

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Wootton Park School autumn term careers newsletter. We have had an exciting term filled with activities to support learners with their employability skills. The team have already begun planning events for National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week which will help learners feel even more inspired about their next steps.

WPS Y11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

Year 11 were tasked with being the first cohort to have a mock interview at Wootton Park School. Our team were so impressed with how our learners conducted themselves during their interviews. We were delighted to hear the feedback from employers, praising learners on their attitude and preparation. A big thank you to our local employers who offered their time to support throughout this process.



Y5, Y6 & Y12 OXBRIDGE ASSEMBLIES

Our Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Wright, organised fantastic Oxbridge assemblies for learners across different phases. For Y5 & Y6, learners found out what university life is like. For Y12, learners discovered more about University of Oxford and the fantastic facilities they offer.

Y13 UOH PERSONAL STATEMENT DROP-IN

We were fortunate to have Leon Harris from University of Hertfordshire visit to support Y13 learners with personal statements. As our learners prepare to submit their UCAS applications, it was a fantastic opportunity to have a university representative offer helpful advice on structuring their statements.

Y10 FRIDGE STREET ILLUSTRATOR TALK

Kardi Somerfield, the owner of local design business 'Fridge Street', visited our Y10 Art learners. The talk focused on how she creates her illustrations and what inspired her to enter this pathway. Her designs capture the places and businesses that mean something to the people of Northampton.



FRIDGE ♥ STREET



KS3, KS4 & KS5 ORTHOPAEDIC DOCTOR VISIT

To support STEM learning, Miss Bastin organised an Orthopaedic doctor to deliver talks to learners across key phases. From discussing the skeleton to the pathway she took to become a doctor, this day was full of excitement for STEM careers.



Y12 & Y13 DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP ASSEMBLY

Dale Willis from My Great First Job delivered talks to Y12 and Y13 learners about degree apprenticeships. The qualification allows learners to gain a paid-for degree while gaining industry experience. If you would like to find out more about degree apprenticeships, [please click here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

National Apprenticeship Week: 5th - 9th Feb

Our National Apprenticeship week in 2024 will give learners who want to consider an alternative route a chance to learn all about this great option. Amazing Apprenticeships have created a podcast series for parents and carers who would like to find out more about this pathway. [Please click here to access it.](#)

College Open Events and Apprenticeships

Moulton and Northampton college offer a selection of courses including T-Levels, Apprenticeships and Vocational Courses. For those who are interested in finding out more about local colleges, we recommend parents/carers and learners to book onto their open days. Northampton College, [bookings can be made here](#). For Moulton College, [bookings can be made here](#). Learners can also apply for apprenticeship opportunities on GOV.UK and on Unifrog.

National Careers Week: 4th - 8th March

National Careers week will be focused on inspiring learners with their next steps with informative talks and assemblies. We will be hosting a Careers Fair to expose learners to career paths they may have never considered before.

Year 10 & 12 Work Experience: 1st - 5th July 2024

Our Year 10 & 12 learners will have the chance to work with an employer of their choice for five days in July. Learners have begun looking for their placements and will use their Unifrog accounts to support with the process. Any queries, please email our Careers Officer, Miss MacDougall S.MacDougall@Woottonparkschool.org.uk We have also created a section on the website which features key information for parents and carers. [Please click here to access it.](#)

PARENT FEEDBACK

If you or your child have any queries about our programme including work experience, please feel free to email either the Careers Lead or Careers Officer below and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. If you would like to give us feedback on our careers programme, [please follow this link to complete the survey](#).

✉ Careers Lead: M.May@woottonparkschool.org.uk

✉ Careers Officer: s.macdougall@woottonparkschool.org.uk

WHO CAN LEARNERS COME TO FOR ADVICE?

Wootton Park School has a 'Next Steps' team to give learners the opportunity to consider the options available to them and to aim high with their aspirations. All Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students will have the opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with our Careers Advisor Miss Adabale. All learners are encouraged to speak to Mrs Steere in regard to Year 9 options and Mr Kilcoyne for Post-18 choices and UCAS applications. Our SENCO Mrs Woodbridge is also available to offer support to learners across all year groups.



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