



# Careers & Pathways Newsletter: Autumn 1

## What's been happening this half term...

### *Higher Horizons: university, careers and more!*

This half term, Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 have worked with our external providers Higher Horizons to look at their options for the future as well as vital life skills for success. Year 7 sessions covered topics including: 'Why go to University?'; 'Effective Budgeting'; and 'Pathways, Courses and Careers'. Year 11 sessions enabled students to consider: 'Post 16 Options'; 'Employability Skills'; and 'University', whilst Year 12 sessions worked on 'Applications and CV writing'; 'Interview Skills'; and 'Interview Practice'.

### *RAF/NAVY/BAE Systems Visit*

Year 7 and 8 students got an insight into the world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics [STEM], exploring the science behind electricity. Our visitors spoke to the students about the role that engineers play in the Navy and Armed Forces, such as software engineering, chemical engineering, and cosmetic engineering.

### *Year 11 Careers Interviews*

Over the entire Autumn term, all Year 11 students will undertake a one-to-one careers interview with an external and impartial Careers Advisor. These started last week and students have reported them to be useful. Please ensure that your child completes any follow up actions as advised during the appointment - for example this may be to research courses or look into Open Days.

## What's coming up...

- Our Paget Sixth Form Open Evening is on Wednesday 23rd October - more information is on our website!
- In November, Year 7 and Year 10 will be lucky enough to have a visit from a Zoobiologist who will speak with them about how their Science curriculum relates to real life jobs, and how studying Science after Year 11 can lead to them to a range of careers.
- There are ongoing Year 11 Careers Interviews until December.
- Paget's PSE curriculum continues to be a useful way to inform our students about careers and pathways, with all year groups undertaking compulsory sessions on careers. Year 9 will spend a significant time considering their goals, and potential option choices next half term.

## Important Websites

Our latest survey of students suggested that some are unsure on where to access relevant and helpful careers information online. Please see below for a range of websites that could be used to support their careers education, and that may also be useful for families to use when having conversations about pathways.

[www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

[www.aimhigherwm.ac.uk](http://www.aimhigherwm.ac.uk)

[www.staffsjobs Careers.com](http://www.staffsjobs Careers.com)

[www.firstcareers.co.uk](http://www.firstcareers.co.uk)

[www.careermap.co.uk](http://www.careermap.co.uk)

[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

[www.successatschool.org](http://www.successatschool.org)

[www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk)

[www.talkingfutures.org.uk](http://www.talkingfutures.org.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers)

