

# Careers Bulletin

## Information, Education and Guidance



October/November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the November bulletin. This month has seen **Year 11's** complete their Mock Exams as well applying to Colleges, with some Colleges already seeking references from Year 11 tutors. Any Year 11's who have not already applied to a College need to consider doing this as a matter of urgency. We are beginning to receive communication back from some Colleges regarding interviews with students, either by telephone or in some cases a face to face interview. Careers interviews for Year 11's have occurred weekly since September.

Each year we liaise with Brockenhurst College to arrange for up-to 40 of our students to have an interview during the school day in our conference room. Students will be contacted through their tutors of their interview time when they are confirmed by Brockenhurst College. The first round of these is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December with another dates due after the Christmas break.

As regards other College interviews we have requested that they make theirs in the afternoon for Testwood pupils to avoid too much disruption to the school day.

In November and December during PSHE **Year 8's** have focussed on Careers and around choosing GCSE's, where can my GCSE's take me and what employability skills will I need in the future.

After Christmas **Year 9** will be focussing on careers during PSHE looking at their personal qualities, exploring industries and careers, employability skills and an introduction into apprenticeships.



### Start careers online platform

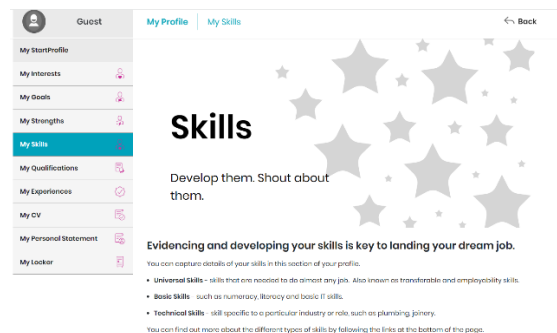
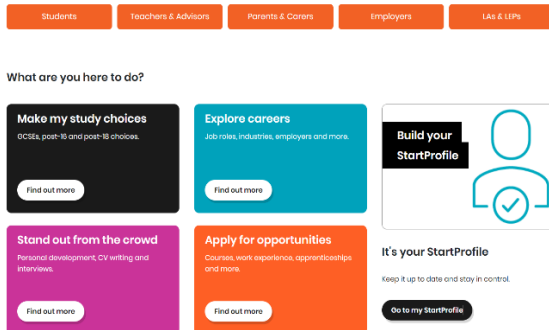
By the end of December both Year 11's and Year 8's will have received their new log in codes and information to access the upgraded Start online careers platform. This resource is used to deliver careers related information and tasks during their PSHE lessons. However pupils can still access from home and use the site for additional research and information around a whole host of industries and careers.

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I hope you as parents / carers will encourage your child to access the site on a regular basis as it can be used during Post 16 education at College.



<https://careers.startprofile.com/page/parents> use this link to view parents / carers section.

## College information and updates

### Sparsholt College

Year 10 & 11 students be aware that registrations are now open for Sparsholt College's next open event on Saturday 5 February 2022. This is an on campus, in person event.

To attend, students will need to register for the event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#) as **our events do fill up quickly!** At this event students will have a tour of the subject area they are interested in at a specific time which they will book in advance.

If you have any questions regarding the open event, please do email Phil Allen.

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### Richard Taunton College

As I'm sure you're aware, applications for joining Richard Taunton in September 2022 are currently open. Students can apply via their website ([www.richardtaunton.ac.uk](http://www.richardtaunton.ac.uk)).

### Brockenhurst College

Brockenhurst College interviews will begin for Testwood pupils on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December here at Testwood School. Pupils are notified of this directly by Brockenhurst and reminded through their tutors. They will take place in the conference room.

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I hope this bulletin has helped inform you of the current opportunities available for your child but also highlighted for those in Year 11, where they need to be now as regards applying to colleges. It is always recommended they apply to two colleges ensuring they have a back-up plan. Any pupil wishing to have an apprenticeship are also recommended to have a college place / course as there are limited apprenticeships available these days, they usually are advertised in April and the application process is similar to applying for a job. It is a more challenging process than a college application.

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