



Dear Parent & Carer,

I thought I would write to you all to bring you up to date on the Careers programme from the Spring Term. It has been a very busy term for our Careers Department and students at The Purbeck School have accessed a wealth of events, depending on where they are in their journey through the school.

During National Careers Week, all students had assemblies delivered by external speakers which included Bath University, an Engineer from YUNEX and a Crime Scene Investigator from West Mercia Police; the assemblies were designed to not only promote different career options to students but also the range of pathways that the speakers took.

Key Stage Four students have had a range of careers related activities, designed to prepare them for life beyond education. Our year 11 students participated in 'Future's Day' which was based around providing students with a taste of what post 16 education looks like. Students attended taster sessions linked to our 6th form curriculum, workshops from local colleges and talks from a range of apprenticeship providers. Throughout our Personal Development programme, students have had lessons tailored to CV writing and interview techniques to prepare them for mock interviews which were led by external employees who visited the school.

Some of our Key Stage Three students attended a performance by Enact Solutions who focused on 'Options and Choices' which focused around supporting students to make the right choices for their future careers. Arguably the biggest development for our Key Stage 3 careers provision is the amendments to our tutor time careers sessions; each year group now has a specific focus for the careers provision and all the tutor sessions are tailored to this concept. Tutors will be following a series of coordinated careers sessions which are linked to a set of clear objectives. The careers focus for each year group is as follows:

- Year 7: Career Discovery
- Year 8: Exploring Careers
- Year 9: GCSE Focus
- Year 10: Planning your next steps
- Year 11: Choosing post 16 pathways

Any student can request a 1:1 career appointment through their tutor and this term we have organised over 100 appointments. During a career's appointment, the Career Adviser will support with career planning and can help explore and better understand the different pathways available to students. Our Careers Adviser can also assist with completing an application form or preparing for an interview.

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

Kind Regards

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