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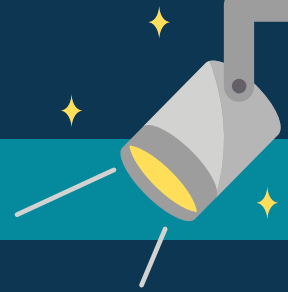
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FINDING APPRENTICESHIPS

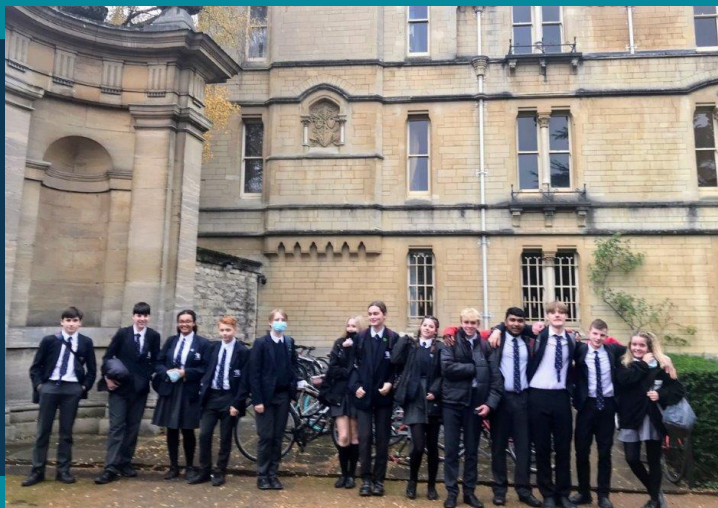


On 07 February, we held our 'Trust Apprenticeship Information Evening' for parents and guardians virtually. Parents and guardians asked some fantastic questions and reported they had learned a great deal.

Students in Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 at some of our Trust schools have also been learning the need to be a detective when searching for apprenticeships.

Below are some recommended websites and places to search for apprenticeship opportunities (please note this list is not exhaustive):

- Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>
- Amazing Employers - Amazing Apprenticeships (see 'Time to apply' tab)
- Apprenticeship jobs (ucas.com)
- Explore All Opportunities | Berkshire Opportunities
- Not Going To Uni: Apprenticeships & Work Experience in the UK
- Google Classroom
- Company websites (e.g. type 'company name + apprenticeships' into search engine)



MECE - visit to Trinity College, Oxford

Last November saw almost 50 students from the Gold and Silver Clubs at MECE visit Trinity College, Oxford University. Mrs Hills reports: "They had a tour of the college, a Q&A session with some undergraduate students and a mock-tutorial session on whether it's ever right to ban books! Highlight for many was lunch in the very ornate college dining hall. The college repeatedly told us how impressed they were with the calibre of the questions and answers from our students; they were a real asset to our school." What a fantastic opportunity for some of our MECE students!

MES - Year 11, Mock Interview and Careers Day 02 March 2022

There were a few nerves flying around during a Year 11 Pastoral Day held at MES in March this year as students faced real life employers and a few MES Staff for their mock interviews via zoom! Year 11 students prepared by studying a 'Job Description' and practising their answers for common interview questions. They matched their strengths and skills to those the employers were looking for - now that's a skill in itself! We are so grateful to all the employers and MES staff who gave their time voluntarily on the day and provided constructive and impressive feedback to our students.

Outside of the mock interviews, Mr Bryant had organised a fun, yet information-packed day for his year group, enabling them to learn and prepare for the world of work. The day ended with an inspirational talk from Guest Speaker - Jay from Fixupseminars - you could hear a pin drop as students listened and learned intently! A big well done to all the students for embracing and putting great effort into the day and a very big 'THANK YOU' to the employers, teachers, and all those who worked so hard behind the scenes (you know who you are) for organising a very informative and inspirational day!

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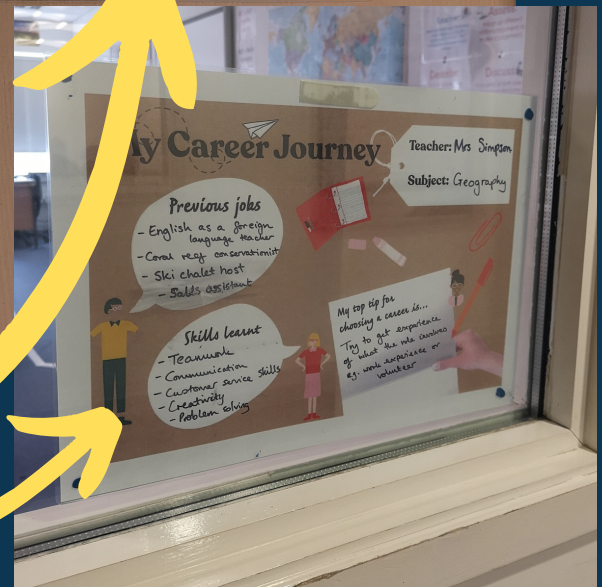
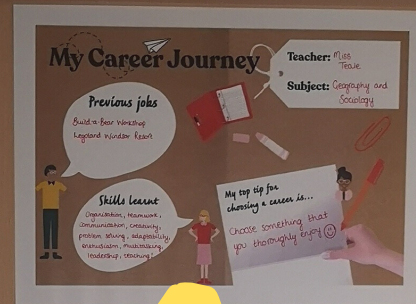
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2022 (#NAW2022) &

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK 2022 (#NCW2022):

During February and March, we celebrated the yearly events - NAW and NCW

Highlights:

- Classroom discussions
- Learning more about apprenticeships + careers relating to school subjects
- Career videos/information via Google Classroom
- Teachers sharing their own career journey's and career advice



Thank you to our teachers for sharing your pearls of wisdom about careers



VISITING SPEAKER: a group of Computer Science and Physics students at MES in Years 12 and 13 were thrilled to have the opportunity to listen to the husband of one of our teachers during NCW. A Particle Physicist - Dr Bright-Thomas formally worked for Cern and now works in computing at Cisco. The students listened and later sent questions to him. The report back is they all learned a great deal! **A big thank you to our speaker, Dr. Bright-Thomas & our Teachers - especially Mrs Bright-Thomas & Mrs Blight, for organising the event.**



CAREERS FAIRS AROUND THE TRUST DURING SPRING TERM

The **Maiden Erlegh Trust Annual Careers Fair** was held virtually on 17 March this year for MECE, MER and MES students. It saw many local employers take part. We are very grateful to them all.



Cranbury College and Hamilton School joined forces this year, holding a successful annual Careers Fair at the YMCA in Reading. Students enjoyed meeting representatives from local colleges, the Army, companies related to construction, hair & beauty, the motor trade, as well as education & training providers - New Meaning and Chiltern Training.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

From Years 7 - 13 - students have been receiving career-related assemblies covering:

- APPRENTICESHIPS
- CHOOSING GCSE OPTIONS
- DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE
- EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
- EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT
- EXPLORING AND INVESTIGATING DIFFERENT JOB SECTORS & INDUSTRIES
- MAKING POST 16 CHOICES
- MAKING POST 18 CHOICES
- STEAM / STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Maths) & Girls in STEM
- STRENGTHS AND SKILLS - how to discover them and talk about them

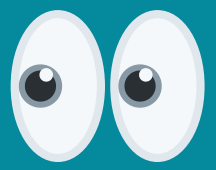
UPCOMING: YEAR 10 WORK SHADOW DAY (MES)+ CAREER DAYS (MECE & MER)

MECE - May 18-20 & MER - June

- Careers Days/Work Experience Days are in the planning stage - exciting events to look forward to for our Year 10's - including career-related activities, speakers, and mock interviews!

MES - Work Shadow Day - 24 June

- Students have already arranged some fantastic placements!
Soon all students will have a placement and paperwork organised...
(please ensure paperwork is handed in ASAP - thank you everyone!)



KEEP AN EYE ON...



Classroom

- Weekly: 'Job of the week' or 'Skill of the week' videos
- Work experience opportunities
- Apprenticeship opportunities
- Career-related events / fairs / webinars
- Information & top tips



- **Careers appointments** - all students in Years 10 and 12 - from now until the end of Summer Term
- Upcoming events for Years 7, 8 and 9



- **Year 11 & 13 students** - to avoid disappointment - please ensure you **respond** to phone calls/emails/letters from colleges, universities, and/or employers in a timely manner.

Wishing every year 11 & 13 student the very best for your exams and future ♥♥♥



TOP TIP CORNER:

Extra-curricular activities are not only fun - they also help you gain important skills and develop your strengths. Employers and universities look for them as evidence of your skills too!