**Fulston** 



# **Futures**







## TERM 1

Welcome to the first edition of Fulston Futures, here you will find details of upcoming Careers events as well as interviews with staff and an update on events for students.

This term we have an interview with our Deputy Head (and ex-Fulston student!) Mrs Dunnett and there are also updates on Work Experience and Kent Choices.

If you have any questions about our Careers programme please let our Careers Team know. Mrs Mason can be reached at emason@fulstonmanor.kent.sch.uk and Mrs Demian can be reached at rdemian@fulstonmanor.kent.sch.uk.

A huge shout out to Bethany (Year 11) who completed a placement with UCA over the Summer holidays and completed some amazing work (pictured). Bethany is planning her career in textiles and as you can see she is well on her way to success.



MRS E MASON CAREERS LEAD AND ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER



**MRS R DEMIAN** CAREERS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE COORDINATOR



#### unifrog UPCOMING UNIFROG EVENTS

**CONSTRUCTION: CAREERS WHICH HELP BUILD THE WORLD OF** TOMORROW

### **7TH OCTOBER** 2024 4.30PM

Join experts to find out what an average day looks like, and explore how you can launch your career. Whether you're designing skyscrapers or managing green energy projects construction gives you the chance to build your future!

#### LAW: PAVING THE WAY TO SUCCESSFUL LAW CAREERS

#### **7TH OCTOBER** 2024 5.30PM

If you're considering a career in law a law apprenticeship could be the right path for you! Join Unifrog in this webinar to find out more about what it's like to work in the legal profession, the skills you'll need, and top tips from the experts on how to apply to an apprenticeship to start you on your successful law career!

EXPLORING **CREATIVE CAREERS FOR A** SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

### **10TH OCTOBER** 2024 4.30PM

Sustainability is at the forefront of conversations at the moment, but can also be misused and misunderstood. In this webinar the University of Southampton will ask what is the role of art, design, and creative technologies in creating a more sustainable future, and how this is translating into careers and opportunities in the sector.

# 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 Dunnett, our Deputy Headteacher who also went to Fulston Manor as a student. She fills us in on her career path and her future ambitions.

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

I went straight into teaching but did not do a teaching degree. I did a BSc degree in Sociology at Southampton and then a PGCE in Citizenship at CCCU.

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

My dad always used to communicate that from work you needed to try and get two out of the following three things: job satisfaction, decent pay and long holidays. He said if you managed to get at least two out of three you were doing well. So I had that in mind when thinking through what I wanted to do. At 11 I did want to be a comedian but then it didn't work out apparently I only make myself laugh! Then I wanted to be a Personal Assistant to an executive in London but then, towards the end of Year 12 I started to think about University. I was looking at courses and nothing stood out for me, and then I reviewed Sociology. I wasn't studying it at the time so I went to night school, with my dad, and got an extra A-Level in Sociology which helped me get into the degree course at Southampton that I wanted. During that time I kept thinking about my career and then the government introduced Citizenship as a subject. It was as though all the things I loved to study and debate had come into one subject. Then I completed my teaching degree and have been a teacher ever since.

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

Great teachers inspired me, from Fulston, to do well. Being an ex Fulston student (many years ago!) I have always dreamed of returning and working at Fulston Manor School. I think teaching is the best job in the world and now as the Deputy Headteacher I get to help support teaching staff to be the best they can be to help support the students to be the best they can be!

#### What are your ambitions?

A year ago I reached an ambition I had to be the Curriculum Deputy Headteacher at Fulston Manor School. I still can't believe how lucky I am. My ambition now is to make sure everyone at Fulston gets the best possible education and can be challenged to be the best version of themselves they can be.

#### YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

#### 7TH-11TH JULY 2025

We are so pleased that we are already receiving applications for Work Experience placements.

If you missed the presentation at Year 10 Interviews, here is some guidance for applications:

- The placement must be sought by the student
- All placements are subject to Health and Safety checks before confirmation
- Please check that the employer holds Employers Liability Insurance and Public Liability Insurance- the placement will not be authorised without it
- All applications must be given to Mrs Demian by **29th January 2025**

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)

#### **KENT CHOICES- YEAR 11**

Year 11 students will now be starting to consider their Post-16 choices.

In order to apply for Sixth Forms/Colleges in Kent, students will need to use the Kent Choices platform.

Students will receive their logins in the next few weeks. It is essential that students do not create an account with another establishment on Kent Choices as this will not allow us to support them in their applications as thoroughly.

A Kent Choices Fulston Manor account will allow students to apply to any Sixth Form/ College in Kent. You can find details of all College/Sixth Form open days on the Kent Choices website.



#### UCAS- YEAR 13

A reminder that Personal Statement workshops take place every Friday from 3.10pm in S6.

Remember that you can contact Mr Milne if you need any support in applying through UCAS or need a handbook.



### **IN SCHOOL EVENTS**



Canterbury Chirst Church University will speak with our Year 10s to tell them about student life and take questions about studying at University.

#### ARMY CAREER ASSEMBLY (YEAR 9) 22ND OCTOBER 2024

Year 9 will have a talk from Army Careers about what is required to work with the army. This will be followed by a Q&A which students, from other year groups, who are interested in a career in the army may attend.

#### CAREERS IN LAW: AMBITION BREAKFAST DATE TBC

More information to follow. Students interested in a career in law will be able to join experts in the field to hear about what is required and ask questions about their own career path!