

Careers & Pathways Newsletter: Spring 1

What's been happening this half term...

National Apprenticeship Week

National Apprenticeship Week ran from 10th February-14th February and Paget hosted a range of activities to celebrate. JCB ran an assembly with Year 9 and Year 10 students focusing on technical routes and apprenticeships at the company. University of Staffordshire delegates visited us to explore the world of degree apprenticeships with our Year 11 and Year 12 students - these are highly competitive and exciting opportunities. In our oracy sessions in form time, students undertook quizzes related to the types of jobs available via apprenticeship training.

Year 13 Managing Academic Stress

Year 13 students have had external visitors from Higher Horizons work with them on managing academic stress, both now and for those soon moving on to further study. These sessions will continue next half term with more bespoke support for students and their next steps.

Year 11 and Year 13 Parents' Evening

Impartial and external careers advice was available at our Year 11 and Year 13 Parents' Evenings, to support our families with making informed choices about their child's next steps.

Year 7 and 8 Alton Towers Project

Year 7 and 8 students were all invited to apply to be part of an exciting project in collaboration with Alton Towers and the University of Staffordshire. This involves working with students and academics on the University's Visitor Attraction and Resort Management Programme. We have now selected a group of students who will be working together on problem-solving, design, presentation, teambuilding, advertising and much more over 5 weeks after-school, culminating in the opportunity for them to visit Alton Towers themselves to present their plans and enjoy the rides!

Year 13 Interviews

Selected Year 13 students had the opportunity to discuss their pathways and look at applications with an external visitor from Higher Horizons.

What's coming up...

- Our Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening is on Tuesday 25th February.
- Our exciting Apprenticeship Day will run on Wednesday 12th March, with ASK Apprenticeships running workshops for selected students in the morning, and an apprenticeship careers fair in the afternoon!

- Higher Horizons will be running further sessions with Year 13 on 'Emotional Intelligence' and 'Student Life'.
- There are follow-up Year 11 Careers Interviews running for those who expressed a need for further support.
- Our Alton Towers collaboration project gets underway!
- Year 12 will all have the opportunity to practice their presentation skills - key for success in employment and their futures - when Talk The Talk visit Paget in April for a day of oracy.
- Careers support and guidance will be available at both our Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening and our Year 8, 10 and 12 Parents' Evening.
- 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.

