

CAREERS -MAY 2020

Introducing Ruth Hamer, Careers Advisor

Hi everyone, my name is Ruth Hamer and I am the new Careers Advisor at school, supporting the Careers Leader, Ms Mannion.

My background before I became a careers advisor was in Recruitment and HR where I worked for almost 20 years for various global organisations at their local sites. I have lots of connections with local businesses and hope to be able to support students across all year groups with making the right decisions for your future after school.



I look forward to meeting you very soon when we are all back at school! Take care and stay safe.

Working towards The Gatsby Benchmarks



The school is working towards the Gatsby Benchmarks, the government strategy for careers which provide a framework for all schools to follow. These benchmarks are critical in inspiring and preparing young people for the fast-changing world of work, and include providing a stable careers programme, addressing the needs of every pupil, encounters with employers and employees, and experiences of workplaces. We will continue to look for new and interesting ways to inspire our students whilst we strive to reach these critical benchmarks.

Careers at Home Study Pack

During this strange and difficult time of social distancing and staying at home, we want to



ensure all students have access to careers information and resources which they can utilise at home.

A Careers At Home study pack has been made available to all students - this includes all the information students need to log in and use the Fast Tomato and Unifrog careers software.

Alongside these there are lots of links to a variety of websites including BBC Bitesize Careers, information about

Apprenticeships, A Level choices and exploring careers options. The pack encourages students to complete questionnaires, carry out research and keep a record of their plans. Ms Mannion and Miss Hamer are both available also on email to provide support and answer any questions during this time.



NCS – National Citizen Service visit to Year 11



On 24th February, the Year 11s enjoyed a visit from the National Citizen Service who came to talk about the wealth of opportunities that are available. The NCS programme is a summer Youth Programme lasting 3 to 4 weeks, designed specifically for 16-17 years olds to help them work out exactly what they want for their future. It's an exciting programme, giving young people some fantastic opportunities, and although this summer's programme will not be going ahead, NCS are planning an exciting Autumn programme and more updates will follow.

The Brilliant Club



The Brilliant Club has been launched for a group of Year 12 students. We will provide more information on this wonderful programme as we continue through the next academic year, and more information can be found on their website www.thebrilliantclub.org

“The Brilliant Club’s Scholars Programme gives pupils from non-selective state schools the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher to experience university style learning. It helps pupils develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to secure a place at a highly selective university. We work with pupils from aged 10 to 18, supporting pupils to make an informed choice at 18.” (taken from The Brilliant Club website)

Looking forward to 2020-2021:

Year 10 Careers Survey

As we plan our careers events and schedules for the next academic year, we will soon be asking all Year 10 students to fill out a short questionnaire to help us to get an understanding of their individual thoughts around next steps after Year 11. By gathering this information, we can ensure we focus on providing specific career advice to all our new Year 11s next academic year, helping them to make the right choices for them and providing relevant information, resources and experiences.

Year 10 Work Experience

We are working towards launching our work experience programme for Year 10s and as soon as we can start, all Year 10 students will have the opportunity of work experience in a business in North Yorkshire (and further afield) during the summer term. Examples of the types of placements offered are local primary schools, construction companies, veterinary surgeries, architects, IT companies, dentists, nurseries and leisure centres.

The work experience is supported by North Yorkshire County Council to help us to build relationships in the community and give students the opportunity to develop employability skills.

