Fulston



# Futures









# TERM 2

Welcome to our second Fulston Futures newsletter. This term we hear from Mrs Hay in our staff interview and there is an important change detailed below in regards to Year 10 Work Experience.

We have also added a new feature to the newsletter where you can request an appointment with Mrs Demian, this can be requested by parents for their child or students themselves.

The Unifrog section below advertises some great live virtual events coming up, please do sign up, there are details below on how to create a parent account if you have not done so already.



# UPCOMING UNIFROG EVENTS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

#### PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS SESSION: POST-16 OPTIONS AND HOW TO HELP MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES

# AVAILABLE ON DEMAND

Whether your child is choosing their GCSE or post-16 options, supporting the decision-making process can seem daunting. Join this webinar to find out more about what you can do to support your child, what tools on Unifrog can help, information about the post-16 options, and things to consider when choosing what to do next!

## STUDENT SESSION : CHOOSING YOUR POST-16 OPTIONS

# AVAILABLE ON DEMAND

Whether you're thinking about doing A levels, BTECs, or T levels, this webinar will help you choose the right ones for you. Sign up today to find out which subjects will get you where you want to be, what tools on Unifrog can help, and ask questions about choosing your best next step.

# Interested in an apprenticeship?

Rate my Apprenticeship have a wealth of information and a free webinar in January, <u>find out more here</u>.

# YOUR CAREERS TEAM

MRS E MASON CAREERS LEAD AND ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

APPRENTICESHIP



MRS R DEMIAN CAREERS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE COORDINATOR



CLICK HERE TO REQUEST A CAREERS

#### STUDENT SESSION: HOW TO PREPARE FOR EXAMS AND TESTS

## 10TH DECEMBER 4.30PM

Exams and tests are always daunting, but effective revision can help cure some exam nerves and set you up for success! Join this webinar to hear some top tips from a university experts, a current university student, and a member of the team at Unifrog about how to balance your revision and rest time, and how to excel in the upcoming exam and test season.

# UNIFROG?

Unifrog is our Careers Platform which can be accessed from home and school. It has incredible resources to allow students to plan their future pathways. This includes events like the ones above and tools for finding Degree courses, Apprenticeships and much more. The more information students add to it, the more direction it can give them. They can even create their own CV with a click of a button.

All students now have an account on Unifrog- they will have a welcome email, if they have not already logged on, in their email inbox.

Parent Accounts! If you would like one go to unifrog.org/sign-in and use the code 'FUMSParents' to create your own account where you can access all the resources, including parent/carer webinars.

# STAFF INTERVIEW

This term we speak to Mrs Hay, teacher of Business who has had an incredible career both in and out of teaching!



## Did you go straight into teaching or did you start your career in another sector?

Teaching is my third career, after University I went to Madrid to learn Spanish and this skill with my degree, enabled me to get my 'dream job' in international development. I worked for a company that managed British government money to fund projects in the developing world. I was luckily enough to meet world-class scientists and see how changing genes in crops could help them grow producing more food, I saw a project in South Africa and worked with people around the globe.

My second career, was a Training Manager for a fruit importing company. We started off small with only 100 people in the office buying oranges and melons from spain in 5 years that company had grown to 500 people, over 3 sites in the UK and Spain, importing all fruits and vegetables for ASDA and Walmart stores in the UK and Germany.

Using my training experience I moved from teaching adults to teaching students. Whilst teaching I have been involved in a few businesses via friends and family, most notable as a shareholder in a McDonalds franchise.

# How did you decide what you wanted your career path to look like?

I was influenced heavily by the news of the drought in Africa, highlighted by the Band Aid single launched 40 years ago and wanted to reduce inequality that I saw on the TV and learnt about in geography. My family also had a number of jobs from teachers to doctors, so I wanted to go to university.

# How do you think your education helped to influence your career path?

My geography and history teachers at school were really good and explained that most events could be explained in either of these ways. I enjoyed the freedom that Business could provide to show how we could improve the opportunities offered to us. I also had careers advice, which showed there were lots of options.

My school offered many trips and visits to London and around the country which showed me there was the world to explore

#### What are your ambitions?

I want to see the highest waterfall in Africa, go to the most eastern and western points of land in Europe and America. I want to visit Petra in Jordan and travel by train from London to Singapore

# **UCAS- YEAR 13**

# **Application workshops available every** Friday in S6.

Students can come along every Friday if they need any help or advice with their UCAS application.



# **KENT CHOICES- YEAR 11**

# Kent Choices is now open for applications!

Every Year 11 student should have their login details, if you/your child does not have them, please contact Mrs Mason who can get those to you.



Thank you if you recently joined the Kent Choices podcast, if you missed it or would like to listen back you can find the recording here.

# **7TH-11TH JULY 2025 : IMPORTANT CHANGE**

Please note that, due to unforeseen circumstances, we have made some changes to how Year 10 submit the details of their proposed Work Experience placement. Students should collect a new form from Mrs Demian or Mrs Mason to collect the details required.

Once they have the details they should log on to their Unifrog account and use the placements tool to upload all the details of the proposed placement. The employer will then be asked to upload essential documentation such as Employers Liability Insurance. Once Unifrog has checked that the placement has all essential documentation in place, an email will be sent to parents to ask you to conifrm you are happy with the placement. Details will then be sent to the school, once we have checked to see if a site visit is needed and any required health and safety checks have taken place, a final email will be sent to the student, employer and parents to confirm that the placement can go ahead.

By using this new process, it means that we can extend the deadline that students need to submit their application to **Friday 4th April 2025.** I will hold an assembly with the students this week to show students how to do this on Unifrog.

If you need any guidance on the process please contact Mrs Mason (emason@fulstonmanor.kent.sch.uk) or Mrs Demian (rdemian@fulstonmanor.kent.sch.uk)

# **IN SCHOOL EVENTS**

WHAT ARE T-LEVELS? (YEAR 11) 4TH DECEMBER 2024

Our partner employer, AbBaltis will speak to Year 11 about what studying for T-Levels involves and which career pathways it can lead to. AMBITION BREAKFAST: LAW 13TH DECEMBER 2024

A chance to hear from a keynote speaker and meet employers from the Law sector, this is available for **students of all year groups.** 

<u>To sign your child up, please</u> <u>click here.</u>

## GUIDANCE ON APPRENTICESHIPS (YEAR 12) 22ND JANUARY 2025

Year 12 will have the opporunity to hear from The Education People on what an apprenticeship is, how to search for one and apply as well as a chance to ask questions.