

Dear Parent & Carer,

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

It goes without saying that Career education broadens students understanding of various job roles, industries, and pathways such as apprenticeships, university degrees, or vocational training. Early exposure to career options boosts motivation, showing students how subjects they study link to real-world opportunities. This preparation enhances their employability, reduces risks of future unemployment, and supports a smoother transition into the workforce or further education. The Purbeck School careers programme is delivered by tutors, every other week (week B) on a Thursday morning tutor time and then 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. 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 used for employer mock interviews in the new year. We also ran Futures Morning for our year 11 students where students were invited to follow either our 6th form pathway or our apprenticeship / college pathway. It was a fantastic morning where students were really given a flavour of life after their GCSEs.

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 has been preparing for work experience & year 11 have been focusing on developing their knowledge on apprenticeships, colleges and A level provisions.

Throughout the autumn term, we have offered trips to Kingston Maurward College and Cambridge University which really provided students with the opportunity of experiencing life beyond school; the trips were incredibly eye opening for our students and all students gained a huge amount from the experience.

We have already started planning events for the Spring Term. Our year 12 students will be out on work experience in February, students in years 8-13 will have the opportunity to attend our 'largest ever careers fair with over 70 exhibitors attending, which includes employers, colleges and universities. Please keep an eye on our website for further information on this.

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 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 Scott, 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/key-information/careers>

Kind Regards

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