



Careers at Mayfield 2021-2022

Summer 2022 Newsletter

Over this academic year we have taken part in a lot of Careers and 'Your Future' specific related events.

Our school Motto is 'Your Only Limitation is your Ambition'. Here is an overview of the activities Mrs Denford has provided for the secondary pupils in the new adjustments post covid. Pupils will have had many other opportunities to interact with employers and workplaces within the other curriculum areas.

Autumn term 2021

In tutor time there was a designated week for careers. Pupils had the chance to interact with their tutor group and tutor about different career paths and share their own aspirations for their future. There was a house assembly with our School Enterprise Advisor introducing herself and what she does. Her name is Anna Smith, and she runs a recruitment business in the city. Our future aim is to develop these links to help out KS4 pupils next year with CV writing and looking at current employability skills for the new and developing workplace from an industry point of view.



There was also a careers networking event for Years 10 and 11 to talk to a variety of post-16 providers. They interacted with the employers and providers and asked informative questions about their futures especially post-covid.

Year 11 had weekly assemblies from a variety of post-16 providers each week to help them make an informed and objective decision for their destination after leaving school. Each pupil over the year has had a 1-2-1 interview with a careers advisor provided by EBP (the Education Business Partnership).

Spring Term 2022

Year 11 had a virtual talk from the University of Portsmouth about next steps after post-16 and thinking about where their careers journeys might take them.

Year 10 had a networking event about apprenticeships from Shaping Portsmouth, looking at what these qualifications are and asking questions to current apprentices in the city.

Year 10 also took part in an interview preparation afternoon looking at employability skills and assessment centre style activities provided by EBP. This

was followed by a curriculum vitae writing session. Pupils had the chance to attend another CV workshop at tutor time to develop their CV with was supported by our Enterprise Advisor who specialises in recruitment. This process then led to their 1-2-1 mock interview with an employer to develop their interview skills, again provided by EBP.

Year 10 also had the chance to attend a talk about hairdressing apprenticeships with a local provider Hair Ott, which also provided valuable links for them to know how they can gain some work experience in this area.

Year 9 all got to have an interactive workshop from 'Medical Mavericks' looking at a variety of healthcare professions, they got to have a go at a variety of activities including measuring blood pressure and a simulation of keyhole surgery.

Year 9 also had a workshop thinking about their futures by looking at their current skill set in using activities by 'ICAN'. They all made a golden ticket of their future aspiration before they looked at choosing their options.

Year 9 also had a 'speed networking' event at the end of the spring term where they had the chance to interactive with ten different employers form industries around the city again linking the local labour market to the pupils provided by EBP.



There was another career focus week in tutor time focused on virtual videos exploring a variety of jobs withing the city. The house assembly focus was on introducing T-levels and what they are as a qualification.



There was a STEAM virtual workshop for girls on maths and digital careers for the future.

Another event was a roadshow from BAE with the Royal Navy and Air Force for all of Year 8 around magnets and magnetism. This event was interesting, and the pupils enjoyed the performance.

Summer Term 2022

The summer careers week tutor programme focus saw the house assembly provided by Reed Recruitment, a local company who discussed employability

skills and how to develop your skill set. This was supported by tutor time activities on the local labour market and assessing your own skills, allowing pupils to start to decide what paths may suit their skills. Year 11 had a variety of virtual videos on different roles within a company looking at their responsibilities and daily tasks.



Year 10 all had the chance to attend a college taster day at either HSDC (Havant and South Downs College) or Highbury College. The pupils were very independent and resilient at these events. The feedback from the providers was positive about our pupils being very respectful. The pupils' feedback was they enjoyed the chance to get to experience a day at college and make more informed choices about their post 16 journey.

A selection of Year 9 pupils attended 'Get Inspired' at Portsmouth Guildhall for a networking event looking at future career paths and destinations. This was a great event and pupils asked some really important questions about their developing and changing futures.



Year 9 also had a motivational speaker when Hayden Taylor from UNLOC came to talk about next steps and how to show employability skills for the future as they are moving into Year 10 and starting GCSE qualifications.



Year 7 pupils who did not attend camp had an enrichment week in school and one of the days was provided by the outreach from the NHS looking at all sectors for jobs within the NHS. One of the session the pupils learnt the valuable skill of CPR. The pupils also linked their skill set to an area within the NHS and thought about skills that may need development.

Evaluation

Over the academic year there has been the chance for pupils and staff to have their opinion count through surveys and pupil panel groups.

There have been parent surveys so thank you if you have completed any of these or offered feedback through email.

Future for Careers at Mayfield for 2023

A selection of Year 10 and 11 pupils who have expressed an interest in attending the Careers and Apprenticeship Fayre at Portsmouth Football Club will attend in September. This aims to develop links with higher education settings, including the local universities. As a starting point for this, Oxford University are attending in September for a workshop with some Year 10 and 11 pupils about thinking ahead to university and qualifications.

We would like to develop the communication between parents and the school for careers and have information sharing events any ideas for moving the career programme forward would be welcomed to the email below.

Get Involved

If you want to get in touch with for careers programme or support for MOLIMA (*My Only Limitation is My Ambition*) Week in 2023 please get in touch.

Alumni

This is a continuing project that aims to expand so again if you are an ex-Mayfield pupil and want to get in touch or be involved again contact us below.

For all enquiries above please email:

denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Please check out our careers page with lots of information on for parents and pupils:

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Thank you for taking the time to read all about this year in careers at Mayfield!

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