

Mayfield School | Careers Newsletter – Issue 3 – November 2019

Careers at Mayfield

Mrs Denford is the Careers Coordinator at Mayfield School and Kelly Chinorwadza is the Careers Practitioner from EBP who is based at school on a Wednesday and Thursday. Kelly provides one-to-one careers appointments. If you feel you would benefit from a careers appointment please speak to your tutor or email Chinorwadza-kelly@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

This is a new newsletter and we welcome your feedback or ideas for future articles. Please email Kelly or Mrs Denford on DenfordR@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk



Careers Spotlight – Police Officer

A Police Officer is responsible for maintaining law and order. They protect the public and property and involved in preventing crime.

The salary range for a police officer is £19,971-£38,382. Full time hours are 40 hours per week and you will be required to work shifts and to be on-call.

You will work in a variety of settings such as a patrol car, outside or in court. The job can be physically demanding, dangerous and harrowing.

You could study any course at college course but a course in law, criminology or public services could be useful. For a level 3 course at college they will be looking for grades 4 and above in 5 GCSEs. If you get less than a grade 4 in English and Maths you may have to take an extra year at college and will have to retake English and Maths.

From 2020 the entry requirements for police officers will change. You need to have completed a degree qualification by the time you finish your probation. There are 3 different ways you can do this:

- **Degree apprenticeship** - you'll join as a police constable and undertake a three-year apprenticeship in professional policing practice. This gives you the chance to earn while you learn. Not only that, but successfully completing the programme will mean passing your probation and achieving a degree-level qualification too.
- **Degree-holder entry** - if you've already got an undergraduate degree in any subject, this two-year pathway could be for you. As a police constable, you'll combine work-based and classroom learning, leading to a graduate diploma in professional policing practice once you complete your probation.
- **Policing degree** - study a three-year undergraduate professional policing degree at university. You'll apply to join a police force when you graduate, and start your career with a shorter on-the-job training programme

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/law-enforcement-and-security/joining-the-police>

If you are interested in joining the police and you are aged 13-17 you can join the volunteer police cadets. This is a very useful experience to add to your CV and to gain a real understanding of what it is like to work as a police officer.

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/police-forces/hampshire-constabulary/areas/careers/careers/volunteer-police-cadets/>



Upcoming Events and Useful Weblinks

Chichester College – Saturday 9th November 10am-1pm. And 12th March 4.30-7pm www.chichester.ac.uk

Fareham College – Tuesday 19th November 5-8pm. And 8th January 5-7pm www.fareham.ac.uk

Highbury College Open Event – Saturday 9th November 10am-1pm. And Wednesday 4th March 4.30-7pm. www.highbury.ac.uk

Havant and South Downs College – Saturday 9th November 10am-1pm. And Tuesday 25th February 5-8pm. www.hsdac.ac.uk

Portsmouth College – Wednesday 12th February 5.30-7.30pm. www.portsmouth-college.ac.uk

Apprenticeship websites

- **Steve Willis**— Gas, plumbing and electrical. www.stevewillis.com/apprenticeships

PETA— Business, Engineering, ICT. www.peta.co.uk
www.gettheapp.co.uk

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

Careers Pages

On the Mayfield website you can find our careers pages

<https://mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk/about-us/careers>

There are some useful links and resources including career pilot where you can research careers

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>

And also Careerometer

Careerometer is a resource that is available on the Mayfield Careers pages. There are 3 boxes like the one pictured and you can put in a job title into the box. This will then display some labour market information about the job role. Such as the salary information and whether there is projected growth in that industry. So you can think about whether this is a job that will be available to you in the future

