



Year 11, Morrisby Profile 9th Dec & 11th Jan

We know that your son has only just begun year 11, but all too soon it will be time to start thinking about what his next step will be. Proper planning is essential for appropriate progression, and this is certainly true in the field of A Levels and Higher Education.

Application to the Sixth Form needs to be completed by 17th February and to have the greatest chance of securing the right A Level courses it is important that your son is able to make a well-informed decision. One scheme that can help focus his attention on the possibilities and alternatives available is the Morrisby profiling programme, which is supported by UCAS, the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service. It is a computer-assisted programme, which not only seeks to match the prospective candidate's abilities and interests with A Level courses, but also those on offer at Higher Education institutions on the mainland. In addition, it matches which career would most suit a student.

The participant is required to complete an online assessment measuring their reasoning skills, general abilities and their practical abilities. The objective is to give an overall picture of the student's strengths and capabilities. Thereafter they will receive a profile listing the areas which seem to interest them the most, together with a list of A levels and courses which could be appropriate. An action plan for individual decision-making and a number of websites to help in the research of the courses is also suggested. These suggestions do not necessarily provide all the answers, but they are an excellent starting point. If your son decides to take up this opportunity, he will have a login for life. This means that students can go back and investigate different options over time and Morrisby will be there to support them at all of the important educational and career decisions throughout their lives.

Should you wish to find out more about the scheme, please visit the Morrisby website www.morrisby.com. We believe very strongly in the worth of the programme and hope that all boys in Year 11 will take advantage of it. If you would like your son to be entered for Morrisby, please reply to Mrs Job, Head of Careers & Assistant to the Head of Sixth Form, together with confirmation that you have sent a bank transfer for £25.00 to Sort code 40-25-34, Account 31237632 – clearly marked with your son's name and 'MORRISBY'. The initial profiles will be completed on 9th December and 11th January the lunch and tutor time. I do hope that you will discuss the scheme with your son and in particular the final report, when it arrives. I believe it to be a useful means of focusing attention on the important choices to be made in the very near future.

Year 12

Last week all students in year 12 took part in mock interviews with 12 different companies. The feedback from these has been amazing and I would like to congratulate all the students for embracing this initiative and working hard to provide a good impression of themselves and of Victoria College. I would also like to thank our Foundation Partners Rathbones, Quilter Cheviot and Saltgate, together with Intertrust, Excel Recruitment, Itchyfeet recruitment, KPMG, BDO, Langham Hall, Crestbridge, EY, and Oben Law for their valuable time in conducting these interviews.

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Next week year 12 will hear a talk on the IOD Futures Leaders programme from the IOD sub-committee together with our very own Oliver Elvidge, this Year's co-hort who achieved 2nd place overall and shadowed Andy Quinn from KPMG and Eden Powell who shadowed Bob Cullen, Adrian Noon, Patrick Armstrong and Simon Chapman

from the Department of Health. For further information on this brilliant programme do visit www.iod.je/students

Year 13 - Bursaries

Please can I remind all year 13 students to seriously consider applying for some fantastic bursary offers in the island which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.je/Working/Careers/16To19YearOlds/EnteringHigherEducation/FinancingHigherEducationCourses/Pages/TrustsBursariesGiftFunds.aspx>

Many applications are already open and more will be opening in the next few weeks.

Every year only a few students apply which means a good chance of being successful. It is not just the lump sum that companies pay out but also the paid work experience which enables students to stand out from other undergraduates and graduates.

InvestIn

Spring Term Career Opportunities for students Ages 12 – 18 – Available in 20+ industries: in-person at UCL or live online – go to the InvestIn website to find out more InvestIn.org.

Students will learn directly from some of the UK's best professionals – doctors, forensic scientists, architects, MPs, filmmakers, engineers and more – through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made, professional experience to ages 12 – 18.

These courses are expected to be fully booked for the most popular programmes by 30th Jan. If you sign up as a Victoria College student, you do qualify for a 10% discount by quoting this reference: Victoria20

HMC GAP YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Bulkeley-Evans HMC Scholarship Fund

www.gap-year-the-bulkeley-evans.co.uk

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Applications are invited by 31st May 2022 by email (or post, if preferred) for these prestigious awards from boys and girls from HMC schools for gap year projects for 2022-2023. The Trustees have agreed that up to 30 scholarships may be awarded of between £200 and £800.

Candidates need to fulfill the following criteria and applications must follow headings listed on the website:

1. **The benefit to the community of the country/countries where work is undertaken during the gap year project.** *The majority of awards go to boys and girls involved in projects in poorer countries or in the poorer areas of other countries.*
2. **The suitability of the organisation of the project in terms of duration and the gap organisation involved, if there is one.** *The project must be of sufficient length to give real benefit to a community. The Trustees usually expect that the project will be at least for three months, unless there are special circumstances.*

3. **Financial need**, assessed from the report from the Head, the statements in the application and the breakdown of expenses and methods of raising money in the application form.
4. **Suitable character and promise**, assessed from the quality of the written application and the reference of the Head of the school.

Award winners have to write to the Administrator during their project, write a report for the Trustees at the end of their project and return to their school to talk to the Sixth Form about their experiences.

Full details can be found on the website: www.gap-year-the-bulkeley-evans.co.uk

Applicants can see the lists of previous projects that were judged to be suitable for awards.

Applications should reach the Administrator as soon as possible by email to:

neil.mason@tauntonschool.co.uk (or post if preferred to the address above), by **31st May 2022**

Year 12

Is it too early for year 12 students to be thinking about university applications?

If students and parents are well informed about the process NOW, it means that you can put in the work required WHEN IT MATTERS. Especially for **uber-competitive** subjects like **Medicine** and **STEM subjects at Oxbridge**, as well as **US applications**.

There are some upcoming webinars for parents and guardians of students in Year 12. Please see the link below for more information. There are three mega-webinars coming up, helping to inform both parents and students about the application process for these tough subjects.

Click here to read [The Oxbridge Formula](#)

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Students who are looking for employment after A-levels may like to keep on eye on this website [Local opportunities for student pages](#)



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University Bursaries

There are many bursaries available to students to undertake university study, for more information please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/working/careers/16to19yearolds/enteringhighereducation/financinghighereducationcourse/pages/trustsbursariesgiftfunds.aspx>

