

Introduction

Welcome to DHS Careers Newsletter. This is the first publication which aims to provide you with information, links and updates of what's happening in the Careers world. This issue includes a variety of resources so please set aside a few minutes to explore the opportunities outlined below.

Curriculum Summary

Year 7 and 8 pupils have been using Unifrog to complete Personality and Interest Quizzes and exploring career options. Year 9 have been exploring jobs in relation to their up-coming GCSE Choices. For Years 10 to 12, Apprenticeships Assemblies have taken place where they were informed of the types, levels and benefits of apprenticeship routes. In Year 11 the 1:1 Career Guidance interviews are currently underway with Mrs. Robinson. They also recently enjoyed two Sixth Form taster afternoons where they had the opportunity to consider their A Level subjects in detail. Year 11 interviews for Sixth Form are currently taking place with Mrs. Wheeler, Head of Sixth Form and Mrs. Tomlinson – Deputy Head. The L6 have been exploring Post 18 Options, University courses, Apprenticeships and have started an online Employability Skills Programme that we have sourced from Reeds Recruitment. Upon successful completion pupils will be awarded with a certificate. Sixth Form MedSoc has been busy updating the group with latest information on progression into the sector. All year groups have benefited from extra tutorial time introduced this term. Classes have participated in a variety of career-related activities to deepen their understanding. Additionally, next year pupils will have the opportunity to work through the tutorial-based programme called 'Steps' which supports students' personal development.

(Pictured: Sixth Form MedSoc)



Resources

1. The Skills network – Essential courses – Personal Development courses for 16 years +:
<https://www.theskillsnetwork.com/learners/courses/employability-course-essentials>
2. Worldskills – are running a series of live online careers talks by 'famous celebrities' and other high-profile personalities. The talks are recorded to view on demand.
<https://www.worldskillsuk.org/directions/worldskills-uk-live-online>
3. Take a look at the school Firefly and links to Labour Market Information:
<https://dhsfg.fireflycloud.net/careers/labour-market-information-lmi> To find out about the local labour market.
4. Online Medical Careers Tuition for Year 10 and 11. See link to information sheet. A group of 12 students are needed, with approx. cost of £33 each. <http://mcsprojectsLtd.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Tuition-information-sheet.pdf> Please email Mrs. Robinson, Careers Leader at s.robinson@dhsfg.org.uk if you are interested and we can progress from there.

5. The school's Careers Programme was published earlier this year, here is the link to Firefly: <https://dhsfg.fireflycloud.net/careers/careers-programme->
6. Apprenticeship Information Packs for parents: <https://aspire-higher.co.uk/resources/amazing-apprenticeships-november-parents-pack/>
7. University alternatives: <https://www.ucas.com/alternatives-to-university>
<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
8. <https://learnliveuk.com/videos-index/> Videos of high-profile people talking about their jobs/careers.

Work Experience Opportunities

At this present time virtual work experience options have been explored:

1. Pupils have been alerted to the online courses run by 'InvestIn' and here is a link to their latest brochure <https://dhsfg.fireflycloud.net/careers/virtual-work-experience>. As a Partner School, pupils receive a 10% discount on the courses by entering the code **DHSFG10** at the payment page. Bursaries for the courses are also available, pupils should see Mrs. Robinson for further details.
2. On Firefly there are other resources for virtual work experience, such as Barclays Life Skills.
3. We have purchased **Reed's week of virtual work experience** that will be open to pupils in Years 11-13, details of this will be given to pupils from January 21 onwards.
4. **Unifrog:** Virtual WEX placements are on the **Special opportunities tool**. You can find the tool in the 'Searching for opportunities' section of the Student homepage. Then select Country - England, on the next page select 'online/worldwide', then select subjects you are interested in.
5. **Work experience with Careers Days_** "Careers Days" are offering online work experience on the days below. These involve learning about chosen professions in the morning and taking part in work experience in the afternoon. At the end of the day, you will receive a personalised certificate that can be used in applications and interviews for university. The courses are designed for students aged 14-18. The schedule is as follows:
Medicine - Saturday December 5th 2020, Psychology - Saturday December 5th 2020
Career Choices Day- Saturday December 12th 2020, Aviation - Saturday December 12th 2020
Business - Saturday December 19th 2020, Performing Arts - Saturday January 23rd 2021
Veterinary Medicine - Saturday January 30th 2021
Visit www.careerdays.co.uk to enrol on any course. The cost for each one is £59.00.

When pupils have completed an online course, they need to **log this as a 'work experience' activity in Unifrog**. Whilst we are not asking pupils to find real-life placements this year, if pupils do seek something suitable, the appropriate forms MUST be obtained from Mrs. Robinson so full safety checks can be carried out.

Higher Education Update

This has been a busy term with the U6 submitting applications through UCAS for 2021 entry. Most applications have now been sent and offers are flooding in thick and fast. Some girls have taken additional entrance tests for Oxbridge and Medicine applications. Girls who are likely to have interviews as part of the application process are being given mock interviews by professionals through Zoom. The feedback has been excellent, and we are extremely grateful to those interviewers who have been willing to give up their time to help our students.