



Careers Café...

In this section of the newsletter, we bring students, parents and carers information on careers and the world of work. There has been a huge amount of activity within careers this month, and we would like to thank all the employers, education providers and people involved in making these opportunities possible for our students.

Year 9 Teen Tech Careers Trip

On Wednesday 13th November 2024, we had an exciting opportunity to take some of our students to the TeenTech Festival at the Amex Stadium in Brighton. This event brought together students across the region for an exciting interactive programme helping young people understand the range of opportunities across digital, science and technology industries and the many different entry points. During their visit, students had the opportunity to try their hand at experiments, to handle leading edge technology and, most importantly, to spend time with the Engineers, Technologists and Scientists influencing their 21st century lives. More information is available here: [TeenTech Festivals | TeenTech](#)

The students were given a challenge to develop and present innovative ideas using technology. We were delighted to win in the “Most Fun” category. We were also so proud that one of the group’s ideas to support in exploring careers was voted second place overall by all the hundreds of other students and teachers present! Well done Team Hazelwick!

Here are a selection of comments from some of the students:

“We have learnt lots of new things about companies and modern technology. For example we learnt about light refraction and elekta which is a company which treats cancer using radiation beams” - Adam Khan 9SOX.

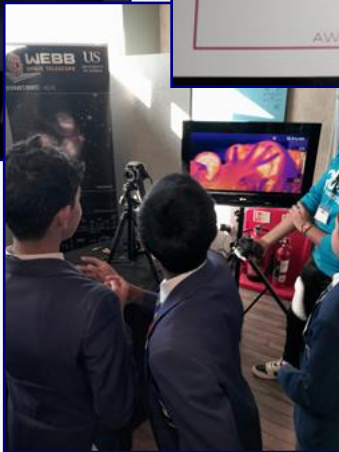
“First we walked around and looked at different jobs. We looked at VR headsets and drew with them, we made wind turbines and played a game for the Royal Air Force. Then we looked at jobs and opportunities in the army, which was really interesting as there was much more to do in the army than expected. Overall my favourite part of the day was when we went on the VR, because we could make whatever we wanted.” - Molly Tripp 9UHA.

“Me and my friend had a nice time. We really loved the experience. We had some talks to some companies and they were very useful. We also had some fun playing games on the computer. We also got the chance to build a bridge but it was very hard.” - Aiden Martins 9ZKH.

“I had a lot of fun! We had many opportunities to try to experience different ways technology and engineering can be used. We got to make our own turbines and test them and we got to try TV headsets to test out new ways of doing things. I’ve learnt how many different ways technology and science can be applied and how important it is. I learnt how many jobs the army has and that with the army you can travel to many places. We got to see ourselves through a thermal camera and learned how they use it to see stars and galaxies.” - Michalina Laszczewska 9ELL.



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Green Careers Week

Green Careers Week (GCW) is an annual event taking place in November.

The aims are to raise aspiration, support diversity, challenge stereotypes, and promote real opportunities for young people to have a career that will genuinely make a difference.

Green careers include roles within businesses that benefit the environment and conserve natural resources. These roles have been growing over recent years and are bound to increase further as the necessity for greater energy efficiency and sustainability becomes more urgent. Some opportunities are more obvious than others, so GCW is an opportunity for us all to take a closer look.

The school community was encouraged to get behind this event and various activities took place to support GCW within lesson times. In addition, Mrs Andrews delivered assemblies and provided a tutor time programme as follows:

- Year 7 – Introduction to what green careers are and why they matter. Amazing apprenticeships quiz
- Year 8 – Green skills and how these relate to the Hazelwick Bees
- Year 9 - Green apprenticeships and growth areas
- Year 10 – Labour Market Information and how a local employer is working to be more sustainable (Gatwick Airport)
- Year 11 – Green careers in 60 seconds (BBC bitesize green careers microsite)
- Year 12 - Webinar with Pearson to explore what is meant by 'sustainable skills' and how they can be embedded into every career path, not just those that are typically 'green careers'. Green virtual work experience opportunities.
- Year 13 Exploring the green labour market through articles, job boards and websites.

A parent/carer guide that is useful for anyone wanting to find out more information is available: The Parents' Guide to Green Careers Week 2024.

Mrs Andrews