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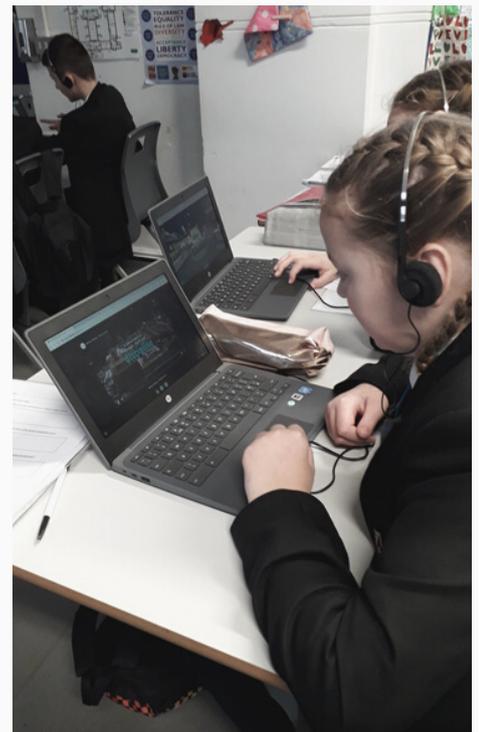
Dear All,

Welcome to February's SET Careers Bulletin. It has been a busy couple of months for the careers team, with drop down days and visitors to provide inspiration, whilst Yr11 careers interviews together with some dedicated staff time, helped with completion of their destination plans. All students in Yr10 are now being offered an informal interview with their Careers Advisor, giving them the opportunity to discuss plans, explore pathways and work out where their skills could take them. You can request a chat with the Careers Advisor at any point during your time in school by speaking to your Careers Lead.

### Careers Drop Down Days

SET Beccles, SET Ixworth and SET Saxmundham have all recently held a drop down day focusing on careers. Well done to all staff for coordinating some rather packed timetables and to everyone for engaging so energetically. Our visitors from Ashurts law firm, Paddy & Scott's, DWP, East Suffolk Council, EDF, Apprenticeships New Anglia and SET Mentoring Programme really enjoyed their time in school delivering activities ranging from virtual careers fairs, to law insights, food development, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship, construction and renewable energy debates.

In the near future there will be surgery sessions where we invite some of our visitors back to talk to small groups about their particular interests.



## Work Experience

It's time for all Year 10 students to find their work experience placements. Work Experience will be 4th – 7th July with the 7th set aside for evaluating what was learned during the time in a work place. This is a hugely valuable activity and a great opportunity to nudge open a few doors to see what life is like behind them in different working environments. We'll keep posting ideas and opportunities on the [Careers Library](#), but don't let this stop you searching your network or locality for placements. Deadline is 14th February. Please talk to your Careers Lead if you need help.

## National Apprenticeships Week

It's National Apprenticeships Week 7th – 13th February. Apprenticeships are a great way to learn, earn and gain qualifications beyond degree level. Modern apprenticeships are far from the few vocational opportunities of old as they now cover anything from business to nursing, or law to design, as well as construction and many, many more. Take a look at [Amazing Apprenticeships](#) website for more information and ideas for things to do during this dedicated week.

## Introducing our SET Enterprise Advisor

Introducing the SET Enterprise Advisor, whom you may have met at a recent Careers Day in school, Matthew Saunders from Ashurst law firm where he is head of their global international arbitration practice.

*(Arbitration is a procedure in which a dispute is submitted, by agreement of the parties, to one or more arbitrators who make a binding decision on the dispute)*

Matthew volunteers as SET's Enterprise Advisor because he knows that by providing meaningful interactions with you and your school helps prepare you for work through greater understanding of opportunities and how to access them, and familiarity with what the world of work can look like.

From a modest start at a comprehensive school, Matthew successfully developed his career and now regularly handles some of Ashurst's most complex international arbitration proceedings, focusing on international arbitration relating to international projects and the energy and resources sectors. Ashurst is a large Global law firm.



Matthew has experience of advising a broad range of clients including sovereign and federal governments, international energy businesses, multinational corporations and financial institutions. He is a member of the London Court of International Arbitration, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators. He acts as lead advocate in arbitrations and leads our group's most significant disputes including recently acting for clients in oil and gas and finance sectors.

## Spotlight: Careers in Law

If you thought that having a career in law simply meant becoming a solicitor, think again. The range of career opportunities relating to law, both locally and internationally is vast and the applicable transferable skills may surprise you. If you're good at research, enjoy debating, writing convincing arguments and like to keep up with current affairs, law may well be for you.

There are basically three aspects to consider: people who make the law, people who enforce the law and people who advise on the law. Additional transferable skills could include communication, teamwork, empathy, diplomacy, discretion, good judgement, attention to detail and authority, to name just a few.

Take a look at the [Prospects website](#) to discover some of the possible careers in law. And click [here](#) on the Law Careers website to see some of the possible pathways into careers in law.