

# St Matthew Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

## RE: Careers Information Advice and Guidance.

As part of our Careers and Information Advice and Guidance education, we are writing to share details of some organisations and websites, which are providing useful online sessions and content for pupils at the current time.

### The Construction Youth Trust (CYT)

We have been working with Construction Youth Trust since September with a group of our Year 11 pupils and in light of the current school closure, they would like to continue to offer their events to young in their partner schools. They are therefore planning to run a 4-week series of online group sessions. These sessions will include a selection of careers and employability sessions as well as their very popular KS3 carbon challenge session.

The sessions are open to any pupil from their partner schools and all the pupils need to do to attend a session is to register beforehand [here](#).

The live sessions are 45 minutes long, supported by industry professionals and designed to be fun and interactive as well as informative!

The sessions will all take place via Zoom. All pupil microphones and cameras will remain off throughout the session. Pupils can communicate with the Construction Youth Trust host and co-host only via the live chat.

The schedule for the first two weeks is below:

Week 1		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January		
2:00pm	Introduction to Construction Careers & Industry Q&A	<a href="#">Register for session</a>
3:00pm	Introduction to Construction Careers & Industry Q&A	<a href="#">Register for session</a>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January		
3:00pm	KS4 CV Masterclass	<a href="#">Register for session</a>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January		
3:00pm	KS4 Interview Skills	<a href="#">Register for session</a>
Week 2		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January		
3:00pm	KS4 Interview Skills	<a href="#">Register for session</a>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January		
2:00pm	Introduction to Construction Careers & Industry Q&A	<a href="#">Register for session</a>
3:00pm	Introduction to Construction Careers & Industry Q&A	<a href="#">Register for session</a>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January		
3:00pm	KS4 CV Masterclass	<a href="#">Register for session</a>

We will also share this information with the pupils via their school email and Google Classroom. Pupils can also register for the sessions by going to the Construction Youth Trust website

<https://www.constructionyouth.org.uk/learning-succeed-online-school-sessions>

We will share the details of the sessions offered in Week 4 and 5 with the pupils via email and in the school Newsletter, 'SMA News'.

### **SpringPod: Careers Network and Virtual Work Experience Opportunities**

SpringPod is a careers network that connects schools and pupils to amazing careers, employers and industry experts. The network is free for schools and pupils to join because employers pay SpringPod to join their network, to promote their work experience, school leaver and graduate opportunities. Pupils can use the website to find out about different employers and careers, view video related to careers in a range of industries and apply for work experience.

There are a number of virtual work experience opportunities available for pupils from Year 10 and 11 for this February half-term. Pupils need to apply for these opportunities, which usually require a commitment of 10 hours from the pupil spread across two weeks. Virtual work experience opportunities exist with the NHS, the Chartered Institute of Marketing, Vodafone and SpringPod themselves are leading virtual work experience opportunities in Finance, Law and journalism. For more information about all of these opportunities please use go to the [www.SpringPod.co.uk](http://www.SpringPod.co.uk)

We will be inviting pupils to join the SpringPod network via their school email address.

Please discuss these opportunities with your child(ren) and encourage them to take a look, register or apply for the opportunities available.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions please contact the Academy on [info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk)

Yours faithfully



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