

FUTURE CHOICES NEWSLETTER

Year 7

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CAREERS CAPTURE...

During the Spring term, students took part in a Careers Capture exercise where they were asked what their top three careers choices were. Gathering this information enables our Careers Team to plan specific events and target specific students based on this information.

Careers Capture takes place during tutor time with the student's tutors as these are also the staff members who deliver the PSHE programme which links closely with Careers.

We appreciate that this may be the first time students in Year 7 have been asked to think about what they might like to do in their futures, and to consider if their current interests could progress into a future career.

Students will be asked this information on an annual basis so we can track and changes in their future ambitions.



Financial Literacy Opportunity

This term, Year 7 students will be taking part in Financial Education workshops delivered by HSBC. The session is called Gaming for Good and will explore the world of gaming and how to stay on top of your spending. The session focussed on value for money, budgeting, fraud and identity theft.

What is Labour Market Information?

Labour Market Information (LMI) is a useful tool to help research future jobs in the local area, understand the skills needed for certain roles and the demand for future employment.

LMI helps to break down the complex 'world of work' - ranging from descriptions of different careers, their entry routes, promotional prospects, salaries paid, skills and qualifications needed, etc. Crucially for young people, LMI also covers future demand - what kinds of jobs will be in demand after leaving school and what kinds of skills will be needed.

Why is Labour Market Information Important to Young People?

It is vital, in an environment where new industries are emerging and many of the most important jobs of the future don't yet exist, that individuals have access to high-quality labour market information and earnings data to underpin their choices.

We have sourced some links and resources for you to explore Labour Market Information both locally and nationally.

Watch this short video presentation (which explores different forms of labour market data)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12RBh5fzvy8&t=86s>

Careers in the Curriculum

We will be sharing information regarding Careers within the Curriculum, with a different subject being featured in each edition of our *Future Choices Newsletter*.

In this edition, the chosen subject is Science.



Careers in Science



Why Study Science?

Science is such a broad subject that many employers expect their employees to have studied it. These are some of the skills you develop as a scientist:

- Observing
- Predicting
- Measuring
- Questioning
- Controlling Variables
- Examining Evidence
- Making Conclusions
- Analysing Data

A Science qualification opens up **amazing opportunities** and the following jobs are often associated with science: Researcher, Nutritionist, Physicist, Doctor, Physiotherapist, Plastics Chemist, Pharmacist, Ecologist, Forensics, Nurse, Medical Physics, Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Nurse, Engineer, Optician, Architect, Surveyor, & Astronomer.

Most scientists aren't afraid of trial and error which helps develop skills like finding out how things work. But most of all, keeping an open mind and following the evidence to form a valid conclusion is central to most walks of life. Scientists tend to be inquisitive, so we ask lots of questions like: who? what? when? where? why? and how?

Most of the topics we follow in Science have a direct link to the world of work and we focus on Science Careers in all year groups. There are hundreds of job roles that are specifically science based with many thousands more that have a scientific basis. For example, did you know there are more than 350 careers in the National Health Service (NHS) alone. The NHS is the largest single employer in England.

FAMOUS SCIENTISTS



Alice Roberts

Professor Alice Roberts is a qualified Doctor and presents Science TV programmes.



Chris Packham

Chris Packham studied Zoology at Southampton University and is a Wildlife Presenter.



Maggie Aderin-Pocock

Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock is a Space Scientist who presents 'The Sky at Night' on the BBC.

How to prepare students for Year 8

As we begin to reach the end of Year 7, thoughts begin to turn to the summer holidays ahead and beyond that to Year 8. Year 8 is an exciting and important developmental year for all students as they embark on the second phase of their journey through secondary school. So how can the summer holidays be used in order to prepare students for what lies ahead?

Firstly, it is really important that all of the students get a break from school and their work. Year 7 is both a physically and emotionally tiring year. Time to rest and recharge and spend time with family and friends is essential.

Secondly, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the year that has gone by. It is a good idea to encourage your child to think back over their experience of Year 7. What went well? What were they proud of? What could have been better? What are their goals and aims for Year 8?

Finally, it's a good idea to encourage your children to spend some time reading over the summer. This could be either fact or fiction books. Reading helps to keep the brain active and will also help with key learning such as literacy. So in order to make the most of the summer ahead and be ready for Year 8, try to encourage your child to **rest, reflect and read**.

