

Dear Parent & Carer,

I wanted to write to bring you up to date on the school's Careers programme over the last term.

It is perhaps more important now, than ever, that we provide our 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 developing and the Careers Department at The Purbeck School feel passionately about providing students with the most effective provision to support them to success.

As a reminder, the Careers Programme is delivered by tutors, every other week (week B) on a Thursday morning tutor time; students continue to access further opportunities throughout the curriculum as a whole and our enrichment programme.

All students, throughout this term, have participated in a wealth of careers related events. Students from year 8 onwards attended our largest ever careers fair, which saw over 50 exhibitors and 16 universities visit the school and inform students of the opportunities within their employment area; it was an absolutely fantastic day and we look forward to making this available to more students next year.

Our year 12 students also had mock interviews, with external employers, in preparation for their work experience in February. During Personal Development lessons, our year 10 students have been working hard on writing their CVs, using the destinations platform 'Unifrog,' and these CVs will be sent off to their preferred work experience placements in the new year.

Throughout our tutor programme, year 7 & 8 students have been exploring their interests and linking these to potential career opportunities and jobs of the future. Our year 9 students have been exploring GCSE choices, whilst year 10 & year 11 have been focusing on developing their knowledge on apprenticeships, colleges and A level provisions.

We have already started planning events for the Spring Term. Our year 12 students will be out on work experience in February, year 11 students have their Future's Day and year 10 will be busy preparing for mock interviews. We are also excited to take part in National Careers Week where we will be inviting a range of employers, into school, to deliver assemblies to each house of the 4 houses.

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 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 this is something that you are able to offer, please do contact Maria Beale on mbeale@purbeck.dorset.sch.uk

Any student can request a careers appointment, please just ask them to speak to their tutor or visit Mrs Beale, in the Careers' Office, above the library and we can book a time for them. For more information on Careers at The Purbeck School, please refer to the Careers Pages on our website: <https://www.purbeck.dorset.sch.uk/information/careers/>

Kind Regards

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