



How career passion can save the world...

In February, the iconic Irwin family announced they had saved their 90,000th animal at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital, including those falling victim to wildfires.

Ketanji Brown Jackson made history this year by becoming the first Black woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, marking long-overdue progress for representation in the judicial branch of the American government.

Say goodbye to single-use electronics! Back in August, researchers from Switzerland invented a biodegradable battery, which is printed onto paper and powered by droplets of water.

The perfect gift

We love Christmas and all the career opportunities it brings (those grottos aren't going to take care of themselves), but the bit between Boxing Day and New Year can be a drag if you don't have something productive to do. Not this year though! Santa's elves have been up all night packing December's newsletter with useful ways to make the most of this social limbo (you can repay them by reading it from top to bottom), including [four competitions to enter now](#).



Ready for a career in medicine?

If the last few years have taught us anything, it's that there's never been a greater demand for medical professionals. But before you pick up a stethoscope, it's important to take time to understand the present and future challenges this career path presents. Here are five free or low-cost online resources which can help you do just that.

[The doctor will see you now >](#)



Newsflash!

Wondering what success looks like for someone with a Special Educational Need or Disability? Whether you're transitioning from school to college, going to work, or pursuing further qualifications, the sparkly new SEND area of our website is here to give you the support you need to realise your potential.

"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice."

– T.S. Eliot

And the winner is...

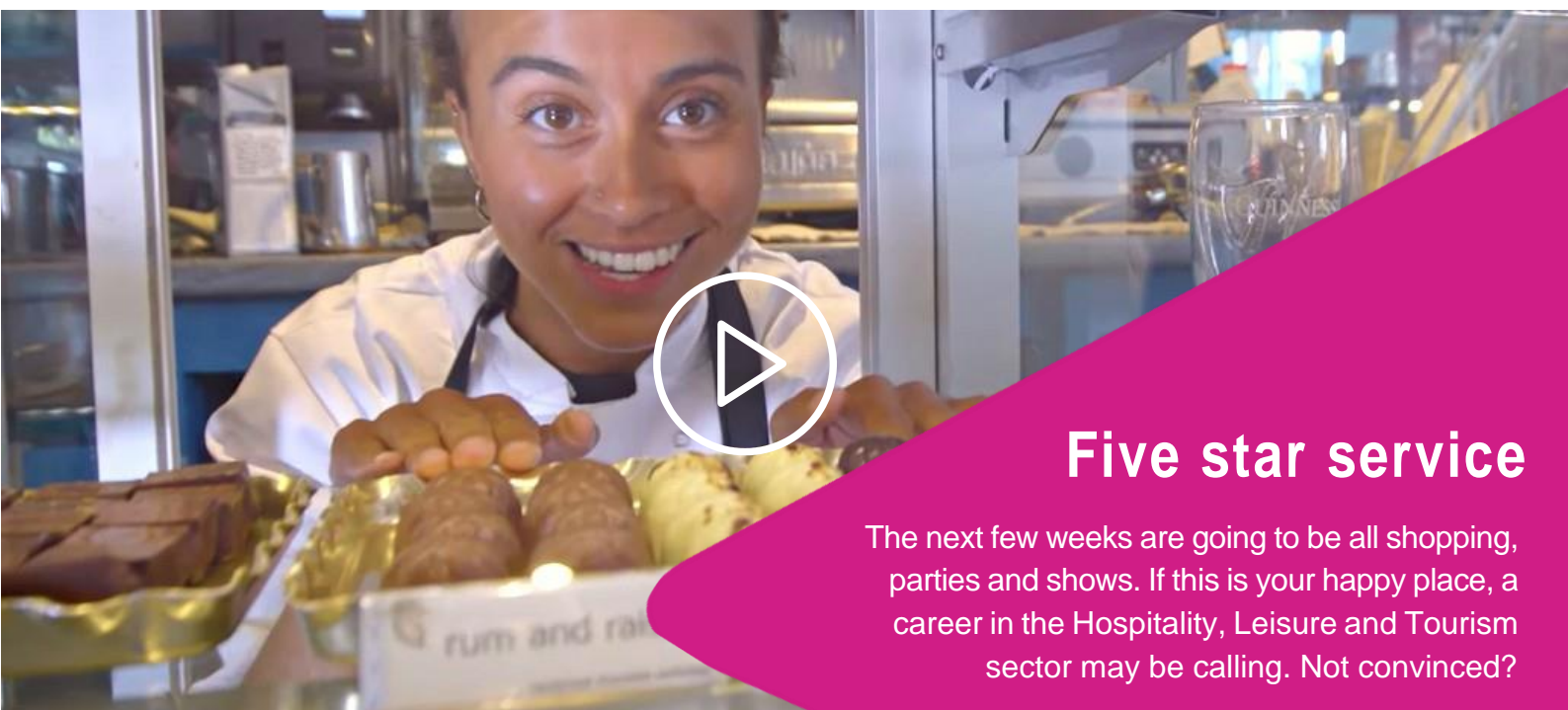
Following last week's final at Buckinghamshire Council Offices in Aylesbury, one lucky group of students have made history by winning our inaugural Green Schools Competition – the first of its kind in the county.

[Want to meet them? >](#)

Did you know?

A recent survey revealed two thirds of employers look for graduates with practical knowledge of their chosen career. The good news is, unlike school, most businesses don't completely close over the Christmas break, so we've managed to find more opportunities for work experience than you can shake a jingle bell at.

[Apply now >](#)



Five star service

The next few weeks are going to be all shopping, parties and shows. If this is your happy place, a career in the Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism sector may be calling. Not convinced?

[Check out our new video >](#)



Looking ahead

Haven't thought about what careers events you're going to hit in the new year? Here's your sign to start: an up-to-date guide to the shows, exhibitions and festivals that will reveal the path to your dream role, including the return of Bucks Skills Show on 8th-9th March.

[Get excited for 2023 >](#)