

Important Reminder- last chance to complete Year 11 parents of students, leaving Kingdown

Please complete the short survey:

<https://forms.gle/dsbYjswauNwUgD6T9>

Thank you to all those who have already completed this 😊

What has been happening with Careers & Miss Gale?

Key events next week:

Year 10 Online Workshop: Wednesday 15th July, 11.00am – 11.45am



“Recognising your strengths”

To start to make decisions about your future, you need to get to know yourself first, only then can you plan ahead! This workshop is a great way for our Year 10's to develop their confidence by recognising their strengths.

To sign up e-mail Miss Gale by Tuesday 12.00: (limited spaces available!) vjg@kingdown.wilts.sch.uk

(Also open to any Year 11, 12 13 students interested, please e-mail me!)

Student Feedback from this week's workshop, “Preparing for digital & online recruitment”:

“The situational tests information, was really useful, as I had not heard about those before”

“I found the section about questions the employer might ask the most useful and interesting. I am interested in creating a digital CV. Learning about telephone interviews were also interesting as it was something I didn't really know about before”.

Events Diary:

- **Tuesday 14th July, Big Bang Big Bang Digital 2020 – science, engineering & Covid-19** celebrates the amazing work of scientists and engineers in a pandemic.
- **Wednesday 15th July, 11.00am – 11.45am, Workshop: “Recognising your strengths”** (see above for details). Years 10 – 13.
- **Now – Fri 17th July**, open access: UK University Search, 100's of Virtual University Stands and Talks – ALL (see below for further details)
- **20th and 27th of July** “Army Officer – A female perspective” webinar evenings online (via Zoom), 7pm-9pm Parents and Years 10-13 (full details below).

Year 11 & 13: Results days support

Miss Gale is available up until the end of term, 17th July and around results days:

- **Thursday 13th August for A-Level Results day.** Also available Friday 14th August.
- **Thursday 20th August for GCSE Results day.** Also available Friday 21st & Monday 24th August.

Please just ask if you need any support or help with your next steps, e-mail: vjg@kingdown.wilts.sch.uk.

Events in detail:

- **Tuesday 14th July - Big Bang Digital 2020 – science, engineering & Covid-19**

celebrates the amazing work of scientists and engineers in a pandemic.

Suitable for all ages, parents & teachers.

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

Mark it in your calendar for a day of inspiring online sessions to give young people a front row view of the incredible contribution of scientists, healthcare professionals, engineers, technicians and students in responding to Covid-19.

Join us as we hear from the people working to develop a vaccine, the teams involved in building the Nightingale hospitals, those keeping transport networks going and the companies innovating to respond to the UK ventilator challenge.

We'll meet inventive young people supporting frontline efforts across the world, get an insight into the environmental benefits of staying at home and celebrate healthcare heroes and learn how their jobs have changed.

With interactive polls, live Q&A sessions with guests and associated activities throughout the day, there are lots of ways to get involved and even prizes to be won!

We'll be announcing more #BigBangDigital details in the run up to the day, meanwhile get the date in your diary and spread the word.

Visit www.digitalbigbang.co.uk to find out more.

Big Bang Digital 2020 – science, engineering & Covid-19
Tuesday 14 July



- **Now – Fri 17th July, open access: UK University Search **LAST WEEK to view their Virtual University Fair (CLOSES 17th July),****

(On Demand: access at home whenever you like):

Open to all year groups, parents and teachers: there are 100's of Virtual University Stands and Talks about "Choosing a course", "Student Finance" and "Personal Statements"

www.ukuniversitysearch.vfairs.com



You can also sign up for one of their University Fairs – lots of Uni's under one roof – to find out more & register: <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup>

- **20th and 27th of July** webinar evenings online (via Zoom) 7pm-9pm – One of our Kingdown Alumni – Melissa Ilic has gone on to become a successful Army Officer – find out more.

For Parents and Students in Years 10-13

Register your interest: [Bit.ly/ArmyOfficer-insights](https://bit.ly/ArmyOfficer-insights)

Find out more about joining the army and Officer training: <https://www.army.mod.uk/careers/>



“Melisa Iilc – middle of picture”

A note from Melissa about the event:

“Whilst I was in my senior term at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, I organised an event where I planned to showcase the Academy from a female perspective. With women making up only 10% of officers, it's less likely you will know a female in the Army - let alone at RMAS.

My plan was to host an evening showcasing the experiences of both Officer Cadets and Officers, this way enabling an insight that is accessible and relatable to other women who might want to consider this career path. I was so disappointed when the evening was cancelled due to COVID!!!

But I am so excited to say that we are utilising Zoom and holding webinar evenings online on the 20th and 27th of July!!

Please pass on to anyone you know who may be interested in hearing more about Sandhurst and the opportunities you can have the Army (including arduous courses and high-level sport) - anybody is welcome!”

Other resources:

Loom support video about preparing for moving on Year 11 – 13 (5mins):

<https://www.loom.com/share/460c31cc60bc45b0a07141c04eb3bfe0>

Career Companion – with links to apprenticeships, CV and covering letter support and much more:

<https://bespoke.careercompanion.co.uk/libraries/index>

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/young/>

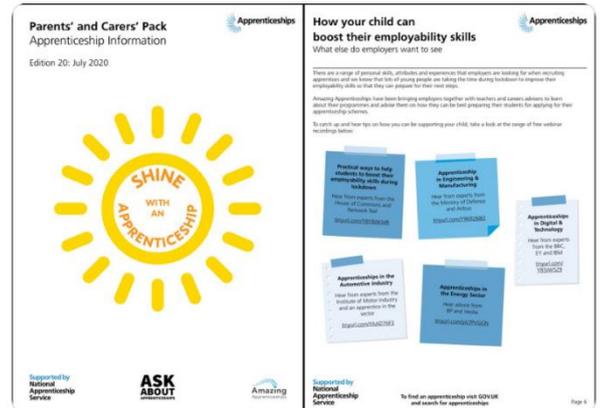
Work Wiltshire & Young Work Wiltshire is a great website for students and parents to get support and information about their local area and opportunities - take a look.





Amazing Apprenticeships Parents Pack - July is available to browse/ download: [/tinyurl.com/ycq2o6fb](https://tinyurl.com/ycq2o6fb)

Holiday Fun: take a Quiz to find out what you know about apprenticeships:
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeship-quiz/>



Careers Websites:

- 1) BBC Bitesize – lots of careers videos, interviews and more! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>
- 2) Apprenticeships: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- 3) WOW: <https://www.thewowshow.org/> Check out the WOW show (all ages) for Careers videos and insights!

Miss Gale's Lockdown Challenges:

Exercise daily – July 12,000 steps min every weekend – getting there!
Completed May & June 100 squats a day – now onto a new challenge!
Challenged myself for sports day, achieved a PB 120 second plank!

300 Twitter followers – 231 and counting . . . year 10's and parents – if you're not following me, please follow now: @KingdownCareers, as you will get up to date info and links for Year 11 events

#Learning in Lockdown – July, I started a new training course for the next 6 months, to improve my knowledge in supporting all young people to move onto positive destinations.



Follow: [@KingdownCareers](https://twitter.com/KingdownCareers)
for up to date information about opportunities and Careers
Challenge: Help Miss Gale get to 300 followers!!