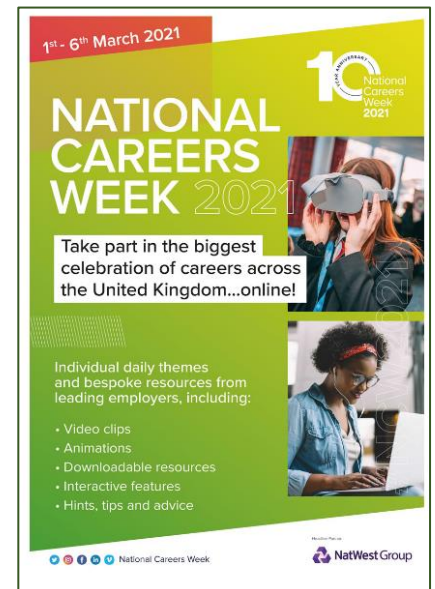


## Introduction

Welcome to the Spring edition of our Careers Newsletter. Although we started the term in lockdown, various careers education and activities have continued to take place..

One major event that occurs annually is National Careers Week; since all pupils were at home at that time, they were encouraged to explore a virtual Careers Fair online, organised by National Careers Week. The virtual Fair is still available until Easter, so anyone, including parents still wishing to explore careers can visit <https://ncw2021.co.uk/>. There is also a useful Parents Guide to Careers and this can be found at <https://nationalcareersweek.com/parentsguide/>.

Please follow our Careers Twitter page @DHSfG\_Careers to keep up to date with careers education developments.



## Senior House - Curriculum Summary

Students in Years 11 and 12 have had 1:1 career guidance interviews with Mrs Robinson, our Careers Leader and Adviser. Year 11 pupils have been considering their post 16 choices for A Level, whilst Year 12 students have been considering and starting to plan their post 18 pathways, including university, apprenticeships and gap year opportunities. Lower Sixth have taken part in a virtual Employability Skills programme developed by Reeds and pictured (above) are three students who have completed the course.

As part of the PSHE programme, pupils in Years 7 to 10 have had careers lessons covering skills, apprenticeships, university choices delivered via the Unifrog platform. All pupils in Junior and Senior Houses are encouraged to record their skills (for Senior House in Unifrog in the competencies section and for Junior House in their new Careers/Personal Development Journals). A wide range of skills can be documented: up to 15 levels are achievable. This is in line with the Skills Builder Partnership as part of a universal framework that allows all learners to reflect upon skills they are building ready for employment.



## Higher Education Update

The UCAS application process will start in May for our Lower Sixth students.

## Junior House - Curriculum Summary

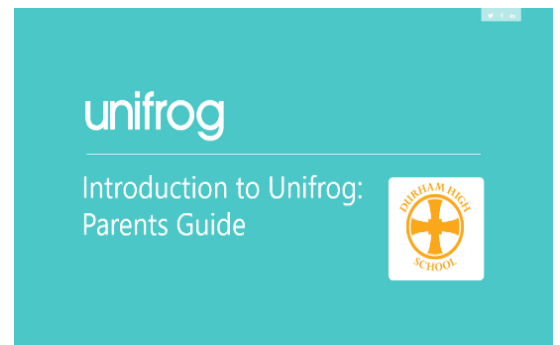
Pupils in Junior House enjoyed a Careers afternoon on 24<sup>th</sup> March. It started with virtual careers talks from parents and school associates, which gave us a fascinating insight to their workplaces and job roles. Each year group had a different theme, ranging from interview skills assisted by Dr Yitka Graham, a talk from one of our parents, Mr Alan Keating, which provided a fascinating insight into his construction business, and a wonderful presentation from Dr Zoe Freedman about being a chiropractor. Pupils also looked at careers in the NHS, Catering and Art and Design. They reflected on their personal strengths and also learned about the skills needed in the workplace and how they can start to build these in school. During this last week of term, each pupil has started a Careers Journal which will document their personal development whilst in Junior House. Pictured below: Annie our Catering Manager giving a talk to Junior pupils.



Our sincere thanks go to the parents and associates who contributed to the success of the afternoon.

## Resources

1. We are delighted to announce that parents can now benefit from our Unifrog careers platform. Please view the Parent Access Presentation on Firefly to access Unifrog. When logging in, the 'form code' that you will need to register is **DHSGPARENTS**. This software is used in lessons and tutorials for careers education. As a parent, you can have access to all the resources (but not to your child's account) so you can explore this with your child at home if you wish to. It has a wealth of information that can help you guide and talk to your children about their career options.
2. The Skills network – Essential courses – Personal Development courses for 16 years  
+: <https://www.theskillsnetwork.com/learners/courses/employability-course-essentials>
3. Worldskills are running a series of live online careers "Spotlight Talks" by high-profile personalities. The talks are recorded to view on demand. <https://www.worldskillsuk.org/directions/worldskills-uk-live-online>
4. During 1:1 guidance interviews, pupils are encouraged to explore this website to find out detailed information about their chosen careers. Where pupils do not know what role they would like in the future, careers can be explored by categories, for examples Science and Research. National Careers Service website: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>
5. The latest Apprenticeship Information Packs for parents: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-pack-january/>



6. University alternatives: <https://www.ucas.com/alternatives-to-university> <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
7. We are a Partnership school with InvestIn who offer fabulous work experience placements. Check out their website: <https://investin.org/> If your child wants to enrol on a course, please use the **discount code DHSFG10** at the checkout page to obtain a 10% discount. Additionally, they are running a **Free Easter Careers Hunt** and you can use this link to take part: [https://investin.org/pages/find-your-future?mc\\_cid=826e7707fa&mc\\_eid=7a4a985800](https://investin.org/pages/find-your-future?mc_cid=826e7707fa&mc_eid=7a4a985800)
8. Good, affordable Virtual Work Experience courses are available at : <https://www.careerdays.co.uk/>

**Mrs S Robinson**

**Careers Leader**