

Year 10 and 11 Parents Careers e-bulletin

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Key careers information for Year 10 and 11 parents – to help students think about preparing for the future!

Looking for more information? Wildern careers has its own Twitter account – for news on careers events at Wildern, upcoming trips, and information from colleges and employers. Please follow: @wilderncareers.

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Year 11 Notices

It was great to see so many of you at our recent Year 11 Careers WINK evening. For those of you who were unable to attend, the presentation was led by our Careers Adviser, Ian Henser and also our guest speaker Jonathan Prest, Principal of Barton Peveril College. We have attached a copy of the presentation for your perusal.

Students are encouraged to be spending time at home researching college courses or apprenticeships locally, and actively applying for these colleges/apprenticeship providers, right now. After many open evenings in October (with those continuing in November listed below), lots of post-16 providers have application deadlines of the end of the year, or January at the latest.

Students can apply to as many post-16 destinations as they like, have as many interviews as they like, and indeed accept as many places as they like, without making their final decision until the summer after leaving school. Therefore, we encourage all students to be online, applying everywhere that interests them, right now.

A reminder that our Careers Adviser, Ian Henser, offers drop in sessions at lunchtimes (Monday to Wednesday) for any students who have a query or need guidance on the application process.

Open evenings still to come

(Dates correct as of 10/9/19. Please check with the college/apprenticeship provider’s website before attending)

- Eastleigh College – 28th November 2019
- Fareham College – 2nd and 19th November 2019
- Southampton City College – 9th, 21st & 28th November 2019
- Sparsholt College – 16th November 2019
- Totton College – 12th November 2019

<https://www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

Please check SETA's training website for current apprenticeship vacancies. Their next open day is on 20th January 2020 where you will be able to chat with staff, apprentices and also employers who have vacancies for Engineering apprenticeships.

<https://www.exxonmobil-fawley.co.uk/application-process>

Exxon Mobil, Fawley are offering apprenticeships in Mechanical Engineering. Their open evening is being held on Wednesday 20th November 2019.

<https://stevewillis.com/apprenticeships>

Steve Willis Training Centres are specialists in Gas, Plumbing and Electrical Apprenticeships. Their next open day is being held on Tuesday 29th October 2019. Take a look at their website for further details.

<http://www.sholingfc.co.uk/index.php/academy>

Sholing FC Academy are recruiting for 2020/21. They offer a full time football and educational programme for 16-18 year olds. Their next taster session is being held on 30th October.

Year 10 Notices

Careers WINK Evening

It was great to see so many of you at our recent Year 10 Careers WINK evening. For those you who were unable to attend, the presentation was led by our Careers Lead, Mr Fenner and also in attendance was our Careers Co-ordinator, Mrs O'Leary. During the evening, we outlined all of the careers information, advice and guidance programme your son/daughter will experience as they progress through year 10 and into year 11. We have attached a copy of the presentation for your perusal.

Whilst our current year 11 students are busy completing their college applications, it may be beneficial for year 10 students to start giving some thought to colleges/apprenticeship providers for next year. Most of our local college providers attended our careers fair earlier this month which meant that all year 10 students got the opportunity to speak to them about the courses they had on offer. Whilst this was a great introduction, it may be worthwhile attending some college open days, details of which can be found on the individual college websites.

Experience of a Work Place

As you are aware, year 10 students will complete a two-day experience of a work place in June 2020. This is a valuable time spent with a local employer to get a taste of the real world of work. Students are asked to find placements for 2 consecutive days from Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th June. This could be Monday & Tuesday, Tuesday & Wednesday, or Wednesday & Thursday.

Please note that each organisation is visited by us in order to conduct a Health and Safety check. With over 360 checks to be made, it is important to have an early receipt of the completed placement form. Spare copies of the form can be obtained from the Careers Office (inside the LRC) or by printing off a copy (attached to this email). When approaching organisations for their support, please ask them to confirm that they have Employer Liability Insurance as without this, we cannot approve the placement.

As October half term is approaching, this may be a good time for students to actively seek an experience of a work place in order to return the form to the Careers Office upon their return to school after the holiday.