Enniskillen Royal Grammar School – CEIAG BULLETIN
Week Beginning Monday 3rd March 2025

CyberFirst Bursary Webinar - March 3rd 2025

CyberFirst national team is running a webinar during Cyber NI week on the CyberFirst bursary scheme. Students applying to any university course could avail of a bursary of £4000 each year plus an additional £2000 if they complete a summer placement. It is a great scheme as participants get access to the support of CyberFirst community.
For more information and to sign up please go to the following link:
Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams

Games, Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) Career Guide

Reflecting the strategic importance of our local screen industries, the DfE Careers Service has published a new **Games, Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) career guide**, the first publication in a planned three-part series of Creative and Digital Industries career guides.
The **Games, Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) career guide** has been produced in conjunction with key local stakeholders, including Northern Ireland Screen, the local FE and HE sector, and creative professionals working locally.
The guide contains helpful information on topics such as:

- Entry and progression routes and the variety of career options available across Games, Animation and VFX
- Video clips and short articles featuring local people studying and working in the sector
- Details of initiatives and schemes available to help people to gain crucial experience and to begin building a professional portfolio
- Useful advice for people wishing to explore Games, Animation and VFX careers

The Games, Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) career guide is available at the link below:
Games, Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) career guide

PwC Virtual Insight Programme

PwC have just opened applications for their 2025 Virtual Insight programme which is running from 29 - 31 July. Open to Year 12 and 13 students, the 3-day experience is designed to give students an insight into PwC: their lines of service, their culture, the work they do and how you can join them as a school leaver. You will have the opportunity to engage with their people and ask questions so that you can make informed decisions about your next steps. You will receive guidance and top tips on the application process, equipping you with the skills you need to thrive in the workplace. Further information, including full eligibility criteria and application link can be found in the **job description** **here.**

Medic Mentor

Opportunities include:
- New Virtual Medical Work Experience - Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- New Virtual Dental Work Experience - Paediatric & Dental Surgery
- Virtual Medical Society Webinar - Nutrition and Hydration Week & Career's Week
- Virtual Dental Society Webinar - Braces VS Aligners
- Free Virtual Get Into Medicine conference
- Free Virtual Get Into Dentistry conference

To access these experiences, students need to register for one of the upcoming Get Into conferences.
Get Into Medicine Conference:
https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO
Get Into Dentistry Conference:
https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrBuiR7SBAcC19kE

Revised Application Criteria for Undergraduae Study in Republic of Ireland

Amendments to new equivalencies are now in place. No longer will A-level students have to earn 4 top grade results to get maximum points in the Republic's third level entry system. Instead, A-level students can use their best 3 A-levels, along with a 4th A-level or an Extended Project or an AS subject. This will mean that applicants can attain a score of 600 points with 3 A levels and 1 AS, and 625 points if one of the A-levels is Maths. NI students will also be considered for a place in a university in the Republic by applying with 2 A-levels and 1 or 2 AS levels. Students can access information on courses online at www.cao.ie. The application process is straightforward, with a deadline for late applications of May 1st. No personal statement is required. While cost of living is an issue for many students moving to the Republic, it is worth noting that a student from NI who registers for an undergraduate programme in the Republic pays a registration fee of €2,000 per annum, compared to up to £9,000 for a place in university in Britain.

ATU Open Days

Events are designed to support both students and parents in exploring their options for higher education and making informed decisions about their future.
On the day, students and parents will have the opportunity to attend informative talks:-
How to Apply to the CAO – Key information on deadlines and the application process.
Prep for Success – Tips for maintaining mental health and well-being during exam season.
Leaving Cert Study Tips – Practical strategies to help students stay on track.
Student Life at ATU Donegal – Insights from the Students' Union on life beyond the classroom.
Students can **register their interest** here: https://forms.office.com/e/UVmDnWnFYh
Open Days include:

- **Mountbellew** - Wednesday, March 5th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- **Mayo** - Saturday, March 12th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **Connemara** - Saturday, March 29th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **Galway (Dublin Rd & Wellpark Road)** – Saturday, April 5th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

For more information, please visit www.atu.ie/opendays

FREE Online Webinar on **Monday 28th April, 7pm - 8pm.**
This short online webinar will be providing advice to students on the competitive application process for **Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science**, discussing the **UCAS applications**, changes in the **personal statement** format, the **UCAT**, university **interviews**, and university **choices**.
https://kingsbridgetrainingacademy.zoom.us/meeting/register/c-mRIVgzSzuCgk9fKESxoQ
Upcoming courses that would benefit these same students:

- Mini Medical School: https://kingsbridgetrainingacademy.com/courses/mini-medical-school/
- UCAT Preparation Course: https://kingsbridgetrainingacademy.com/courses/ucat-preparation-training/
- Personal Statement Workshop: https://kingsbridgetrainingacademy.com/courses/personal-statement-workshop/
- Interview Skills Preparation for Students Applying to Medical, Dental & Veterinary School: https://kingsbridgetrainingacademy.com/courses/interview-skills-preparation-for-students-applying-to-medical-dental-veterinary-school/

Year 13 - Build UK - Open Doors Initiative
Are you interested in studying Structural, Architectural or Civil Engineering, Sustainable Building, or any other aspect of the Construction Industry?
To help showcase the Construction Industry in Northern Ireland, developers are opening their sites in locations across NI to invite school groups in for a tour and informative session on what it's like to work within the construction industry.
Tracey Brothers are hosting an event here in Enniskillen and I have reserved 10 places for this visit.
Event information - Drumgarrow Village, Coa Road, Enniskillen.
Thursday 20th March: 11am – 1pm
https://opendoors.construction/sites/drumgarrow-village/
If you would like to attend, please give your name to Mrs Magee asap

Legal Apprenticeship Opportunity with Davidson McDonnell
Davidson McDonnell are now offering a 4-year legal degree apprenticeship programme in collaboration with Ulster University.
The idea is that apprentices will join their team, gaining hands on experience whilst studying at Ulster University. Over the course of 4 years, an apprentice will receive valuable practical skills and a degree, setting them up for a successful legal career.
The apprentice will be based in the office for 4 days a week and will be attending Ulster University one day a week (plus any additional days that are required, as the course directs). In addition, the department for the economy will pay the tuition fees directly to Ulster University and an apprentice will be paid by Davidson McDonnell for the full week (even though they will only be in attendance at their offices for a maximum of 4 days a week).
The Ulster University entry requirements are AAB at A-Level.
To apply for the September 2025 intake, please send a CV and cover letter to careers@davidsonmcdonnell.com by 31st March 2025.
https://www.davidsonmcdonnell.com/careers

Medicine at QUB – Open Day
Discover the opportunities waiting for you as student at Queen's Medical School in Queen's University Belfast.
Date: Monday 14 April 2025 Time: 8.45am - 4.30pm
Venue: Medical Biology Centre, 97 Lisburn Road
https://www.qub.ac.uk/campaign/mhls/Events/MedicineatQueens/

Ulster University - Degree Apprenticeships
Students can now visit the dedicated online Degree Apprenticeship Hub where they can find out more Apprenticeships, view current opportunities, and be added to mailing list to receive updates.
https://www.ulster.ac.uk/apprenticeships/advice-for-applicants

QUB - Undergraduate Open Day – JUNE 2025
On **Saturday 7 June from 9.30am - 3pm** you'll learn more about the courses that you can study with Queen's, plus you'll have the opportunity to hear first-hand from current students and teaching staff about learning and living in Belfast.
You will be able to experience QUB's world-class education, unique location and rich history for yourself.
Students: Register for our June Open Day now

Year 13 Summer Residential at LJMU - 2– 4 July 2025
Year 13 Northern Ireland Summer Residential for students interested in Business or Nursing programmes.
Fully funded flights, accommodation, academic workshops and social activities.
Further information and application details to follow shortly.