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# PATHWAYS AND EMPLOYABILITY NEWSLETTER

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school for the start of the new academic year including our new Year 7 and Year 12 students. The first half term has been very productive and please find below details of all the amazing events and activities that students across the school have engaged in to develop their 5C's, transferable skills, raise aspirations and discover how their curriculum learning links to the world of work.

## Year 8 Speed Networking

Our Year 8 students were excellent ambassadors for the Academy in October when they were provided with an opportunity to attend a Speed Networking event during which we welcomed a range of external business volunteers to Hazeley. The feedback we received from our guests was outstanding and we were incredibly proud.

## Year 8 MK Innovates

A group of Year 8 students were provided with an opportunity to attend the MK Innovates event, which was held at Santander in Milton Keynes. The event allowed students to meet with local Technology, Engineering, and Manufacturing companies who were offering opportunities to interact with gadgets, robots, experiments, and take part in competitions.



## Year 11 Pathway Planning

Support has begun to help our Year 11 students research their pathway planning and next steps beyond GCSE study with students engaging in the following events and activities:

- Year 11 Speed Interviewing - An opportunity for all Year 11 students to meet with a range of local business volunteers to allow them to explore local opportunities, whilst also gaining insight into the variety of pathways taken by local professionals.



## Unifrog Activities

All students have been able to complete a range of Unifrog activities in form time, to research the levels and types of qualifications required for individual careers pathways along with exploring local education and training opportunities.

- 1:1 Form Tutor Pathway Meetings - Students have begun meeting with their Form Tutors to discuss their aspirations and pathway planning.

Information regarding all local post-16 education and training options have been sent to our Year 11 parents and carers and please do contact Mrs Harris, Pathways and Employability Lead, if you would like to discuss your child's next steps. Students are also able to request a meeting with Mrs Harris at any time during Year 11.

### **Year 12 Pathways Lead Lesson**

Mrs Harris delivered a Lead Lesson to Year 12 students and provided information regarding all post-18 education and training options. Students will continue to receive support and guidance as they progress through Sixth Form and have opportunities to attend a variety of events and activities during this time to ensure that they are able to make confident pathway planning decisions on completion of Sixth Form study.

### **Year 12 Law Fest**

A group of Year 12 students attended Law Fest with Mrs Harris, which was an event hosted by The University of Buckingham and Oakgrove School. The event allowed our students to hear from a range of local legal professionals and expand their knowledge of career pathways within the legal sector.

### **Year 13 Apprenticeship Support Group**

Year 13 students have continued to receive support through the Apprenticeship Group sessions, hosted by Miss Bennison and Mrs Harris, to help them search and apply for opportunities. All dates for future sessions have been shared with students and we are looking forward to welcoming a range of external speakers to provide details of opportunities as the year progresses.

### **Year 13 University Early Entry Students**

Students have been supported by Dr Carroll to submit their applications to study at The University of Oxford, The University of Cambridge and to other universities to study degrees in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science, which all require students to submit their applications in October of Year 13.

### **Year 12 and Year 13 Pathway Planning Meetings**

Students have been meeting with Mrs Harris for 1:1 meetings to discuss their pathway planning and aspirations for the future. Students are able to request a meeting with Mrs Harris at any stage of their Sixth Form journey.



## **THANK YOU!**

A massive thank you to all the local education and training providers and business volunteers who have helped support our students this half term as they continue to become the best version of themselves! We really appreciate your support.

## **CONTACT**

Please contact Mrs Harris, Pathways and Employability Lead or Mrs Mayles, Assistant Principal KS5 Director, if you have any questions regarding the Pathways and Employability Programme on the email addresses below:



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