

Year 13 Careers Guidance – March 2020

Our careers guidance and support services are now up and running. Chris (our independent careers adviser with CXK) is available to provide careers guidance over the telephone or email. Many of you will have met with him before in year 11. He continues to support the students, their families and the school with a non-judgemental, independent approach. If you are feeling a little lost, unsure or uncertain what to do, I am happy to book you in for a session with him; just contact us on the email at careers@st-georgescofe-thanet.kent.sch.uk

For those applying for or interested in **apprenticeships**: These uncertain times have led to changes in the dynamics of the labour market, if there are any changes to your offer the company should contact you directly, but keep an eye on their social media for any general updates. If you have not yet made an application, keep looking – there are regular updates on the school website, you can also use <https://www.apprenticeshipfinder.org.uk/>. Rest assured that at school we are doing everything we can to ensure the best possible grades in all your qualifications so that you are not held back, stay ambitious!! For general guidance and support with finding apprenticeships and making applications, including an excellent interactive guide, use the pages on the school website <http://www.stgeorges-school.org.uk/1037/thinking-about-apprenticeships>.

For those applying to **university**: All universities have been told not to adjust applications for two weeks to give the sector the opportunity to make arrangements for admissions. Do not feel any pressure to accept or change your decisions during this time. Student finance have temporarily closed their contact lines and social media whilst they 'adjust to new ways of working' at home. Applications are still open through their online portal, be aware however that means testing is currently based on the previous year's household income. If the current situation has caused a change in your household income, consider requesting special consideration. Get in touch and we can help you navigate this.

For those going into **employment**: Employers should be in contact with you directly if there is any change in their offer, however they may be very busy at this time so keep an eye on their social media and website for any updates. The dynamics of the labour market are changing at the moment which means that the types of jobs available are changing and different industries are taking prominence, if you are concerned about your offer or choices get in touch.

For those interested in how the labour market is changing – check out this excellent blog <https://www.economicmodelling.co.uk/blog/>

Most importantly of all **stay in touch!!** We are here to help in any way that we can during these uncertain times. No question is too small if it will help to calm anxieties.

Best wishes to all, stay safe.

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