

# The Tiffin Girls' School Careers Newsletter

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For this year's British Science Week, the organisers were highlighting the British Science Association's [Smashing Stereotypes](#) campaign. Smashing Stereotypes is a campaign run by the British Science Association which aims to dispel stereotypes of who scientists are and what they look like, and about the jobs people associate with science.

They have put together a collection of over 60 stories from individuals and teams representing a variety of different backgrounds that challenge long-standing stereotypes, encouraging more young people, from all backgrounds, to see themselves as scientists.

With profiles including a [flight systems engineer](#), a [sustainable fashion brand founder](#), a [nuclear medicine technologist](#) and an [astro-ecologist](#) Smashing Stereotypes proves that science is for everyone, whatever your interests, background, or career path. The campaign also reinforces that there's no 'typical' route into a science role.

Explore some of the other profiles below, –



## Family Accounts

Parents have now received details of how to activate their own account on the Xello careers platform and link this to the account of their child.

There's information on how to use your Xello family account on the [support site](#) as well as a short video walk-through (click below).



Xello for Families

## TiffinTalks



Our TiffinTalk on 10 March focused on **Careers in Pharmacy**. Our former student, Christine Gibbons, qualified as a pharmacist and worked for many years in this area, and later as an executive in the NHS.

She has recently graduated with a Masters in Global Public Health. Christine gave a fantastic insight into the important role that pharmacists play within hospitals and in the community, and what a rewarding career pharmacy can offer. If you were unable to attend, you can watch the recording of the talk [here](#)

Recordings of earlier TiffinTalks are available [here](#)



## Careers in the News

**The Government has announced the introduction of a clearing system for apprenticeships** – BBC News, 8 February

**PwC increasing graduate intake despite impact of AI** – BBC News, 13 March

**Government unveils package to boost girls and women in tech careers** – E+T Magazine, 12 March

**First V-level subjects announced with aim to 'prepare for future jobs'** – BBC News, 10 March

## Job of the Month – Pharmacologist



Pharmacologists are scientists and medical doctors who research how medicines work; explore how different drugs and chemicals have an effect on our bodies; and try to find or develop new medicines. They also use their understanding of how different medicines work to ensure that they are used safely and effectively to treat patients.

To work in pharmacology, you'll typically need a scientific degree in pharmacology or a related subject such as biochemistry, biology, biomedical science, chemistry, microbiology, molecular and cell biology, neuroscience, physiology or toxicology. An MSc or PhD in pharmacology or a related subject is advantageous and for many job vacancies can be a prerequisite.

To find out more –  
<https://www.bps.ac.uk/careers-education/>  
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/pharmacologist/>

## Careers Programme Parents' Survey - Feedback

Responses to our survey in December and January showed that, since we last surveyed parents in 2023, parents now generally feel better informed about the school's careers programme and more confident about supporting their child with education and career choices.

Key areas of support that parents said they needed included -

- ❖ Clear guidance on subject choices and educational pathways
- ❖ Career information and labour market insight
- ❖ Access to opportunities for work experience, volunteering and networking, and support for personal statements and interviews
- ❖ Stronger communication and engagement with the school, clear timelines and parent workshops
- ❖ Parent resources and support tools

We will continue to work on ways that we can provide help to parents as they support their children. In the meantime, please find below links to some of the existing resources available to families -

- ❖ the **Student Careers page of the school website** (which includes information about the careers programme for each year group)
- ❖ our **Careers Google Site**, a repository for information about careers events and useful sources of careers information, **including a dedicated page for parents**

## Fashion Designer? Landscaper? Curator? Visual Merchandiser? Set Designer? Where can your Art & Design skills take you?



Look at the display outside N02 to find out!

## Featured website

Job titles can be confusing. And job specs are even more confusing

**Day of Wrk** was created to show what people actually do for their jobs through authentic day-in-the-life video stories.

[www.dayofwrk.com](http://www.dayofwrk.com)

WHAT THEY ACTUALLY DO.

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