

23rd June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we prepare for the new academic year we thought this would be a good time to outline all of the careers information, advice and guidance programmes your son/daughter will experience as they progress through year 10.

Careers WINK

On the evening of the 6th July Mr Fenner, Mrs O'Leary and Mrs Jeffries will be presenting an Experience of a Workplace guide for parents that will take you through the rationale for this, the logistics of how it is run and what needs to be done. There will also be time for a question and answer session afterwards. This is a face to face event.

The link to sign up to this event is here: [Experience of a Workplace - 6 July 2023](#)

Careers Fair

During the day of the 3rd October, our annual careers fair will take place. The rationale for the careers fair is to enable students to gather key information about post 16 education/work. We will be looking forward to running this with the students, who will be invited to take part for one hour during the day.

Post 16 Establishments

Whilst next year's Year 11 students are busy completing their college applications, it may be beneficial for new Year 10 students to start giving some thought to colleges/apprenticeship providers for next year. Most of our local college providers will be showcased at our careers fair but it also may be worthwhile attending some college open/virtual events, details of which can be found in the forthcoming summer Careers Newsletter .

Careers Advice

Our New Careers Advisor will begin seeing individual students during the school day for a careers interview towards the end of Year 10 and into Year 11. If you feel your son/daughter requires any intervention before they are seen, then please contact us and we can arrange a sooner appointment.

Other Year 10 Careers Events in School

In addition to the Experience of a Workplace opportunity, during the summer term of Year 10, our students attend practice interview sessions which enables the students to experience a real interview in preparation for application to post 16 colleges, or apprenticeships. We also attend college taster days where students have the opportunity to spend a whole day in a college in order to understand what life is like after Wildern.

We hope you find the above useful. If you need to contact us at school, please email careers@wildern.org. You can also follow @wilderncareers on Twitter for any news on careers events at Wildern and information from colleges and employers, as well as @wilderncareers on Instagram and Wildern Careers on YouTube. Students are also encouraged to access their cohort's Careers Google Classroom and our new online tool [Unifrog](#) to track careers activities. All information on the careers provision that we provide can also be found in the careers section of the parents handbook, as well as on the school website.

Finally, we wish your son/daughter every success with their penultimate year at Wildern.

Yours faithfully

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