

Summer Term Careers News

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we move towards the end of the academic year, we are continuing to focus on careers education and students developing a range of skills to prepare them for the world of work.

I have been delighted to visit a large number of lessons and to have seen careers education in the curriculum with links to the jobs and skills related to the subject content, I have also been pleased to see the range of careers displays around the different departments in school.

So far this term, year 7 have had a visit from Bath University, Year 8 have been on a trip to see the university campus and learn more about university life and Year 10 are preparing for Work Related learning week. We are also busy planning for next year and have been in contact with Bath University again to book events for Year 7 and 8, the Royal Navy to organise a team building day for Year 9, we are delighted that the North Dorset Careers Fair is planned to go ahead in again in Spring 2024, we are also looking into some more personal finance sessions for students. On top of all of this we have also been in touch with Williams Formula One Racing about a possible STEM event to be held in Blandford next year and are waiting to hear back from them if we have been chosen as a potential host.

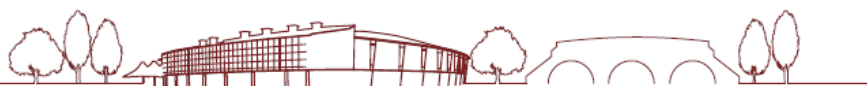
Bath University Trip

In May we took most students in Year 8 on a trip to Bath University, students were a credit to the school on the trip, demonstrating excellent behaviour. They were fortunate enough to have a tour of the amazing campus facilities including lecture theatre, social spaces, sports complex and accommodation. They then had a talk about university life and why studying for a degree might be a progression path for them to consider, before having all of their questions about university life answered. We were very lucky to have a great team of Bath University student ambassadors who were able to inspire our students about their futures, feedback from the students on the trip was excellent.

Work Related Learning Week

We are excited about our WRL week for Year 10 which begins on 26th June. We are delighted to be supported by over 20 local businesses offering trips and talks and a large number of people from our local community to support our mock interview day. Students will:

- Visit a workplace and find out about the jobs on offer there.
- Learning about making a good first impression and interview skills.
- Write a CV.
- Develop team building and communication skills.
- Take part in an enterprise (entrepreneurship) challenge.



- Hear from a range of speakers about a range of jobs and industries.
- Hear about apprenticeships and from local colleges.
- Learn about banking and personal finance.
- Take part in a number of mock interviews.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of those supporting the school to deliver this important week for our students.

Our careers programme can be found on the school website, but this term we have had a focus on developing 'soft skills' (work ethic, adaptability, communication, teamwork, analytical thinking, innovation, problem solving and self-reliance and motivation) with all students as well as the programme of events for each year group, the summer term activities are listed below.

Year 7 – Investigating their dream job on Unifrog.

Year 8- Considering the choices that can be made as part of GCSE Options.

Year 9 – Considering the choices that can be made post 16.

Year 10 – Preparing for work related learning week and exploring careers of interest.

Year 11 – Focussing on wellbeing and managing stress and anxiety.

Sixth Form – Student finance and positive self-presentation.

Also attached with this letter, thanks to the Dorset LEP is the latest Labour Market Information for your reference.

As always, your support of your child's education, especially in relation to careers is very welcome, the websites below provide some tools to help. We have also introduced a 'Careerometer' and 'Skillsometer' on our website, which is a quick and easy way to find careers that may be of interest to your child. (<https://blandfordschool.org.uk/careers-guidance/>)

Unifrog – <https://www.unifrog.org/> (you will need a username and password for this site, which your child has)

Start profile – <https://careers.startprofile.com/page/home-page>

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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