

Welcome to Edition 1 of our 2023 Careers Newsletter for Parents, Carers, Teachers and external Partners.

This month, we are hosting an external assessor to inspect our careers provision, as we undertake re-accreditation of the prestigious Quality in Careers Award.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT – SONYA BARLOW

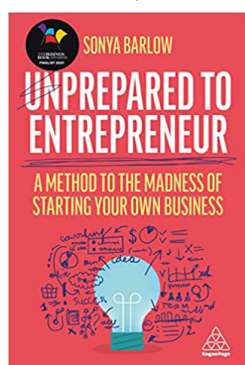
Sonya Barlow left Brentford School for Girls in 2009 and since then has been busy!

She used her problem-solving and communication skills to work in technology for five years before launching her own business. In 2020, she founded the LMF Network, a careers platform and inclusion consultancy. In 3 years, the network has upskilled 20,000 people and covered 24 countries. She has also delivered 2 TEDx talks on loneliness and failure, published a best-selling book, Unprepared to Entrepreneur, and landed her own BBC radio show, The Everyday Hustle. In 2023, she launched her talk show on Youtube called Tea With Sonya Barlow, with the first season filmed in Kenya. Her side hustles include content creation, travelling and supporting students through mentorship

Sonya has worked with some leading businesses, such as Google, The House of Commons, Vodafone, Oxford University, Barclays, the Institute of Coding and PwC.

We look forward to working with Sonya through career workshops, mentorship and confidence-boosting activities to support the advancement of students and staff. What an inspiration! Want to find out more about Sonya and her work?

You can follow her on socials @sonyabarlowuk or check out her website <https://www.sonyabarlow.co.uk/>



WHAT'S ON? EVENTS IN THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT THIS TERM

Year Group	Date	Detail
All year groups	26th June	Launch of our annual Careers Week which will include tutor activities, employer talks, games and activities across all year groups. Students in Year 10 will have the opportunity for a mock interview with a local business volunteer. To meet the requirements of the Provider Access legislation, which came into force in January 2023, students in years 8 – 12 will listen to a talk about vocational qualifications and pathways.
Year 7	June	Dedicated careers lessons as part of the BLOSSOM curriculum.
Year 7-8	July	Selected students in years 7 and 8, will be completing their university-style assignments as part of the Future Scholar's programme. They will also be attending their Brilliant Club Graduation.
Year 9-12	May - July	Our Duke of Edinburgh participants will be completing their volunteering commitment, gaining those all-important transferable, employability skills. All students can gain certificates for volunteering activities.
Year 9	June	Dedicated careers lessons as part of the BLOSSOM curriculum
	21st June	University Summer Residential for selected Year 9 students
Year 10	25th May	Selected students to go on a workplace visit to IAG Cargo (Heathrow) for a site tour, to hear about their Emerging Talent programmes and complete a work-related task.
	June	Dedicated careers lessons as part of the BLOSSOM curriculum.
	29th June	All year 10 students have the opportunity for a mock interview with a local professional (including alumni).
Year 12	22nd June	'Beyond Brentford' – workshops, lectures and talks to help prepare our current 12 students for their post-18 decision making.
	June- July	1-to-1 careers guidance appointments

THE KINGS CORONATION 2023: 6 GREEN

APPRENTICESHIPS AND HOW TO APPLY

Six green apprenticeships have been hand-picked by industry experts and marked with the Coronation emblem to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

These apprenticeships have been selected because they contribute to a low carbon economy and help to build a workforce that is equipped with the skills needed for a green future.

They also reflect the King's commitment to sustainability and environmental causes

- Countryside worker
- Forest craftsperson
- Low carbon heating technician
- Installation and maintenance electrician
- Sustainability Business Specialist
- Corporate responsibility and sustainability practitioner

These apprenticeships are paving the way for hundreds more environmentally-friendly apprenticeships. To find out more visit:<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/05/04/coronation-2023-6-green-apprenticeships-and-how-to-apply/>

LIKE MINECRAFT? READ ON.....

Students aged 5-24+ are invited to get involved with Design Future London – a design challenge opportunity for all young Londoners.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has teamed up with best-selling video game Minecraft for the launch of his 2023 Design Future London Schools Challenge. The Schools Challenge takes place in the new London Minecraft World, where the Mayor makes a special appearance as a non-player character. Young Londoners will design sustainable changes to a Minecraft version of Croydon town centre and submit a two minute video entry. Learning about how to build a better, more sustainable London and more about future careers in the built environment.

The competition is open to all, and supported with FREE digital licences for ESRI ArcGIS and Minecraft Education, FREE model making packs for schools, FREE events and more.

Please click on the link below for more information and to register.

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/planning/digital-planning/design-future-london>

2023 LINKED IN JOBS ON THE RISE

With the tumultuous last few years, including the covid 19 pandemic, an energy crisis and looming (yet thankfully avoided) economic recession, is it any wonder that the jobs landscape is also changing? According to the 2023 LinkedIn Jobs on the Rise list the following roles are amongst the 25 fastest-growing job titles over the past five years:

- Software Engineer
- Sustainability Manager
- Chief People Officer
- Data Science Manager

To find out more - <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/linkedin-jobs-rise-2023-25-uk-roles-growing-demand-linkedin-news-uk/>

NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE

On April 1st the National Minimum Wage rates were announced. New rates are shown on the table below:

Apprentice	Under 18	Age 18-20	Age 21-22	23 and Over
£5.28	£5.28	£7.49	£10.18	£10.42

These rates are for the National Living Wage (for those aged 23 and over) and the National Minimum Wage (for those of at least school leaving age). The rates change on 1 April every year.



If anyone would like to support our mock interviews, any of our Careers Week activities, or the careers programme in general, please get in touch with the Careers Education Co-ordinator Emma Brown: ebrown@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk