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LAUNCHING OUR CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our brand new Townley Careers newsletter! This newsletter will be published every month. It will provide information about exciting events, interviews with successful people in industries, and tips on how to succeed in your chosen career!

This week we are also launching Townley's Careers and Futures website!



NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

This edition of the newsletter is very special as it is National Careers Week (NCW) this week! NCW is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education.

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This National Careers Week, BBC Bitesize are hosting themed days with exciting content throughout the week! Look on their website for more information.

- Motivation Monday exploring which jobs you may enjoy and why
- Talented Tuesday linking your passions to possible future jobs
- Working World Wednesday getting a glimpse behind the scenes of real jobs
- Throwback Thursday hearing real-life stories of young people who've turned their long-loved hobbies and interests into jobs
- Your Future Friday identifying your career goals and how to achieve them.

Last year tens of thousands of students across the country took part in Careers Week, having the opportunity to access the Virtual Careers Fair and take part in other careers activities. You can access the Fair from wherever you are, with no need to register, to explore the vast array of opportunities. You can visit: www.ncw2024.co.uk

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK AT TOWNLEY

Townley are also hosting some exciting events this NCW. Over the past few years we have been increasingly developing our partnership with Unifrog. This NCW, please take time to explore the sessions in partnership with Unifrog. These can be found on our Careers and Futures site, under the NCW tab!

On **Friday lunchtime**, Townley are hosting a **Careers**Café

We have invited our parents and alumni to have an informal chat with students. The event will last around 30 minutes. The discussion will surround each individual's:

- Career journey
- Current job role-qualifications, skills, and a typical day or week
- · An overview of their company and industry
- Advice to your younger self (11-18)
- A Q&A session for students to ask their own questions

"We believe in building opportunities, driving social mobility and inspiring aspirations that have a lasting impact on our communities."

THE CAREERS TEAM





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TRANSITION AND CAREERS SENIOR PREFECT - ARTHIHA N

As Townley's Senior Prefect for Transitions and Careers, I hold the privilege in over-seeing the different transitional stages the student body experiences within their journey here at Townley. Whether it's engaging with Year 7 insight day into professions in STEM, collaborating with other prefects to establish a diverse range of career-driven societies, or providing support for our annual Careers Fair - taking on the role as Careers Prefect has enriched me with the opportunity to educate not only the wider student body but also myself of the importance and impact of knowledge of careers for navigating the world of opportunities outside the school walls.

The dictionary describes the word career as "an occupation undertaken for a significant period of a person's life and with opportunities for progress." However, through taking on the role as Careers Prefect I've gathered a heightened definition of how concepts such as "careers" and "transitions" are unique and individual to different people at different times. I've understood the concept of careers to not be streamlined but instead learnt the value of encouragement. The encouragement of enabling students to explore their interests and aspirations, whilst researching, learning and delivering information surrounding careers to be vital in establishing an environment where students can develop their diverse passions accordingly. Societies arranged by Townley students including astrophysics, law, performing arts, medicine, etc. showcase the range of talent and passions at Townley and it is rewarding to see both sixth-form and younger students come together to discuss and share the same passions.

Whether it be STEM day, EDGE day, or within the "Green Careers Week" activities; supervising these career-driven activities that require assessing individual strengths, areas for improvement and targets to become leaders of their own career pathways has simultaneously acted as a catalyst for my own self-reflection and development.

This position has helped me identify the depth of support and guidance Townley provides to all stages of the student journey, in highlighting the value of learning about careers and opportunities. I recognise that supporting others learn about the vast opportunities the world of careers provides, is imperative for our constantly changing workplace to not be bounded by generic and conventional ideas of success but exciting and ambitious pathways. I believe as a collective careers team, we not only play a lasting legacy in empowering the future generation, but to explore their passions confidently - transforming students' transitions to be purposeful to our wider school community.



"This position has enabled me to enhance and learn leadership qualities of flexibility, commitment and communication, developing my own ability to become a leader in my own transitional journey"

ARTHIHA N



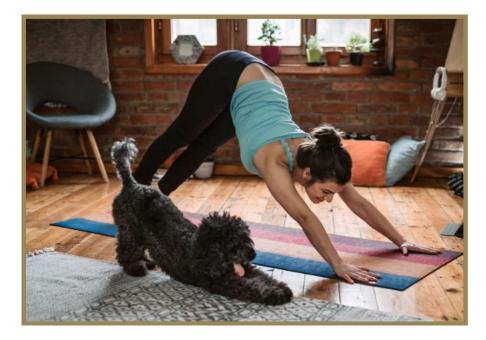
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OBSCURE OCCUPATIONS

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO!"

Are you a dog person? If yes, you may be about to discover your dream career. As many people worldwide are becoming more aware of the importance of wellness, the global market is set to grow at a compound rate of 9.4% every year from now until 2030. If you're someone who has an interest in wellness, then becoming a **doga instructor** could be the perfect job for you. Doga is like yoga, but with dogs! Instructors run sessions of around 40-60 minutes, starting your session by doing yoga alongside the dogs - then you and your students can enjoy playtime for the last half hour.

Not a dog person? Don't worry! Some studios offer sessions with cats, rabbits, or even goats. Yoga studios offering dog yoga are typically in Central London, so if this sounds like the job for you, consider how long it might take you to commute there. Additionally, you'll need to be a trained yoga instructor - this can be done through a college course, or by doing a training course from a professional yoga company. It's also a good idea to practise yoga for 2-3 years before training to be an instructor. However, if you have pet allergies, this job might not be the one for you. Once you're qualified, you're all set! Get ready for a life filled with serene exercise, surrounded by cute puppies.



Author's note: Hi! Are you someone that isn't sure what they want to do in the future? You're in the right place-this column will cover jobs you may not have heard of before, to help you find your perfect job.

It will cover a wide range of industries, so keep an eye on here, as there will be something for everyone.

Also, please feel free to visit
Ms. Williams, the careers
advisor for our school- if
you're feeling unsure, she will
help you find your perfect
path. I hope that this column
will help you in your journey
towards your future!



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SIXTH FORM NEWS

LAW SOCIETY INTERVIEW

We interviewed founder of Townley's Law Society, Faysal, to give insight into the lunchtime club that runs every Thursday.

Q: What is Law Society?

A: Law Society involves law-pioneered conversations with external esteemed professionals who we invite to come in to provide insight to the attendees. We discuss, at length, recent developments in the world and their relation to the changes in the law.

Q: How do you feel the students participating in Law Society benefit from this club?

A: Students can hope to gain many transferable skills regarding data collection, analysing and scrutinising information. Students can expect to build on their speaking skills through substantive arguments from both sides. Students can develop and gain further insight into law prospects.

Q: How do you think students are finding Law Society?

A: Well I would hope all the students are enjoying it! Jokes aside, I do try to mix informative learning with more fun, relaxed discussion based learning to ensure interaction and to get that buy-in!

WOMEN IN LAW

To mark International Women's Day 2024, Macfarlanes (a City based law firm) will be hosting a careers fair on Wednesday 6 March, open to girls ranging from years 10 to 13. Check your emails for more information!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you for taking the time to read Townley's brand new Careers Newsletter! Look out for future newsletters featuring sustainable stories, more obscure occupations, more sixth form societies and other careers related news!

If you have any feedback for us please email Mrs Williams at wwilliams@townleygrammar.org.uk or talk to one of the careers prefects - Mashal A, Diana C, Erin G, Arthiha N



"Don't worry if you haven't done something before, its not that you can't do it but perhaps the opportunity hasn't been there before. Keep doors open and make the most of any opportunity you get!"

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