

Careers Bulletin

Information, Education and Guidance



October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the October bulletin. This month has seen a lot of information go out for Year 11's regarding College open events and the receiving of college prospectuses. Our website continues to provide links to colleges and other providers of training around apprenticeships.

This month during PSHE Year 11's has been focusing on college application forms by drafting a personal statement as well as looking at Apprenticeships and University in the future as an option. The Year 11's will continue to receive 1-1 careers advice from Grace Wiley our careers adviser. All Year 11's will receive a session with the EBP Careers Adviser by March 2024.

The Year 11's and Year 10's received an assembly on Wednesday 18th March from representatives from Brokenhurst College and Totton College who delivered a combined Post 16 College and Apprenticeships-What to know and to apply to any college.

[Year 10' Work Experience is at the start of Year 11](#)

The current Year 10's will get their work experience in September 2024 however the planning for this event will begin in December 2023 on Thursday 7th December-Work Experience Information Evening. Further details to follow in due course.

--Upcoming events in November 2023--

Thursday 9th November- Careers information / talk evening on Engineering as a career. Trant Engineering, SETA Engineering Apprenticeships and the RAF will each give a 25minute presentation around this career, although the RAF will include all aspects of being in the Royal Air Force.

from 6pm-7.30pm in the Learning Resource Centre.

Tuesday 28th November from 12.10-2.55pm is the

Year 9 Business Networking Event in the main hall.

Year 11 Careers Interviews continue this term. Tutors receive the list and times for pupils each week.

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--College information and updates--

Brockenhurst College

Saturday 4th November 2023 9.30am – 13.30pm

Register online to attend. www.brock.ac.uk/open

Richard Taunton College

Thursday 16th November 2023 6pm – 8.30pm

Wednesday 28th June 2024 6pm – 8.30pm

Register online to attend. <https://www.richardtaunton.ac.uk/>

Sparsholt College

Saturday 11th November 2023 10am – 2pm

Saturday 2nd December 2023 10am – 2pm

Saturday 2nd March 2024 10am – 2pm

You may need to register online-check their website for updates. <https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/>

Southampton City College

Saturday 18th November 2023 10am – 12.00pm

You need to register online prior to the event date. <https://www.southampton-city.ac.uk/>

Totton College

Thursday 10th November 2023 5.30pm-7.30pm

Monday 4th March 2024 5.30pm-7.30pm

Tuesday 18th June 2024 5.30pm-7.30pm

Go to the website to book. <https://www.totton.ac.uk/>

Itchen College

Wednesday 1st May 2023 5-8pm

Need to register online at <http://www.itchen.ac.uk/>

These open events can be visited by pupils and parents in any year group but Year 11's definitely need to be attending these to make the right choice before you submit an application.

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APPRENTICESHIPS VS UNIVERSITY



WHY CHOOSE AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeships have become increasingly more popular over the past five years, even more so now. There is a wide range of different and diverse roles you can pursue through an apprenticeship, be that in engineering, health and social care, business or even science.

BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP

- Earn while you learn
- High quality training
- You can still get a degree
- Gain hands on experience in your chosen career and much more!

APPRENTICESHIP MYTHS

"Apprenticeships are for those who do not perform academically."

FALSE - they are a fantastic opportunity for all kinds of people looking to expand their knowledge and upgrade their skill sets, by getting stuck right into a job.

"Apprenticeships are only for manual trade jobs."

FALSE - This is not entirely true, although there may be a wide range of apprenticeships in construction, engineering, IT services, which are very hands-on, there are also a vast choice of vocational trades such as law, fashion, media.

"Apprentices have no scope for progression."

FALSE - Approximately 65% of apprentices are hired on a permanent basis by their current employer after their programme has finished and a third who remain in the same company receive a promotion in their first year.

"Apprenticeships are only for entry level or low level workers."

FALSE - Whilst there are apprenticeships at lower levels, there are also a wide range of higher level and degree level apprenticeships. There is something for everyone.

"University graduates earn more than apprentices."

FALSE - There is a common misconception among young people (and parents) that university will set them up to earn more in the future. By the time a graduate has just qualified, an apprentice will have completed their End Point Assessment and will already have a year or two experience in the industry putting them ahead of fellow university graduates.

Thank you for reading this bulletin. I hope you have found this useful and informative. Please take some time to discuss the relevant aspects of careers to your child to encourage and promote an awareness of their options and future choices. The sooner they are pro-active and involved the better.

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