

# FUTURES

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### What's happened this term?

#### **Bournemouth University Forensics Workshop**

We were lucky enough to have a workshop delivered to our GCSE Psychology students recently by a member of University staff and a current Uni student. The students thoroughly enjoyed solving the mystery and examining the forensics which included analysis of footprints, blood stains, fingerprints and handwriting analysis.



#### **Careers Advisor Meetings**

An independent careers advisor came for the day recently for optional appointments with the Yr. 11's. We were so proud of how the students approached this, we appreciate for many young people it is out of their comfort zone meeting someone new, opening up on their ideas and thoughts for their future. We had some really interesting and productive conversations.. All the students were then provided with their own action plans.

#### **Green Careers Week**

During the week 7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov we found out about Green Careers week. Across the school the children had the chance to explore green careers, what they are and whether it might be a future pathway for them. Find out more here:

[www.stem.org.uk/resources/collection/515477/green-careers-videos](http://www.stem.org.uk/resources/collection/515477/green-careers-videos)  
<https://greencareersweek.com/organisations/>

#### **Group College Visits**

Some of our KS4 students have joined us for a group visit to Bournemouth & Poole College and Brockenhurst College. These were great opportunities to see those Colleges during a 'normal' college day. All of our Yr. 11's have been busy viewing post-16 settings and submitting applications where needed this term.

#### **And more.....!**

A Yr. 11 student has completed a very successful work placement with BCP Council within their maintenance department and is hoping to apply for an apprenticeship opportunity next summer – well done to them. Our KS4 students have also been busy working on their CVs in tutor time this half term which we'll continue working on over the coming months.

### Spring term Events

More details to follow closer to each event.

#### **Careers Advisor Visit – 09.01.22**

The careers advisor is returning on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> January and will be available to see any Yr. 11's who would like a follow up meeting from their appointment in November as well as a chance for Yr. 10 students to have a chat with her.

#### **Apprenticeship Workshops – 19.01.22**

Joanne Small, from ASK Apprenticeship will be returning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year to hold apprenticeship awareness workshops for the Yr. 10 & Yr. 11 students and a more in-depth session on how to register and apply for apprenticeships on the government website. More info on ASK here:

[www.amazingapprenticeships.com/about-ask/](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/about-ask/)

And on the Government page here: [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

#### **Bournemouth Uni Tour – 02.02.22**

We will be returning again for a tour and Q&A session at Bournemouth Uni, this was a very successful visit last year, raising awareness of higher education. Primarily offered to Yr. 10.

#### **Useful Websites**

Career Pilot: [www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk)

National Careers Service:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>

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## Spotlight on...

### APPRENTICESHIPS



#### What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a paid job where the apprentice is an employee in the company where they learn whilst 'on the job' and gain valuable skills and experience.

#### Do I need qualifications?

Apprenticeships range from Level 2 Intermediate up to Degree level. The Level 2 is an option for after leaving school and likely to require some GCSE's. Although it is always stressed to us that employers are looking for the 'right' person more than a rigid set of qualifications.

#### How does the 80%/20% work?

They are based on a model of 80% of time on the job working and 20% of their working time learning with a college or training provider towards a national recognised qualification in that industry.

#### Do they cost anything?

Apprenticeships are funded from contributions made by the government and the employer. This means you will not have any student loans or tuition fees.

#### How much is an apprentice paid?

If you're aged 16 to 18 or in the first year of your apprenticeship, you're entitled to the apprentice rate which is set by the Government and is currently £4.81 an hour (approx. £9,000 a year) this the minimum but many employers choose to pay more. This rate increases for over 18's and then over 21's.

#### What are the benefits?

Being paid whilst learning a trade or job in an industry you have chosen.

#### Anything to be aware of?

Apprentices are on an employers contract, therefore no more school length holidays and instead will follow their contract regarding number of days holiday a year, sick pay, leave etc. The length of each day is also likely to be longer than school.

#### How do you find an apprenticeship?

Search for all apprenticeships across the UK at:  
[www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

#### Where can I find out more?

[www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com)  
[www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)

## Look ahead to the Spring Term Careers Programme

The careers programme runs throughout the secondary years at school. Sessions are a mix of stand-alone events and tutor led sessions.

### Year 7

- Career Pilot Unit – Finding out about Jobs & careers.
- Tutor group to plan and undertake an employer/workplace visit or visitor.

### Year 8

- Career Pilot Unit – Employability Skills.
- Tutor group to plan and undertake an employer/workplace visit or visitor.

### Year 9

- Career Pilot Unit – Support for Choosing Options.
- Tutor group to plan and undertake an employer/workplace visit or visitor.

### Year 10

- Career Pilot Unit – Work Placements.
- Tutor group to plan and undertake an employer/workplace visit or visitor.
- ASK Apprenticeship Workshops.
- Visit to Bournemouth University – Campus Tour.
- Optional 1:1 career advisor appointment.
- Optional self-employed workshop.
- Visit to the Career & Apprenticeship Show (held at the BIC in March).

### Year 11

- Career Pilot Unit – Exploring Post-16 & Post-18 options.
- Tutor group to plan and undertake an employer/workplace visit or visitor.
- ASK Apprenticeship Workshops.
- Optional self-employed workshop.
- Visit to the Career & Apprenticeship Show (BIC in March).