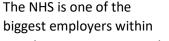
## Mayfield School Spring Term 2022 Careers Newsletter

Over the Spring Term, there have been several events running for pupils to explore and think about their futures and their opportunities post 16.

Mayfield participated in Portsmouth City Council's 'Aspirations Week'. This included a visit from NHS for all Year 9 pupils. This informative event talked

about the 350+ jobs that are available within the NHS to the whole of Year 9.



our city so was great to raise the profile of all the careers available to pupils.

Also, in January we had a visit from a current degree

apprentice talking about their role within Willmott Dixon, a construction company. This was for Year 8 groups during a maths lesson.

City of Portsmouth College (CoPC) came in for our House assemblies in January to deliver a presentation about A Levels, technical, vocational and T level qualifications to all senior pupils.



It was great to see all the options pupils have available post-16

(after they leave Year 11) and getting this knowledge of choices across to all our pupils. Then, during tutor time, had the chance to share ideas and aspirations and develop knowledge of pathways with their tutor.



Year 9 pupils were given the chance to attend a trip to Portsmouth Guildhall for an event called 'Get Inspired.' Pupils had the opportunity to go around and interact with a variety of employers and ask questions as well as try activities to investigate and develop their employability skills. The pupils were *resilient*, talking to employers about the future choices they could consider. The employers and

event organiser commented how polite and *respectful* our pupils were at the event.





Year 9 pupils also had an assembly delivered by UTC (University Technical College) to explore their campus and their option pathways as an available route for them post-16.



to look forward to.

Additionally, Year 9 pupils also took part in a session called 'Your Future' where they got to think about their strengths and what makes up their personality and how to map this to their future aspirations. All the pupils were very responsible and ended up writing a golden ticket about their future dream career! It was really exciting to talk to pupils about their dreams and aspirations and how to take small steps in school to achieve them! In the summer term, Year 9 have an employer networking session

This has been a busy term for Year 10 pupils. Firstly, they could sign up for a Master Class delivered by Havant and South Downs College (HSDC) about a new T Level Qualification they are running on Health and Nursing.



The pupils enjoyed the activities such as: getting to analyse specimens, apply bandages and learn how to take basic bodily measurements

and learn how to take basic bodily measurements, such as pulse and blood pressure. They also had the opportunity to interact with the training robots who demonstrated a number of physical ailments.

The session was informative and interactive, and everyone was very enthusiastic. Some of the pupils are really keen to explore this course post-16.

HSDC IS PROUD TO SAY THAT THE HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE T LEVEL PROGRAMMES ARE SUPPORTED BY UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH AND UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER. THESE UNIVERSITIES WILL PROVIDE NUTRING AND HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCES FOR OUR STUDENTS TO SUPPORT PROGRESSION ONTO HEALTHCARE RELATED DEGREE PROGRAMMES. The College staff were very pleased with our pupils they said, "the students were great and a pleasure to have in the session".

# About the <u>course</u>:

"This new T Level qualification is an exciting full time course which has been designed in partnership with businesses and employers. It is aimed at giving you the knowledge and skills to move into a career in nursing or nursing-related careers. It is designed to enable you to progress to employment or Apprenticeships in hospitals or healthcare settings or to move on to studying in Higher Education."

They have had assemblies about thinking about their post-16 applications and upcoming college taster days with Havant and South Downs College and City of Portsmouth College. There will be more assemblies in the summer term about these days.



They had taken part in an 'Employer Interview Ready' session, and this was followed by their 1-2-1 employer Interview provided by EBP.

The interview read session was a one-hour session aimed to prepare and equip them with skills ready for their 1-2-1 employer interview.

This session looked at what the employability skills are in partnership with EBP and how to make the right impression at any interview you may face in the future!



One part of this session was that pupils were given an assessment style problem solving activity. The employers said our pupils had great communication skills and teamwork. They were really focused and *responsible* with this task and demonstrated how motivated they are for their



are and how to make the right first impression to an interview. The pupils were *respectful* during this session and are all prepared *ready* for their 1-2-1 interview!

future. The pupils could also identify how important non-verbal behaviours

This was followed by their 1-2-1 employer interview. The pupils were an asset to the school during this day. They showed great *responsibility*, communication and *respect* toward the interviewers making a great first impression. The pupils have all received their feedback from their interview.



Some of the employers were local employers like BAE and

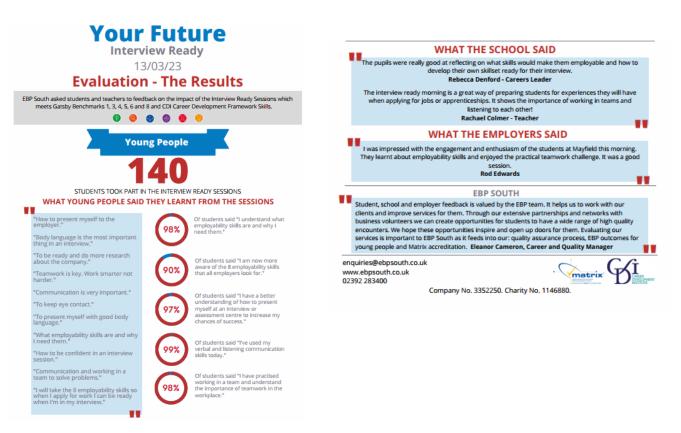
Portsmouth City Council, which has been a fantastic opportunity for pupils to make good first impression of Mayfield Pupils. EBP who organise and run the event have commented the following about our pupils:

"During our day at Mayfield some of the students were very nervous but overcame that during their interview which was great to see. All the students were polite, and all the employers were impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of the students." – Sammie Mortimer

All the pupils have been sent an evaluation Google form so the process can be evaluated for next year.

EBP have provided the following feedback of the two events these will also be sent out on class charts for Year 10 pupils and parents.





Year 11 pupils have been completing their post 16 destination with their tutor and careers lead and careers practitioner. If you would still like support on this, please do contact <u>denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</u> for any advice or questions.

### **Online Resources:**

There is also a great online resource for careers advice and post 16 destination information for parents and carers:

### A parents' toolkit for career conversations (talkingfutures.org.uk)

We look forward to the next term and all the exciting events that will take place. We are planning on running a parent/carer event on looking at options pathways at post-16 to help inform you to help support future decision for your child, look out for ClassCharts notifications about this later next term.

### Get Involved:

If you feel you would like to get involved, please email <u>denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</u> to express your interest!

Thank you - careers lead, Mrs Denford.