



## Careers Newsletter Edition One – April 2022/Nissan 5762

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**Welcome to the first edition of our Careers Newsletter specifically written for parents/carers. This monthly newsletter will keep you informed about the careers support given to your child and will include lots of useful information and resources which will help you to also support your child with their future career plans.**

In this edition we have included information on the work we have already put in place across Key Stages three, four and five. The school works towards the Gatsby Benchmarks ensuring that all pupils receive the best possible careers education, advice and guidance. For further information please click on the link below.

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

The careers page on the King Solomon website is always developing to include Labour Market Information and up to date information and resources. You can locate it following the link below; it is currently in the process of being updated.

<https://kshsonline.uk/curriculum/careers-programme/>

### **Careers support to date**

We have recently registered our year seven pupils on the Morrisby careers programme which will start to help them explore their options going forward. If you would like to see the possible career choices this has generated, then your child can login from home using the link below.

<https://app.morrisby.com/login>

During Options week, year nine pupils were shown a GCSE 'options and careers' presentation and were invited to drop in to speak to the careers adviser over the lunch period if they needed any advice and guidance in making these choices.

Year 10 pupils were invited to a one-to-one interview to encourage them to start to think about possible careers they would like to explore in more depth and were urged to try and source some work experience for the summer. This will help to build on their confidence, improve their communication and time management skills and give them an understanding of the workplace.

Year 11 pupils were invited to a one to one interview to discuss their plans for either sixth form or college; as a result we are talking a small group of pupils to New City College at the end of April so they can experience a college environment and learn about the facilities and courses they offer.

Year 12 pupils were all invited to come and speak to me about their post 18 plans; ongoing support is available to year 12's and if your young person would like to come and see me, please ask them to email me or come into the office and I can make a time to see them.

After the Pesach holidays we will start to visit year eight and year nine classes.

**If your child would like to come and speak to a careers adviser then please ask them to either email Mrs Shepherd (Careers coordinator) [dshepherd20.317@kshsonline.uk](mailto:dshepherd20.317@kshsonline.uk) or Ms Tye (part time SEND adviser) [mtye1.317@kshsonline.uk](mailto:mtye1.317@kshsonline.uk) or call into the office on the first floor to book a meeting.**



## Apprenticeships

Everything you need to know about apprenticeships in England. If you want to learn about the different levels of apprenticeships and the benefits they can bring to your child then visit the page below to find out more.

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships/apprenticeships-england>

Amazing Apprenticeships is a leading organisation in the education sector, and they have put together a really useful handbook for Parents/Carers which you can view by clicking the link below.

[https://assets.ctfassets.net/8kbr1n52z8s2/1AKtRHuKR8BNBFJkHAZIK/7343e861ba2994fc35c8fe122eb2ece3/Parent\\_Pack\\_March\\_2022.pdf](https://assets.ctfassets.net/8kbr1n52z8s2/1AKtRHuKR8BNBFJkHAZIK/7343e861ba2994fc35c8fe122eb2ece3/Parent_Pack_March_2022.pdf)

Is your child considering an apprenticeship? If so, then check out the latest vacancies from the Gov.uk website

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

## LifeSkills

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Check out the great resources for parents/carers on Barclays Life Skills.

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/families/>

Saving money and sticking to a budget – You can work through these money-focused activities with your child to help them understand the importance of working within a budget.

Spin the Wheel of Strengths – It can be hard for your child to see how their hobbies and pleasures can translate into a career. But showing your child how their interests and even personality traits can help them stand out when apply for job roles may help them think about jobs they hadn't considered before.



**BBC**  
**Bitesize**

Includes some great topics such as Job inspiration, applying for jobs, next steps and a 'how to become' section which includes videos and transcripts for a wide variety of careers. Use these resources with your child to help them to explore future careers.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>



Falmouth University are hosting an online information session on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 5.30-6.30pm. We know that the process of applying for university can be daunting, not just for students but for their parents and carers as well. If your child is considering university and you feel like you need a little bit of guidance to be able to support them, then this is the webinar for you.

'In this session, we will break down the stages of the university application and admissions process and discuss ways you can support your child as they make decisions about what and where to study and what having a child at university will mean for you.

We will also run through some of the ins and outs of student finance'.

If you are interested in taking part, then click on the link below to register your place

<https://www.falmouth.ac.uk/events/guide-to-the-university-process-21-april-2022>



student finance england Student finance explained for parents

<https://media.slc.co.uk/sfe/quickstartfinanceguide/student-finance-for-parents.html>

If your child is in year 13 and is intending to start university in September/October, please remind and encourage them to apply for their student finance if they have not already done so.

Applications must be made by 20 May to ensure that their funding is in place for the start of their degree.



## **Spotlight on our KS alumni- Where are they now?**

**Sacha Johnstone**



### **What did you do after leaving KS?**

I went on to gain a First Class BA (Hons) in Philosophy from the University of Birmingham.

### **What do you do now?**

I am a professional magician, performing at private and corporate events across the UK and further afield. I also supply other magicians for events, and I'm also a freelance consultant specialising in in-store product demonstration within the retail industry.

### **How did you choose this career path?**

Magic has always been a hobby of mine, but I realised I could make money from it whilst at university. Upon graduating I spent 3 years managing a sales team of 50+ product experts who demonstrated and sold magic tricks in various central London locations. I used many of the skills from this job to eventually set up my own business and become my own boss.

### **What is the best thing about your job?**

I have been fortunate enough to perform to audiences in the USA, Israel, India, China, Hong Kong, Dubai and across Europe.

### **What advice would you give to someone interested in pursuing a similar career?**

For those interested in running their own business, or becoming a freelancer, I would encourage them where possible to gain some experience working with/ for others. Acquire for yourself some mentors within your desired industry whom you can rely on for advice and support.

**We hope that you have found this edition useful and would welcome your feedback and any suggestions for information that you would like to see in future editions.**

**Careers Team at King Solomon High School**

**“If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?” (Ethics of the Fathers)**

