



Careers Assemblies

This week has involved a series of Careers assemblies for years 7-13.

Year 7 had a talk from Tesco, the second biggest employer in the UK, on the skills needed for work and the variety of jobs available in retail.

Years 8 and 9 had a visiting speaker from Computacenta - an IT company based locally in Hatfield but serving companies across the globe, explaining all of the roles available in this advancing and exciting area of work.

Years 10 and 11 had a talk from North Herts College explaining college life, the courses and different types of qualifications available, including T Levels and apprenticeships.

Morgan Sindall, a Hertfordshire based construction company, spoke to Yr 12 & 13 demystifying what it is like to work in this industry. The talk covered the perks of the different jobs and the vast array of options and routes into this career.

See the next Careerfile for student feedback on these talks.



Year 11 & 13 Mock Results

The Year 11 and 13 students have been receiving the results from their last set of mocks prior to the real exams. They will be using these to determine their plan of action for each subject in order to be as fully prepared as possible for their exams. Fail to prepare - prepare to fail... Good luck everyone - you can do it!

Year 11 Period 6 Revision Sessions

These sessions are continuing this half term. Students must attend these additional lessons that have been created especially to help them prepare for their exams. By attending, they are putting themselves in the best position to be ready for their GCSEs.

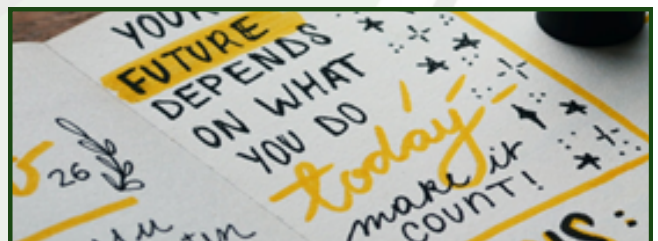
Year 9 Options Interviews

Year 9 students have met with a senior member of staff this week to confirm their Key Stage 4 options choices. They will begin their GCSE subjects on Monday 10th 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 child.

Ms Balchin, Head of Careers, WRL & PSHE

Important Dates For Your Diary

- Year 11 English Walking Talking Mock - 24th April
- Year 7 Careers Event - 1st May
- GCSE Exams start - 9th May
- Year 13 Leavers' Assembly - 10th May
- A Level Exams start - 13th May
- Year 11 Leavers' Assembly - 20th June
- Year 11 Prom - 21st June
- Year 11 into 12 Induction - 9th July



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



Who Inspires You - Inspirational Women Special!

We asked all of you, students and parents/carers, who inspires you. Famous or non-famous... any female who you would describe as a role model/someone you admire/someone you aspire to be. It could be a family member, friend, teacher, celebrity or someone from the history books who you would say inspires you.

Here are the names and the details of those inspirational figures shared

Diana, Princess of Wales Member of British Royal Family & international icon. Yr 10 parent	Ada Lovelace, The original computer programmer. Yr 13 student	Frida Kahlo, Mexican painter. Yr 8 parent
Diana Nyad, Long-distance swimmer. Yr 8 & 11 parent	Spencer Barbosa, Influencer. Ava 7G	Millie Bobby Brown, Actress & skincare creator. Lucy 10N
Susan Boyle, Scottish singer. BGT winner 2009. Taylor 10N	Emmeline Pankhurst, British political activist. Daniel 11N	Sadie Sink, American Actress. Erin 10N
Zendaya, American Actress & Singer. Erin 10N	Just a handful of the amazing women who are out there, inspiring others each and every day.	

**These nominations are more personal, but no less important!
Let's hear it for the Mums**

"She brought me up and brought me into this world and without her I don't know what I would do." Alesha 7H	"She has lovely blue eyes, a beautiful kind heart and is sweet." Phoenix 7G	"To me she is always kind, confident, respectful and self aware so that is why she is my inspirational female." James 7P
"Just because!" Ryan 10N	"She is my best friend and I can talk to her." Niamh 10N	"For many reasons but mainly because she's an absolute icon." Erin 10N
"She is great!" Lucas 10N	Thank you to everyone who responded!	



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Year 10 Experience of Work

We are pleased to welcome Jo Bains, our SfYP advisor, back after a period of time where she has been recovering from an injury. She has been missed and we look forward to her returning to the fold!

Jo will do a handover with Chris Aylward & Hazel Brown, who have been covering her, and continue to meet with students and discuss their options, ideas and opportunities available to them after Year 11. We aim to get every Year 11 student booked in for an appointment with an advisor before the end of the academic year. Every student will then be followed-up by myself to check they are set for their next steps.

It is essential that students do not miss their meeting as this wastes valuable time.

Students are asked to make a note of the time, date and place of their meeting when Tutors announce them prior to the day. If students are unable to attend their appointment they are asked to swap with another student in their form group and inform myself or Ms Charter so that their slot can be re-scheduled. Reminder cards are issued to students via their form Tutor on the morning of their meeting to ensure they don't forget!

Services for
Young People

6th form Prefects 2024

The prefect team has now been announced and we are pleased to introduce the new line-up!



Head Student - Lily

Deputy Head Student - Harry (Student Voice)

Deputy Head Student - Rebekah (Wellbeing, Diversity & Inclusion)

Senior Prefect - Tia (Events - House System)

Senior Prefect - Neave (Events - Charity)

Senior Prefect - Gabriel (Events - Logistics)



Open Event



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Year 10 Experience of Work

During PSHE lessons, Year 10 students are learning the importance of virtual work experience and preparing for the world of work.

Over the coming editions we will continue to cover details of 15 good work qualities to help impress employers!



Problem-solving Skills

Most jobs require you to tackle and resolve problems as you face them during your workday. Even if the job you're applying for is administrative or process-driven with set procedures to follow, it's still important that an employer has confidence in your ability to apply these procedures effectively to solve problems. In many jobs, you may face new problems that don't have a set, defined solution. To help with these situations, employers look for an ability to approach problems objectively and work logically to find a solution.

What Are Critical Thinking Skills & How Are They Used?

Critical thinking skills help you make effective decisions and quickly understand a situation or problem using all available facts. In the workplace, you can use critical thinking skills to define a problem, determine the consequences of choices, identify solutions and lead a team in the right direction or decide to change the way something is done. Critical thinking skills are essential in every industry at every career level, from entry-level associates to top executives. In this article, we discuss what critical thinking is, the skills you need for critical thinking and how you can improve your critical thinking skills.

What is Critical Thinking?

Critical thinking is the act of analysing facts to understand a problem or topic thoroughly. Critical thinking is important when identifying a problem or issue, coming up with a solution and then implementing it. You can also use it to remain objective on a problem and rely solely on the information you have.

Employees with critical thinking skills are important because they help their businesses run smoothly. This can help the business save money and enhance the customer experience. If you have developed good critical thinking skills, you can:

- Solve complex problems for your team, customers or clients
- Develop solutions that serve the best interests of all parties where applicable
- Create new ideas that improve functionality, productivity and efficiency
- Prevent future problems with new policies and procedures

Many areas of improvement like process inefficiencies, management and finances can be improved by using critical thought. Because of this, employers value and seek out candidates who have demonstrated strong critical thinking skills.

Examples of critical thinking skills

There are several various critical thinking skills to master, including:

- Observation
- Analysis
- Inference
- Communication
- Problem-solving
- Conflict resolution
- Adaptability
- Research



Keep checking your school emails Year 10, this is where we will send any information you may need.



Apprenticeship Fair Feedback

The Priory School Apprenticeship Fair took place on Thursday 21st March. The event was a chance for students to visit various stalls where employers from different sectors gave information on the roles within the company and the routes into these. They were also available to answer any questions.

A few of our students attended the event with parents/carers. One of our Year 12 parents said *"I attended the event with Ruby after signing up in advance. I thought the apprenticeship fair was very impressive. There were lots of stalls to choose from. Ruby wanted to speak to any that were sports related so we spoke to Educational & Sporting Futures"*



Apprenticeship FAQs

Construction apprenticeships help you plan for a future with a solid foundation

Apprenticeships have long been recognised as valued routes of entry into the world of construction.

Traditional and specialist construction apprenticeships cover a range of occupations and trades, which can earn you great money in the UK. Construction is a multi-billion pound industry that deals with developing the underlying structure of anything, from a new build to the HS2 crossrail project.

Any questions please contact us.



Special Mention - April

"When I was younger I grew up around cars and was always helping my dad and grandad. When finding out a careers event was being set up I decided to use this opportunity to my benefit, to see if anything interested me. When hearing that someone would be there from their own company, it excited me. I spoke to the gentleman, who works for a mechanical company called Chevronic, working on mostly older Citroën cars making old and not so nice looking cars into brand new ones. A couple of weeks after the event, I had been told he wanted me to come for a look around the workshop. I was grateful and surprised that I had received an email from him. I did go and get the tour, and found out about what goes on inside the company, who works there etc.

Following this, I have now been offered an apprenticeship! This would not have happened if Ms Balchin hadn't organised such a valuable event for the school. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity because it has expanded my views further."

Jess 10H actually made this happen off her own merit. Her interaction and communication skills made such a great impression on the employer at the Alumni Careers event. He could see the enthusiasm and potential in Jess and knew she would be a great asset to his work place. So proud of you Jess and what an achievement! It also goes to show that if you make the most of the opportunities presented to you - great things can happen.

We look forward to following Jess' story and career path.



Key Word/Phrase of the Fortnight

WAGE DIFFERENTIAL



THE **DIFFERENCE IN WAGES** BETWEEN WORKERS WITH **DIFFERENT SKILLS** IN THE **SAME INDUSTRY, OR BETWEEN WORKERS** WITH COMPARABLE SKILLS IN DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES OR LOCALITIES.

Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



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worked at coaching inns to look after horses.

Medic Mentor

Real Students. Real Journeys. Honest Reviews.

Pursuing your dream of becoming a doctor may feel overwhelming, but remember that countless successful doctors have faced similar challenges and doubts. Believe in yourself and your abilities, focusing on your strengths and passion for medicine. Medic Mentor and its community of supportive students and mentors are here to guide you. Embrace the journey, knowing that success comes from resilience and learning from setbacks. Trust in your intelligence, drive, and passion, taking it one step at a time and seeking support when needed. Never lose sight of your dreams, for you have what it takes to achieve them.


The Medic Mentor website has numerous videos of med students sharing their journey. Yosha is at Kings College, London, in their 3rd Year. Click [here](#) for Yosha's story.

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MENTOR 
YOUR MEDIC FAMILY




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External Opportunities



LINCOLNSHIRE TRAINING HUB
Primary Care Education
lincolnshiretraininghub.nhs.uk



A-Level Revision Sessions: Biology + Chemistry

Virtual Event on Zoom – 23rd & 24th April 2024, 7-8:30pm


Two individual sessions taught by current medical students and doctors, to help prospective healthcare students reach the top grades. Each session includes revision tips, breaking down exam questions and topics recommended by previous feedback.

Tuesday 23rd of April: Biology - Liver, Kidney + The Heart:
Learn about three of the bodies organs, their function, how they can go wrong, and major marking points. Also including medicine links to the content, including common diseases, to help you remember the content more by applying it to real life.

Wednesday 24th of April: Chemistry - Analysis Techniques:
Including Infrared Spectroscopy, Mass Spectroscopy, Proton NMR, Carbon NMR and how to tackle those big mark questions at the end of the organic paper. Including links to how we use these techniques within medicine.

ZOOM ID: 807 419 5808
PASSWORD: DOCTOR123
Both sessions will be held 7 - 8:30pm.

If you have any more questions, please contact molly.butcher@nhs.net




I really liked having the topics more related to the medicine professional opposed to what we did in class. It sparked my interest again and the exam questions featured throughout were also so helpful.

Explanation of how the A level topics link with real-life applications of medicine was extremely helpful – I can see this session helping me with my exams soon!

If you have aspirations of becoming a doctor, then the Medic Mentor Virtual Work Experience Programme is an incredible opportunity that you won't want to miss. Developed in partnership with the University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, this programme provides a comprehensive and immersive virtual experience that will give you a real insight into the world of medicine. Just complete the application form, and receive your Work Experience links within 24 hours!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)
[SPEAK TO DOCTORS](#)

[Student Application Form for Virtual Work Experience](#)




GSK

30th July – 2nd August 2024

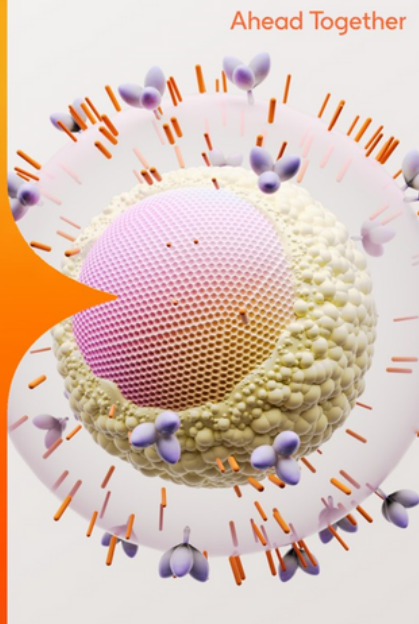
GSK Stevenage Work Experience

STEM insights for year 12 students

- Understand the 'Molecule to Market' journey
- Get an insight into GSK's work environment and culture
- Gain exposure to Biology, Chemistry or Digital & Analytics
- Learn about STEM career opportunities and network with students
- Develop employability and soft skills through a range of activities



For details on eligibility and the application process scan the QR code or follow the link below:
<https://forms.office.com/r/Lm6a691a2c>
Application closing date: 5th May 2024



Ahead Together

External Opportunities



*Students are advised to check their school email accounts weekly, if not daily!
Careers information and opportunities are sent regularly and we wouldn't want them to miss the deadlines.*

These are copied to parents/carers as well for reference.

A few of these opportunities are listed here.