



“If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulder of giants”

Isaac Newton

Introduction

Welcome to this year's careers roundup. There is an incredible amount of work that has again gone into our whole-school careers provision this year, and it would be an impossible task to cover it all here. This newsletter aims to give you an overview of some of the key projects that we have been working on, and also introducing you to some key individuals that have, and continue to, make our successes possible.

Reflecting on the quote from Newton above, we have again drawn upon the expertise of others to ensure that our staff and students are in an informed position to be aspirational and drive our careers advice and guidance forward throughout all areas of our school. It is important to note that you, our wonderful parents, have also been key to our success. I am particularly struck by the support that I have personally received during the Year 10 Work Experience process this year, and would like to say a huge thank you for that.

Leon Allen, CEIAG Lead Teacher, and Lead Teacher for Business Studies

Our Students

Spotlight on Y10

Yet again this year we are extremely proud that almost all our students attended a physical work experience placement. That's over 200 students!!!

It can be difficult, in a time where schools and organisations face more pressures than ever, to keep this commitment for students. We are very proud to still offer work experience for all Year 10 and Y12 students, and I'm sure you will agree that the resulting benefits to our young people are enormous.

Lucas was lucky enough to get a placement within the production facility at Ringtons Tea. He spent time across two different sites, which enabled him to work across a range of different departments.

“The best part of the week was touring the production line and watching all the different types of teas being made. I have really grown in confidence during the week and I would recommend work experience to everyone in Year 10”.



Lucas Foster, Y10



Working closely with our strategic Partners

Introducing Angie Patterson, Project Lead of the World of Work (WOW) project at North Tyneside Learning Trust (NTLT)



The WOW Project is a careers education programme designed to inspire, motivate and equip all children and young people for the World of Work. The project spans every stage of the learning journey, from Early Years Foundation Stage to Post 16, and activities are carefully designed in partnership with teachers and business professionals. Pupils gradually build on skills and knowledge gained each year, meaning that they leave school 'work ready', able to make informed decisions about their next destinations, and can flourish when they get there.

This year we are very grateful that Angie has had more input than ever before into our strategic planning and provision of careers from Year 7 – Year 13. Some of the events that she has assisted us in providing are listed in the events section on page 2.



Adapting our Curriculum

The Future Skills Questionnaire (FSQ) leading to improvements in our delivery

The Future Skills Questionnaire is a resource from the Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC) which supports Careers Leaders in schools nationally to evaluate their careers programme by gathering data on learners' careers knowledge and skills. This is the second year that the majority of our students have completed the FSQ.

Last year, results indicated that students felt happy with the careers provision that they received and clearly benefitted from their dedicated careers lessons. Importantly, it also showed us that students wanted more specific information on the different types of vocational routes including BTECs/Apprenticeships/T Levels and Traineeships. We therefore embedded a suite of lessons into our curriculum from Y7-11 to ensure that students had more opportunities to find out about, and discuss, these routes into work.

This year, early results show that this intervention is starting to pay off, student confidence is clearly increasing in these areas, but we are still focussed on making further improvements, based on this year's findings.

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Staff training

Raising the standards with Unifrog

Kathryn Donnelly



A big thanks to Kathryn for joining us in June this year to train our staff on how we can use the Unifrog platform to easily link curriculum learning to careers. Our staff have already started to embed a plethora of resources into our lesson delivery for next year. This means that our students will have even more opportunities to explore careers linked to different subjects when they come back in September.

Our Staff

Our commitment to Careers Focus Weeks, specific to each department

As part of our commitment to offer careers education throughout the school, each department sets their own Careers Focus Week to fit in with the unique needs of their curriculum. Paul Rochester, Curriculum Leader for Maths, talks to us about his week.

In Maths

“We look at a range of careers including event planning, set design and data analysis to inspire students and show how Maths can open doors to a whole range of careers”.

Paul Rochester, Curriculum Leader for Maths



Our Staff – life before teaching

National Careers Week (NCW) 2024

In March all staff took part in NCW, during the week we really enjoyed displaying our past careers on our classroom doors and talking about those transferable skills that we developed to get us to the positions we hold today. Students loved to ask questions about what our past jobs involved and were often surprised that lots of us had very different jobs before teaching.

NCW2024

Just some of the events that students have taken part in this year

Y7 Career Speed Dating, Y8 Careerzone workshops, A variety of Y9 NUF small group workshops, over 2 terms, Year 10 Careers Fair at Burnside College, Year 10 & 12 mock interviews.





Support from our Parents



“I’ve really enjoyed being involved with the work experience process and I look forward to continuing the great partnership that we have established”.

Mandy Pickering

It is my pleasure to give a very heartfelt thank you to our fantastic parents. The support that you give our young people on a day-to-day basis is outstanding.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mandy Pickering for supporting us by offering brilliant work experience placements for our students over several years. Mandy works as a Dotcom Manager at Tesco’s in Kingston Park and every year she goes out of her way to provide structured programmes to ensure that our students have fantastic experiences that they will never forget. Thanks so much Mandy, we couldn’t do it without fantastic parents like you!!!

Visit spotlight – Newcastle International Airport provided a first-class experience of the Aviation Industry

In May this year, students gained hands on experience of careers in aviation engineering, being part of the ground crew team, being a pilot, working in airport operations and at being cabin crew.



Ellen Beattie, Y10



Owen Smith, Y10

“The day broadened my mind in terms of the variety of careers that there are within the airport, for example firefighters. The day was packed full of great experiences, we had a go in the fire engines, had practice on the plane simulator and even got to watch Newcastle United fly out of the airport!!!

I have a passion for Physics and Maths, so in the future I may want to become a Jet Line Pilot and follow in the footsteps of some of the inspirational employees that I met at the airport.”

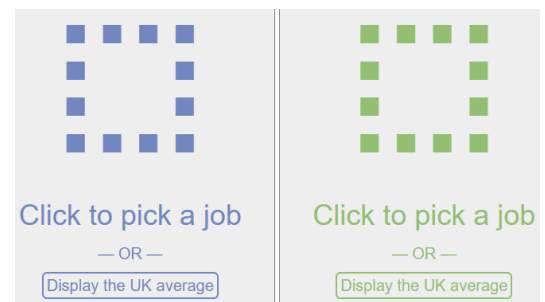
Oliver Barlow



Oliver Barlow, Y10

And finally - don’t forget our website!!!

One aspect of the website that I would like to draw your attention to is the interactive Labour Market Information (widget) tool. This is a great place to start a careers conversation with your child. It enables you to type in any job and identify the key facts about that job, you can benchmark this against the national average or even against other jobs of interest. Also don’t forget to check out our parents’ section.



LMI ‘widget’ available at;