



### The Year Ahead in Careers Education & Guidance

Welcome back to a new year at Fearnhill School. I hope you are settling in well and are focused on achieving your full potential throughout the next 3 terms.

#### Key Stage 3

**Year 7s** will take part in a skills for work day hosted by Tesco. This will test their listening, presentation and team work skills from the get go and the chance to win vouchers for the winning team.

**Year 8s** will be given the opportunity to experience a 'World of Work' day which introduces them to the skills required in the work place and how their curriculum subjects help to develop these.

**Year 9s** will be choosing their subjects for KS4 as part of the options process. These are decisions that will shape their future so they must choose wisely.

#### Key Stage 4

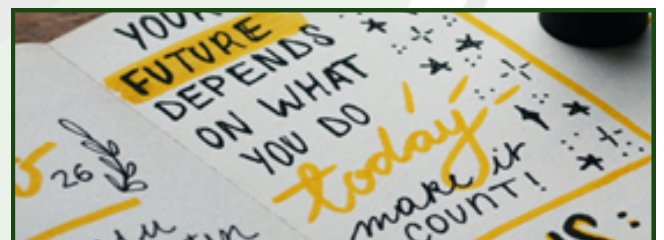
**Year 10s** will be preparing for and taking part in a virtual Work Experience programme - a fantastic opportunity with rewarding outcomes. Work Experience continues to be a vital part of a year 10 student's development and teaches them numerous skills that will be crucial to their future success. We do encourage all students to source their own work experience in the actual work place and obviously, where possible, in the school holidays. This will be a significant asset on their C.V.

**Year 11s**, aside from navigating their next steps choices post 16, will learn how to write an impressive CV and will take part in an Interview day standing them in good stead for their higher/further education and future work choices. They will also take part in an Enterprise Day whereby teams compete to win the tender for the end of year prom. This involves, team work, initiative, problem solving, literacy, numeracy and artistic flair in order to be successful.

#### Key Stage 5

Students will be writing their personal statements and applying for universities and degree apprenticeships and preparing for life after their 7 years in secondary education.

*Ms Balchin, Head of Careers, WRL & PSHE*



#### Summer Work Experience

If you took part in any work experience over the summer holidays, I would love for you to tell me about your experience to be shared in the next edition of Careerfile.

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



# Services for Young People

Services for Young People is part of Hertfordshire County Council and delivers youth work projects and programmes, careers education, information, advice and guidance, work-related learning, outdoor education and other services to young people in Hertfordshire. Our Personal Advisers and Youth Workers are professionally trained to provide the highest level of support and work closely with partners to provide counselling, mentoring and access to other services.

Services for  
Young People

We run a wide range of youth work projects across the county in which young people can get involved. Through these projects they meet new people, learn new skills and take part in challenging opportunities. They are encouraged to develop their personal and social skills by taking part in activities including sports, drama, dance, music, workshops, outdoor education, DofE, forums, residential and volunteering.

We help young people with the issues which are important to them such as jobs, careers and education, relationships, sexual health, confidence, self-esteem, substance misuse, staying safe, housing and independent living skills. Please explore this website to see the diverse range of opportunities and support we offer to young people of different ages and needs.

For full details of all the projects for young people available in your local area, please visit the [Youth work projects in your area](#) section. Information, advice and support for young people is available at our [SfYP young people's centres](#).

If you have any questions or would like contact details for local teams or individual staff, please [contact us](#). Parents/carers, professionals who work with young people and young people themselves can [make a referral to SfYP](#).

All Year 11 students will have a 1:1 interview with Jo Bains, our Personal Adviser, starting in October.

If any students wish to be seen as a priority please email me to secure an early slot.

In addition students in all other year groups will have the opportunity to drop-in to discuss anything careers-related with Jo at lunchtime. More info to follow...

## Special Mention - September

A special thank you to all the helpers and sixth form guides who have represented both themselves and the school so admirably during Open Evening the Open Mornings. You are excellent role models and ambassadors and should be so proud of yourselves. The feedback on your enthusiasm, conduct and confidence was amazing. Congratulations to you all!



*Empowering Positive Change through Careers Education*

## Key Word/Phrase of the Fortnight

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



**COMPUTER SYSTEMS ABLE TO PERFORM TASKS NORMALLY REQUIRING HUMAN INTELLIGENCE, SUCH AS VISUAL PERCEPTION, SPEECH RECOGNITION, DECISION-MAKING AND TRANSLATION BETWEEN LANGUAGES.**

## Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



### Ice Man

a door to door ice merchant.

## Apprenticeship FAQs

**Financial services apprenticeships are much more than simply money management.**

Financial services deliver the bank accounts that protect our personal finances, the loans that we obtain to set up businesses, the mortgages we use to buy our homes, the insurance policies we take out to protect our cars, and the pensions that preserve our way of life in old age.

Any questions please [contact us](#).



Financial Services  
**Apprenticeships**

## 6th Form Pastoral Evening



# FEARNHILL SIXTH FORM

On **Wednesday 18th September** our Sixth Form Pastoral Evening is being held here at Fearnhill.

Parents/carers are invited along with their child to provide them with information about our expectations of the students as they work towards their A Levels/BTECs and how they can be supported at home during this crucial period in their education.

All who attend will receive information about the procedures and systems that are in place in the Sixth Form.

The following areas will be covered:

- Expectations
- Enrichment
- 16-19 bursary
- Consortium arrangements
- Future paths
- Academic and pastoral support Assessment
- Sixth Form procedures

## Year 7 Pastoral Evening

We invite **Year 7** parents/carers and students to join us on **Thursday 10th October**. This is an opportunity to spend time with form tutors, reviewing work and discussing the transition from primary to secondary school. In addition, we will be sharing some key information on helping students to thrive at Fearnhill School. The formal element of the evening starts at 5pm but if you are experiencing any issues using any of our schools online platforms we encourage you to arrive from 4:30pm where we will try and support you to resolve these.

Your attendance at this evening is important and greatly appreciated. Staff and parents/carers working together in partnership will enable your child to achieve his/her full potential.

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating the students' successes.



# Amazing Apprenticeships



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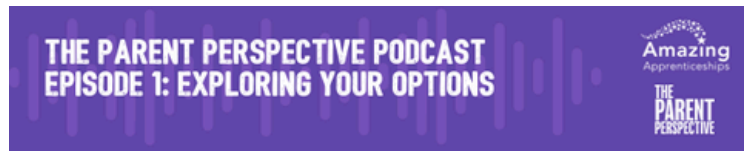
*Together with Not Going to Uni, we want to make sure that we are supporting parents to feel informed and confident in providing careers support and guidance to their child, so that they ultimately make the best decisions for them.*

*Through the podcast Rachel and guests offer a fun and informative space for listeners to:*

- Explore which careers are available today
- Showcase the experiences of interesting and diverse role models
- Provide real-time insights into how the world of work is changing

*Each episode Rachel speaks to a diverse mix of parents, bringing their burning questions to expert speakers from the careers world. Together they uncover practical solutions and informative answers, to help you and your child make informed decisions on those all important next steps.*

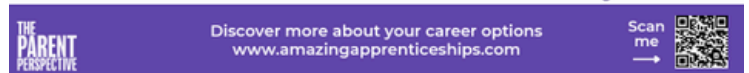
*Listen via your preferred platform now!*



## 3 WAYS TO USE THE PARENT PERSPECTIVE PODCAST

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- Discuss hobbies and interests that could lead to career ideas.
  - Don't just focus on what they like about their academic subject, try asking these questions too:
    - What hobbies do you have?
    - What do you like to do in your spare time?
    - What clubs do you take part in and enjoy?
    - If you could pick one thing to do right now, what would it be?
- Discuss what options are available.
  - Make a list of all options to start to create plans.
  - Start to think about and research what needs to be done next for each option.
  - <https://amazingapprenticeships.com>
  - <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk>
  - your school website.
- Think about all the different options.
- Find out what different jobs are like.
  - Get a feel for different roles and industries.
    - Try and get some work experience. Going behind the scenes of a company can help you see what they do and rule in/ out choices.
    - Speak to people you know and hear their stories.
    - Do some independent research online.



## YOUR 4-POINT CHECKLIST

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### ENGAGE WITH YOUR CHILD

- Do they know what they want to do?
- Do they have a dream? Is it realistic?
- What skills do they have or want to develop?
- What hobbies and interests do they have that could lead to a career?

### ENGAGE WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

- Look at the careers section on your school website.
- Attend careers fairs or other events (on the school calendar).
- Make contact with the careers leader.
- See the careers leader at consultation evenings.

### ENGAGE WITH YOUR LOCAL AREA

- Research local opportunities
- Think about which sectors are crucial to your local economy
- Be aware of any work experience opportunities
- Ask people their career stories.

### ENGAGE WITH INFORMATION

- Look at websites recommended by your school.
- Do independent research into areas of interest.
- Start by looking at the National Careers Service website <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

## Remember

It's not all about life choices now, it's also about skills development.

You have the right to access free support and guidance for your child.

There will be amazing employers and opportunities in your local area.

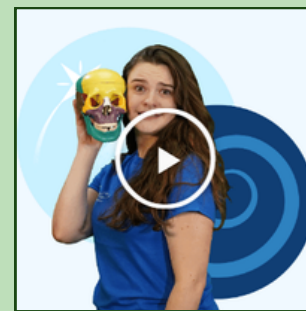
Parents don't have to have all of the answers. It can be helpful to research together.

## 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. Honor is in their 4th year at Leeds University. Click [here](#) for Honor's story.



MEDIC  
MENTOR  
YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

## Unifrog Student Fair



**UK University Fair**  
**Wednesday 16th October**  
**[Sign-Up here](#)**

**Get to know more about university at the UK University Fair, where you can join live sessions and get in touch directly with universities across the UK. Have your questions answered, attend live sessions on topics including student finance, personal statements, student life in the UK, and how to apply to your dream university!**

Our virtual fair is a great opportunity for your students to meet 40 universities in two hours to help them decide where to study. Ahead of the upcoming admissions cycle, they'll get advice on writing their Personal Statements and getting ready for university life.

Teachers, advisors, parents, and caregivers are all welcome to sign up too!

### **Year 12 Pastoral Evening - Wednesday 18th September**

Parent/Carer Info eve for new Yr 12 as well as current Yr 13 students

### **DofE Parent/Carer Info Eve - Thursday 19th September**

Bronze Award offer to students in Yr 9

### **Year 7 Pastoral Evening - Thursday 10th October**

An opportunity to see how Yr 7 students are settling in

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# External Opportunities



## Meta Marketing Science

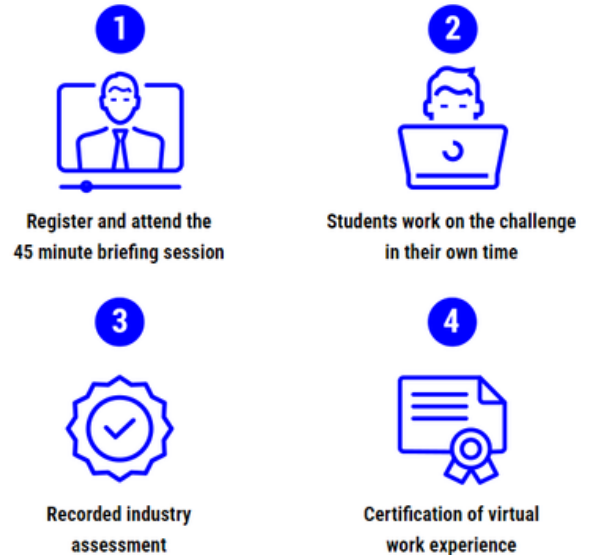
Have you ever noticed that your feed and stories are linked by your interests? For example: Whatever you like and follow on Facebook or Instagram whether that is cute animals, video games or food, you will notice that adverts appearing in your feed or stories will be related to your interests online.

The reason for this? Our advertising platform recognises what you are interested in and gives you adverts it knows you will like! The Marketing Science team's mission is to help all business grow by improving the way they advertise their products or services using social media.

We help our clients solve a variety of problems, from achieving more sales to increasing brand exposure, while providing engaging and relevant ads on Facebook and Instagram.

Our team uses a range of skills, such as: creative thinking, problem solving, data literacy and storytelling to solve these problems. Join us in our online career challenges to find out how we use data to solve problems every day.

### What's involved?



REGISTER NOW

### FIRST STEP

YEAR GROUPS 7-9,  
YEAR GROUPS 8-10 (NI)  
& YEAR GROUPS S1-S3  
(Scotland)  
[ Awareness ]

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
at 4.30pm

REGISTER NOW

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### NEXT STEP

YEAR GROUPS 10-13 + FE,  
YEAR GROUPS 11-14 + FE (NI)  
& YEAR GROUPS S4-S6  
(Scotland)  
[ Knowledge ]

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
at 5pm

REGISTER NOW

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### STEP UP

UNIVERSITY + HE  
[ Skills ]

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
at 6pm

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### PARENTS & TEACHERS

Parents and teachers  
are welcome to register  
for any of our events

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## Reminder

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.