

Careers Bulletin

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December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the December bulletin. This month has seen **Year 11's** complete their Mock Exams as well as 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. Please check with individual colleges as to their deadlines. However the sooner the better to avoid disappointment.

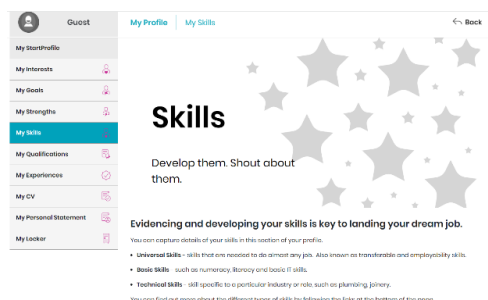
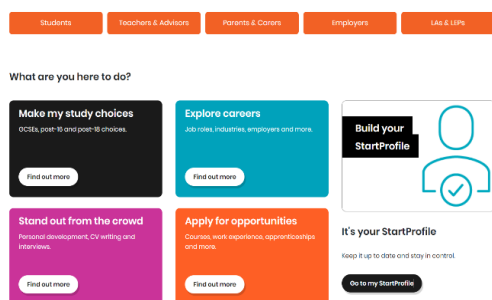
Each year we liaise with Brockenhurst College to arrange for a number of our students to have an interview during the school day in our conference room. Students will be contacted through their tutors / Year Leader of their interview time when they are confirmed by Brockenhurst College. These will begin in January 2024 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 during PSHE **Year 9's** have focussed on careers during PSHE looking at their personal qualities, exploring industries and careers, employability skills and an introduction into apprenticeships. This was done using the **Start careers online platform**.



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.

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This term Careers has offered these events to pupils.

Wednesday 20th September: Careers Fair Evening for Year 10 and 11. There was over a 50% turn out from each year group. A massive thank you to our guests who presented and answered your questions at their tables. There was a very good representation of colleges and careers in attendance. See below the contributors

Thank You to our contributors



Barton Peveril College	Mayflower Theatre	RHH Frank-Aerospace & Allied Industries
Brockenhurst College	Hampshire Police-Recruitment	MPC-Southampton
Richard Taunton College	S.E.T.A Training-Millbrook	Royal Navy / Royal Marines
Peter Symonds College	Grace Wiley - EBP School Career Adviser	
Totton College	Pega- IT Consultancy	Trant Engineering
City College, Southampton	Sparsholt College	Dr Siddiqui-CEO- Time, Research & Innovation
Itchen College	NHS 350+ & University Hospital Southampton	
Eastleigh College	Waterside Laboratories	

Thursday 9th November 6-7.30pm: Careers Evening on Engineering.

Thank you to our presenters at this evening where pupils and parents could hear more detail about this career and industry from; The RAF, Trant Engineering and S.E.T.A Engineering Apprenticeship provider. This was the first event in this style and was well attended by pupils and parents.

Matt Foster-RAF



Rosemary McHaffie



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An Introduction to Apprenticeships

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Engagement and Inclusion Manager

The next Careers Evening talk will be Emergency Services on the 28th March 2024

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Tuesday 28th November: Year 9 Business Networking Event. 12.10-1.10 & 1.55-2.55pm

Thank you again to our contributors who were able to have meaningful conversations with all our Year 9's either side of lunch about their aspirations, what employability skills are required in life, how they got into their job and experiences so far. The pupils were able to speak with up-to five different employees / careers to get a better insight into their future possible options.



Interesting opportunity for future medics!

Dear Head of Careers,

We are getting in touch to let you know about an exciting opportunity for your students interested in studying medicine and dentistry.

Applications for our **free, online**, and national [King's College London Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series 2024](#) are now open!

This programme is for students **across the UK** in **Year 11, 12, and 13**, who have only attended non-selective state schools since age 11 and are interested in becoming a **doctor** or **dentist**.

Please circulate this opportunity to students who you think will be interested.

For over three years this online programme has supported students in accessing the hyper-competitive medical and dental degrees by acting as a **hub of support** for their questions and queries. Over the course of the lecture programme students will hear from a variety of speakers to help them make the best application to medicine or dentistry possible! Last year's lectures included the following:

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- Medical and dental specialities: paediatrics, prosthodontics, renal transplant, maxillofacial and many more!
- Q&A's each week with current medical and dental students.
- Support for the application process: UCAT, personal statements, and interviews.
- September Q&A with key admissions colleagues in the school of medicine at KCL, UCL, St George's, Queen Mary, and Imperial.
- A session on other careers in healthcare with six professionals currently working and teaching in the sector (nursing, dietetics, clinical science, etc.)


Lectures will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6-7.15pm. Our first lecture will be on Wednesday 14th February.

For more information and to apply, [students should follow this link](#). The deadline to apply is **Monday 15th January 2023**.

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Upcoming Events in 2024:

Tuesday 23rd January Year 10 Business Networking Event

Monday 5th February-11th February: National Apprenticeship Week

Tuesday 20th February Year 8 Business Networking Event

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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