1. APPLYING FOR A MEDICAL-RELATED COURSE IN 2011? If so, you may need to sit the Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test on 28 July, 2010 (registrations open April). The UMAT 2010 Information Booklet will be available on line in late March. See http://umatweb.acer.edu.au

2. WHAT IS A CAREERS EXPO? They bring together in one place organisations related to choosing a course or career. Most Expos include University, TAFE, independent providers, employer groups, police force and defence force representatives. They are a great opportunity to collect information and talk to representatives at one location about a range of careers. Attending one is a great start to your career research. Make note of the upcoming Age and VCE Careers Expo, Fri 23-Sun 25 April, Caulfield Racecourse (www.education.theage.com.au)

3. SO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH ANIMALS? You might know what a vet or vet nurse does, but do you know how to become a vet or vet nurse? And...what other careers and courses are available? To become a veterinarian you have to study at university; the only Victorian university offering a veterinary course is Melbourne. It is a VERY competitive pathway. See: www.vet.unimelb.edu.au for details. To become a veterinary nurse you must first gain employment with a vet. Once you have employment you can enrol in TAFE to complete Cert. IV in Veterinary Nursing. This qualification involves on-the-job and off-the-job training (www.bhtafe.edu.au). Some other university courses which may lead to working with animals are: Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Biosciences (La Trobe), B. Agricultural Science (La Trobe and Melbourne) and the B. Wildlife and Conservation Biology (Deakin). It is also possible to study zoology in a science degree at Deakin, Melbourne and Monash universities. TAFEs offer a variety of courses such as Cert II in Animal Studies - Veterinary Nursing, Cert III in Captive Animals, Cert III in Agriculture (Horse Breeding), Cert's III & IV in Companion Animal Services, Cert IV in Stud and Stable Supervision, Diploma of Animal Technology, Adv Dip of Horse Management. See: www.tafe.vic.gov.au

4. I WANT TO BE A JOURNALIST! You can write clearly, have a good general knowledge, and are interested in the world around you. You follow the news, and want to search out stories, regardless of the time (day/night). You work to strict deadlines. If this sounds like you, then journalism may suit you. To become a journalist you first need to complete a university degree with a major study in journalism. Examples of courses: Deakin University B. Arts, B. Media and Communication or B. Professional Writing; La Trobe Uni B. Journalism or B. Media Studies; Monash Uni (Caulfield) B. Arts; Swinburne Uni B. Arts (Journalism); RMIT B. Communication (Journalism) or B. Professional Communication, Victoria Uni B. Communication (Professional Writing, Public Relations and Digital Media).

5. AG IDEAS INTERNATIONAL DESIGN WEEK. Are you a senior design student serious about this pathway? If so, attend this international design event in late April. For more details, go to careers resource centre or www.agideas.net

6. CHEF OPPORTUNITIES. Any Year 12 student interested in a chef apprenticeship is strongly advised to see me urgently for a 2011 opportunity.

7. HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY is offering a number of one-day careers programs. Places fill fast! Call 59572818 to book a spot.

8. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY. The always popular ‘Access all Areas’ day is again on this year - Friday 9 April. Pick up details from careers resource centre or www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic

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