

Welcome to your fortnightly Careers Newsletter

I hope you find this an informative, interesting and helpful way of finding out essential Careers advice and guidance. Here at Fearnhill we pride ourselves on preparing our young people for the world of work and the 5, hopefully 7, years that they are with us is spent preparing them for that.

All students are welcome to find me at any time to discuss anything related to their future, my door is always open. Together we can plan the best route to start you on the journey to your future.

Empowering Positive Change through Careers Education



The best way to predict the future is to prepare for it.

"At Fearnhill, our vision for careers education is to widen horizons, challenge stereotypes and raise aspirations. We aim to provide young people with the knowledge and skills necessary to make successful transitions into the next stage of their life, to connect learning to the future and in so doing, motivate young people to understand and navigate a clear pathway to rewarding jobs and careers.

Careers education is an integral part of the PSHE programme, with specific programmes for each year group. The careers education programme aims to prepare students for working life after school and help them develop to their full potential. Activities are aligned with the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks which are current, best practice delivery for careers education and guidance in schools.

With so many opportunities available to students we thought it would be beneficial to branch out and have a separate newsletter dedicated to Careers. This will be your one-stop-shop for all things Careers-related and I hope it will be a source of valuable information to help guide our young people on the correct path to happiness and success in their future.

Of course parents and carers need to know the possible routes that their child/ren can follow and the opportunities available in order to support them so please read and take part in the webinars and events offered.

This is a bumper first edition, please take a look at all the information enclosed as there may be something for you!

I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I enjoyed putting it together.

Look out every fortnight for new features all things career related!

Ms Balchin, Head of Careers, WRL & PSHE

National Careers Week

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Psychologist or Vet <i>Ms Balchin</i>	Sport Presenter <i>Mr Turner</i>	Footballer <i>Mr Dixon</i>	Lawyer Mr Phillips, Mrs Bremner & Miss Cotter	Ballet Dancer Mrs Martin
Police Officer or Paramedic <i>Mrs Bennett</i>	Dancer, Navy or Archaeologist <i>Ms C Brown</i>	Author (who illustrat- ed the books so not to share royalties!) <i>Mrs Butterworth</i>	Physiotherapist for a football team/PE Teach- er <i>Mrs Kilbey</i>	Air Traffic Controller or Engineer <i>Mrs Clifton</i>
Ship's Purser <i>Miss Morris</i>	Royal Navy Helicopter Pilot <i>Mr McGuire</i>	Adventurer (like Bear Grylls) <i>Miss Jennings</i>	Flight Attendant Mrs Cross	Teacher (dreams do come true!) Mr Dewar, Mrs Page, Mr Cordwell & Mr Philpot
Show Jumper <i>Ms Ellis</i>	Fire Fighter <i>Mr Fowler</i>	Dolphin Trainer or Police Officer <i>Mrs Fullard</i>	Doctor or Teacher <i>Mr Gouws</i>	Vet Miss Christie
Author/Doctor Miss Meechan	Doctor/Music Therapist <i>Mrs Moran</i>	Actor/Barrister Mrs Nunneley	Doctor or Prime Minister <i>Mr Spencer</i>	Police Officer Miss Straughn
When I was younger I wanted to be a				
Genetic Engineer Miss Boreham	Sound & Lighting Engineer Mr Reed	Backing Dancer for Take That <i>Ms Charter</i>	Gymnast or Human Rights Lawyer <i>Mrs Kendall</i>	Lawyer or Accountant <i>Mrs Mann</i>
Spy (secret agent like 007) or astronaut or (mad) scientist <i>Mr Hipperson</i>	Cruise Ship Singer or America's Next Top Model <i>Mrs Morgan</i>	Architect or Interior/ Landscape Gardener <i>Mrs Corbishley</i>	Forensic Scientist or Lawyer <i>Mr McLeod</i>	Film Set Make-Up Artist or Translator Mrs Simmonds
Home Economics Teacher <i>Mrs Thurlby</i>	Prison Officer or Nanny <i>Ms Tollervey</i>	Art Teacher or Graphic Designer <i>Mrs Cottenden</i>	Costume Designer or Corsetier <i>Ms Holloway</i>	Air Hostess Mrs Liaqat-Ahmed
Horse Riding Instructor <i>Ms R Brown</i>	Fashion Designer Mrs Sobotie	Chef Mrs C Brown	Music Therapist Mrs Landsman	Ice Cream Man Mr Shepherd

Quiz Winners

Congratulations to the following students for correctly answering the National Careers Week Quiz questions...

1. Who sang the song 'Hard Way to Make an Easy Living'? The Bellamy Brothers or Toby Keith

2. Which American Actor used to be a Firefighter and, during the 9/11 attacks, returned to his former job as a New York Firefighter to help out? Steve Buscemi

1st - Kacey 9G 2nd - Tia 10R 3rd - Carrick 9N 4th - Ezekiel 11U

Well done! House Points have been awarded!

Year 11 Information

Next Steps Follow-Up

Our Year 11 students had a follow-up meeting with a senior member of staff to discuss their plans for after Year 11. Those who have applied for the 6th Form had their meeting in the form of an interview for key stage 5 and to secure their place here at Fearnhill School for Post-16. Those students moving on to college, apprenticeships or other 6th Forms have all had their offers confirmed and are set up for the next stage in their educational journey and can now purely concentrate on their exams.



Year 9 Information

Year 9 Options

Our Year 9 students have made their Key Stage 4 options choices and will begin their GCSE subjects on Monday 13th June. New timetables will be issued prior to this. A letter will be sent to parents/carers with full details and confirmation of choices for their son/daughter.



Services for Young People

Any students in Year 8-13 who wishes to have a 1:1 careers interview with Jo Bains, our Services for Young People adviser, please email me to book a slot. All students will meet with Jo at least once before the end of Year 11.

Services for Young People

Key Word of the Fortnight

EMPLOYEE



A PERSON WHO WORKS FOR ANOTHER PERSON OR FOR A COMPANY FOR WAGES OR A SALARY.

Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



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A plowman or oxherder

Year 7-13 Careers Talk

Mark Wallman, a film and TV special effects creator, will be in school on Thursday 12th May to give a talk on his job and how he got into the industry. He has an inspirational story to tell on how he has got to where he is today that

will hopefully inspire our young people to believe that anything is possible if you put your mind to it.

The aim is to also broaden our thinking on the opportunities available in the county of Hertfordshire and how the subjects you study can be used to access these opportunities. Mark currently runs the Visual Effects degree at the University of Hertfordshire. He has worked on a number of films including 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'!



Look out in the next edition for feedback and an interview with Mark!

All students in Year 7-12 are to attend the talk. Any Year 13 students interested in attending the talk must sign up before the end of the day (on the google form emailed out) Tuesday 10th May to secure their place.

Work Experience

Jude 10U took the opportunity of making the most of the Easter holidays by doing work experience. He also did this in February half term and enjoyed it so much, he went back for more! Jude was coaching and helping at the Baldock Football Arena. He was up and out the front door by 9am every morning and 'worked' right through until 3:30pm.

The club sent a letter of feedback which we are pleased to share with you...

This is fantastic feedback and evidence that Jude can use in his CV in addition to applications for future work experience, employment and further education. Well done Jude for showing great self-awareness and confidence - attributes of the Fearnhill student.

If any other students have taken part in any form of work experience we would love to hear

about it. If Jude's story has given you inspiration to find a work placement then go for it-it is a truly invaluable experience and highly valued by employers. "Jude assisted the coaches on our Holiday Football Course at The Arena, Baldock. He worked extremely well over the two weeks. He was always on time to help set up for the course, was very keen to learn, and carried out all duties that were asked of him.



This included helping out with daily morning sessions and also with the tournaments we organised.

His attitude was exemplary, always willing to take part and assist. He also played football with the children in their lunch break when they had 'free time' and supervised them. He has a very pleasant manner and was excellent in the way he communicated with all the children of different ages. Jude used to attend our holiday courses regularly when he was younger and hopefully this helped him take all of this in his stride.

We would have no hesitation in welcoming Jude back to assist in future courses."

Job Opportunity

Stevenage Leisure have some fantastic job opportunities for any students aged 16 or over looking for work.

National Pool Lifeguard Qualification

If you'd like to learn more about being a lifeguard click here.

Lifeguard Course Prerequisites

Every candidate attending a NPLQ course must be 16-years-old at the time of taking the NPLQ final assessment and be able to:

- Jump/dive into deep water
- Swim 50 metres in less than 60 seconds
- Swim 100 metres continuously on front & back in deep water
- Tread water for 30 seconds
- Surface dive to the floor of the pool
- Climb out unaided without ladder/steps & where the pool design permits





If interested please email: susan.charter@sll.co.uk

Course Dates: 22nd May - 1st June at Stevenage Swimming Centre Further dates available upon request Once qualified there are jobs available at North Herts Leisure Centre and casual work at Letchworth Outdoor Pool this season!



Various Opportunities

