there in Lincolnshire and beyond?

As you might imagine, the job market is difficult in the current climate. It is much more likely that you will be successful getting temporary work. Lincolnshire is especially short of agricultural workers which would be a great opportunity to keep fit as well as earning money and gaining experience. Find information here: <https://www.greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk/whats-new/student-land-army-required-to-help-feed-the-nation/>

The following links might also be useful:

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

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Or google “job vacancies near me” and you will find lots of agencies with vacancies. And last, but not least, it is always worth asking friends and family.

How can I get support or advice with applying for jobs?

There is a great deal of support online. One of the most comprehensive is the LifeSkills website created by Barclays Bank. There is a wealth of information about developing skills for the workplace, applying for jobs, interview tips and much, much more <https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/>

What about university applications and what I should be doing now?

Choices: You do not have to make a firm choice until June 18th. So, if you have yet to decide, you have time to think about it. Why not go back and have another “virtual” look at the unis to help with decision making. Watch out for emails from UCAS or the university direct, and don’t forget to check junk!

Finance and accommodation: You should be booking accommodation at your first choice university now. If you end up going somewhere else, you can change it later. Apply for finance now at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance> Again, you should use your first choice uni to apply. And, for help budgeting try <https://www.which.co.uk/money/university-and-student-finance/student-budget-calculator>

Advice and Information: The best thing to do would be to look at your preferred university’s website. All unis are very active online and provide links to departments so that you can get ahead with reading. There are schemes where you can buddy up with an existing student so that you can get to know more. Start here: <https://unibuddy.com/> And all universities make good use of social media, so don’t forget that!

What if I don't get the grades for my planned next steps?

Results day is August 13th and St George's will be there to help! Depending on the lockdown status, this will be either in school, or online. But please rest assured that we will be able to provide advice, help you through Extra or Clearing if necessary, and find alternatives for you. More details about the process will be sent as soon as possible.

How can I keep myself motivated and busy in preparation for my next step?

There are lots of activities online which will help you keep up your subject skills. This is especially important if you are studying the subject at a higher level. Check whether your uni has released open classes to help develop your subject knowledge.

Try developing a new skill or gaining new knowledge. There are lots of colleges and universities offering free online learning. Why not start with Lincoln or Bishop Grosseteste, our local universities, and see what you can discover <https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/> and <https://www.bishopg.ac.uk/> It might be an idea to improve your computing skills to prepare for work or higher education.

And what about general motivation and well-being - how can I stay positive?

The current regulations can make it hard to keep cheerful! Fortunately, there are plenty of things online to help.

For motivation do try and watch some Stephen Seki videos. He gave an assembly to St George's Year 10 students in February. Staff and students were totally inspired by his story and his determination – it is well worth investigating his YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpw-yWLQMDmLfjIQqUVas0w>

There is lots of on-line help available. Try these organisations:

<https://www.kooth.com/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

And Finally...

Please email us if the above information doesn't answer your question. And if you find something brilliant that could help others... send us the link! futures@st-georges-academy.org

Good luck!

The Futures Team