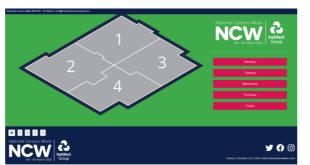


Dear Parent/Carer, I am delighted to share with you our annual National Careers Week Newsletter.

Last week at Lord Derby Academy we celebrated 'National Careers Week' with a whole range of activites for pupils throughout the school. This included a Careers focussed assembly for Years 7-11 led by Miss Morrsion and live webinars during Form Time from a range of external employers including Natwest Bank, the NHS, Young Enterprise (AAT Accountancy), World Skills UK and UK Hospitatlity. We also hosted visitors from Shaping Futures, Cronton and Riverside College and Emily Doherty from the Channel 4 '4Schools' Team!

Other activities included a daily 'Virtual Careers Fair' where staff, pupils and parents could move between rooms each day to access a series of Careers related sessions and activities (Each day having a different

theme).







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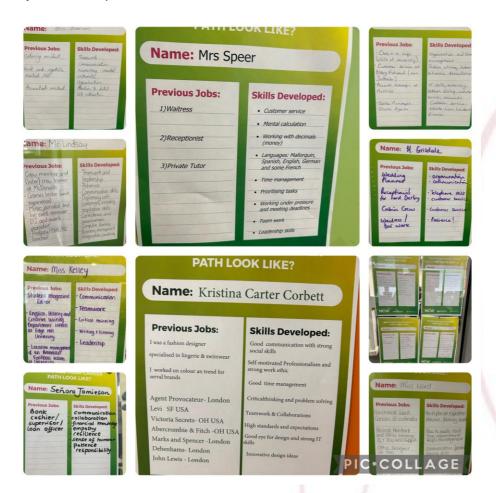
Pupils particularly enjoyed the live webinars with a favourite in science being the UK Airspace webinar. Pupils had lots of questions for their teachers and enjoyed finding out more about the variety of roles available within the industry and the different pathways that you can take to achieve it.





Staff Door Plaques

To further support activities, all staff across the school completed their 'Career Path' door plaque highlighting their experiences prior to becoming a teacher/support staff within a school and what skills they learnt from doing these roles. This always leads to some great conversations between staff and pupils and there are always some surprises in the mix.





Channel 4 'Have a Go Workshop

As part of our employer interactions, we invited Channel 4, '4Schools' Team into school to deliver a series of workshops to our Year 9 and Year 10 pupils around 'Digital Content'. Pupils were asked to work in groups to design a piece of digital content that could be used on the Channel 4 Digital partner channel 4.0. Pupils had to create a name, theme, agree the casting, set, and budget for their production and winning teams were awarded with Channel 4 merchandise.







It was fantastic to see so many young people getting involved in the activity and hearing conversations around school afterwards where they were excited to share their ideas. Well Done to all those who won prizes!

Cronton/Riverside College Sampling Assembly



In preparation for visits to college later in the Summer Term, staff from Cronton and Riverside College came into school to speak to pupils about what is on offer at Cronton College and Riverside College and to provide details of the Cronton Festival taking place in June 2024. Staff talked through the different pathways available to pupils, highlighting opportunities around Apprenticeships. Pupils were left with a Sampling Form to complete, where they were asked to highlight their favourite top 4 subjects that they would like to 'test drive' during their visit to the college in June 2024.

Local Apprenticeship Opportunities

Pupils were reminded in assembly of the 'BeMore' Website:

Home Page - BeMore (Icrbemore.co.uk) which includes all local apprenticeship opportunities and also CV writing support. For live information on apprenticeships, please check out the above link.

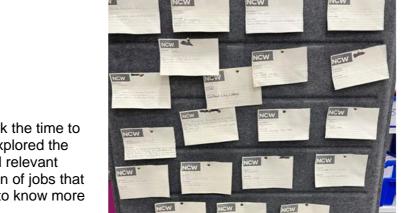






Unifrog – CEIAG Platform

Pupils, Staff and Parents were also invited to log on Unifrog to view the National Careers Week resources on Unifrog, our school Careers platform. If anyone would like some support in accessing Unifrog from home, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Form Time and PSHE Activities

During Form Time and PSHE pupils took the time to research different types of jobs. They explored the many ways of searching job sites to find relevant information and came up with a selection of jobs that they might be interested in and wished to know more about.

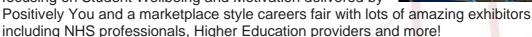
Trip to Knowsley Community College Healthcare and STEM Skills Show

A number of Year 10 pupils attended Knowsley Community College Healthcare and STEM Skills Show in partnership with St Helens and Knowsley NHS Trust, Medical Mavericks and

Positively You. It was a free, fun and interactive event, with marketplace



style stalls where exhibitors had a range of 'have a go' activities for them to try. Students had the opportunity to find out about the diverse range of careers in this growing industry and hear from industry professionals. The day was split into 3 sections including an informative, interactive session with Medical Mavericks, a presentation focusing on Student Wellbeing and Motivation delivered by



Year 11 Business Studies Revision Skills Trip

Pupils studying Business visited the Trafford Centre (Odean Cinema Complex) where they had the opportunity to revise core Business Studies content and take part in workshops designed to improve exam performance, revision skills and extended responses. This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to gain an insight into the Business Studies examination specification in preparation for their upcoming summer examinations.





Sustainable Futures - Evening Webinar and Live QA Sessions



Activities didn't stop at the end of the school day either, with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) hosting a series of live Q& A sessions with some of the biggest names in industries across the UK during both National Careers Week and the following week, every evening at 6pm. Monday night focused on the Film and Music industry with live chats with singer songwriters and actors and actresses working their way through the ranks. On Tuesday the focus switched to the Sports industry. Other topics included Fashion, Entertainment, Finance and Farming.

These were very insightful sessions that provided the opportunity to interact with those currently working in the industry and to find out more about the pros and cons of that industry.

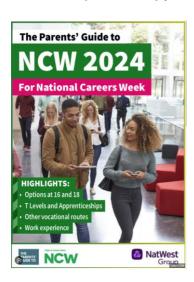






Parent/Carer Information

Parents/Carers should have received a copy of 'The Parents' Guide to NCW 2024' prior to National Careers Week via the MCAS App which included a whole range of information in relation to T Levels, Apprenticeships, Careers Pathways, Options Post 16 and Post 18 and also Work Experience and much more. (Copies are also available to download from the Careers section of the school website, however, If you would like a printed copy of this document, please get in touch)



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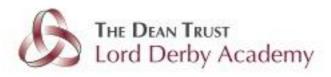












A lot of the information shared with pupils during National Careers Week can also be downloaded by accessing this interactive resource, also available on the school website.





It was fantastic to see so much engagement and enthusiasm throughout the week and we hope that you and your children found this to be a valuable and informative experience.

School Website

A wide range of information relating to Careers, information, advice and guidance is available to view on the Careers section of our school website by visiting: <u>Careers Information Education Advice and Guidance - Lord Derby Academy</u>

As always, If you require any advice or information in relation to Careers, please contact our Careers Co-Ordinator, Miss Ward or your child can book an appointment with one of our Careers Advisers, who are in school every Wednesday.

We are always happy to help and to answer any questions that you or your child might have.



