



MOUNT KELLY

Boarding and Day School
Boys and Girls, Aged 3-18

Guidance Newsletter

*Careers news brought to you by
the Mount Kelly Guidance Team*

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With the main focus this half term being on our Year 13 pupils completing various applications for either Universities in the UK and overseas, along with pupils also applying for apprenticeships and gap year placements, it has been a busy time perfecting CV's and writing references. Year 9 have completed a four week block of work looking at different career options and researching their GCSE options. Their final session saw them visit Plymouth University for a useful presentation introducing University life to them along with a tour of the campus. Year 11 pupils have also researched their post 16 options during PSHE lessons and have attend taster lessons to help choose their options.



For pupils interested in a career in Health the NHS careers website is very informative. Take the quiz!

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>



The University of East Anglia has launched a monthly e-newsletter full of top tips and useful information to consider when deciding whether to go to university. You can sign up to the free parents and carers newsletter here:

<https://app.geckiform.com/public/#/modern/21FO0097pz3lq500axrv1g42cr>



InvestIN Courses - Discount code

Please look at the link below for opportunities to experience life as a Banker, Doctor, Lawyer, Engineer, Politician or Journalist. If you want to register for any of the summer internships you can benefit from a 15% early-bird discount using the code **UKINTERN15** when prompted at checkout!

<https://investineducation.co.uk/>

The University Guy



For pupils looking to apply to universities overseas then they could wisely spend their time listening to some of the University Guy's podcasts. David Hawkins has visited Mount Kelly and his website is well worth a visit.

<https://www.hawkinglobaleducation.com/blog2/category/Podcast>



For pupils interested in joining the police force this article talks about latest routes into recruitment.

<https://www.theguardian.com/careers/2019/jul/09/working-in-policing-could-you-be-part-of-the-changing-face-of-the-force>

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Gap Year Spotlight - Sasha Wavre

Currently on Gap Year 2019/2020

What was the best bit about your time at School?

There is no one 'best bit' as all the experiences I went through have formed amazing memories and allowed me to make life-long friends.

Dates at School: 2013-19

House: Newton/Courtenay

A Levels: Biology, Chemistry,

French

Intended University: tbc

Intended Degree: Veterinary

Science

What are you doing in your Gap Year and why?

The first 4 months of my gap year I was doing my National Service in the Veterinary Corps in Switzerland. I am planning to travel to Kenya where I will be volunteering on a wild life conservancy called Ol' Pejeta.

What was it like doing National Service in Switzerland and did the CCF and your time at MK help you with preparation for this?

National Service was a great experience and gave me a chance to do things I would never have been able to do normally, CCF was a good experience for the short time I did it but didn't really compare to the Swiss army especially me being in the Veterinary Corps. But I would highly recommend the CCF to anyone who is interested in the army and its qualities.

Can you think of the three things you learnt at Mount Kelly which you think will be most useful to you in the future?

Swimming at Mount Kelly with the amazing coaching team has taught me perseverance and time management when it comes to managing school work and getting sufficient time to relax and recover .

My time at Mount Kelly also taught me team spirit from various aspects of my life at Kelly, both academically and competing in sports.

What are you hoping to study at University and do you have an idea of the career you want to pursue?

I want to study veterinary medicine and then go on to to become a vet.

Tell us about something you did at Mount Kelly that delivered amazing results?

Swimming - Qualifying for the Swiss Championships and getting 4th place in the 100m Breast.

What are your biggest concerns about the next few years?

The uncertainties of getting into university and adjusting to living and working in the 'real' world.

How do you keep in touch with your school friends now that you have all left?

I message them regularly on various social media platforms and try to organise meeting up when we are all free and in similar places in the UK.



Top Tips for pupils thinking of taking a Gap Year:

Definitely have a plan and know what you want to do as a year sounds like a long time but the weeks go by fast and before you know it half the year has gone.