

Careers & Pathways Newsletter: Summer 2

What's been happening this half term...

Paget's Higher Education and Careers Fair

In July, the school hosted its annual Higher Education and Careers Fair, welcoming more than 15 employers, apprenticeship providers, colleges, universities and training organisations. Students from across the school engaged enthusiastically with exhibitors, asking thoughtful questions and exploring a wide range of education, training and career opportunities. The event broadened students' awareness of the opportunities available to them and strengthened their understanding of the different routes into employment, apprenticeships and higher education. Feedback from students, staff and exhibitors was extremely positive, with many students reporting increased confidence in planning their future pathways.

Year 8 Future Ready Fund

Selected Year 8 students have continued taking part in the Future Ready Fund initiative in collaboration with Morgan Stanley. This aims to allow students greater access to work experience and the opportunity to think more deeply about their future pathways. One trip has already gone out, there are more to come. These students have been working hard considering how they can develop important transferable skills and exploring what they may want to do in the future.

Year 10 Work Experience Week

In June, Year 10 students completed their work experience placements, providing them with valuable first-hand experience of the workplace. Students had the opportunity to develop key employability skills including teamwork, communication, problem solving, resilience and professionalism while gaining a realistic insight into a range of careers. Employer feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many students demonstrating excellent attitudes to work and a willingness to learn. The experience has helped students to reflect on their future aspirations and make more informed decisions about their post-16 pathways.

Year 10 Talk The Talk Workshops

In June, all Year 10 students successfully took part in the Talk The Talk workshop, where they developed their presentation, communication and oracy skills. Throughout the day, students practised speaking confidently in front of others, structuring their ideas effectively and responding to questions with increasing confidence. These essential employability skills will support students in future interviews, further education and the workplace. 76% of Y10 students agreed or strongly agreed that the skills and experience they gained in the workshop would help them in their future job or career.

Year 10 Careers Interviews began

Year 10 students have begun to have their one-to-one interviews with our external and impartial Careers Advisor. These will continue in the summer term and begin again in September, when our Year 10s enter Year 11. 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. All students in Year 10 will get at least one careers interview from now into the first term of Year 11.