



Dear Parent & Carer,

I thought I would write to you all to bring you up to date on the Careers programme this term.

It is obviously paramount that we provide students with the opportunities and knowledge to equip themselves with the skills need for life after school. The working world is one that is rapidly evolving and the Careers Department at The Purbeck School feel passionate about providing our students with the most effective provision to support them to success.

The Careers Programme is delivered by tutors, every other week (week B) on a Thursday morning tutor time and students continue to access further knowledge throughout the curriculum as a whole and the pastoral programme.

All students, throughout this term, have participated in a wealth of careers related events. All students attended our careers fair which saw 32 exhibitors visit the school and inform students of the opportunities within their employment area; year 12 students have experienced mock interviews in preparation for employment after their A level studies. All staff, KS5 & KS4 students have accessed Unifrog, which is our new destinations platform that supports students compare every university course, apprenticeship & further education course. It provides a wealth on information, activities and tasks which develop students understanding of life after school.

Throughout the tutor programme, students have been focussing on a 'Job of the Fortnight' where students learnt about different careers which they may not have considered previously; we have also welcomed a wealth of outside speakers in to deliver assemblies to all Houses about their routes into employment and the skills associated with their job roles.

Any student can request a 1:1 career appointment through their tutor and this term we have been coordinating and offering all Year 11 students an appointment to support them in their future choices after their GCSEs. In Year 13 we have been busy supporting students in writing their Personal Statements and completing their UCAS applications.

This term we have partnered with Mike Quarry from the company Tradebe. Mike is our newly appointed Enterprise Adviser and his role is to assist our careers provision by bringing in his business skills and knowledge to support us in developing a strong careers programme that supports all students. Mike can also help inform us on local skills gaps and what local employers are seeking in a future workforce.

We have already started planning events for the Spring Term where our year 12 students will be out on work experience, year 11 students have their Future's Day and year 10 will be busy preparing for mock interviews. We plan on introducing Unifrog to KS3 students so that they can begin to explore the careers library within the platform.



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It clear is that a lot of the success of our careers provision is heavily reliant on the support that is shown to us by local business who give up their time to come in, visit the school and work with our students. We are always looking for new employers and motivational speakers to come in and work with us so if you feel that this is something that you are able to offer, please do contact Maria Beale on [mbeale@purbeck.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:mbeale@purbeck.dorset.sch.uk)

Kind Regards

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