



Careers Bulletin – July 2011

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You then have access to a wealth of information on Careers, Health, Relationships, Safety, Travel and many other topics relevant to pupils from Years 7-13

'Working Lunch' Series



Open to Years 10-13
12.50 – 1.50 pm in the Willis Room

Next talk: **Applying to US universities**
Friday 30 September

Also planned for the Autumn Term:
Accountancy and Ergonomics Engineering

Look out for the dates in the next bulletin.

A sandwich lunch is provided so it is essential that you book your place for each event. Please email Mrs Williams in the Careers Office on: careers@pgs.org.uk

Dates for the Diary 2011-2012



Monday 3 October
Visit of Army Liaison Officer
for Years 10-13



We are waiting for new Liaison Officers to be appointed by the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force and will publish the dates of their visits as soon as possible. In the meantime the Officers at the Careers Office in Cambridge Road will be happy to help you.



Careers and Gap Year
Convention
Thursday 23 February
6.00 – 8.00 pm

OP Club VIP Lecture 2011

Friday 16 September – DRT – 7.30 pm
Andrew Hind MBE, OP
Pupils and Parents welcome

Become an Accountant and see the World

When Andrew graduated as an accountant he made the decision to work for established blue chip organisations in the provinces rather than London and so gained wider experience and greater responsibility much more quickly.

Just when his peers were attracted by the vast salaries of the glitzy conglomerates of New York, the City and Hong Kong, Andrew decided to join one of the world's top 20 firms but one with deep roots in Africa. This was PKF, launched in the colonial era of East Africa and now well established in Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya. At 26 years of age Andrew found himself leading the audit of the Commercial Savings Bank in Somalia, visiting branches throughout the country, arriving in Hargeisa at the height of a refugee crisis.

His encounter with thousands of destitute people convinced him that his future path would be to use his financial expertise in the service of others with an NGO

'I thought, well there's got to be more to being an accountant than auditing banks, important though that is.'

Andrew gained international experience with BICC group, 'spending three years flying all over the place as an international financial trouble-shooter'. and then moved to his dream job as FD of Action Aid. And so began his life's work in the charity sector throughout the world. Other posts followed: Chief Operating Officer of the BBC World Service, and Director of Finance and Corporate Services at Barnardo's before Andrew retired in 2010 as CEO for the Charity Commission.

If you would like to attend the talk and hear more about Andrew's fascinating life and work there is no charge but booking is essential. Please contact Gareth Perry on gareth.perry1@gmail.com

UCAS

Year 12 pupils – when you come back to school in September be ready to make your final decisions about university. Over the summer, research courses and refine your Personal Statement. Dr Galliver, the UCAS Coordinator, will be on hand for help and advice, as well as Subject Advisors, Tutors and the Careers Department.

The school deadlines for completion of UCAS applications are:

Oxbridge and Medics – 15 September
all other applicants – 7 October

For further information about anything in this bulletin please visit the Careers Department or email careers@pgs.org.uk