



Dear Parent & Carer,

I thought I would write to you all to bring you up to date on the Careers programme from the Summer Term.

It has been a very busy term for our Careers Department and students at The Purbeck School have accessed a range of trips and events.

Our year 10 students have a particularly successful work experience week; students spent a week visiting a placement of their choice where they fully explored the working world. Employers were incredibly complimentary about our students, particularly with regards to their level of professionalism and initiative shown. During this time, we were fortunate enough for six of our year 10 students to gain a week's work experience with Lancia Consult, a global management consultancy firm based in Bristol. The students were involved in activities and workshops, such as: presentation skills, how to research effectively online, CV writing, understanding consultancy and the role of marketing in the company. They were also invited to be part of the global company six-month catch up meeting – which was numerous offices, at least four countries online together, and this was then balanced by Lancia setting them a project “The great migration of Bristol Zoo”, bringing together all the skills they had developed throughout the week to the finale of presenting to senior executives how they would overcome the challenges of the migration in terms of funding, transport and marketing strategies.

Through funding from Southern Universities Network, we were able to offer a careers project to a group of our Year 10 students with the aim of raising aspiration and providing the information and knowledge to empower them to make informed choices about their futures post 16 and 18, whether that be college, apprenticeships, university. As part of the project the students were invited to visit both Poole & Bournemouth College and Bournemouth University.

12 of our Year 10 students have also participated in Exeter Scholars, a widening participation scheme which introduces them to university study.

The summer term has been particularly busy for Careers related trips. Some of our students have visited Weymouth College where they explored the different courses that can be offered post 16; we have also had students visit the RNLI in Poole and explore the role of women in Engineering. We have had students visit both Arts University Bournemouth and Bournemouth University to discover what university life has to offer and the different courses that are available to students; we also took a small number of students to The Anglo European College of Chiropractic who offer a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in health sciences.

Throughout our pastoral programme, students have had some inspiring assemblies linked to careers; students were spoken to by Mr Foyle, our Head of Science, who explored the vast opportunities that



science can provide post GCSEs. Students then had assemblies delivered by the Chief Scientist for Public Health England and the Head of Business Performance for England and Wales Cricket Board.

During both Personal Development lessons and the tutor programme, students have been exploring topics linked to financial management, skills needed for employment and our year 9 students have been writing mock CVs ready for applying for work experience next academic year. Next week, we are looking forward to our year 8 students participating in 'inspirations morning' which will see them attend various talks delivered by speakers from a range of different subjects.

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 is clear 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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