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# PATHWAYS AND EMPLOYABILITY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Festive edition of the Pathways and Employability newsletter! This half term has been as busy as ever with students from across the academy taking part in the following events and activities:



## Year 8 Speed Networking Event

Our Year 8 students excelled in November when they were provided with an opportunity to attend a Speed Networking event during which we welcomed a range of external business volunteers to The Hazeley Academy. The questions students asked were insightful and mature and it was wonderful to hear students talking about their own career aspirations!

## Year 9 – Niftylift Women in Engineering Event

Miss Matcham accompanied a group of Year 9 students to the Niftylift head office in Shenley Wood for their fantastic Women in Engineering event. The students really enjoyed the event and were delighted to take part in a range of engineering challenges throughout the day before being able to experience a lift in one of the famous Niftylift cherry pickers!



## Year 9 – Presentation from Luton Town FC Football Academy

We were delighted to welcome professionals from the Luton Town FC Football Academy to Hazeley in November who meet with a group of students to provide information regarding career pathways within the football industry.



## Year 10 Work Experience – week commencing 9th June 2025 – Parent Launch

November saw the launch of this year's Year 10 Work Experience programme which will see our students undertaking a work experience placement during the week commencing the 9th June 2025. Year 10 parents and carers were welcomed to the academy for an information evening, providing them with an opportunity to discover details regarding the work experience programme along with the process for securing and confirming a work experience placement.



### **Year 10 – Proactive Speed Networking Event**

Our Year 10 students were excellent ambassadors for the academy when they were provided with an opportunity to attend a Speed Networking event with over 20 business professionals volunteering their time to visit the academy. The event provided them with an opportunity to develop their transferable employability skills and research potential work experience opportunities.

### **Year 10 – University of Oxford Presentation**

All Year 10 students attended a presentation provided by professionals from the University of Oxford allowing them to increase their knowledge of the university, the application process and begin to explore Russell Group universities.



### **Year 11 Trust SEND Destinations Evening**

We were delighted to host our second Trust SEND Destinations evening for our Year 11 parents and carers, allowing them to hear presentations from the Deputy SENCO from MK College, the Student Support team from Moulton College, Directors of Sixth Forms from both Shenley Brook End School and The Hazeley Academy and the Director of the Stephenson Academy Sixth Form Centre. Mrs Harris also provide a presentation regarding apprenticeships and students are able to access continued support throughout Year 11 by emailing Mrs Harris at [aharris@haz5d.com](mailto:aharris@haz5d.com)



### **Year 11 Pathway Planning**

Support continues for our Year 11 students who have been actively engaged in Sixth Form and college open day events as they plan their next steps for their post-16 education and training. Please do contact Mrs Harris if you have any questions regarding your child's next steps and she would be delighted to provide support.

### **Year 11 BMW Apprenticeship Lead Lesson**

BMW offer a range of Engineering apprenticeship for school leavers, and it was wonderful to welcome them to school to provide a Lead Lesson to our Year 11 students regarding these opportunities. We were incredibly proud of our students and our guest commented that "students were polite, respectful and presented themselves professionally".



Please do contact Mrs Harris, Pathways and Employability Lead should you have any questions regarding your child's apprenticeship search, and she would be delighted to help.



### **Year 13 Pathway Planning 1:1 Form Tutor Pathway Meetings**

With the UCAS deadline approaching, students in Year 13 who are applying to university are busy completing their Personal Statements and finalising their UCAS applications. Students were provided with an opportunity to meet with their Form Tutors for 1:1 pathway meetings to discuss their progress and next steps. Please do let Mrs Harris or Mrs Mayles know if you have any questions regarding the process and they will be more than happy to help.

Year 13 Apprenticeship Support Group

We were delighted to welcome professionals from Grant Thornton to school to meet with students in the Year 13 Apprenticeship Support group, who provided information regarding their degree level apprenticeship programme and the application process.



## **THANK YOU!**

A massive thank you to all the business volunteers and professionals from education and training providers who have supported the Pathways and Employability programme in 2024! We would also like to thank all our wonderful parents and carers who have supported the programme this year!

We hope you have a wonderful festive break and look forward to working with you again in the New Year as we continue to support our students on their education and training journey through The Hazeley Academy.

## **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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