

# SLG CAREERS BULLETIN



Dear Parent/Guardian

29/09/2025

Please see information below that details events linked to Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.

**SLG Career Bulletins are available on the school app and school website**

## **Parents Information Evenings that include a Careers Presentation:**

Tuesday 7th October 2025 – Year 12

Thursday 9th October 2025 – Year 13

Thursday 9th October 2025 – Year 14

## **UCAS Information for Year 14**

**Students making an application to Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary** have been asked to forward their personal statements to Mrs McDonnell for advice. Applications are due with UCAS by the deadline 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025. However, time needs to be considered for the inclusion of a UCAS reference written by Mrs McDonnell. Therefore early applications to UCAS should therefore be submitted by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**.

## **Notice for Year 12 Careers Lessons**

For upcoming Careers lessons, it would be useful if Year 12 students brought to class their charged device (not their phone). There will be lessons available online that students can be part of if they have a device.

## **Work Related Learning**

### **MIA Event**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September students from Years 11–14 had the exciting opportunity to delve into the world of Moving Image Arts, discovering the wide range of careers available in film, television, animation, and digital media. Through engaging talks and interactive sessions, they learned about storyboarding, cinematography, editing, sound design, and the creative process behind visual storytelling.

## **Business Studies Event**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September a small number of Year 13 students attended a meeting for the Ballymena Participatory Budget Programme where they will learn about managing finances within a community.

## **Queen's University Languages Talk – Wednesday 1st October**

Our Year 12 Languages students will attend a special talk hosted by the **Languages Department at Queen's University Belfast**, featuring past pupil **Daniel McAuley**. They'll be joined by students from Ballymena Academy and Cambridge House for this collaborative event. The session will explore language learning at university, career pathways in translation, linguistics, and international relations, and the global opportunities that come with studying languages.

## **Concern Debates Training – Thursday 2nd October**

A small group of Year 14 students will attend a **training day for the Concern Debates programme** at the **Millennium Forum in Derry**. This event will help students build essential skills in **public speaking, critical thinking, teamwork, and persuasive communication**. These are highly transferable skills that are directly relevant to a wide range of careers.

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## **CAFRE Open Week – Tuesday 7th to Saturday 11th October**

CAFRE is hosting its annual Open Week across its three campuses—Greenmount (Antrim), Loughry (Cookstown), and Enniskillen from Tuesday **7th to Saturday 11th October**. Students and parents are invited to attend information sessions and guided tours to explore CAFRE's wide range of further and higher education options in areas such as agriculture, food, horticulture, equine studies, floristry, land-based engineering, and veterinary nursing. Check [here](#) for more details.

## **Explore Engineering Expo Careers Fair – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Mid Ulster Sports Arena, Cookstown**

MEGA are delighted to invite your GCSE and A-level students, along with their parents and carers, to the annual Explore Engineering Expo in partnership with MEGA and Construction Futures. This is a free event designed to introduce them to the exciting world of engineering and inspire their future career paths.

The Expo features a dedicated Careers Fair from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM, where students will have the opportunity to meet with a wide range of engineering, manufacturing and construction companies. They can explore different career paths, learn about apprenticeships and discover the skills needed to succeed in a modern, high-tech industry.

## **STEPS Engineering Your Future Virtual Work Experience**

Secondary school students are invited to take part in this online work experience. The STEPS Programme, Engineers Ireland together with Springpod have created this bespoke experience for secondary school students. Students can register anytime from 15th September 2025 to 18th January 2026 and complete the virtual work experience in their own time. This is entirely free and open to ALL students on the island of Ireland aged 13 and over.

Apply here: [Engineering Your Future with Springpod- Virtual Work Experience](#)

## **QUB Pathway Opportunity Programme 2026 for Year 13 students**

The Pathway Opportunity Programme supports students in Year 13 who come from underrepresented backgrounds, especially first-generation university applicants, to progress to higher education. Online applications open on **Monday 29th September 2025** and will close on Tuesday 4th November 2025 at noon. Find out more [here](#)