

## St. Damian's Careers Update: April 2021

### Independent Careers Advice & Guidance – Positive Steps

If a pupil wishes to request a Careers appointment, please email our Careers Adviser:

Ms. K. Patel [khyatipatel@positive-steps.org.uk](mailto:khyatipatel@positive-steps.org.uk)



### St. Damian's Vision Statement for Careers Education:

***'To provide an inclusive, effective and ambitious careers strategy which raises pupil aspirations, unlocks their potential and ensures that they have the individual skills, values and qualifications to make informed choices and be successful in further education, training and employment'***

### Y9 Options & Online Career Planning Programme – Y9 Pupils

- All Year 9 pupils need to log into the Career planning tool, Xello: <https://gmacs.co.uk/schools> and complete the activities set.
- When pupils log in for the first time, they will need to use their school email and date of birth: ddmmYYYY e.g. 01072005.
- Pupils must use a laptop to log in for the first time rather than a mobile. They will then need to change their password.
- If pupils have a problem logging in, please contact [options@stdamians.co.uk](mailto:options@stdamians.co.uk).
- The aims of the careers activities on Xello are to build self-knowledge so pupils can define their interests, skills, preferences and aspirations.
- Pupils can then explore options and learn about career possibilities and educational pathways that are suitable for them so that they can create a plan that is dynamic and actionable and outlines the steps they need to take to achieve well at school and to realise their ambitions.

### Y10 Work Experience [12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July 2021] – Y10 Pupils

- The deadline for making a decision is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021. There are two choices:
- **Option 1:** Pupils can organise a 5-day placement for themselves in a workplace of their choice.
- **Option 2:** Pupils unable to find a self-placement, will take place in a Virtual Work Experience programme in school.
- **If you are unable to find** a self-placement, please email [careerprospects@stdamians.co.uk](mailto:careerprospects@stdamians.co.uk). to register your child for the Virtual Work Experience programme in school.

### Creative Industry - Games Careers Week [This week until 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021] – All pupils

A free online festival to inspire people from every background to discover careers in the UK's fastest growing creative industry – video games. Get involved with over 50 online events including:

- Career talks & Games studio open events
  - University careers shows
  - Careers fair, awards shows and conference
  - Games development classes
  - Talks, workshops and exhibitions at the National Videogame Museum
  - Portfolio pitch events
  - The Games Education Virtual Summit
- <https://gamescareersweek.org/careers/>

## **Easter Workshops for Pupils – Dance & Musical Theatre – The Manchester College – Y10 & Y11**

These virtual workshops are taking place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April**, the hour-long workshops will be led by a member of our expert Performing Arts team. Each workshop will focus on a different area, with the first session being dedicated to Jazz Dance Technique and the second a fun, vibrant Dance for Musical Theatre session.

After the workshops, there will also be an opportunity for your pupils to join our tutors for a live Q&A session to ask any questions they may have about joining us in September to study Dance or Musical Theatre.

**Date:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

### **Times:**

1.00pm – 2.00pm Jazz Dance Technique Workshop\*  
2.00pm – 3.00pm – Dance for Musical Theatre Workshop\*  
3.00pm – 3.30pm – Question and Answer

### **How to book?**

Register via the Eventbrite link below (click on 'Book Now') and chose the session you would like to join, pupils can book onto more than one session. Once they have signed up, they will receive a confirmation email via Eventbrite, including a link to the Zoom link and numerous reminders with the link closer to the event. Spaces are filling up quickly already so please do not miss out on this amazing opportunity.

\*Please wear suitable clothing and have some space to perform for workshop sessions.

Find out more about Performing Arts at The Manchester College and visit: [www.tmc.ac.uk/performingarts](http://www.tmc.ac.uk/performingarts)

<https://www.tmc.ac.uk/events/performing-arts-dance-and-musical-theatre-virtual-workshops-and-qa>

## **Youth Employment UK – Free Online Courses – Pupils in Y10 & Y11**



### **Preparing For Your Future Online Course: Ages 14 To 16**



Welcome To Preparing For Your Future

Preparing For Your Future is a free online course to help 14-16 year olds build skills and careers confidence.

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/employment-help-young-people/choices/online-skills-and-careers-courses/preparing-for-your-future-online-course/>

**National Saturday Club - giving 13–16-year-olds the opportunity to study subjects they love for free – Pupils in Y9-11**

A unique opportunity for young people to build skills and confidence, take part in meaningful employer encounters and cultural experiences, and understand pathways to further study and rewarding careers. They run across five subject strands:

- Art & Design
- Fashion & Business
- Film & Media
- Science & Engineering
- Writing & Talking.

<https://saturday-club.org/join-a-club/>

**For Parents - Help your child with post 16 and 18 options (GM Higher sessions) - Y9-11**

**A Parent's Guide to Higher Education** - This session will provide an overview of higher education pathways and the importance of GCSEs and future decision-making. Hear from a current graduate about their route into HE! Please register for the events below:

For parents/carers with children in secondary school Monday 10th May, either 1-1.45pm or 6-6.45pm

1pm <https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/join/tJMsfuGupjwsGdW239sgFwElpEMhymLqYKt->

6pm <https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/join/tJ0qdu6qqTwjH9MCCIsLJmg7xzksgKy9Rcd>

For parents/carers with children in college/sixth form Tuesday 11th May, either 1-1.45pm or 6-6.45pm

1pm <https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/join/tJUlfuGppzoiGtW7lxQpCsJZ8QSVxOIdg0QQ>

6pm <https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/join/tJUpf--grDlpG9Y97XwRJTOjrEzGMuq8GOig>

**Let's talk money!** - This talk will provide a simple breakdown of the current student finance system and additional support available - Wednesday 12th May, either 1-1.45pm or 6-6.45pm

For Parents/carers with children in secondary school and sixth form/college

1pm <https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/join/tJAqf-2upzkoGtWwFUIFEw32MhmkwhGlx8H6>

6pm <https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/join/tJcrd-6srjoqHt2QM7n8BQNHCUqfQq79X0Hz>

**Ask Us!** An exclusive live Q&A day, where you can ask our friendly team any remaining questions about university, careers and education - Thursday 13th May - 10am-6pm

For Parents/carers with children in secondary school and sixth form/college

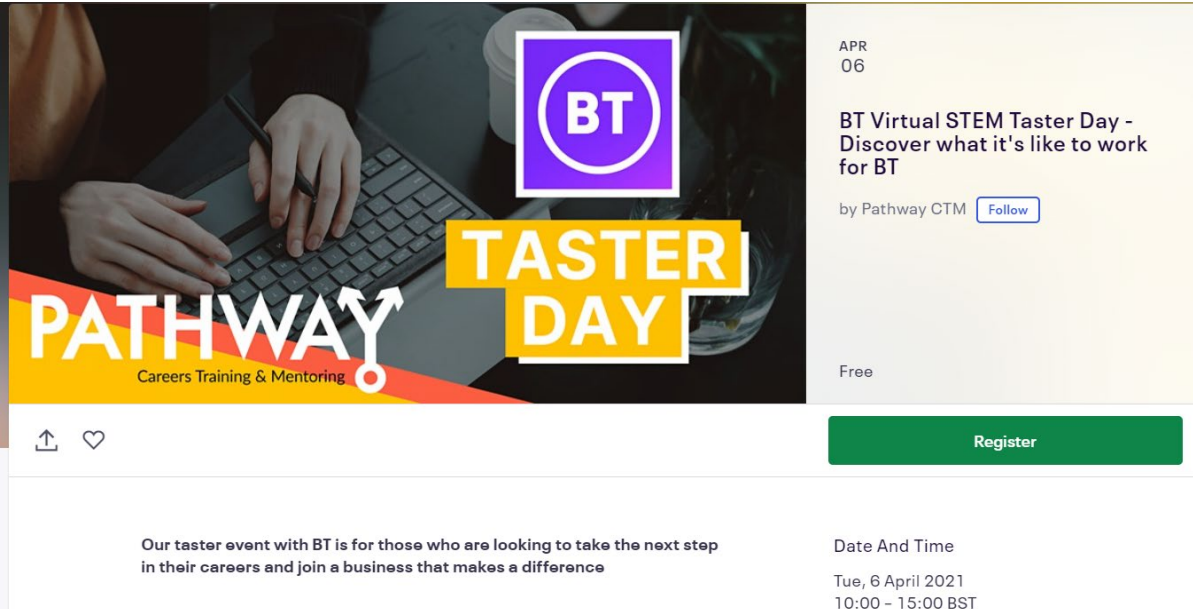
<https://gmhigher.ac.uk/events/parent-week-askus/>

### Speakers4Schools - live virtual opportunities open to applicants from Greater Manchester – **All pupils**

Below is a summary of opportunities currently live on Speakers 4 Schools Experience portal which are accessible to Greater Manchester young people. Click on the individual link to find out more and to register:

| Employer       | Start date | End date   | Type of Placement       | Opportunity Link  | Student App Deadline |
|----------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Caxton         | 06/04/2021 | 06/04/2021 | Virtual Work Experience | <a href="http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1300">http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1300</a> | 06/04/2021           |
| Royal Military | 14/04/2021 | 14/04/2021 | Virtual Insight Day     | <a href="http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1252">http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1252</a> | 14/04/2021           |
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### Virtual Taster Day with BT – Tues 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – **All pupils**



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**BT Virtual STEM Taster Day - Discover what it's like to work for BT**

by Pathway CTM [Follow](#)

Free


[Register](#)

Our taster event with BT is for those who are looking to take the next step in their careers and join a business that makes a difference

Date And Time  
 Tue, 6 April 2021  
 10:00 – 15:00 BST

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bt-virtual-stem-taster-day-discover-what-its-like-to-work-for-bt-tickets-145254262409>

**Virtual Taster Day with the NHS – Wed 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – All pupils**




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**NHS Virtual Taster Day - Hertfordshire and West Essex**  
 by Pathway CTM [Follow](#)  
 Free  
[Register](#)

Wondered what it would like working for the NHS? Well find out in our exclusive virtual taster day and have your questions answered.

Date And Time  
 Wed, April 7, 2021  
 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM BST

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nhs-virtual-taster-day-hertfordshire-and-west-essex-tickets-146610446793>

**Virtual Taster Day with Vodafone – Wed 14<sup>h</sup> April 2021 – All pupils**



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**Virtual Work Experience with Vodafone**  
 by Pathway CTM [Follow](#)  
 Free  
[Register](#)

Join our new virtual work experience event, where you can learn first hand what it would be like to work for vodafone. Start your Career!

**About this Event**  
 Gain insight into what working for **Vodafone** is really like through our online virtual event, where you will get a chance to have all your questions answered.

Date And Time  
 Wed, 14 April 2021  
 10:00 – 15:00 BST  
[Add to Calendar](#)

Location  
 Online Event

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-work-experience-with-vodafone-tickets-146622115695>

## National Careers Service & National Apprenticeship Websites

### What is an Apprenticeship?

The opportunity to get on the job training and earn qualifications – up to degree level whilst getting paid!



[www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk](http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk)

[www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-england](http://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-england)



[www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch)



# National Careers Service

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

#### Skills assessment

Learn more about your skills and match them to potential new careers.

[Assess your skills](#)

#### Explore careers

Choose from over 800 career profiles to discover what each job involves.

[Search job profiles](#)

#### Find a course

Look for online learn opportunities and training local to you.

[Look for courses](#)