

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

June 2020

Even though the college campuses are closed to the majority of students, our focus hasn't changed, we are still here for all students. We have been kept busy answering your enquiries. Look out for workshops on topics such as, researching HE options and finding an apprenticeship. These are delivered by the careers advisers on 'Teams' as part of your online learning.

Even though you can't book in to see us, we are very much still here, so get in contact if you need help with your career planning or to have a careers related chat , the best way to do this is via the careers@abingdon-witney.ac.uk inbox.

Welcome

In the meantime, welcome to our second edition of the careers newsletter. In this issue we have articles on personality testing and how to get the best out of online careers resources.

Can't see what advice you are looking in this newsletter?

No problem, contact the Careers Team

at

careers@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

Is this you?

Not sure what to do for a career? Struggle to answer when asked what you want to do? Concerned you are surrounded by people who have their whole career plan worked out?

What if you could be matched to a perfect career based on your personality? By answering a series of questions and examining some statements to see what applies to you – all this could reveal your perfect career pathway based on your personality traits. Sounds too easy? Then read on and see how it works!

The Myers- Briggs Personality Type Indicator does just that, this self report is designed to identify a person's personality type, strengths and preferences. This was developed by Isabel Myers and Katherine Briggs in the 1960's based on Carl Jung's theory of psychological types. By helping people understand themselves Myers and Briggs believed they could help people select occupations best suited to their personality type.

There is no 'right' type of personality, being an extrovert is not better than being an introvert, for example, both have different skills and strengths. Many employers use personality testing and psychometric testing in their recruitment process for example British Airways, RAF, Marks and Spencer so it is a good idea to familiarise yourself with the idea as well as it aiding you to choose your career path.

So where is a good place to start? There is a huge amount of information on the '16 Personalities' and Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) but a quicker, fun version can be found here:

<https://icould.com/buzz-quiz/>

In under five minutes, discover:

Take the Buzz Quiz

Find out which animal you are

Take the Buzz Quiz



- your strengths and what makes you tick
- what you're like as a boyfriend or girlfriend
- which celebrities share your personality type

There are 16 possible results, each connected to an animal.
Which animal are you?

You're a Koala bear!
Motto: I get on with it quietly
14 percent of the UK population are Koalas.
Koalas are popular and warm animals. They like the safety of their eucalyptus trees and the security and safety of their families, being loyal and caring to those around them. Koalas have strong muscles around their pouch to protect their young, and can also be strong and determined to protect what they believe in.



Want to find out more? Have a go at this:

<https://www.16personalities.com/>

Enjoy!

UCAS & Higher Education

Those of you that are planning on going to university this autumn will have applied and will be organising your offers. You will also be applying for student finance. However did you know if you want to go to university you can still apply up until 30th June. After the 30th June if you apply you will enter clearing. Please get in touch if you would like some help with your application and plans for university – it is not too late!

careers@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

College update

From across the 3 campuses, 211 students have applied to university in this academic year. To date 191 have received offers from at least two of their choices, 9 received no offers so are eligible for Extra and Clearing and 93 applicants were given unconditional offers. It is always interesting to see which courses are popular. This year the five most popular courses applied for by our students included , Business, Art (to include Fine Art, Fashion, Graphic Design,& Illustration) , Paramedic Science and Primary Teacher Training.

Uni Buddy & Virtual Open Days

Don't forget that UCAS is not just about getting your application in to your chosen universities, there is also a wealth of information and help, one to mention is *Uni Buddy*, here you can chat online to current students. There are plenty to make contact with whether at one of your preferred universities, or on a course you are considering. This is especially useful as students are unable to visit Universities now due to Covid19 pandemic.

<https://www.ucas.com/chat-to-students>

One of our current Level 3 first year students shared her experience of attending a Virtual Open Day. She had the opportunity to virtually look around the campus . This tour included looking at typical accommodation, attending a presentation from course lecturers, and taking part in a question and answer session with current students. As this seems to be the new normal while we sit out the pandemic, do book onto virtual open days for this summer to get to know more about university life. You can find out more here:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/international-events>

Webinar Wednesdays

We are currently living in an online world and universities and other next steps providers are no different. UK University Search have responded by offering Webinars on various topics such as :

Student Finance

Life at University

Why to choose an Apprenticeship

How to write your Personal Statement

You will need to sign up and book online. Places are limited , however the sessions can be viewed anytime via their YouTube channel:

<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/webinar-wednesdays>

Thinking of University for next year?

Now is a good time to start to plan your UCAS application, you could be considering courses, attending virtual open days and drafting your personal statement. If you don't know where to start check out the HE /Post 18 section in our online careers resource, eCLIPS <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/> or visit UCAS <https://www.ucas.com/>

If you have yet to familiarise yourself with eCLIPS then read on, as the next article covers everything you need to know.

eCLIPS

How can it help you?

Did you know you have FREE access to this amazing resource?

Do you need some inspiration and guidance on your next steps in education and careers choices?

eCLIPS is packed with careers, advice including, educational next steps, employment advice and guidance. You can search for options through subject area, employment field or use the career wizard to suggest a career path suited to you.

*What are you waiting for?
Log on and have a look!*



Click on the link below to find out how to navigate your way around the site!

https://awcollege.sharepoint.com/:p:/s/StudentVoice178/EQ7iikdYiE1NoLH5M3uu82kBwN0qQLaMIUnL01QUS_dSfw?e=HBmle2

Now go to the website

<https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/>

(password: futures2019) to start exploring your options.

Further resources: Take look at the PowerPoint in this link to find out how to explore the Job Explorer Database! https://www.careersoft.co.uk/Products/Job_Explorer_Database/

One Stop Shop for Oxfordshire

oxme.info

[health](#)

[life](#)

[learn](#)

[earn](#)

[NEWS](#)

[EVENTS](#)

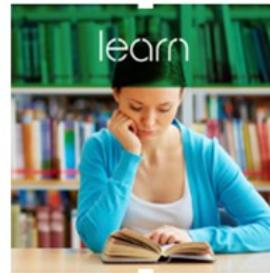
What are you looking for?



The information you need to stay fit, healthy and happy.



Find fun things to do, be social and stay safe wherever you are.



The information you need to keep learning, build skills and succeed.



Find apprenticeships, work, volunteering and other opportunities.

We recognise that a number of students will be leaving college this term and will be considering apprenticeships, work or other training options, so we thought we would share with you a useful resource for young people in Oxfordshire. The County Council has created a website aimed at young people called oxme.info <https://oxme.info/cms/>

This website has 4 main sections; Health, Life, Learn & Earn. The section for jobs and Apprenticeships is Earn. By clicking on Earn you will be taken to a second page with various subject areas. One of the most useful is Weekly Bulletins. This section allows you to register for a weekly email containing several spreadsheets with the latest local apprenticeships, jobs and training programmes. They are also split into different locations within Oxfordshire and you will see links to the latest versions lower down on the page. To sign up to receive these emails you just need to email opportunities@oxfordshire.gov.uk and ask to be added to the distribution list. You can also register with the website for more tailored support by going to this link and filling in the short online form. <https://oxme.info/cms/learn/register-or-update-your-details>

The Health & Life options, can offer support with other areas, especially if you are having issues regarding the current difficult situation. You can also chat live to one of the advisers about options and your plans, if out of hours then you can also leave a message on the site.

If you would like any support using this website feel free to get in touch with the careers Team careers@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

***For more support on mental health matters,
follow the link to access some advice on staying
mentally fit and well from our Student Adviser
Team.***



<https://awcollege.sharepoint.com/:p:/s/StudentVoice178/EVQ1HLWz0dtCh7Z4ZAToFrUB-hy-5F9juZ9JuYiIX0bz0g?e=vd6QLu>

Useful Links & Events

In response to the Covid—19 pandemic many of the planned careers events are taking place virtually.

Keep an eye on the following websites for support an information!

<https://www.oxfordshireapprenticeships.co.uk/>

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>

<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/webinar-wednesdays>

<https://oxme.info/cms/>

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

For those students who are returning to study and considering university as a mature student this might interest you. Oxford Brookes University is holding a Return to Study afternoon in July:

<https://www.brookes.ac.uk/about-brookes/events/return-to-study-july-16-2020/>

Plus don't forget the careers team are contactable throughout the summer please email us at:

careers@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

***Thank you for reading this edition of the Careers
Newsletter. The Careers Team would like to wish you
all a very happy summer!***

