

DHS CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

Despite the continuing challenges of the pandemic, the Careers Department has been busy introducing new content for PSHCCE lessons, widening contacts to ensure meaningful encounters with employers and reviewing the provision to pupils to ensure it is of the highest standard.

News

In September 21 we began our journey with the EDT to gain the Quality in Careers Standard. The **Quality in Careers Standard** is the National Quality Award for Careers Education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) in secondary schools, colleges and work-based learning. The Standard, accessible to English schools, is fully aligned with the Gatsby Benchmarks for “Good Career Guidance”. The Standard is “strongly recommended” by, and fully complies with, the Department for Education’s “statutory guidance”. We will collect portfolio of evidence which will be professionally and independently assessed with a view to achieving national accreditation for the CEIAG provision of our school by 2024.



Business Breakfast – On 7 October we hosted our first, long awaited, Business Breakfast. The aim was to bring local business people into school so students could experience meaningful encounters with employers. This time our Sixth Form students had the opportunity to network with business leaders. Our thanks go to all those who attended, including Richard Weatherburn, our Enterprise Adviser, from 313 Wealth Management Ltd, for bringing his network of business contacts into school. We look forward to hosting similar events in the future.



Careers Talk – On 18 November we welcomed Liz Hughes, CEO of Growth for Leadership Ltd into school and she spoke to a large audience of pupils about career paths, working in the medical supply chain, leadership and business skills. The students found her advice and insights invaluable.

We have recently formed a student body of **Careers Reps** who are busy planning the programme of careers talks. We hope to invite parents to speak at future talks.



Apprenticeship Assembly

On 18 January we hosted an Apprenticeship Assembly for Years 10 to 13. Helen Inness from the ASK project came to speak to pupils about Higher and Degree Apprenticeships. Her information and guidance were well received and awareness of these opportunities were raised in students.



Senior House - Curriculum Summary

This academic year saw the introduction of our new PSHCCE curriculum, the new 'C' standing for Careers. Each year group's Careers Education is delivered on a rotational basis, where the PSHCCE lessons and tutor time are devoted to Careers for six weeks. All pupils used Unifrog to take online profile quizzes at the beginning of the academic year to help determine suggested job roles and personal strengths and weaknesses. The following sessions have taken place so far:

Year 7: Oct – Nov 21. Explored their skills and qualities and how they could lead to job opportunities, they considered 'Dream jobs' and job sector 'explosions' where Business Ambassadors came into school to talk to pupils about various professions. Our thanks go to Claris D'Cruz – Governance Lawyer, Dr A Hyder – Dentist, Hannah Walker – Business Development and Sales Consultant, Dr N El.Mohandes - Paediatric Consultant and Mark Burdon from Lanchester Pharmacy. Pupils have also explored labour market information (LMI).





Year 8: Jan – Feb 22. Pupils have investigated various jobs using Unifrog, Business Ambassadors will come to speak to the pupils about Volunteering, pupils will learn about employability skills and digital footprints.

Year 11: Sept – Oct 21. The main focus is on Post 16 education – in October students enjoyed the Sixth Form open evening, taster day and interviews with Mrs Wheeler – Head of Sixth Form. During the first two terms all pupils meet with Mrs Robinson, the Careers Adviser, for in depth 1:1 career interviews. Pupils also start to explore Post 18 options such as apprenticeships and university.

Sixth Form support is ongoing throughout the year with fortnightly enrichment sessions encompassing Careers Education. An interview preparation evening was held for Year 13 in November, where all students were interviewed by a specialist in their field of study for Post 18 education. Extensive support was given to Year 13 for their university UCAS applications. Year 12 students will meet with Mrs Robinson for in depth 1:1 career interviews in the Spring and Summer terms in preparation for the UCAS process.

Years 9 and 10 will have Careers Education sessions later this year.

Junior House

Pupils in Junior House are looking forward to celebrating Careers Week commencing on 7 March. Plans are in place to mark the week with many activities and the focus will be around careers linked to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects. We are planning to start each day with an assembly linked to a different career. There will be an opportunity to dress up for a day! We will be inviting parents and their daughter to be part of our Science Fair workshop. We are also fortunate to have an author share her career journey with us and she actually came to our school so that should inspire the girls. We have recently purchased some age-appropriate books for our careers display to ensure that Careers Education begins with our youngest pupils. The culmination of the work will be used to expand the pupils' personal development log and celebrate the outstanding approach we have to Careers Education across Junior House.

Resources

Interested in Engineering? Have a look at this free residential course at Oxford University. Staying in Oxford University's St Hugh's College and attending classes at the Department of Engineering Science. They are looking for girls who are creative, inventive and curious about the world around them. Does that sound like you? If you've got a talent for science and maths, then Uncover Engineering could be for you.

<https://eng.ox.ac.uk/uncover/>

Labour Market Information:

Explore the LMI website:

Use the 'Skillsometer' quiz to discover what jobs you might like to do in the future. You will be presented with a series of statements. Select the emoji that shows how you feel about each statement. You will be given suggestions of jobs linked to what you most enjoy doing.

Investigate the demand for jobs in the future, by using the 'Careerometer' tool.

Follow the link below:

https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/explore_lmi/

Find out about jobs in the North East - The occupational structure of the North East labour market, follow the link below:

<https://evidencehub.northeastlep.co.uk/report/employment-occupation>

Virtual Work Experience opportunities - **Free** - **Springpod**:



<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>

Youth Employment Links:

Work experience resources and virtual experiences:

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/employment-help-young-people/explore-work-experience/>

Year 13 Free National Online course:

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/employment-help-young-people/choices/online-skills-and-careers-courses/journey-to-work-free-online-course/>

Year 11 Free National Online course:

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/employment-help-young-people/choices/online-skills-and-careers-courses/preparing-for-your-future-online-course/>

InvestIn – immersive work experience courses: As a Partner School, pupils receive a 10% discount on the courses by entering the code **DHSFG10** at the payment page.



<https://investin.org/pages/choose-your-career>

January 2022 Apprenticeship Parent Pack can be downloaded here:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents>

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