

Dear Parent & Carer,

Now that we are nearing the end of the summer term, I wanted to write to you all and update you on the careers provision throughout 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 opportunities

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 and the role of marketing in the company. 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.

Throughout the summer term, we have also been fortunate enough to run many trips for students across KS3 and KS4. We have taken groups of students to Bournemouth University and Weymouth College to explore education opportunities after GCSEs. We have also had students visit the RNLI in Poole and explore the role of women in Engineering. We welcomed Medical Mavericks into the school who showcased over 300 careers in the NHS and students learnt how to take blood, use a blood pressure machine and use a mobile scanner.

Our Careers Team also organised and ran 'Inspirations Morning' for our entire year 8 cohort which saw them listen to a range of talks, delivered by inspirational speakers across a range of subject areas. The morning was incredible inspirational for our year 8 students and it supported students develop their understanding of how their subjects link to wider job opportunities. We would like to thank all the employers who came into school and supported us with this venture.

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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